

Bloom Times For Perennials

Here's a month-to-month list of perennials and their bloom times for the Southeast Wisconsin zone supplied by educational horticulturist Zannah Crowe at Heyden's Gardens in Cedarburg. All plants listed can be purchased from your local garden center.



MARCH/APRIL

- Early season bulbs such as glory-of-the-snow (*Chionodoxa*), snowdrops (*Galanthus*), winter aconite (*Eranthus*), striped squill (*Puschkinia*) and crocus (*Crocus*) will often bloom right through the snow and are a valuable addition to the growing season. ☼ to ☽
- Lenten rose (*Helleborus*) ☽
- Prairie smoke (*Geum*) ☼



MAY

- Bugleweed (*Ajuga*) ☽
- False forget-me-not (*Brunnera*) ☽
- Perennial bachelor button (*Centaurea*) ☼
- Bleeding heart (*Dicentra*/
Lamprocapnos) ☼ to ☽
- Barrenwort (*Epimedium*) ☽ to ☽
- Shooting star (*Dodecatheon*) ☼
- Cushion spurge (*Euphorbia*) ☼
- Virginia bluebells (*Mertensia*) ☽
- Peony (*Paeonia*) ☼
- Creeping phlox (*Phlox subulata*) ☼
- Merry-bells (*Uvularia*) ☽ to ☽



JUNE

- Yarrow (*Achillea*) ☼
- Bluestar (*Amsonia*); also nice golden fall color ☼

- Goatsbeard (*Aruncus*) ☼
- Columbine (*Aquilegia*) ☼
- False Indigo (*Baptisia*) ☼
- Bellflower (*Campanula*) ☼
- Tickseed (*Coreopsis*) ☼
- Dianthus (*Dianthus*); deadhead for extended bloom ☼
- Blanketflower (*Gaillardia*); deadhead for extended bloom ☼
- Perennial geranium (*Geranium*) ☼ to ☽
- Shasta daisy (*Leucanthemum*); deadhead for extended bloom ☼
- Summer phlox (*Phlox paniculata*) ☼
- Balloon flower (*Platycodon*) ☼
- Salvia (*Salvia*); shear back after blooming for repeat bloom ☼ to ☽
- Veronica (*Veronica*) ☼



JULY

- Yarrow (*Achillea*); deadhead for extended bloom ☼
- Anise hyssop (*Agastache*) ☼
- Lady's mantle (*Alchemilla*) ☽
- Ornamental onions (*Allium*) ☼
- Butterflyweed (*Asclepias*) ☼
- Masterwort (*Astrantia*) ☼
- Astilbe (*Astilbe*) ☽
- Tickseed (*Coreopsis*) ☼
- Clematis (*Clematis*) ☽
- Delphinium (*Delphinium*) ☼
- Catmint (*Nepeta*); shear back after first bloom to refresh foliage and encourage rebloom ☼

- Calamintha (*Calamintha*) ☼
- Dianthus (*Dianthus*) ☼
- Purple coneflower (*Echinacea*) ☼
- Blanketflower (*Gaillardia*); deadhead for extended bloom ☼
- Perennial geranium (*Geranium*) ☼ to ☽
- Daylily (*Hemerocallis*) ☼
- Shasta daisy (*Leucanthemum*); deadhead for extended bloom ☼
- Gayfeather/blazing star (*Liatris*) ☼
- Cardinal flower (*Lobelia*) ☼
- Bee balm (*Monarda*) ☼
- Beardtongue (*Penstemon*) ☼
- Summer phlox (*Phlox paniculata*); deadhead for extended bloom ☼
- Balloon flower (*Platycodon*); deadhead for extended bloom ☼
- Betony (*Stachys*) ☼
- Veronica (*Veronica*); deadhead for extended bloom ☼



AUGUST

- Windflower (*Anemone*) ☽
- Astilbe (*Astilbe*) ☽
- Purple prairie clover (*Dalea*) ☼
- Catmint (*Nepeta*) ☼
- Calamintha (*Calamintha*) ☼
- Black-eyed-Susan (*Rudbeckia*); deadhead for extended bloom ☼
- Bee balm (*Monarda*) ☼
- Salvia (*Salvia*); if cut back after first bloom ☼ to ☽
- Culver's root (*Veronicastrum*) ☼ to ☽



SEPTEMBER

- Monkshood (*Aconitum*) ☼
- Aster (*Aster/Symphyotrichum*) ☼
- Turtlehead (*Chelone*) ☽
- Perennial mums (*Dendranthema*) ☼
- Catmint (*Nepeta*) ☼
- Calamintha (*Calamintha*) ☼
- Hardy mums (*Dendranthema*) ☼
- Joe-pye-weed (*Eupatorium*/
Eutrochium) ☼
- Hardy hibiscus (*Hibiscus*) ☼
- Yellow wax bells (*Kirengeshoma*) ☽
- Ornamental grasses (*Miscanthus*/
Panicum/Calamagrostis) ☼
- Russian sage (*Perovskia*) ☼
- Sedum (*Sedum*) ☼
- Toad lily (*Tricyrtis*) ☽
- Ironweed (*Vernonia*) ☼



OCTOBER

- Depending on how early we get a hard freeze, many of plants blooming in September will continue to bloom into October.

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To see Zannah Crowe's month-by-month photos of her perennial blooms, go to mkifestyle.com