

Heat tolerant Plants

Summer

Here are a just few suggestions for bright colourful summer flower beds, containers and baskets that are now available.

Low growing ornamentals (under 2 feet)

MEXICAN HEATHER: a small shrub which has purple, lavender or white coloured flowers and fine foliage. **BLUE DAZE:** A dense, rounded, plant accented with a profusion of clear blue flowers.

PENTAS: Dwarf varieties. Constant blooms all summer and rarely without a flower in the cooler months.

DUSTY MILLER: An attractive foliage plant that has grey feathery foliage. Used for accent planting. **LANTANA:** Few plants combine constant flowering, heat tolerance and ease of care. Look for low growing varieties like New Gold, Athens Rose and Tropical Fruit which has vividly variegated foliage and flowers that open yellow but turn a fantastic, fruity pink bicolour.

Tall growing ornamentals (over 2 feet)

AMARANTHUS: Bold blazing red or a profusion of red, yellow and green clusters of foliage on 36" stems. SALVIA GREGLII: Hardy shrub, long flowering season, pink, purple, cream, red and rose. PLUMBAGO: A shrub that produces a small sticky lilac coloured blooms. White or blue flowers. ANGELONIA: Distinct for their "snapdragon like" flowers **PENTAS:** Tall growing varieties are available. **DAY LILIES:** All gardens should include at least one to add that exotic touch.

Annual Bedding Plants

PORTULACA: The most heat tolerant bedding plant. Ground hugging wide spreading succulent leaves covered by bright silky saucer shaped flowers. Ideal in beds, borders and hanging baskets.
COSMOS: Good as cut flower for decoration.
MARIGOLD: A gardeners favourite in variations of yellow and orange and gold.
ZINNIA: Daisy like heads in bold bright colours.
VINCA: Also known as Periwinkle. Upright and trailing varieties are available in a wide colour choice.
CELOSIA: Bright coloured plumes or cocks comb flowers.

GAZANIA: Daisy like flowers, good for mass plantings, edging, ground cover containers. SUPATUNIA: A must for summer hanging baskets and containers.

PURSLANE: Cousin to Portulaca, and equally as versatile.

BEGONIAS: Bedding varieties in red, white or pink. A wise choice for low maintenance.









