

Colorful Cool-Season Plants for Sunny Areas

Cool-season annual plants provide some warmth to the landscape as temperatures drop, providing a spectrum of colors that can increase aesthetic appeal when many of our favorite plants go dormant. These sun-loving annuals prefer the cooler temperatures found from fall to spring, offering a range of colors to get you through the wintertime blues. These plants perform exceptionally well in winter when provided sun, although several of them have a tolerance for a little bit of shade. Make sure to enjoy these plants during the winter season, because come spring, the rising temperatures signal the end of their survival. Soak up that cool-season sun with this list of plants, as this selection is sure to brighten up your garden during the gray of winter.



Calendula: *Calendula* hybrid

Various cultivars; edible

MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Round

ZONES: Annual

EXPOSURE: Full sun

SOIL: Well-drained



Columbine: *Aquilegia* hybrid

Various cultivars

MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Round

ZONES: Annual

EXPOSURE: Full to partial sun

SOIL: Well-drained



Dianthus: *Dianthus* hybrid

Various cultivars

MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Round

ZONES: Annual

EXPOSURE: Full sun

SOIL: Well-drained



Dusty Miller: *Jacobaea maritima*

Various cultivars

MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Round

ZONES: Annual

EXPOSURE: Full sun

SOIL: Well-drained



Foxglove: *Digitalis* hybrid

Various cultivars; pollinator attractor.

Plant parts are poisonous; do not ingest.

MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Upright

ZONES: Annual

EXPOSURE: Full to partial sun

SOIL: Well-drained



Lobelia: *Lobelia* hybrid

Various cultivars

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Nemesia: *Nemesia* hybrid

Various cultivars

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Ornamental Brassica:

Brassica sp.

Cabbage, kale, mustard varieties

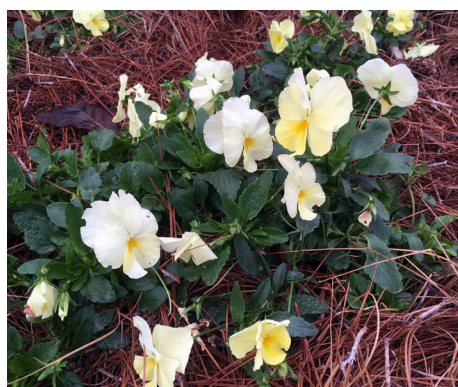
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SOIL: Well-drained



Pansy:

Viola hybrid

Various cultivars; edible

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Petunia: *Petunia* hybrid

Various cultivars

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Snapdragons: *Antirrhinum* hybrid

Various cultivars

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Sweet Alyssum: *Lobularia maritima*

Various cultivars

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Viola: *Viola* hybrid

Various cultivars; edible

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