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ANEMONE or WINDFLOWER	<i>Anemone</i>	Part sun to full shade Cool, humus-rich soil	2.5' to 3'	Early fall	Single or double white, warm rose, pink, blue	Bridges gap between summer blooms and fall mums.	<div>Excellent for cutting Plants mature fully in 2-3 years Water liberally during hot dry weather.</div>
  							
ASTER or MICHELMAS DAISY	<i>Asteraceae</i>	Full sun or Part shade	1' to 3'	Summer or fall	White, pink, blue, lavender, variegated	Fall blooming along with garden mums	<div>Large variety of cultivars All with gold “orange-yellow” centres</div>
  							







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ASTILBE	<i>Saxifraceae</i>	Shade to part shade Likes moist soil.	12" to 36"	Summer	White, pink, red, coral purples Delicate airy foliage	Dried flower heads can add winter interest and shape.	Showy plume-like flower Can be dried for floral arrangements.
							
BABY'S BREATH	<i>Gypsophyla paniculata</i>	Full sun Alkaline, well-drained soil	18 " to 3' high by 1' to 3' wide	All summer	White, pink	A must for cut floral arrangements and as dried flower too	
							With elegant, loose, billowy panicles of tiny 1/4 inch single or double white flowers, baby's breath provides a lightness and airiness to a flower garden, a nice contrast to coarser textures around it. Low maintenace, no deadheading, pest and drought tolerant Dwarf varieties also available









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<b>BEEBALM or BERGAMOT</b>	<i>Monarda</i>	Sun to light shade	36" to 48"	Summer to fall	White, pink, red, purple	Mint scent attracts butterflies & hummingbirds	 <p>Good background plant because of height</p>
<b>BERGENIA</b>	<i>Saxifragaceae</i>	Part sun to shade	15" to 18"	Spring	White, pink, red	Dainty flowers are held high above the plant. Reddish bronze leaves in fall	
						<p>Large waxy leaves nice contrast with delicate leaves of many plants listed here</p>	



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BLACK-EYED SUSAN	<i>Rudbeckia</i>	Full sun	2' to 4'	All summer	Bright, deep golden yellow, orange, red, bronze	Attractive petals surround prominent dark cone	Excellent cut flowers
							
							
BLEEDING HEART	<i>Dicentra</i>	Part shade to full shade	6" to 2.5'	Spring to summer	White, pink, red, fuchsia	Special varieties: gold leaved, diminutive, blue-green leaved	Many cultivars, all as beautiful as the original old-fashioned bleeding heart
							
							









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BUGBANE	<i>Cimicifuga</i>	Part shade	3' to 6'	July-October, depending on variety	White “candles” held high above the plant	Good plant for the back of the garden	<div>White flowers stand out in the evening.</div>
							
CAMPANULA or BELL-FLOWER	<i>Campanulaceae</i>	Sun to part sun	4" to 3'	Early to mid-summer	White, pink, blue, purple	Adds a touch of blue. Bell-shaped flowers	
							<div>From creeping mats for front of garden to tall uprights for back of border Hardy plants, very showy Smaller varieties can be cut back after blooming to encourage re-blooming.</div>







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CHRYSANTHEMUM	Asteraceae	Sun	1" to 2'	Late summer, early fall	So many colours and bloom forms	For fall interest and colour	Do not overcrowd for healthier plants
							
COLUMBINE, or GRANNY'S BONNET	Aquilegia	Part shade to shade Likes moist soil	6" to 18"	Spring to early summer	Many colours, Some are bi-colours, or with contrasting centres	Delicate blooms on a delicate lacy foliage	
							A Canadian woodland native with many cultivars Hardy





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COREOPSIS	Asteraceae	Sun to part shade	18" to 32"	All summer	Yellow shades, some with brown centres	Very fine, delicate foliage, Nice contrast with coarser- leaved plants	Long bloomer Attracts bees
							
DAYLILLY	Hemerocallis	Sun to part shade Happiest in sun	6" to 48"	Late spring summer and into fall	All colours!	Cultivars include re-blooming, or fragrant flowers Hardy, easy to grow	Avoid use of <i>Hemerocallis Fulva</i> , the common orange daylily; it is a survivor and will overtake any hybrids. It is invasive!
							



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DELPHINIUM or LARKSPUR	<i>Delphinium</i>	Full sun	2' to 6'	Summer	White, pinks, blues, purple, violet	'Magic Fountains' cultivar only 2' tall No staking !	English cottage garden plant Spiky accent Many blue shades
							
DIANTHUS	<i>Caryophyllaceae</i>	Sun	4" to 12"	Summer	White, pinks, fuchsia, variegated	Some are highly FRAGRANT (spicy carnation) Can perfume an entire garden in the evening!	
							Smaller plants form well-behaved, rounded hummocks. Dainty flowers float above stems on smaller plants, covering the plant in blooms. Sweet Williams are true to their name as they are fragrant mid-sized plants.









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EVENING PRIMROSE or SUNDROPS	<i>Oenothera tetragona</i>	Sun	18" to 24"	Early to late summer	White, pink, yellow	Satiny, poppy-like flowers	Each flower lasts only one day but re-blooms over a long season.
							
FERN	<i>Pterydophyta</i>	Part shade to full shade Likes moist soil.	10" to 4'	All seasons	A foliage plant	A texture companion and contrast for Hostas	
			Huge variety from the diminutive “Fluffy Ruffles” to the tall regal or arching varieties				



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GERANIUM, Hardy or CRANESBILL	<i>Geranium</i>	Sun to deep shade Prefers moist organic soil.	From minis at 5" to very large, up to 4'!	Spring to fall	Many shades of pinks, blues, purple, fuchsia	Blooms constantly, especially if trimmed back after spring bloom. Foliage turns red in fall.	English country garden plant Avoid large varieties, as they get floppy. A different plant from <i>Pelargonium</i> , the common annual geranium!
							
GRASSES, Ornamental, SEDGES	Many cultivars: <i>miscanthus</i> , <i>fescues</i> , <i>pennisetum</i> , <i>carex</i>	From full sun to full shade	Many sizes	All seasons	Blue, red, yellow, or variegated	Winter seed heads interest Wide variety of foliage Large group of foliage plants A must for every garden!	Special specimens: <i>Blue Fescue</i> -blue, full sun <i>Japanese Blood Grass</i> -deep red tender/full sun <i>Hakonechlea</i> -bright yellow, spectacular in dark, shady corners
							





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HELLEBORUS	<i>Ranunculaceae</i>	Sun to dappled shade	1.5'	Spring to early summer	White, cream, pink, purple, green	Long-lasting flowers	 <p>Protect feet in winter!</p>
HEUCHERA or CORAL BELLS	<i>Saxifragaceae</i>	Sun to part shade	About 12" to 24" including blooms	Early to mid- summer	White, pinks, reds	Flowers float above the plant. Variety of showy leaf colours	
							<p>Attractive to bees &amp; hummingbirds Some varieties have good fall colour of leaves.</p>



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HOSTA	<i>Liliaceae</i>	Sun or shade cultivars	From minis at 3" to giants up to 4'	Mid to late summer	White, blue, purple Bloom is secondary to attractive foliage.	Interest is in the leaves: can be yellow, bluish, blue-green, or variegated So many varieties!	Valuable structural plant Sun-loving Hostas are in the yellow to greens, whereas the bluish-grey tones love shade. Huge variety of leaf shapes, sizes, textures, puckered, variegated, edgings Cut back spent flower stems.
							
HYDRANGEA	<i>Hydrangea</i>	Full sun to part shade	Up to 6'	Late summer to fall	White, changing to pink, then to tan blooms	Blooms can remain on plant though the winter adding interest in the garden.	Elegant cut or dried flower
							






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IRIS	<i>Iridaceae</i>	Sun	From minis at 3" to 2' tall	Late spring to early summer	All colours and bi-colours	Good cut flower So many varieties!	Must be dead-headed. Good cut flower
							
JACOB'S LADDER	<i>Polemonium</i>	Partial to full shade Well-drained soil	18" to 36"	Late spring to early summer	White, pink, blue	A structural & foliage plant	Variegated specimen is less hardy but smaller and attractive.
							







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LAMIUM	Habiatæ	Sun to part shade	8" to 24"	Spring to summer	White, pink, mauve yellow	Leaf interest: lime green, white & green variegated Variety of cultivars	Groundcover Slow spreader Can be kept in check by light shearing.
							
LAVENDER	Lavandula	Full sun	1.5'	All summer	Many shades of blue spikes Grey-green fine leaves	Enhances pinks & other colours	Hardy, semi-woody stems need to be cut back to live new growth in spring. Crushed flowers and leaves yield the true lavender fragrance.
							





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LUNGWORT	<i>Pulmonaria</i>	Full shade to part shade Normal to moist soil	10" to 12"	Early to late spring	Blue, pink	Spotted, silvery-green leaves A foliage plant but flowers are nice too!	Variety of cultivars
							
LUPINE	<i>Lupinus</i>	Full sun to part shade Cool acidic soil	2' to 3'	Early summer	Many enchanting colours and bicolours	Showy flower spikes are long-lasting.	Plants look best in second year of growth.
							



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MONKSHOOD, ACONITE, or WOLF'S BANE	<i>Aconitum</i>	Full sun to light shade	3' to 4'	Mid-summer to late fall	White, pink, vivid blue	Blooms for as long as two months!	Good upright spike accent at back of garden Sap is poisonous!
							
PEONY	<i>Paeonia</i>	Full sun to part shade Rich, well-drained soil	2' to 4'	Classic late spring bloomers	White, crimson, pink, red, coral, bicolours	Single, semi-double or double beautiful cut flowers Many are fragrant.	
					Fern-leaved peony cultivar (to the far left) has very soft- textured fine leaves. Plants need very little care other than support. Will mature in 2 to 3 years. Very long-lived		





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PHLOX	<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	Full sun to part shade	30" to 36"	Mainstay of late summer garden	White, pink, red, violet-blue	Huge clusters of sweetly-scented flowers from early summer through fall	Plants need proper air flow to prevent powdery mildew. Avoid crowding. Reaches maturity in about 2 years. Exceptional cut flowers
							
POPPY	<i>Papaver orientalis</i>	Full sun to part shade	16" to 4'	May - June	Scarlet, orange, white, rose, crimson, salmon	Striking translucent, crinkled paper texture	
							Short-lived blooms but oh so pretty!!







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PURPLE CONEFLOWER	Echinacea	Full sun to part shade Good drainage	2' to 5'	Long-blooming from July to September	Reddish-purple, white 3' to 4' across	Daisy-like petals curve back to expose a quill-like, golden crimson cone in the centre.	Both flowers and dried seed heads are valuable for arranging.
							
SALVIA or SAGE	Salvia	Sun to light shade Good drainage	18" to 48"	Mid-summer to fall	White, pink, red, purple, blue	If salvia is cut back after flowering, it may re-bloom.	Flawless blooms Upright spikes are stunning accents.
							









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SAXIFRAGE	<i>Saxifraga</i>	Light to deep shade Cool moist soil	18" to 24"	Varies by species	White, pink, red	Nice texture contrast	Low-growing mounding plant
							
SCABIOSA	<i>Scabiosa</i>	Full sun	12" to 24"	Early summer to early fall	White, pink, lavender, blue, yellow	Blooms for 3 months or more.	Easy to grow Attracts bees and butterflies.
							



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SEA LAVENDER	<i>Limonium</i>	Full sun	24" to 30"	Mid to late summer	White, lavender, purple	Mass of billowing blossoms	<p>Once planted, do not disturb the deep root, or else it will be <i>fatally upset!</i></p>
							
SEDUM or STONECROP	<i>Sedum</i>	Full sun to partial shade	2" to 2'	Summer	White, pink, red, yellow	Fall bloom interest	<p>A tough groundcover with dense creeping mat or upright sturdy plants Bloom colours change as season progresses.</p>
							












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SHASTA DAISY	<i>Levianthemum</i>	Full sun to partial shade	8'' to 48''	Early summer to fall	White Yellow	Perfect resting place for feeding butterflies	Many sizes and varieties from dwarf to GIANTS
							
SOLOMON'S SEAL	<i>Polygonatum</i>	Partial to light shade	18'' to 24''	2-3 weeks in spring or early summer	White, graceful, arching, dangling flowers	Green leaves turn bright yellow in fall Mainly a foliage plant	
			Native to N. American woodlands Also available in variegated cultivar but not as aggressive nor as hardy, but very nice				



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SPURGE	<i>Euphorbia</i>	Full sun to lght shade	12" to 36'	For 3-4 weeks early to mid-summer	Orange or yellow blooms	Upright or in mounding clumps.	Foliages in bronze and variegated Has a bad tasting milky sap that can be disagreeable!	
								
SUN ROSE or ROCK ROSE	<i>Helianthemum</i>	Full sun to part shade	4" to 18"	Late spring to early summer	White, pink, red, orange, yellow	Hundreds of cultivars to choose from		A low-growing, spreading plant
								





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SUNFLOWER	<i>Helianthus</i>	Full Sun	4' to 6'!	Late summer to late fall	Yellows, oranges, and reds	Provides a great backdrop.	<p>The cheeriest of flowers for late summer gardens Many different garden cultivars all related to the "Sunflower Seeds" plant Taller plants will become "leggy." Place at back of garden.</p>
							
TORCHLILY	<i>Kniphofia</i>	Full sun to part shade	18" to 48"	Spring through summer	Cream, yellow, orange, red	Visited by hummingbirds.	
						May not be as hardy for our zone.	



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TRADESCANTIA or WIDOW'S TEARS	<i>Tradescantia</i>	Full sun to part shade	12" to 24"	3 months	White, pink, red, purple, blue flowers	Produces a succession of one-day flowers over a long period.	<p>Foliage also in bright yellow or variegated Look for a cultivar that blooms non-stop throughout the summer.</p>
   	 						
TRILLIUM	<i>Trillium</i>	Partial to full shade	12" to 18"	2-3 weeks in early spring	White, pink, burgundy red, yellow	Purchase only cultivars that are propagated stock; wild trillium is a protected plant in Ontario.	<p>Ideal for a shady undisturbed part of the garden</p>
  							



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TURTLEHEAD	<i>Chelone</i>	Full sun to part shade Moist soil	18" to 36"	Late summer to early fall	White, pink, red	A native North American wild flower	Must be kept moist at all times.
							
VERBENA or VERVAIA	<i>Verbena</i>	Full sun to light shade	6" to 18"	Early summer to mid-fall	White, pink, red, purple	Often grown as an annual.	Avoid tall growing, fast- spreading Brazilian Verbena.
							

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VERONICA or SPEEDWELL	<i>Veronica</i>	Full sun to part shade	8" to 30"	Throughout the summer	Many shades of blue, pink, purple or white	Adds a "spikey" vertical accent to garden texture. Long-lasting bright display	<p>Many cultivars Easy to grow, forming dense clumps Deadhead to encourage re-blooming.</p>
							
VIRGINIA BLUEBELLS	<i>Mertensia virginica</i>	Full sun to shade Moist well- drained soil	1' to 2'	Plants emerge very early spring.	Nodding blue bells open from pink buds.	Plant will <i>disappear</i> for the summer once it has finished blooming.	<p>Excellent companion plant for daffodils Plant them in a spot where you will not accidentally dig into them!</p>
							



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WALLFLOWER	Erysimum	Full sun to part shade	6" to 10"	3-4 weeks Spring to early summer	White, red, purple, yellow, orange	May not be winter hardy here. Plant in a protected area with snow cover.	<div>Prune back hard after blooming.</div>
							
WILD GINGER	Asarum	Partial to deep shade Moist Soil	4" to 9"	Strictly a foliage plant	Light and dark green leaves Some are variegated.	Very tough, slow growing	
							<div>Makes a perfect carpet of foliage in dark spots.</div>

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YARROW	<i>Achillea</i>	Full sun	1' to 3'	Early spring to late fall	White, pink, salmon, yellow	Blooms for 3 months or more. Foliage fine, and fern-like	<p>Fast-growing Can form dense mound As stems becme "leggy", in late season, plant behind other lower plants. Colour of blooms changes over summer.</p>
