

garden gate's
top picks
NEW PLANTS
 FOR
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If you're addicted to plants, you'll love this list. New plants from all over the world will be making their debut this spring at a garden center or mail-order nursery near you. With all the new

variations in plants available this year, it will be hard to whittle down your wish list by spring. There are even some that will be hard to get because they're so new. So get started early!

Plant Name	Height/ Width	Cold/Heat Zones	Bloom Time	Introducer	Source	Comments
PERENNIALS						
Agastache 'Ava' <i>Agastache</i> hybrid	4 to 5 ft./24 in.	5-10/10-1	Midsummer to autumn	Santa Fe Greenhouses	High Country Gardens www.highcountrygardens.com 800-925-9387	Huge spikes of deep rose-pink flowers; raspberry-red calyxes keep their color until the first hard frost; makes an excellent dried arrangement; fertilize in midfall with balanced granular fertilizer; cut back the sweetly scented foliage in midspring; full sun; well-drained soil
Beardtongue red sage <i>Salvia penstemonoides</i>	24 to 30 in./24 in.	6-10/10-1	Summer	Santa Fe Greenhouses	High Country Gardens www.highcountrygardens.com 800-925-9387	Thought to be extinct, this wildflower was rediscovered in Texas in the 1990s; dark rose-red flowers on tall spikes; protect from wind; full sun; moisture-retaining soil
Bellflower 'Heavenly Blue' <i>Campanula rapunculus</i>	36 in./18 in.	4-9/9-1	Mid- to late summer	Sakata Seed	Local garden centers	Biennial with tiny star-shaped light blue flowers; long lasting as cut flowers, use in place of baby's breath in arrangements; full sun to part shade; fertile, well-drained soil
Berkheya 'Silver Spikes' <i>Berkheya purpurea</i>	24 in./18 in.	6-9 /9-1	Summer	Darwin Plants	Local garden centers	Interesting thistlelike foliage; good architectural plant for a border or hedge; 3-in. daisylike white flowers with purple centers; full sun; moist, well-drained soil
Campanula 'Powder Puff' <i>Campanula punctata</i>	24 in./12 in.	5-9/9-1	Late spring through summer	Terra Nova	Go to www.terravanurseries.com for a retail source	Very large, double white flowers on sturdy stems; great hummingbird plant and cut flower; full sun to part shade; moist, well-drained soil
Coral bells 'Color Dream' <i>Heuchera</i> hybrid	12 in./14 in.	4-8/8-1	Late spring to summer	Darwin Plants	Local garden centers	Purple foliage with a silver sheen and stunning red edges in midsummer; excellent for the front of a border, rock garden or in a container; full sun to part shade; well-drained, slightly alkaline soil
Daylily 'Parkdale Violet Parade' <i>Hemerocallis</i> hybrid	16 in./24 in.	3-10/10-1	Midsummer	B&D Lilies	Snow Creek Daylily Gardens www.bdlilies.com 360-765-4342	Velvet-textured 4 in. violet flowers with a hint of silver at the edges; big yellow eye and light lavender stripe; fade-resistant blooms; great frost-tolerance; full sun; well-drained soil
Daylily 'Parkdale Champagne Bubbles' <i>Hemerocallis</i> hybrid	28 in./30 in.	3-10/10-1	Mid- to late summer	B&D Lilies	Snow Creek Daylily Gardens www.bdlilies.com 360-765-4342	5 in. fragrant champagne-buff colored flowers get whiter in hot climates; makes large clumps in a short time; full sun; well-drained soil
East Indies aster 'Berggarten' <i>Aster tongolensis</i>	12 in./14 in.	4-8/9-2	Summer	Darwin Plants	Local garden centers	Lavender-blue flowers with a striking orange center; makes a great cut flower; full sun to part shade; fertile, well-drained, slightly alkaline soil
Foxglove 'Camelot' <i>Digitalis</i> hybrid	4 ft./30 in.	5-9/12-1	Summer	Goldsmith Seeds/ The Flower Fields	Local garden centers. Go to www.theflowerfields.com for a garden center near you	New series in cream, lavender, rose and white; flowers the first year from seed with a heavy second-year bloom
Garden mums My Favorite™ series <i>Chrysanthemum</i> hybrids star white, purple, lavender, orange and amber	14 in./18 in.	9-3/9-1	Late summer through autumn	Anthony Tesselaar	Local garden centers. Go to www.tesselaar.com for a garden center near you	This group is more compact than previous mums in the series; over 5000 flowers per season on a mature plant; fertilize monthly with balanced liquid fertilizer; true perennials, you'll want to plant these in the landscape, not in containers; evergreen in the South; full sun, filtered in dry heat areas such as the desert Southwest; well-drained soil
Goldenrod 'Goldrush' <i>Solidago cutleri</i>	12 in./30 in.	4-9/9-5	Late summer to autumn	Blooms of Bressingham	Local garden centers. Go to www.bobna.com for a garden center near you	Dense spikes of yellow-gold flowers almost completely cover the foliage; good air movement prevents rust and other fungi; don't overfeed — too much fertilizer will promote foliage, not flowers; drought-tolerant once established; full sun; well-drained soil

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Great masterwort 'Abbey Road' <i>Astrantia major</i>	12 to 16 in./18 in.	4-7/4-8	Early to late summer	Monrovia Nurseries	Local garden centers. Go to www.monrovia.com for a garden center near you	Ruby-maroon flowers accented with a white base; flower stalks grow to 25 in. and are very vigorous; hairy deep green leaves; grow in part shade; well-drained, moist, not soggy, organic soil
Heuchera 'Starry Night' <i>Heuchera</i> hybrid	14 in./16 in.	4-9/9-1	Late spring to summer	Terra Nova	Local garden centers. Go to www.terravanurseries.com for a garden center near you	Tall spikes of sparkling pink-white flowers are a favorite of butterflies and hummingbirds; mounding, deep-purple foliage is almost black; great in containers or borders; full sun; well-drained soil
Lewisia 'Constant Comment' <i>Lewisia</i> hybrid	3 in./5 in.	6-9/9-1	Late spring through late summer	Terra Nova	Local garden centers. Go to www.terravanurseries.com for a garden center near you	Short clusters of large pink flowers over a rosette of succulent strap-like leaves; reblooms several times; do not fertilize; use gravel mulch and make sure it has excellent drainage for winter survival; part sun
Ligularia 'Little Rocket' <i>Ligularia stenoccephala</i>	40 in./40 in.	5-8/8-2	Midsummer	Darwin Plants	Local garden centers	Has the substance and presence of ligularia 'The Rocket' at half the size; dark-green, deeply toothed leaves on black stems; tall spikes of wispy petaled brightly-yellow flowers; part sun; does best in consistently moist, fertile soil
Liriope Cleopatra™ <i>Liriope muscari</i>	24 in./24 in.	5-9/9-1	Late spring to early summer	Plant Development Services, Inc.	Local garden centers or www.plantsbymail.com	Large size and hefty appearance; vivid purple flowers rise well above the foliage; full sun to full shade; moist, well-drained soil
Malva 'Sweet Sixteen' <i>Malva</i> hybrid	24 in./18 in.	5-8/9-1	Summer through autumn	Darwin Plants	Roots and Rhizomes www.rootshrizomes.com 800-374-5035	Petite hybrid is shorter than its relatives; hollyhocklike soft-pink flowers cover the entire stem; full sun to part shade; well-drained soil
Meconopsis 'Hensol Violet' <i>Meconopsis betonicifolia</i>	36 in./18 in.	7-8/8-1	Early summer	Thompson and Morgan	Thompson and Morgan www.thompson-morgan.com 800-274-7333	Unusual violet color; perfect for woodland borders; sow seeds February to June or September to October; plant will flower the following summer; part shade; moist, well-drained, slightly acid soil (seed)
Mullein 'Sierra Sunset' <i>Verbascum</i> hybrid	18 in./14 in.	5-9/9-1	Summer	Terra Nova	Local garden centers. Go to www.terravanurseries.com for a garden center near you	Warm orange and melon colored flowers with deep-red eyes and ruffled petals; compact foliage is not as felted as most mullein; full sun
Phlox 'Flower Power' <i>Phlox maculata</i>	4 ft./3 ft.	5-8/9-4	Summer	Blooms of Bressingham	Local garden centers. Go to www.bobna.com for a garden center near you	Tiny clusters of lightly fragrant flowers look white at a distance, show a pink tinge up close; reblooms in autumn when cut back hard after first flowering; pinch back to make a fuller plant; good mildew resistance, but allow air circulation; full sun; evenly moist, well-drained, rich organic soil
Purple coneflower 'Green Eyes' <i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	30 in./24 in.	4-9/9-1	Midsummer to early autumn	Terra Nova	Local garden center. Go to www.terravanurseries.com for a garden center near you	Scented flowers in shocking magenta with an indented green center cone that matures to bright orange; attracts butterflies and hummingbirds; drought-tolerant and deer-resistant; great cut flower; full sun; well-drained soil
Sea holly 'Blue Jackpot' <i>Eryngium</i> hybrid	24 in./18 in.	4-7/7-1	Late summer	Darwin Plants	Roots and Rhizomes www.rootshrizomes.com 800-374-5035	Spectacular deep-blue flowers surrounded by large, spiky blue bracts; full sun; well-drained soil
Toad lily 'Taipei Silk' <i>Tricyrtis</i> hybrid	24 in./24 in.	6-9/9-6	Late summer to autumn	Blooms of Bressingham	Local garden centers. Go to www.bobna.com for a garden center near you	Heavy blooming exotic purple flowers; no staking or special care required; plant where small flowers can be seen up close; part shade; moist, rich, well-drained organic soil
Torch lily 'Helen Dillon' <i>Kniphofia caulescens</i>	36 in./24 in.	7-9/9-1	Spring	Heronswood Nursery	Heronswood Nursery www.heronswood.com 360-297-4172	Bright-orange heads fade to yellow on 3-ft. stems; powdery blue, upright foliage; full sun; evenly moist, well-drained soil

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Black-eyed Susan vine Smoothie™ series <i>Thunbergia alata</i>	Vine to 10 ft.	10-11/12-1*	Early summer to autumn	Ecke Ranch/ The Flower Fields	Local garden centers. Go to www.theflowerfields.com for a garden center near you	New colors for this climbing favorite; Raspberry is pale violet, Apricot is yellow with an orange throat; great for hanging baskets, containers or trained up a trellis; full sun; well-drained soil
Coleus Kong™ Rose <i>Solenostemon scutellarioides</i>	20 in./18 in.	9-11/12-1*	Summer	Ball Seed/ Simply Beautiful	Local garden centers www.simplybeautifulgardens.com for a garden center near you	Huge, 5-in. leaves in bright green with striking red veins; won't tolerate sun like some of the new coleus, keep in shade; takes summer heat and humidity; also available in Green, Red, Scarlet and Mosaic; evenly moist, rich, well-drained soil
Cosmos 'Cosmic Red' <i>Cosmos sulphureus</i>	12 in./12 in.	Annual/12-1	Summer	Benary Seed	Local garden centers	New addition to the popular Cosmic series; intense scarlet flower color seems to get brighter as the day goes on; great for annual beds, containers or specimen; deadhead for increased flower production; full sun; moist, well-drained soil
Fan flower 'Whirlwind Blue' <i>Scaevola aemula</i>	10 in./18 in.	10-11/12-1*	Summer	Proven Winners	Proven Winners. Go to www.provenwinners.com for a garden center near you	A new deep-blue fanflower in the Whirlwind series; dense, well-branched habit; tolerates a wide range of conditions; full sun; well-drained soil
Gazania Kiss™ series <i>Gazania splendens</i> 'Frosty White', 'Frosty Yellow', 'Golden Flame' and 'Yellow Flame'	10 in./10 in.	8-10/12-3*	Summer	Goldsmith Seeds/ The Flower Fields	Local garden centers. Go to www.theflowerfields.com for find a garden center near you	New colors for a popular series; Frosty varieties have silver foliage; dense, mounding habit; deadhead to keep blooms coming; full sun; well-drained soil
Gloriosa daisy 'Becky Cinnamon Bicolor' <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	8 in./10 in.	9-11/12-1*	Late spring to autumn	American Takii, Inc.	Harris Seeds www.harriseseeds.com	6-in. flowers with cinnamon-red centers and yellow-gold tips; joins orange and yellow in the Becky series; dwarf habit makes it an excellent container plant; full sun; well-drained soil
Black good luck plant Caruba™ <i>Cordyline fruticosa</i> 'Bra01'	60 in./18 in.	10-11/12-1*	Nonflowering	Anthony Tesselaar International/ Monrovia exclusive	Local garden centers. Go to www.monrovia.com for a garden center near you	Flat, straplike rich purple-black foliage; excellent for tropical gardens and as contrast foliage; can be overwintered in container in colder areas; filtered sun; moist, well-drained soil
Impatiens Xtreme™ series <i>Impatiens walleriana</i>	10 in./10 in.	10-11/12-1*	Summer	Goldsmith/ The Flower Fields	J.W. Jung Seed Co. www.jungseed.com 800-247-5864	A brand-new series with eight bold colors, including Pink, Lavender, Red, Rose, Salmon, Scarlet, White and Violet; tight, mounded form; filtered sun to part shade; moist, well-drained soil (seed)
Larkspur 'Parisian Pink' <i>Consolidata ajacis</i>	48 in./18 in.	Annual/12-1	Early to midsummer	Renee's Garden	Renee's Garden www.reneesgarden.com or call 888-880-7228 for a retailer near you	Close relative of delphinium; tall, upright flower spikes with double rose-pink flowers tinted with salmon hues; direct sow seeds in fall or early spring, larkspur doesn't like to be transplanted; self-sows; seeds are poisonous; full sun; well-drained soil (seed)
Nasturtium 'Black Velvet' <i>Tropaeolum minus</i>	8 in./18 in.	Annual/12-1	Midsummer to autumn	Thompson and Morgan	Thompson and Morgan www.thompson-morgan.com 800-274-7333	Deep-red-black flowers over fresh green foliage; excellent in containers or in the front of the garden bed; full sun; lean, well-drained soil (seed)
Nemesia 'Compact Pink Innocence' <i>Nemesia caerulea</i>	12 in./12 in.	9-10/12-1*	Early summer through fall	Proven Winners	Proven Winner. Go to www.provenwinners.com for a garden center near you	Sweetly scented, soft-pink flowers; looks delicate but is a tough, long-lasting bloomer that's wonderful in hanging baskets and container combinations; full sun; fertile, moist, slightly acid soil
Pansy Majestic Giants II series 'Sherry' <i>Viola xwittrockiana</i> cultivar	8 in./8 in.	4-8/9-1	Spring and early summer, autumn	Sakata Seed	Local garden centers	New addition to the Majestic Giants II series; subtle variations of yellow pink and dark pink on the same large flower; dense, compact habit; also available in Deep Blue with rich blue-purple petals around a black blotch; full sun; well-drained soil
Stock 'Hot Cakes Blue' <i>Matthiola incana</i>	10 in./10 in.	7-8/12-1	Late spring to summer	K.Sahin, Zaden B.V.	Local garden centers	New series includes Rose, Pink, Red and White; early flowering with a compact habit; light scent; full sun; well-drained soil

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Strawflower 'Sundaze™ Flame' <i>Xerochrysum bracteatum</i>	12 in./12 in.	10-11/12-1 *	Late spring to autumn	Proven Winners	Local garden centers. Go to www.provenwinners.com for a garden center near you	Red and yellow bicolor flowers; blooms all through the season; heat-tolerant; great for dried flower arrangements; full sun; moist, well-drained soil
Sunflower 'Bicentenary' <i>Helianthus annuus</i>	4 to 5 ft./18 in.	Annual/12-1	Late summer to early autumn	Thompson and Morgan	Thompson and Morgan www.thompson-morgan.com 800-274-7333	6-in. blooms in gold and bronze set above unusually soft, silvery green foliage; great in the middle or back of a border or as a decorative cut flower; full sun; well-drained soil (seed)
Sunflower 'Chocolate Cherry' <i>Helianthus annuus</i>	6 to 7 ft./18 in.	Annual/12-1	Summer	Renee's Garden	Renee's Garden www.reneesgarden.com or call 888-880-7228 for a retailer near you	Rich chocolate-burgundy petals around a dark chocolate disk; flowers are pollenless, great cut flower; full sun; well-drained soil (seed)
Sweet pea 'Ocean Foam' <i>Lathyrus odoratus</i>	6 ft. vine	Annual/12-1	Summer to early fall	Botanical Interests, Inc	Mission Hill Nursery www.missionhillnursery.com 619-295-2808	New variety in the Old Spice series; extremely fragrant and a great cut flower; this mix includes navy, mid-blue, light-blue and frothy cream; heat resistant; excellent in the garden, a full sun container or hanging basket; full sun; well-drained soil
Verbena 'Snowy River' <i>Verbena speciosa</i>	12 in./30 in.	Annual/12-1	Summer	Thompson and Morgan	Thompson and Morgan www.thompson-morgan.com 800-274-7333	Snowy white flowers over fine, delicate green foliage; a trailing habit works well in containers or as spreading ground cover in beds and borders
Zinnia Magellan series <i>Zinnia elegans</i>	14 in./12 in.	Annual/12-1	Summer	Goldsmith/ The Flower Fields	Local garden centers. Go to www.theflowerfields.com for a garden center near you	New series; Coral is the AAS 2005 Flower Award winner; also comes in Ivory, Pink, Scarlet, Salmon, Cherry, Orange and Yellow; fully double 6 in. flowers bloom early; good in a container or in a border; full sun; well-drained soil
Zinnia 'Profusion Apricot' <i>Zinnia elegans</i>	16 in./18 in.	Annual/12-1	Mid spring to late fall	Sakata seed	Local garden centers	New addition to the popular Profusion series; light coral color with terra-cotta center; very dis- ease resistant; good in containers and borders; also available in new, bright-orange Fire; full sun; well-drained soil

ROSES

Lady Elsie Mae™ Shrub	3 ft./3 ft.	4-10/10-1	Spring through autumn	Angelica Nurseries	Edmunds Roses www.edmundsroses.com 888-481-7673	3- to 4- in. semi-double coral-pink blooms; delicate scent; waxy, dark-green foliage is resistant to blackspot; full sun; well-drained soil
'Yellow Submarine' Shrub	3 ft./3 ft.	4-9/9-1	Summer to fall	Bailey Nurseries	Local garden centers. Go to www.baileynurseries.com for a retailer near you	A new introduction to the Easy Elegance® series; recurrent, bright lemon-yellow flowers fade to pale cream; very upright habit
About Face™ Grandiflora	6 ft./4 ft.	5-9/9-1	Summer to autumn	Weeks Roses	Jung Seed Co. www.jungseed.com 800-297-3123	An All-America Rose Selection; creamy golden-orange toned petals on the insides, dark bronze-red on the outside; fully double flowers; disease resistant, lush green foliage; full sun; well-drained soil
Elle™ Hybrid tea	4 ft./3 ft.	5-9/9-1	Summer to autumn	Meilland International	Edmunds Roses www.edmundsroses.com 888-481-7673	High-centered buds open to 5 in. shell-pink flowers with deep-yellow undertones; strong spicy citrus scent; above average tolerance to mildew and blackspot; full sun; well-drained soil
Lasting Love™ Hybrid tea	5ft./5ft.	5-9/9-1	Summer to autumn	Weeks Roses	Heirloom Roses www.heirloomroses.com 503-538-1576	Big 6-in. dusky red blooms; heavy, rich-rose fragrance; super-glossy foliage; very disease resistant; full sun; well-drained soil
Lemon Meringue™ Climber	10 ft. canes	4-9/9-1	Late spring and summer	Weeks Roses	Witherspoon Rose Culture www.witherspoonrose.com 919-489-4446	4-in. double yellow flowers; dense clusters bloom on old and new wood; rich fragrance; full sun; well-drained soil

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Yellow Sunblaze® Miniature	18 in./24 in.	5-9/9-1	Summer	Conard-Pyle	Star® Roses visit www.starroses.com for a garden center near you	New addition to the Sunblaze® series; bushier, more vigorous and slightly larger than traditional miniatures, about the size of a mum; 2-in. double bright-yellow flowers; rich-green foliage; an excellent rock garden rose, in containers or at the front of perennial beds; full sun; well-drained soil
Lime Sublime™ Floribunda	4 ft./4 ft.	5-9/9-1	Summer through autumn	Weeks Roses	Witherspoon Rose Culture www.witherspoonrose.com 919-489-4446	3-in. to 4-in. fragrant double flowers in key lime shade of cream; great for mass plantings, borders or as specimens; full sun; well-drained soil
Queen Mary 2™ Hybrid tea	3 ft./5 ft.	5-9/9-1	Spring to autumn	Conard-Pyle	Star® Roses visit www.starroses.com for a garden center near you	Released in honor of the Queen Mary 2 cruise ship; pure white flowers; perfect in the border, as an accent shrub or for cutting; fragrance will fill a room; full sun; well-drained soil
Sierra Skye™ Shrub	5 ft./5 ft.	4-9/9-1	Summer	Bailey Nurseries	Local garden centers	Fiery orange, fully double flowers; medium-green foliage; give it lots of space, its color and size will make it the star of the garden; in warmer areas it will be a vigorous climber; full sun; well-drained soil

BULBS

Bearded iris 'Fear Factor' <i>Iris</i> hybrid	32 in./18 in.	3-8/9-1	Summer	Comanche Acres Iris Garden	Comanche Acres Iris Garden www.comancheacres.com 816-424-6436	Ruffled and fluted, near-black with dark purple; burnt-brown beards; ramrod-stiff stalks stand straight up; 6-8 buds per branch; full sun; well-drained soil
Bearded iris 'Line of Fire' <i>Iris</i> hybrid	34 in./18 in.	3-8/9-1	Summer	Comanche Acres Iris Garden	Comanche Acres Iris Garden www.comancheacres.com 816-424-6436	Ruffled, deep-velour-red with bright-yellow beards; mild fragrance; 7-8 buds on a branch; full sun; well-drained soil
Tuberous begonia 'Nonstop® Deep Red' <i>Begonia</i> hybrid	12 in./24 in.	10-11/6-1	Summer	Benary Seed	Local garden centers	This newest addition to the Nonstop® series has 4 in. fully double flowers over bright green foliage; pinch back early to get best lateral branch growth for fullness; part shade; moist, well-drained soil
Dahlia 'Hootenanny' <i>Dahlia</i> hybrid	3 ft./48 in.	8-11/9-3	Midsummer to frost	Swan Island Dahlias	Swan Island Dahlias www.dahlias.com 800-266-7711	3-in. magenta flowers have a lighter "collar" around its dark center; deadhead to keep blooms coming; fertilize weekly with high-potassium liquid fertilizer from midsummer to early autumn; full sun; well-drained soil
Dahlia 'Loverboy' <i>Dahlia</i> hybrid	4 ft./48 in.	8-11/9-3	Midsummer to frost	Swan Island Dahlias	Swan Island Dahlias www.dahlias.com 800-266-7711	6-in. dark-red blossoms; long stems make this a great flower for cutting; deadhead to keep blooms coming; fertilize weekly with high-potassium liquid fertilizer from midsummer to early autumn; full sun; well-drained soil
Dahlia 'Outta Da Blue' <i>Dahlia</i> hybrid	30 in./36 in.	8-11/9-3	Midsummer to frost	Swan Island Dahlias	Swan Island Dahlias www.dahlias.com 800-266-7711	3-in. lavender-blue flowers with darker lavender on the back of petals; deadhead to keep blooms coming; fertilize weekly with high-potassium liquid fertilizer from midsummer to early autumn; full sun; well-drained soil
Lily, Asiatic 'Landini' <i>Lilium</i> hybrid	4 ft./12 in.	3-8/9-1	Midsummer	Van Bourgondien	Van Bourgondien www.dutchbulbs.com 800-622-9997	Dark deep-red flowers; sweet scent; wonderful for floral arrangements; full sun; well-drained soil
Lily, Oriental-trumpet 'American Sentinel' <i>Lilium</i> hybrid	5 ft./12 in.	5-8/9-1	Summer to early fall	White Flower Farm	White Flower Farm www.whiteflowerfarm.com 800-503-9624	Up to 20 8-in. bright-red and yellow blooms; heady fragrance; full sun with some afternoon shade; well-drained soil
Lily, Oriental-trumpet 'My Precious' <i>Lilium</i> hybrid	48 in./12 in.	3-9/9-1	Summer	B&D Lilies	B&D Lilies www.lilybulb.com 360-765-4341	Heavy, thick leaves and flower petals; rich, spicy scent; needs a little protection from afternoon sun in zone 9; full sun; well-drained soil

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Caryopteris Pink Chablis™ <i>Caryopteris xclandonensis</i> 'Durio'	12 to 18 in./30 in.	6-9/9-2	Late summer to autumn	Proven Winners	Klehm's Song Sparrow Nurseries www.klehm.com 800-553-3715	Masses of clear-pink flowers, something different for caryopteris; small size makes it great as an accent plant in a container; full sun to part shade; well-drained soil
Double hibiscus Flamenco Flame™ <i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i> 'MonHope'	7 ft./5 ft.	10-11/12-3	Summer to autumn	Monrovia nurseries	Local garden centers. Go to www.monrovia.com for a garden center near you	Very showy ruby-red double flowers; does well in containers and can be overwintered in colder areas; warm, sheltered site; full sun; well-drained soil
Dwarf Japanese marberry Midgee® <i>Ardisia japonica</i> 'Moncue'	12 in./24 in.	6-9/9-1	Summer	Monrovia nurseries	Local garden centers. Go to www.monrovia.com for a garden center near you	Low-spreading evergreen ground cover; shiny green leaves, chocolate-red in fall; flowers are insignificant; large bright-red berries late summer through winter; spreads by suckers, doesn't take foot traffic; part- to full shade, avoid afternoon sun; well-drained soil
Indian Hawthorn Spring Sonata™ <i>Raphiolepis indica</i>	4 ft./5 ft.	7-9/9-1	Midspring	Plant Development Services, Inc.	Local garden centers or www.plantsbymail.com	Stark white, billowy flowers bloom two weeks later than other varieties; excellent filler in the border; dense, glossy green foliage; very disease resistant; full sun to part shade; tolerates most soil conditions
Littleleaf mockorange June Bride™ <i>Philadelphus microphyllus</i>	6 ft./6 ft.	4-10/10-4	Spring	Utah's Choice/ Santa Fe Greenhouses	High Country Gardens www.highcountrygardens.com 800-925-9387	Bright-white flowers have a sweet fragrance; rich, brown exfoliating bark and small dark-green leaves give a fine-textured look; great companion with sumac or fallugia; full sun; slightly alkaline, well-drained soil
Magnolia Black Tulip™ <i>Magnolia xsoulangiana</i> 'JURmag1'	15 to 20 ft./6 to 10 ft.	5-9/9-4	Very early spring	Monrovia nurseries	Local garden centers. Go to www.monrovia.com for a garden center near you	Large, striking tulip-shaped deep-burgundy flowers; 4 in. by 6 in. leathery-green leaves; tolerates cold temperatures but needs protection from wind; perfect complement to azaleas, rhododendrons and camellias; full sun; well-drained soil
Ninebark Coppertina™ <i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> 'Minda'	8 to 10 ft./5 ft.	3- 7/8-1	Early summer	Proven Winners	Klehm's Song Sparrow Nurseries www.klehm.com 800-553-3715	Pink-white flowers; coppery orange foliage turns rich red in autumn; full sun to full shade; moist, well-drained, acid soil
Silk-tree 'Summer Chocolate' <i>Albizia julibrissin</i>	20 ft./15 ft.	6-10/9-1	Summer to autumn	Hines Horticulture	Local garden centers. Go to www.hineshort.com for a garden center near you	Stunning burgundy foliage keeps its color even in high heat and humidity; brushlike pink flowers have a sweet fragrance; arching habit and smaller size; full sun; well-drained soil
Snowberry Bright Fantasy™ <i>Symphoricarpos</i> 'Bokrabright'	3 to 5 ft./5 ft.	3-7/7-1	Late spring to summer	Monrovia Nurseries	Local garden centers. Go to www.monrovia.com for a	Grow for the extra large, clear white berries that last through winter; also comes in Scarlet Pearl™ with dark-pink fruit and Charming Fantasy™ with shell-pink fruit; great for hedges, garden center near you borders or as a specimen plant; flowers are produced on new wood, so prune in early spring; drought-resistant once established; full sun; tolerates any soil
Sweet pea shrub Petite Butterflies™ <i>Polygala fruticosa</i> 'MonMal'	4 ft./4 ft.	9-11/12-1	Spring through fall	Monrovia Nurseries	Local garden centers. Go to www.monrovia.com for a garden center near you	Vibrant sweet pealike purple and magenta flowers; South African shrub is evergreen in warmer climates; repeat bloomer gives continuous accent color; filtered sun; well-drained soil
Variegated brush cherry Lemon Swirl® <i>Eugenia myrtifolia</i> 'Variegata'	20 ft./10 ft.	9-11/12-1	Summer	Monrovia Nurseries	Local garden centers. Go to www.monrovia.com for a garden center near you	White feathery flowers followed by rose-purple fruit; full, dense, easily shaped foliage for hedges, topiary or specimen plant, new variety is glossy-green edged in creamy yellow, new growth is bronze-red; also identified as <i>Syzygium paniculatum</i> ; full to part sun; well-drained soil
Weigela 'Jitsuko's Gold' <i>Weigela florida</i>	6 ft./6 ft.	5-9/9-1	Late spring to early summer	Heronswood Nursery	Heronswood Nursery www.heronswood.com 360-297-4172	Rose-red flowers fade to pink-white as they age; flowers precede the golden foliage; full sun; well-drained soil