



## Top 20 Perennials for Sun

### Artemisia 'Powis Castle'

*Artemisia x 'Powis Castle'*    **Color:** N/A    **Blooms:** N/A    **Light:** Sun    **Height:** 36"    **Soil:** Poor Dry  
 Artemisias are great perennials for dry areas. Silver grey fine cut foliage makes a great accent plant with its high contrast. Can be planted in containers or in flower beds and borders.

### Aster, Hardy Blue

*Aster oblongifolius*    **Color:** Blue    **Blooms:** Fall    **Light:** Sun    **Height:** 36"-48"    **Soil:** Well Drained  
 Native. Strong, durable Texas perennial that is widely adapted. Lovely blue flowers will grow two to four feet high. Blooms late summer and into the fall season, attracting many varieties of native pollinators. Mature clumps can be easily divided in fall.

### Autumn Sage

*Salvia greggii*    **Color:** Mixed    **Blooms:** Spring to Fall    **Light:** Sun/Part Sun    **Height:** 36"    **Soil:** Well Drained  
 Native. Red, Pink, Coral, Purple, Yellow, and White flowers bloom all spring, and heavier in fall. Needs good drainage. Can be treated as a shrub where it is evergreen farther south, semi-evergreen in our area and returns each spring. Lightly shear between blooms.

### Blackeyed Susan 'Goldsturm'

*Rudbeckia fulgida 'Goldsturm'*    **Color:** Gold    **Blooms:** Summer    **Light:** Sun/Part Shade    **Height:** 24"-36"    **Soil:** Well Drained  
 Native. This selected, compact strain of the Texas perennial is fast becoming a favorite. Blooms mid to late summer with masses of golden, yellow black-eyed daisies. Spreads to form colonies. Sun loving and drought resistant, and very hardy.

### Blackfoot Daisy

*Melampodium leucanthum*    **Color:** White    **Blooms:** Spring/Summer    **Light:** Sun    **Height:** 12"-18"    **Soil:** Dry Well Drained  
 Native. This tough and very long blooming perennial forms short mounds of semi-trailing foliage covered in fragrant, white daisies most of the summer. Attracting butterflies and pollinators, it is ideal in rock gardens.

### Daylily 'Stella d'Oro'

*Hemerocallis x hybrida 'Stella d'Oro'*    **Color:** Gold    **Blooms:** Summer    **Light:** Sun/Part Sun    **Height:** 12"-20"    **Soil:** Moist Well Drained  
 A beautiful miniature daylily with yellow, fragrant flowers all summer, this dwarf variety is much shorter than other daylilies. Good for perennial borders for a softer look and containers.

### Flame Acanthus

*Anisacanthus wrightii*    **Color:** Red Orange    **Blooms:** Summer to Fall    **Light:** Sun/Part Sun    **Height:** 3'-4'    **Soil:** Well Drained  
 Native. Upright shrubby perennial with shiny green leaves, blooms reddish orange tubular flowers in summer. Hummingbirds simply love this plant. The delicate, airy foliage makes a good contrast in flower beds. Very tough and drought tolerant.

### Gaura, Lindheimer's

*Gaura lindheimeri*    **Color:** White    **Blooms:** Summer    **Light:** Sun    **Height:** 3'-4'    **Soil:** Well Drained  
 Native. Delicate white and pink flowers that look like butterflies. This perennial will bloom throughout summer and fall. Great for that English garden or wildflower meadow, where a blooming, softening effect is desired.

### Iris, Bearded

*Iris spp.*    **Color:** Varies    **Blooms:** Mid Spring    **Light:** Sun /Part Sun    **Height:** Varies    **Soil:** Well Drained  
 The bearded group of irises comes in several height classifications, but all are ideal, long lived perennials, with dramatic shows of large flowers in mid-spring. These make tough additions to any garden, and with their long, spiked leaves they offer much contrast to other foliage forms in perennial beds and borders. Really a great performer sited under deciduous trees.

### Lamb's Ear

*Stachys byzantina*    **Color:** Lavender    **Blooms:** Summer    **Light:** Sun/Part Sun    **Height:** 10"-18"    **Soil:** Well Drained  
 A wonderful, spreading groundcover that forms clumps of bright, silvery furred foliage. In summer, pink to lavender flower spikes appear, which can be removed if desired. Very drought tolerant, it appreciates ground level irrigation.

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## Lantana, Hardy

*Lantana camara*      **Color:** Yellow & Pink      **Blooms:** Summer to Fall      **Light:** Sun/Part Shade      **Height:** 3'-6'      **Soil:** Well Drained  
Native. This is the old fashioned hardy Lantana found in many country gardens. Covered all summer and fall with bright orange, pink and yellow flowers that attract butterflies very well. Easy to grow, long blooming, and extremely durable.

## Mexican Bush Sage

*Salvia leucantha*      **Color:** Purple & White      **Blooms:** Fall      **Light:** Sun/Part Shade      **Height:** 3'-4'      **Soil:** Well Drained  
Showy Salvia with purple and white bi-color blooms in late summer to fall, attracting bumblebees. Blooms are soft with a velvety look. Tolerates drought. Cut old stems to the ground after first frost. The dwarf cultivar 'Santa Barbara' grows 2'-3' tall. Mulch well in winter.

## Mexican Mint Marigold

*Tagetes lucida*      **Color:** Gold      **Blooms:** Fall      **Light:** Sun      **Height:** 24"-36"      **Soil:** Moist Well Drained  
Native. Sometimes called Texas Tarragon, this Texas herb has edible leaves with a pleasant, anise like aroma, making it a very usable substitute for tarragon. Bright golden yellow flowers are borne on top of plant in fall, attracting migrating butterflies. Morning sun is best.

## Phlox, Creeping

*Phlox subulata*      **Color:** Pink      **Blooms:** Spring      **Light:** Sun      **Height:** 4"      **Soil:** Well Drained  
Hardiest and most dependable of the creeping phlox varieties, this is the old fashioned light pink variety. With an evergreen mat of spiny foliage, it is great in rockeries, fronts of borders, or as a sunny ground cover.

## Phlox, Summer

*Phlox paniculata*      **Color:** Varies      **Blooms:** Summer      **Light:** Sun/Part Shade      **Height:** 18"-36"      **Soil:** Moist Well Drained  
This group of taller growing wildflowers have been developed for maximum height and long lasting color. Best in sun with good air circulation during warmer weather, Phloxes come in many colors and habits, and attract butterflies well along with hummingbirds.

## Purple Coneflower

*Echinacea purpurea*      **Color:** White or Purple      **Blooms:** Summer      **Light:** Sun/Part Shade      **Height:** 18"-24"      **Soil:** Well Drained  
Native. Very hardy summer bloomer with purple flowers, and white and other improved varieties exist. Great for cut flowers, it attracts native pollinators, especially butterflies, very well. Remove old flower heads to increase flowering.

## Ruellia 'Katie's Dwarf'

*Ruellia brittoniana 'Katie's'*      **Color:** Purple      **Blooms:** Summer      **Light:** Sun/Part Shade      **Height:** 8"      **Soil:** Moist Well Drained  
Durable variety of our native perennial that blooms purple flowers all summer. Low growing, makes great edger plant. Re-seeds and can be divided after first frost. Very adaptable, it tolerates wet, poorly drained clay soil, to heat and dryness. Mulch in winter.

## Skullcap

*Scutellaria suffrutescens*      **Color:** Pink      **Blooms:** Spring-Fall      **Light:** Sun/Part Shade      **Height:** 8"-10"      **Soil:** Well Drained  
Native. Hardy evergreen, mounding perennial with small leaves. It stays low, spreads wide and blooms heavily all summer. Purple and other colors exist. Great in rock gardens, borders and prairie lawns. Shear back to encourage re-bloom.

## Turk's Cap

*Malvaviscus arboreus drummondii*      **Color:** Red      **Blooms:** Summer-Fall      **Light:** Sun/Part Shade      **Height:** 2'-4'      **Soil:** Well Drained  
Native. Provide space for what may be our largest perennial, with bright green foliage great for lighting up shady areas, and long blooming red 'fez' shaped flowers May to November that attract hummingbirds and butterflies. The fruit that follows attracts birds.

## Yarrow

*Achillea spp.*      **Color:** Yellow      **Blooms:** Summer-Fall      **Light:** Sun/Part Shade      **Height:** 18"      **Soil:** Moist Well Drainage  
The grey-leafed yarrows of 'Moonshine' and these yarrows offer bright, yellow flat-topped flowers, held high above attractive, lacy gray green foliage, and are tougher and more drought tolerant than others. Blooming most of the summer, the flowers are good for cutting or drying.

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