

PRAIRIE STAR

Annual Flowers



A collection of annual flowers tested by K-State for the prairie climate.

Prairie Star annual flowers are cultivars proven best adapted to the challenging prairie climate. The plants listed have exhibited superior performance for two years or more in K-State bedding-plant research trials. These flowers are the best of the best — annual flowers that grow and bloom abundantly with minimal care. Planting cultivars in the Prairie Star collection offers Kansas gardeners the best assurance of achieving eye-catching results.

Flowering plant research is headquartered at the K-State Horticulture Research and Extension Center in Olathe, with other trial sites in Wichita, Hays, and Colby. Research trial sites encompass two USDA cold hardiness zones (5, 6) and two American Horticulture Society heat tolerance zones (7, 8). All plants on the list grow well across the state, east to west and north to south.

Plants are rated for vigor — how fast and how strong they grow, as well as substance. A rating for floriferousness, or total overall visual impact of the flower display, is also given based on the number and size of flowers and how they are borne on the plant. Flowers that hang down with backs showing are not as pretty as those presented in profile. Ideally, flowers should tilt up to greet onlookers.

When the foliar display is paramount, the floriferousness rating considers the color and visual impact of the leaves, not flowers.

These entries can be found under Plants for Foliage Display. Plants listed in the flowers and foliage sections can be used in both landscape and container plantings. This is not true for recommended container garden varieties, which have excelled in container trials, but may not grow well when planted in the flower bed.

Vigor and floriferousness are rated on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being dead, 3 being acceptable, and 5 exceptional. A cultivar must receive a combined score of 4.3 or higher for vigor and floriferousness for at least two years to make the Prairie Star list. The height and width measurement noted in the table describes a mature plant in mid-August.

Flowers evaluated in K-State research trials are submitted by or collected from plant breeders and distributors from around the world. All of these cultivars are available from retail garden centers or mail-order plant companies. Given the number of plants on the list, no greenhouse, garden center, or nursery is likely to carry them all.

Prairie Star is not a commercial brand or product line. It tells what specific cultivars to look for — to choose ‘Surefire Red’ instead of a generic begonia because not all begonias grow well on the prairie. Listed varieties are truly superior. Garden centers may not label plants as Prairie Star, so take this list when you shop.

For photos and to learn more visit www.prairiestarflowers.org.

Plants for Flower Display

Flower	Cultivar/Color	Planting Location	Height (in)	Width (in)
Ageratum	Artist Series (All Colors)	Sun	12	14
Ageratum	High Tide Blue	Sun	18	18
Angelonia	Angelface Series (All Colors)	Sun	25	20
Angelonia	Angelmist Spreading Purple	Sun	15	26
Angelonia	Archangel Dark Rose	Sun	26	16
Angelonia	Archangel Raspberry	Sun	21	14
Angelonia	Serena Blue	Sun	20	15
Angelonia	Serena White	Sun	15	15
Angelonia	Serenita Series (All Colors)	Sun	14	15
Angelonia	Statuesque White	Sun	20	14
Angelonia	Sungelonia Series (All Colors)	Sun	21	17
Alternanthera	Purple Knight	Sun	24	34
Argyranthemum	Golden Butterfly	Sun	18	15
Argyranthemum	Pure White Butterfly	Sun	18	15
Argyranthemum	Vanilla Butterfly (Improved)	Sun	17	16
Begonia	Ambassador Pink	Sun or shade	9	11
Begonia	BabyWing Bicolor	Sun or shade	16	18
Begonia	BabyWing White	Sun or shade	12	18
Begonia	BIG Series (All Colors)	Sun or shade	16	16
Begonia	Cocktail Brandy (Pink/Dark Leaves)	Sun or shade	11	11

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Flower	Cultivar/Color	Planting Location	Height (in)	Width (in)
Begonia	Cocktail Vodka (Red/Dark Leaves)	Sun or shade	10	11
Begonia	Cocktail Whisky (White/Dark Leaves)	Sun or shade	11	10
Begonia	Doublet Series (All Colors)	Sun or shade	11	12
Begonia	Dragon Wing Red	Sun or shade	15	15
Begonia	Surefire Series (All Colors)	Sun or shade	16	16
Begonia	Whopper Series (All Colors)	Sun or shade	16	14
Bidens	Goldilocks Rocks	Sun	10	12
Buddleia	Buzz Ivory	Sun	19	15
Canna	CannaSol	Sun	?	32
Canna	Cannova Series (All Colors)	Sun	45	17
Canna	Chocolate Sunrise	Sun	38	36
Canna	South Pacific Scarlet	Sun	33	15
Canna	Toucan Orange	Sun	42	16
Celosia	Asian Garden	Sun	32	24
Celosia	Cramer's Amazon Magenta	Sun	49	26
Celosia	Cramer's Burgundy	Sun	36	15
Celosia	Flamingo Feather Purple	Sun	47	27
Celosia	Fresh Look Red	Sun	18	13
Celosia	Hi-Z (Purple)	Sun	46	25
Celosia	Kelos Fire Scarlet Improved	Sun	26	22
Celosia	New Look Red	Sun	19	13
Celosia	WATCH (Hot Pink)	Sun	13	15
Cleome	Pequena Rosalita	Sun	25	13
Cleome	Senorita Blanca	Sun	30	20
Cleome	Senorita Mi Amor	Sun	34	14
Cleome	Senorita Rosalita	Sun	32	20
Cosmos	Cosmic Mix	Sun	19	18
Cosmos	Cosmic Orange	Sun	15	13
Cuphea	Vermillionaire	Sun	24	24
Dahlia	Mystic Illusion	Sun	25	13
Dahlia	XXL Taxco	Sun	24	16
Dianthus	Amazon Neon Cherry	Sun	20	15
Dianthus	Amazon Neon Purple	Sun	23	13
Dianthus	Jolt Pink	Sun	15	12
Echibeckia	Summerina Orange	Sun	16	14
Echinacea	Primadonna Deep Rose	Sun	24	13
Echinacea	Primadonna White	Sun	19	12
Echinacea	PowWow Wild Berry	Sun	21	19
Euphorbia	Diamond Frost (White)	Sun	14	18
Euphorbia	Glamour	Sun	18	20
Evolvulus	Blue My Mind	Sun	8	16
Gaillardia	Arizona Apricot	Sun	12	14
Gaillardia	Mesa Bright Bicolor	Sun	16	18
Gaillardia	Mesa Yellow	Sun	18	20
Geranium	Americana Series (All Colors)	Sun	12	16
Geranium	Big Ezee Fuschia Blue	Sun	9	10
Geranium	Brocade FireNight	Sun	14	13

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Geranium	Brocade Salmon Night	Sun	10	13
Geranium	Cascade Acapulco Compact Pink/White	Sun	8	21
Geranium	Cascade Lila Compact Lavender/Pink	Sun	10	22
Geranium	Cascade Sofie Salmon/Pink	Sun	12	21
Geranium	Classic Dark Salmon	Sun	11	16
Geranium	Classic Salmon	Sun	14	17
Geranium	Fidelity Salmon	Sun	12	15
Geranium	Fireworks Cherry	Sun	11	16
Geranium	Glitterati Ice Queen	Sun	16	16
Geranium	Patriot Bright Red	Sun	12	16
Geranium	Patriot Watermelon	Sun	14	16
Geranium	Patriot White	Sun	12	15
Geranium	Rocky Mountain Series (All Colors)	Sun	13	17
Geranium	Tango Rose Splash	Sun	12	13
Geranium, Exotic	Crystal Palace Gem (Red Flower, Yellow Leaves)	Sun	14	20
Geranium, Exotic	Caliente Coral	Sun	17	16
Geranium, Exotic	Caliente Rose	Sun	16	16
Geranium/Pelargonium	Timeless Lavender	Sun	13	13
Geranium, Seed	BullsEye Light Pink	Sun	16	16
Geranium, Seed	Maverick Star	Sun	15	18
Geranium, Seed	Ringo 2000 Lavender	Sun	12	13
Gomphrena	Audray Purple Red	Sun	24	18
Gomphrena	Audray White	Sun	30	22
Gomphrena	Fireworks	Sun	46	30
Gomphrena	Las Vegas Series (All Colors)	Sun	20	25
Gomphrena	QIS Carmine	Sun	25	18
Gomphrena	QIS Red	Sun	27	21
Helenium	Dakota (Gold)	Sun	12	16
Helichrysum	Silver Leaf Yellow	Sun	12	16
Impatiens	Accent Coral	Partial shade	17	13
Impatiens	Accent Lavender Blue	Partial shade	18	13
Impatiens	Showstopper Tropical Flair Mix	Partial shade	12	13
Impatiens	Super Elfin XP Rose Starburst	Partial shade	13	17
Impatiens	Super Elfin XP Violet Starburst	Partial shade	18	21
Impatiens hybrid	Bounce Pink Flame	Sun or shade	20	24
Impatiens, Double	Fiesta Series (All Colors)	partial shade	22	21
Impatiens, Double	Rockapulco Series (All Colors)	Partial shade	22	20
Impatiens, New Guinea	Infinity Series (All Colors)	Partial shade	14	17
Lantana	Ally Klaire	Sun	11	13
Lantana	Bandana Series (All Colors)	Sun	16	28
Lantana	Chipotle Flare	Sun	20	25
Lantana	Havana Series	Sun	15	13
Lantana	Landmark Series (All Colors)	Sun	32	43
Lantana	Little Lucky Hot Pink	Sun	15	15
Lantana	Little Lucky Pot of Gold	Sun	13	16
Lantana	Little Lucky Red	Sun	13	16
Lantana	Luscious Series (All Colors)	Sun	23	32

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Lantana	New Gold	Sun	19	56
Lantana	Patriot Classic Desert Sunset (Pink/Orange/Yellow)	Sun	28	35
Lantana	Patriot Hot Country (Bright Pink/Orange)	Sun	18	25
Lantana	South Beach Compact Coral	Sun	11	16
Lantana	South Beach Purple Sky	Sun	15	16
Lantana	Trailing Lavender	Sun	21	44
Lobelia	Lucia Lavender Blush	Sun	9	16
Lobularia	Snow Princess	Sun	12	24
Lobularia	White Knight	Sun	9	13
Marigold	Antigua Gold	Sun	15	14
Marigold	Antigua Primrose	Sun	16	14
Marigold	Bonanza Balero Improved	Sun	14	14
Marigold	Bonanza Deep Orange	Sun	14	14
Marigold	Bonanza Yellow	Sun	15	15
Marigold	Disco Series (All Colors)	Sun	21	16
Marigold	Discovery Series (All Colors)	Sun	22	19
Marigold	Durango Bolero	Sun	14	14
Marigold	Durango Tangerine	Sun	16	16
Marigold	Durango Yellow	Sun	18	16
Marigold	Hero Series (All Colors)	Sun	24	17
Marigold	Inca II Primrose	Sun	22	16
Marigold	Inca II Yellow	Sun	20	16
Marigold	Little Duck Orange	Sun	11	13
Marigold	Little Duck Yellow	Sun	12	12
Marigold	Little Hero Series (All Colors)	Sun	19	15
Marigold	Moonsong Deep Orange	Sun	20	10
Marigold	Moonstruck Orange	Sun	18	12
Marigold	Moonstruck Yellow	Sun	21	15
Marigold	Perfection Mix	Sun	29	19
Marigold	Perfection Yellow	Sun	30	17
Marigold	Taishan Series (All Colors)	Sun	19	20
Marigold	Safari Series (All Colors)	Sun	22	20
Mecardonia	Gold Dust	Sun	8	17
Melampodium	Derby (Orange)	Sun	20	17
Melampodium	Million Gold	Sun	17	20
Melampodium	Showstar Yellow	Sun	22	27
Melinis	Savannah	Sun	37	22
Nicotiana	Whisper Dark Pink	Sun	44	17
Nierembergia	Augusta Blue Skies	Sun	12	14
Nierembergia	Mont Blanc (White)	Sun	5	16
Ornamental Grass	Melinis Savannah Ruby Grass	Sun	32	32
Pentas	Graffiti Series	Sun	12	12
Pentas	Northern Lights Lavender	Sun	18	15
Petunia	Carpet Lilac	Sun	16	23
Petunia	Cascadias Bicolor Cabernet	Sun	8	24
Petunia	Cascadias Grape	Sun	8	24
Petunia	Cascadias Rim Violet	Sun	8	24

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Petunia	Cascadias Violet Skirt	Sun	8	24
Petunia	Dream Series (All Colors)	Sun	10	28
Petunia	Easy Wave Series (All Colors)	Sun	7	45
Petunia	Perfectunia Purple Picotee	Sun	7	13
Petunia	Hurrah Series (All Colors)	Sun	17	22
Petunia	Littletonia Series (All Colors)	Sun	12	30
Petunia	Madness Series (All Colors)	Sun	12	32
Petunia	Plush Series (All Colors)	Sun	9	36
Petunia	Pop Rocks White	Sun	11	36
Petunia	Ray Series (All Colors)	Sun	6	25
Petunia	Shockwave Series (All Colors)	Sun	14	36
Petunia	Storm Series (All Colors)	Sun	17	35
Petunia	Suncatcher White	Sun	12	22
Petunia	Supertunia Bordeaux	Sun	7	46
Petunia	Supertunia Charm Series (All Colors)	Sun	8	30
Petunia	Supertunia Daybreak Charm	Sun	9	14
Petunia	Supertunia Citrus	Sun	11	32
Petunia	Supertunia Giant Pink	Sun	6	45
Petunia	Supertunia Honey	Sun	12	15
Petunia	Supertunia Lavender Skies	Sun	10	32
Petunia	Supertunia Lovie Dovie	Sun	12	14
Petunia	Supertunia Mini Series (All Colors)	Sun	7	48
Petunia	Supertunia Royal Magenta	Sun	8	33
Petunia	Supertunia Royal Velvet	Sun	8	33
Petunia	Supertunia Vista Bubble Gum (Pink)	Sun	18	45
Petunia	Supertunia Vista Fuchsia	Sun	14	48
Petunia	Supertunia Vista Silverberry	Sun	14	46
Petunia	Supertunia White	Sun	5	39
Petunia	Surprise Blue Sky	Sun	12	12
Petunia	Surprise Magenta Halo	Sun	8	12
Petunia	Surfinia Blue Veined	Sun	8	20
Petunia	Surfinia White	Sun	7	17
Petunia	Surfinia Wild Plum	Sun	9	21
Petunia	Sweetunia Johnny Flame	Sun	12	34
Petunia	Tidal Wave Series (All Colors)	Sun	14	36
Petunia	Trilogy White	Sun	11	20
Petunia	Wave Misty Lilac	Sun	12	36
Portulaca	Cupcake Series (All Colors)	Sun	11	20
Portulaca	Fairytales Series (All Colors)	Sun	11	23
Portulaca	Happy Hour Series (All Colors)	Sun	6	12
Portulaca	Happy Trails Series (All Colors)	Sun	7	14
Portulaca	Mojave Series (All Colors)	Sun	11	20
Portulaca	Pazzaz Series (All Colors)	Sun	11	28
Rudbeckia	Denver Daisy	Sun	18	18
Rudbeckia	Prairie Sun	Sun	24	16
Rudbeckia	Tiger Eye Gold	Sun	20	18
Salvia coccinea	Summer Jewel Red	Sun	24	20

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Salvia coccinea	Summer Jewel White	Sun	24	20
Salvia farinacea	Evolution	Sun	22	20
Salvia farinacea	Evolution White	Sun	20	16
Salvia farinacea	Mannequin Blue Mountain	Sun	26	15
Salvia farinacea	Mystic Spires Improved	Sun	35	16
Salvia farinacea	Mysty	Sun	18	13
Salvia farinacea	Playin' the Blues	Sun	39	25
Salvia farinacea	Reference Blue and White	Sun	25	20
Salvia farinacea	SallyFun Series (All Colors)	Sun	25	22
Salvia splendens	Salvano	Sun	17	13
Salvia farinacea	Victoria (Blue)	Sun	27	23
Scaevola	New Wonder (Purple)	Sun	10	22
Scaevola	Surdiva Series (All Colors)	Sun	7	16
Scaevola	Whirlwind Blue	Sun	10	18
Scaevola	Whirlwind White	Sun	11	16
Snapdragon (<i>Antirrhinum</i>)	Rocket Cherry	Sun	28	10
Tithonia	Fiesta De Sol Orange	Sun	31	20
Torenia	Catalina Blue	Sun or shade	10	18
Torenia	Catalina Pink	Sun or shade	10	20
Torenia	Kauai Deep Blue	Sun or shade	16	16
Torenia	Kauai Magenta	Sun or shade	16	16
Verbena bonariensis	Finesse	Sun	38	17
Verbena	Escapade Pink	Sun	14	24
Verbena	Lanai Bright Pink	Sun	15	24
Verbena	Lanai Lavender Star	Sun	15	24
Verbena	Meteor Shower	Sun	24	15
Verbena	Superbena Burgundy	Sun	18	24
Verbena	Superbena Coral Red	Sun	12	24
Verbena	Superbena Dark Blue	Sun	11	22
Verbena	Superbena Large Lilac Blue	Sun	16	24
Verbena	Superbena Pink Parfait	Sun	12	22
Verbena	Superbena Pink Shades	Sun	14	30
Verbena	Superbena Purple	Sun	13	30
Verbena	Superbena Royale Chambray	Sun	11	24
Verbena	Temari Blue	Sun	12	34
Verbena	Temari Cherry Red	Sun	12	34
Verbena	Temari Patio Blue	Sun	15	20
Verbena	Temari Patio Hot Pink	Sun	15	20
Verbena	Tukana Scarlet Star	Sun	12	20
Verbena	Tukana White	Sun	8	32
Vinca (Catharanthus)	Cooler Series (All Colors)	Sun	18	15
Vinca (Catharanthus)	First Kiss Blueberry	Sun	8	10
Vinca (Catharanthus)	Mediterranean Series (All Colors)	Sun	7	16
Vinca (Catharanthus)	Mega Bloom Orchid Halo	Sun	17	13
Vinca (Catharanthus)	Pacifica XP Series (All Colors)	Sun	16	20
Vinca (Catharanthus)	Soiree Kawaii Coral	Sun	11	14
Vinca (Catharanthus)	SunStorm White with Eye	Sun	14	18

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Vinca (Catharanthus)	Titan Series (All Colors)	Sun	15	23
Vinca (Catharanthus)	Titan Polka Dot	Sun	15	15
Vinca (Catharanthus)	Valiant Series (All Colors)	Sun	21	20
Zinnia	Benary's Giant Series (All Colors)	Sun	34	24
Zinnia	Bridesmaid	Sun	20	20
Zinnia	Crystal White	Sun	15	24
Zinnia	Dreamland Red	Sun	18	16
Zinnia	Oklahoma Series (All Colors)	Sun	26	25
Zinnia	Profusion Orange	Sun	16	22
Zinnia	Profusion Red	Sun	11	16
Zinnia	Profusion White	Sun	16	22
Zinnia	Queen Series (All Colors)	Sun	30	30
Zinnia	Short Stuff Orange	Sun	11	20
Zinnia	Solmar Series	Sun	19	17
Zinnia	Star Mix Star Bright	Sun	15	16
Zinnia	Star Orange	Sun	17	24
Zinnia	UpTown Grape	Sun	20	24
Zinnia	Zahara Series (All Colors)	Sun	15	24

Plants for Foliage Display

Flower	Cultivar/Color	Planting Location	Height (in)	Width (in)
Artemesia	Silver Bullet	Sun	10	17
Basil (Ocimum)	Boxwood	Sun	14	18
Basil (Ocimum)	Pesto Perpetuo	Sun or shade	32	18
Canna	Tropicana (Orange/Variiegated Leaves)	Sun	70	18
Coleus	Aurora Black Cherry	Sun or shade	19	17
Coleus	Color Blaze Series (All Colors)	Sun or shade	24	20
Coleus	Flame Thrower Salsa Verde	Sun	12	13
Coleus	Flame Thrower Spiced Curry	Sun	25	14
Coleus	Kong Jr. Scarlet	Sun or shade	24	30
Coleus	Main Street Series (All Colors)	Sun or shade	30	16
Coleus	Premium Sun Dark Chocolate	Sun or shade	23	18
Coleus	Premium Sun Lime Delight	Sun or shade	24	24
Coleus	Premium Sun Mighty Mosaic	Sun or shade	24	18
Coleus	Rainbow Mix	Shade	30	27
Coleus	Saturn	Sun or shade	30	20
Coleus	Under the Sea Gold Anemone	Sun or shade	24	16
Coleus	Under the Sea Coral Copper	Sun	30	17
Coleus	Under the Sea King Crab	Sun or shade	36	22
Coleus	Under the Sea Sea Urchin Copper	Sun	9	11
Coleus	Under the Sea Yellow Fin Tuna	Sun	22	13
Coleus	Wasabi	Sun or shade	30	20
Colocasia	Coffee Cups	Sun or shade	52	30
Colocasia	Heart of the Jungle	Sun or shade	50	46
Cyperus Papyrus	Baby Tut	Sun	32	36
Cyperus Papyrus	King Tut	Sun	50	24

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Dahlia	Mystic Illusion	Sun	30	18
Hibiscus	Mahogany Splendor	Sun	53	35
Manihot	Variegata	Sun	40	22
Ornamental Grass	Carex Toffee Twist	Sun	16	15
Ornamental Grass	Juncus Blue Mohawk	Sun	25	20
Ornamental Grass	Pennisetum Fireworks	Sun	40	30
Ornamental Grass	Pennisetum Red Riding Hood	Sun	38	30
Ornamental Grass	Pennisetum Rubrum	Sun	48	36
Ornamental Grass	Pennisetum Sky Rocket	Sun	48	36
Ornamental Grass	Pennisetum Vertigo	Sun	50	55
Ornamental Millet	Copper Prince	Sun	37	20
Ornamental Millet	Jade Princess	Sun	36	25
Ornamental Millet	Jester	Sun	52	24
Ornamental Millet	Purple Baron	Sun	56	14
Ornamental Millet	Purple Majesty	Sun	48	28
Ornamental Pepper	Black Olive	Sun	18	12
Ornamental Pepper	Black Pearl	Sun	28	16
Ornamental Pepper	Calico	Sun	19	15
Ornamental Pepper	Chilly Chili (Red/Yellow)	Sun	14	17
Ornamental Pepper	Medusa	Sun	7	6
Ornamental Pepper	Midnight Fire	Sun	10	11
Ornamental Pepper	Purple Flash	Sun	24	18
Perilla	Magilla (Purple/Pink)	Sun	30	20
Plectranthus	Silver Shield	Sun	30	20
Sedum	Lemon Coral	Sun	5	20
Sweet Potato (Ipomoea)	Ace of Spades	Sun	10	48
Sweet Potato (Ipomoea)	Blackie	Sun	10	54
Sweet Potato (Ipomoea)	Black Beans	Sun	17	19
Sweet Potato (Ipomoea)	Desana Bronze	Sun	16	30
Sweet Potato (Ipomoea)	Desana Lime	Sun	18	40
Sweet Potato (Ipomoea)	Desana Maple	Sun	20	30
Sweet Potato (Ipomoea)	Flora Mia Cameo	Sun	16	19
Sweet Potato (Ipomoea)	FloraMia Nero	Sun	9	20
Sweet Potato (Ipomoea)	Flora Mia Rosso	Sun	15	17
Sweet Potato (Ipomoea)	Flora Mia Verdino	Sun	17	18
Sweet Potato (Ipomoea)	Illusion Series (All Colors)	Sun	16	48
Sweet Potato (Ipomoea)	Marguerite	Sun	8	54
Sweet Potato (Ipomoea)	Sidekick Series (All Colors)	Sun	15	46
Sweet Potato (Ipomoea)	SolarPower Black	Sun	14	25
Sweet Potato (Ipomoea)	Sweet Caroline Series (All Colors)	Sun	15	52
Sweet Potato (Ipomoea)	Tri Color	Sun	6	36
Talinum	Limon	Sun	36	32

Plants for Container Gardens

Flower	Cultivar/Color	Planting Location	Height (in)	Width (in)
Acalypha	Lava Flow	Sun	24	18
Angelonia	Sungelonia White	Sun	18	15
Alternanthera	Royal Tapestry	Sun/Part Sun	13	40
Angelonia	Archangel Light Pink	Sun	26	16
Begonia	Gryphon	shade	19	22
Begonia	Pegasus	shade	29	33
Begonia	Santa Cruz	Part Sun/Shade	14	24
Begonia	Sparkle Scarlet	Sun or Shade	12	22
Calibrachoa	Aloha Tiki Neon	Sun	10	24
Calibrachoa	Cabaret Purple	Sun	6	22
Calibrachoa	Cabaret White	Sun	8	24
Calibrachoa	Can-Can Dark Purple	Sun	12	36
Calibrachoa	Can-Can Hot Pink Star	Sun	9	32
Calibrachoa	Can-Can Peach	Sun	8	24
Calibrachoa	Can-Can Purple Star	Sun	9	32
Calibrachoa	Conga Orange	Sun	8	24
Calibrachoa	Hula Cherry	Sun	11	22
Calibrachoa	MiniFamous Neo Vampire	Sun	11	16
Calibrachoa	Million Bells Trailing Magenta	Sun	6	12
Calibrachoa	Noa Mega Pink	Sun	7	20
Calibrachoa	Superbells Apricot Punch	Sun	9	27
Calibrachoa	Superbells Blackberry Punch	Sun	8	32
Calibrachoa	Superbells Blue	Sun	12	38
Calibrachoa	Superbells Cherry Blossom	Sun	10	36
Calibrachoa	Superbells Cherry Red	Sun	7	28
Calibrachoa	Superbells Coralberry Punch	Sun	9	28
Calibrachoa	Superbells Coralina	Sun	10	15
Calibrachoa	Superbells Dreamsicle	Sun	10	38
Calibrachoa	Superbells Evening Star	Sun	10	25
Calibrachoa	Superbells Garden Rose	Sun	9	32
Calibrachoa	Superbells Grape Punch	Sun	8	32
Calibrachoa	Superbells Lemon Slice	Sun	8	32
Calibrachoa	Superbells Miss Lilac	Sun	9	36
Calibrachoa	Superbells Over Easy	Sun	13	17
Calibrachoa	Superbells Pink	Sun	8	26
Calibrachoa	Superbells Plum	Sun	9	31
Calibrachoa	Superbells Pomegranate Punch	Sun	11	36
Calibrachoa	Superbells Red	Sun	9	28
Calibrachoa	Superbells Saffron	Sun	8	35
Calibrachoa	Superbells Scarlet	Sun	8	30
Calibrachoa	Superbells Sweet Tart	Sun	9	35
Calibrachoa	Superbells Tropical Sunrise	Sun	10	16
Calibrachoa	Unique Yellow	Sun	9	14
Calibrachoa	Superbells White	Sun	6	29
Calibrachoa	Superbells Yellow	Sun	10	34
Calibrachoa	Superbells Yellow Chiffon	Sun	10	36
Coleus	Flame Thrower Chili Pepper	Sun or Shade	34	31

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Flower	Cultivar/Color	Planting Location	Height (in)	Width (in)
Coleus	FlameThrower Chipotle	Sun or Shade	28	22
Coleus	Flame Thrower Spiced Curry	Part Sun	36	24
Coleus	Kong Salmon Pink	Shade	22	15
Coleus	Main Street Madison Ave	Part Sun	32	26
Coleus	Main Street Michigan Ave	Part Sun	31	25
Coleus	Main Street Riverwalk	Part Sun	25	22
Coleus	Main Street Sunset Blvd	Part Sun	26	22
Coleus	Main Street Wall Street	Part Sun	28	24
Coleus	Premium Sun Crimson Gold	Sun or Shade	18	14
Coleus	Wizard Golden	shade	17	16
Coleus	Wizard Scarlet	shade	20	14
Coleus	Under the Sea Coral Copper	Part Sun	25	16
Coleus	Zoocy Mix	Part Sun	18	21
Dahlia	XXL Durango	Sun	15	13
Dahlia	XXL Sunset	Sun	15	16
Dichondra	Silver Falls	Sun	3	28
Dipladenia	Sundenia Red	Sun	17	22
Dipladenia	Sundenia White	Sun	16	26
Euphorbia	Diamond Delight	Sun	12	18
Geranium	Brocade Fire Night	Sun	12	12
Geranium	Lollipop Candy	Sun	12	16
Geranium	Sarita Wild Salmon	Sun	13	13
Geranium	Xtreme Night	Sun	12	11
Gerbera	Garvinea Orangina	Sun	14	14
Impatiens	Lollipop Series (All Colors)	Sun	17	20
Impatiens, New Guinea	Divine Orange	Shade	8	8
Impatiens, New Guinea	Divine Orange Bronze Leaf	Shade	10	12
Impatiens, New Guinea	Sun Harmony Magenta	Sun or Shade	10	15
Lantana	Havana Pink Sky	Sun	14	14
Lantana	Havana Sunrise	Sun	15	14
Lantana	Little Lucky Orange	Sun	15	18
Lobularia	Frosty Knight	Sun	7	14
Lobularia	Giga White	Sun	7	13
Lobularia	Silver Stream	Sun	8	13
Lobularia	White Knight	Sun	9	14
Mandevilla	Sun Parasol Cream Pink	Sun	13	10
Mandevilla	Sun Parasol Crimson	Sun	15	8
Mandevilla	Sun Parasol Giant Crimson	Sun	42	9
Mandevilla	Sun Parasol Giant Pink	Sun	58	11
Mandevilla	Sun Parasol Giant White	Sun	46	13
Mandevilla	Sun Parasol Pink	Sun	14	13
Otomeria	O'Premiera Ruby	Sun	14	14
Pentas	Kaleidoscope Pink	Sun	14	12
Petchoa	SuperCal Neon Rose	Sun	12	30
Petunia	Potunia Piccola Blue Ice	Sun	7	17
Petunia	Potunia Piccola Purple Ice	Sun	9	22
Petunia	Sophistica Lime Bicolor	Sun	8	18

Plants for Container Gardens

Flower	Cultivar/Color	Planting Location	Height (in)	Width (in)
Petunia	Sophistica Twilight	Sun	11	30
Petunia	Suncatcher Vintage Rose	Sun	10	36
Petunia	Suntunia Blue Sky	Sun	9	16
Petunia	Suntunia Purple	Sun	10	16
Petunia	Perfectunia Coral Blast	Sun	8	13
Petunia	Surfinia Summer Double Rose	Sun	10	14
Petunia	Supertunia Black Cherry	Sun	12	36
Petunia	Supertunia Honey	Sun	10	25
Petunia	Supertunia Latte	Sun	10	16
Petunia	Supertunia Lovie Dovie	Sun	6	13
Petunia	Supertunia Morning Glory Charm	Sun	12	24
Petunia	Supertunia Picasso in Pink	Sun	10	36
Petunia	Supertunia Picasso in Purple	Sun	9	16
Petunia	Supertunia Pink Star Charm	Sun	11	12
Petunia	Supertunia Pretty Much Picasso	Sun	9	30
Petunia	Supertunia Violet Star Charm	Sun	7	10
Petunia	Supertunia White Russian	Sun	10	20
Petunia	Success Coral	Sun	10	14
Petunia	Success Pink	Sun	13	28
Petunia	Success White	Sun	12	28
Phlox	Gisele Hot Pink	Sun	9	12
Phlox	Gisele Light Pink	Sun	12	12
Phlox	Intensia Cabernet	Sun	8	18
Phlox	Intensia Lavender Glow	Sun	10	20
Phlox	Intensia Pink	Sun	9	20
Phlox	Intensia White	Sun	12	14
Plectranthus	Silver Crest	Sun	8	30
Salvia splendens	Saucy Red	Sun	24	14
Scaveola	Surdiva Blue Violet	Sun	8	11
Scaveola	Surdiva Fashion Pink	Sun	8	12
Scaevola	Pink Wonder	Sun	7	16
Sweet Potato (Ipomoea)	Flora Mia Cameo	Shade	13	15
Sweet Potato (Ipomoea)	Flora Mia Rosso	Shade	12	17
Sweet Potato (Ipomoea)	Sweet Caroline Sweetheart Lime	Shade	19	17
Sweet Potato (Ipomoea)	Sweet Caroline Sweetheart Jet Black	Shade	10	18
Torenia	Summer Wave Bouquet Cream Yellow	Sun/Part Shade	12	18
Verbena	Empress Sun Red	Sun	7	13
Vinca (Catharanthus)	Soiree Kawaii Coral	Sun	13	13

*All Prairie Star flowers are recommended for use in both containers and landscape plantings. The plants in this category displayed exemplary performance in the container trials, but some do not grow well in the flower bed.

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