

Plant Name	Type <sup>1</sup>	Flower Color	Bloom	Taste	Fragrance	Comments & Hints
<b>APRIL BLOOM</b>						
<i>Cercis Canadensis</i> - Redbud	P	Pink	April	Beanlike to tart apple	--	Native tree to U.S.; may be marginal in Colorado. Full sun to part shade; sandy loam; difficult to transplant.
<i>Brassica</i> spp. - Mustard	A	Yellow	April to May	Mustard, hot	--	Salad garnish. Watch for allergies.
<i>Muscari atlanticum</i> , <i>M. botryoides</i> - Grape hyacinth	P	Pink, blue	April to May	Grapey, slightly sour with bitter aftertaste.	Grapey	Bulb.
<i>Prunus</i> spp. - Plum	P	Pink to white	April to May	Mild, like flower nectar	Sweet	Petals candy well. Pits of mature fruit are poisonous.
<i>Syringa vulgaris</i> - Lilac	P	White, pink, purple, lilac	April to May	Perfume, slightly bitter	Lilac	Candies well. Prefers well-drained, alkaline soil; sun to part shade.
<i>Viola odorata</i> - Violet	P	Violet, pink, white	April to May	Sweet	Sweet	Ornamental. Candies well. Sun to part shade; moist, well-drained soil.
<i>Chrysanthemum leucanthemum</i> - Oxeye daisy	P	White/yellow center	April to August	Mild	--	Use as garnish or in salad. Full sun; rich, moist, well-drained soil, invasive.
<i>Tulbaghia ciolacea</i> - Society Garlic	A or TP	Lilac	Spring	Onion flavor	--	Best in full sun; tolerates part shade; prefers rich, moist, well-drained soil.
<i>Bellis perennis</i> - English daisy	P	White to purple petals	April to September	Mild to bitter	--	Use as garnish or in salads. Thrives in cold weather; prefers full sun, moist soil.
<b>MAY BLOOM</b>						
<i>Galium odoratum</i> - Sweet woodruff	P	White	May	Sweet, grassy, vanilla	Vanilla	Herb or ground cover. May be invasive; prefers shade. Can have a blood thinning effect if eaten in large quantities. It is considered liver toxic.
<i>Malus</i> spp. - Apple or crabapple	P	White to pink	May	Slightly floral to sour	Sweet floral	Petals may be candied. Seeds are poisonous. Specimen tree, prefers full sun, fertile soil.
<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i> - Chive	P	Lavender, red to purple	May to June	Onion, strong	Onion	Separate florets to serve. Forms clumps; part shade to full sun; indoors.
<i>Anthriscus cerefolium</i> - Chervil	A	White	May to June	Parsley-like, hint of citrus, tarragon	--	Start in cold frame.

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<i>Pisum sativum</i> - <b>Garden pea</b>	A	White, tinged pink	May to June	Raw peas	--	Vegetable. Prefers full sun; sandy, well-drained soil.
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i> - <b>Dandelion</b>	P	Yellow	May to June; fall	Bitter	--	Eat cooked only. Cool weather; full sun; tolerates wide range of soils.
<i>Rosa</i> spp. - <b>Rose</b>	P	White, pink, yellow, red, orange	May to June, September	Highly perfumed; sweet to bitter	Rose	Ornamental. Remove sour petal base. Full sun; rich, well-drained soil.
<i>Salvia officinalis</i> - <b>Garden sage</b>	P	Blue, purple, white, pink	May to July	Flowery sage, slightly musky	--	Herb. Full sun to light shade; sandy, well-drained soil; may be invasive.
<i>Viola x wittrockiana</i> - <i>Viola tricolor</i> - <b>Pansy or Johnny Jump-Up</b>	A	Violet, white, pink, yellow, multi-colored	May to July	Stronger than violets	--	Ornamental. Prefers cool weather; moist, rich, loamy soil but tolerates many soils.
<i>Tagetes erecta</i> - <b>African marigold</b>	A	White, gold, yellow, red	May to September	Variable; some cultivars are strong and bitter	Strong, pungent	Ornamental. Prefers full sun; well-drained soil.
<i>Tagetes tenuifolia</i> - <b>Signet marigold</b>	A	White, gold, yellow, red	May to September	Citrus; milder than <i>T. erecta</i>	--	Ornamental. Prefers full sun; well-drained soil but tolerates many soils.
<i>Eruca vesicaria</i> - <b>Rocket, arugula</b>	A	White	May to frost	Nutty, smoky, less piquant than leaves	--	Salad green. Sow continuously for harvest; full sun to light shade; well-drained soil.
<b>JUNE BLOOM</b>						
<i>Borago officinalis</i> - <b>Borage</b>	A	Blue, purple to lavender	June to July	Cucumber	--	Use as garnish; may be candied. Full sun; light, poor, dry soil. Attracts bees.
<i>Hemerocallis fulva</i> - <b>Daylily</b>	P	Tawny orange	June to July	Cooked, combination of asparagus/zucchini	--	All parts are edible. Full to part shade; easy to grow. Many Lilies contain alkaloids and are NOT edible. Day Lilies may act as a diuretic or laxative; eat in moderation.
<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i> - <b>Lavender</b>	P	Lavender, purple, pink, white	June to early August	Highly perfumed	Floral	Taste may be very strong depending on the plant.

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<b><i>Brassica</i> spp. Broccoli, cauliflower</b>	B (grown as A)	Buds: blue-green; yellow flower, white buds in cauliflower	June to August	Broccoli	--	Vegetable. Prefers full sun; rich, well-drained soil. Sow indoors six weeks prior to transplant.
<b><i>Calendula officinalis</i> - Calendula, pot marigold</b>	A	Yellow, gold/orange	June to August	Tangy and peppery	--	Ornamental. Dries well. Prefers cool weather; rich loam; direct sow.
<b><i>Dianthus</i> spp. - Dianthus or pinks</b>	P	Pink, white and red	June to August	Spicy, cloves	Some varieties are spicier	Ornamental. Tolerates wide range of soils; full sun.
<b><i>Origanum majorana</i> - Marjoram</b>	TP	Pale pink	June to August	Spicy, sweet	--	Herb. Prefers full sun and dry, alkaline, well-drained soil.
<b><i>Origanum</i> spp. - Oregano</b>	P	White	June to August	Spicy, pungent-like leaves	--	Herb. Prefers full sun and dry, alkaline, well-drained soil.
<b><i>Trifolium pratense</i> - Red clover</b>	P	Pink, lilac	June to September	Hay	Hay	Scatter florets on salad. Tolerates most soils; self-sows.
<b><i>Anethum graveolens</i> - Dill</b>	A	Yellow	June to frost	Stronger than leaves	Dill	Re-sows readily, tolerates poor soil but prefers well-drained soil; full sun.
<b><i>Coriandrum sativum</i> - Coriander</b>	A	White	June to frost	Like leaf but milder	Fragrant	Herb. Sow continuously for several harvests; sun; rich, well-drained soil.
<b><i>Anthemis nobilis</i> - English chamomile</b>	P	White petals; yellow center	Late June to frost	Sweet apple flavor	--	Ragweed sufferers may be allergic to chamomile; drink no more than one cup of tea per day. Prefers moist, well-drained soil; full sun to part shade.
<b>JULY BLOOM</b>						
<b><i>Yucca filamentosa</i> - Yucca</b>	P	Creamy white with purple tinge	July	Hint of artichoke, slightly bitter	--	Ornamental. Full sun; well-drained, sandy soil.
<b><i>Begonia x tuberhybrida</i> - Tuberous begonia</b>	TP	White, pink, yellow, red, orange and combinations	July to August	Citrus	--	Grow indoors or out; dig tubers each fall, just after frost and store; prefers moist, fertile soil; part to full shade. Only hybrids are edible.
<b><i>Cucurbita</i> spp. - Squash or pumpkin</b>	A	Orange, yellow	July to August	Mild, raw squash	Slightly floral	Vegetable. Enrich soil with compost; prefers full sun.
<b><i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> - Fennel</b>	P	Pale yellow	July to August	Licorice, milder than leaves, sweet	--	Tolerates wide range of soils; part shade to full sun.

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<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i> - <b>Rose-of-Sharon</b>	P	Red, white, purple, violet	July to August	Mild, nutty	--	Shrub. Prefers well-drained soil; full sun to part shade; deadhead to keep blooming.
<i>Melissa officinalis</i> - <b>Lemon Balm</b>	P	Creamy white	July to August	Lemony, sweet	Lemon	Herb. May be invasive.
<i>Monarda didyma</i> - <b>Bergamot, bee balm, Oswego tea</b>	P	Red, pink, white, lavender	July to August	Tea-like, more aromatic than leaves	Sweet, perfumed	Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies; part shade to full sun; prefers moist, rich soil. Powdery mildew when grown in part shade.
<i>Phaseolus coccineus</i> - <b>Scarlet runner bean</b>	TP	Bright orange to scarlet	July to August	Raw bean but milder	--	Vegetable. Flower crunchy; use in salad.
<i>Poterium sanguisorba</i> - <b>Burnet</b>	P	Red	July to August	Cucumber	--	Salad herb. May be invasive; tolerates wide range of soil; sun or part shade.
<i>Satureja hortensis</i> - <b>Summer savory</b>	A	Pink	July to August	Mildly peppery, spicy	--	Herb. Prefers full sun; light, sandy soil.
<i>Satureja montana</i> - <b>Winter Savory</b>	P	Pale blue to purple	July to August	Mildly peppery, spicy	--	Herb. Prefers full sun; light, sandy soil.
<i>Thymus</i> spp. - <b>Thyme</b>	P	Pink, purple, white	July to August	Milder than leaves	--	Herb. Most creeping thymes have little flavor.
<i>Tropaeolum majus</i> - <b>Nasturtium</b>	A	Varies	July to August	Watercress, peppery	--	Container or in salads. Grow in full sun and well-drained soil.
<i>Mentha</i> spp. - <b>Mint</b>	P	Lavender, pink to white	July to September	Minty; milder than leaves	Fresh, minty	Herb. May be invasive; tolerates a wide range of soils; prefers part shade.
<i>Hyssopus officinalis</i> - <b>Hyssop</b>	P	Blue, pink, white	July to October	Bitter; similar to tonic	--	Used to flavor chartreuse, a liqueur; strong flavor. Prefers part shade and well-drained soil.
<i>Agstache foeniculum</i> - <b>Anise hyssop</b>	P	Lavender	July to frost	Strong anise, sweet, licorice	--	May die back to the ground; readily re-sows; full sun to light shade; well-drained soil.
<i>Alcea rosea</i> - <b>Hollyhock</b>	P	Various	July to frost	Little, slightly bitter	--	Best as a garnish or container for dip. Full sun to light shade.
<i>Cichorium intybus</i> - <b>Chicory</b>	P	Blue to lavender	July to frost	Pleasant, mild-bitter similar to endive	--	Considered a weed. Grows in most soils; sun to shade; invasive.
<i>Ocimum basilicum</i> - <b>Basil</b>	A	White to pale pink	July to frost	Milder than leaves, spicy	--	Sow continuously for several harvests; well-drained rich soil; full sun.

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<i>Abelmoschus esculentus</i> - <b>Okra, gumbo, gombo</b>	A	Yellow, red	Mid-July to August	Mild, sweet and slightly mucilaginous	--	Full sun, hot weather; prefers clay to clay loam.
<b>AUGUST BLOOM</b>						
<i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i> - <i>Hibiscus</i> , <i>China rose</i> , <i>Rose-of-China</i>	P	Orange, red or purplish red	Late summer	Citrus/cranberry flavor	--	Subtropical tree but may be grown indoors. Used in many tea flavorings.
<i>Carthamus tinctorius</i> - <b>Safflower, American, saffron</b>	A	Yellow to deep red	August	Bitter flavor	--	May impart yellow color to cooked foods. Full sun; light, dry, well-drained soil; start indoors and transplant.
<i>Levisticum officinale</i> - <b>Lovage</b>	B	Yellow, white	August	Mild celery	--	Herb.
<i>Chrysanthemum coronarium</i> - <b>Garden chrysanthemum, shungiku</b>	P	Yellow to white	August to October	Mild	--	Ornamental. Full sun; rich, moist, well-drained soil.
<i>Dendranthema x grandiflorum</i> - <b>Chrysanthemum</b>	P	Red, yellow, pink, orange, purple, white	August to October	Varieties differ, strong to bitter	Pungent	Ornamental. Full sun; rich, moist, well-drained soil.
<i>Allium tuberosum</i> <b>Garlic chive</b>	P	White	August to frost	Onion, strong	Onion	Separate florets to serve. Partial shade to full sun; also indoors.
<b>SEPTEMBER BLOOM</b>						
<i>Rosa</i> spp. - <b>Rose</b>	P	White, pink, yellow, red, orange	May to June, September	Highly perfumed; sweet to bitter	Rose	Ornamental. Remove sour petal base. Full sun; rich, well-drained soil.
<i>Salvia elegans</i> - <b>Pineapple sage</b>	TP	Scarlet	September	Pineapple/sage overtones	--	Herb. Prefers full sun; light, well-drained soil; may be invasive.
<i>Cynara scolymus</i> - <b>Artichoke</b>	A	Immature head: green	Fall	Artichoke	--	Prefers rich soil, abundant moisture; propagate from division for annual harvest.
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i> - <b>Dandelion</b>	P	Yellow	May to June; fall	Bitter	--	Eat cooked only. Cool weather; full sun; tolerates wide range of soils.
<i>Citrus limon</i> - <b>Lemon</b>	P	White	Varies with variety	Citrus, slightly bitter	Sweet floral	Subtropical tree but may be grown indoors.

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VARIOUS BLOOM						
<i>Citrus sinensis</i> - Orange	P	White	Varies	Citrus, sweet/strong	Perfume, sweet	Subtropical tree but may be grown indoors.
<i>Pelargonium</i> spp. - Scented Geranium	TP	White, red, pink, purple	Varies	Like variety selected, e.g., rose, lemon; varies	Mild	Ornamental. Prefers full sun; light, dry well-drained soil.
<i>Feijoa sellowiana</i> - Pineapple Guava	P	White to deep pink	Grow indoors	Floral flavor; papaya or exotic melon	--	Grow indoors in a greenhouse. Rich, well-drained soil; full sun-light shade.
<i>Gladiolus</i> spp. - Gladiolus	TP	Various except true blue	6-8 weeks after planting	Mediocre	--	Best as a container for garnish or dips or spreads.
<i>Raphanus sativus</i> - Radish	A	White, pink, yellow after planting	One month	Spicy	--	Prefers full sun; well-drained, sandy soil but will grow in almost any soil.
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> - Rosemary	TP	Pale blue, dark blue, pink, white	Depends on cultivar	Mild rosemary	Delicate	Herb. Do not cook flower. Tolerates full sun to part shade; well-drained, evenly moist soil.

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