

Sun-Loving Bedding Plants for the Warm Season

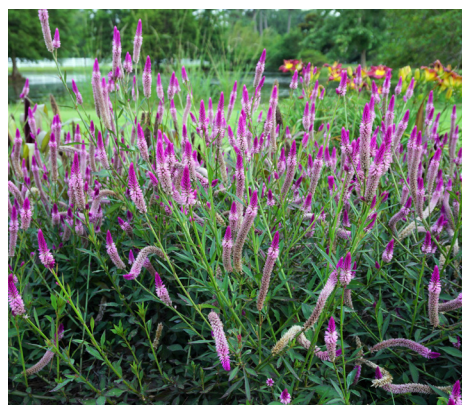
Are you in search of plants that can handle the summer heat? This selection of sun-loving plants will add color all summer long. Often considered as annuals, the plant material in this category can in fact be of any herbaceous botanical group, with several capable of withstanding winters. However, these annuals and tender perennials are most often used for one season, as they are intended to be planted and enjoyed for only the warmer portions of the year, typically spring through fall. In fact, most of our warm-season color thrives in the full Louisiana sun. As such, this list will highlight the best warm-season, sun-loving plantings for Louisiana gardens and landscapes.



Angelonia:
Angelonia angustifolia
MAINTENANCE: Low
FORM: Upright
ZONES: Annual
EXPOSURE: Full sun
SOIL: Well-drained



Ageratum: *Ageratum houstonianum*
 Pollinator attractor
MAINTENANCE: Low
FORM: Round
ZONES: Annual
EXPOSURE: Full sun
SOIL: Well-drained



Celosia: *Celosia* hybrid
 Pollinator attractor
MAINTENANCE: Low
FORM: Round to upright
ZONES: Annual
EXPOSURE: Full sun
SOIL: Well-drained



Cleome: *Cleome hassleriana*
 Pollinator attractor
MAINTENANCE: Low
FORM: Upright
ZONES: Annual
EXPOSURE: Full sun
SOIL: Well-drained



Coleus: *Coleus scutellarioides*

MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Round to upright

ZONES: Annual

EXPOSURE: Full to partial sun

SOIL: Well-drained



Euphorbia: *Euphorbia* hybrid

MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Round

ZONES: Annual

EXPOSURE: Full sun

SOIL: Well-drained



Evolvulus: *Evolvulus glomeratus*

Pollinator attractor

MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Spreading

ZONES: Annual

EXPOSURE: Full sun

SOIL: Well-drained



Lantana: *Lantana* hybrid

Hummingbird and pollinator attractor

MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Round to spreading

ZONES: Annual

EXPOSURE: Full sun

SOIL: Well-drained



Mandevilla: *Mandevilla* hybrid

Hummingbird attractor

MAINTENANCE: Medium for vining cultivars

FORM: Vining to upright

ZONES: Annual

EXPOSURE: Full sun

SOIL: Well-drained



Marigold: *Tagetes* hybrid

Pollinator attractor

MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Round

ZONES: Annual

EXPOSURE: Full sun

SOIL: Well-drained



Mexican Heather:

Cuphea hyssopifolia

Pollinator attractor
MAINTENANCE: Low
FORM: Round
ZONES: Annual
EXPOSURE: Full to partial sun
SOIL: Well-drained



Mexican Sunflower:

Tithonia rotundifolia

Pollinator attractor
MAINTENANCE: Low
FORM: Upright
ZONES: Annual
EXPOSURE: Full sun
SOIL: Well-drained



Moss Rose: *Portulaca grandiflora*

Pollinator attractor
MAINTENANCE: Low
FORM: Spreading
ZONES: Annual
EXPOSURE: Full to partial sun
SOIL: Well-drained

Ornamental Sweet Potato:

Ipomoea batatas

MAINTENANCE: Low
FORM: Spreading
ZONES: Annual
EXPOSURE: Full sun
SOIL: Well-drained



Purslane:

Portulaca oleracea

Pollinator attractor
MAINTENANCE: Low
FORM: Spreading
ZONES: Annual
EXPOSURE: Full sun
SOIL: Well-drained



Pentas: *Pentas lanceolata*

Pollinator attractor
MAINTENANCE: Low | **FORM:** Round | **ZONES:** Annual
EXPOSURE: Full sun | **SOIL:** Well-drained

Salvia: *Salvia* sp.
and hybrids

Hummingbird and
pollinator attractor

MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Upright to
round

ZONES: Annual

EXPOSURE: Full sun

SOIL: Well-drained



Scaevola:
Scaevola aemula

MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Spreading

ZONES: Annual

EXPOSURE: Full to
partial sun

SOIL: Well-drained

Sunflower:
Helianthus sp.

MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Upright

ZONES: Annual

EXPOSURE: Full sun

SOIL: Well-drained



Vinca:
Catharanthus roseus

MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Round

ZONES: Annual

EXPOSURE: Full sun

SOIL: Well-drained,
avoid overhead
irrigation

**Wax Leaf
Begonia:**
Begonia hybrid

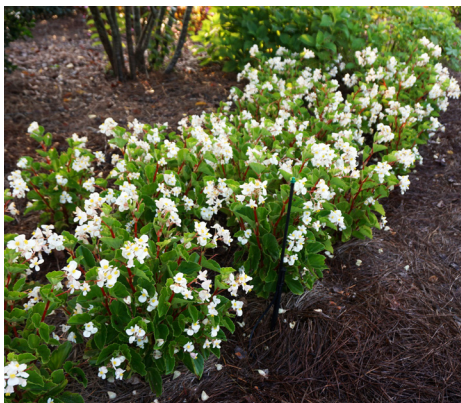
MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Round

ZONES: Annual

EXPOSURE: Full to
partial sun

SOIL: Well-drained



Zinnia:
Zinnia elegans

Pollinator attractor

MAINTENANCE:

Medium for cultivars
requiring dead heading

FORM: Upright to
round

ZONES: Annual

EXPOSURE: Full sun

SOIL: Well-drained

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