

Winter Color

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Annual	Sun Exposure	Planting Time	Comments
Alyssum, Sweet (<i>Lobularia maritima</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	perennial w/ afternoon shade
Cabbage, Flowering	fs-hs	Aug.-Oct.	white-pink-purple rosettes
Calendula (<i>C. officinalis</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	
China Aster, dwarf (<i>Callistephus chinensis</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	
Cineraria (<i>Senecio hybridus</i>)	sh	Nov.-Jan.	frost tender
Cyclamen, Florist's (<i>C. persicum</i>)	sh-hs	Sep.-Mar.	perennial if kept dry in summer
Daisy, African (<i>Dimorphotheca aurantiacum</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Jan.	
Daisy, Buttercup (<i>Chrysanthemum multicaule</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	
Daisy, dwarf Shasta (<i>Chrysanth. maximum</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	perennial w/ afternoon shade
Daisy, English (<i>Bellis perennis</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Jan.	
Daisy, Paludosum (<i>Chrysanthemum paludosum</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	
Dusty Miller (<i>Senecio cineraria</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	silver-gray leaves
Fuchsia, day-neutral hybrids	sh-hs	Oct.-Feb.	hard to find
Geranium, Garden (<i>Pelargonium hortorum</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	perennial w/ afternoon shade
Geranium, Ivy (<i>Pelargonium peltatum</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	perennial w/ afternoon shade
Germander, Bush (<i>Teucrium fruticans</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	perennial w/ afternoon shade
Gold Coin (<i>Asteriscus maritimus</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	perennial w/ afternoon shade
Gypsophila (<i>G. elegans</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	best from seed
Impatiens (<i>I. wallerana</i>)	sh-hs	Sep.-Mar.	frost tender
Johnny-Jump-Up (<i>Viola tricolor hybrids</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	sometimes sold as violas
Kale, Flowering	fs-hs	Aug.-Oct.	white-pink-purple rosettes
Larkspur, dwarf (<i>Consolida ambigua</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Jan.	tall kinds wait 'til spring
Lettuce, red kinds	fs-hs	Oct.-Feb.	red rosettes
Lobelia (<i>L. erinus</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	slightly frost tender
Marguerite (<i>Chrysanthemum frutescens</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	perennial w/ afternoon shade, frost tender
Marguerite, Blue (<i>Felicia amellioides</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	perennial w/ afternoon shade, frost tender
Marigold, French (<i>Tagetes patula</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	frost tender
Nemesia (<i>N. strumosa hybrids</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	slightly frost tender
Pansy (<i>Viola wittrockiana</i>)	fs-hs	Oct.-Mar.	
Petunia hybrids	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	heavy frost temporarily stops bloom
Phlox, dwarf kinds (<i>P. drummondii</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	
Poppy, Iceland (<i>Papaver nudicaule</i>)	fs-hs	Oct.-Mar.	
Radicchio	fs-hs	Oct.-Nov.	deep red rosettes
Snapdragon, Baby (<i>Linaria maroccana</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Jan.	
Snapdragon, dwarf-semidwarf (<i>Antirrhinum</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	tall kinds wait 'til spring
Statice (<i>Limonium hybrids</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Jan.	

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Stock, dwarf kinds (<i>Matthiola incana</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	tall kinds wait 'til spring
Sundrops (<i>Calylophus hartwegii</i> & kin)	fs-hs	Sep.-Jan.	perennial w/ afternoon shade
Sweet Pea, early kinds (<i>Lathyrus odoratus</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Jan.	
Sweet William, dwarf (<i>Dian. barbatus</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Jan.	tall kinds may not bloom first year
Swiss Chard, colorful kinds	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	look for 'Bright Lights'
Thrift (<i>Armeria maritima</i> & kin)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	perennial w/ afternoon shade
Viola (<i>V. comuta</i> hybrids)	fs-hs	Oct.-Mar.	
Wallflower, Shrubby (<i>Erysimum</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	perennial w/ afternoon shade

Bulb	Sun Exposure	Planting Time	Comments
Baboon Flower (<i>Babiana</i> hybrids)	fs-hs	Sep.-Nov.	
Gladiolus hybrids	fs-hs	Sep.-Jan.	May be planted in spring for bloom next year.
Grape Hyacinth (<i>Muscari armeniacum</i>)	hs-sh	Sep.-Nov.	
Narcissus (<i>N. tazetta</i> hybrids)	hs	Sep.-Jan.	larger-flowered kinds wait 'til spring
Snowflake (<i>Leucojum aestivum</i>)	hs-sh	Sep.-Nov.	
Veltheimia bracteata	hs-sh	Sep.-Nov.	
Wood Sorrel (<i>Oxalis</i> species)	hs-sh	Sep.-Jan.	hard to find in the nursery

Perennial	Sun Exposure	Planting Time	Comments
Artemisia, many kinds	hs	Sep.-Mar.	silvery leaves
Begonia, Wax (<i>B. semperflorens</i>)	hs-sh	Sep.-May	Red-leaf kinds can take sun. Frost tender.
California Fuchsia (<i>Zauschneria californica</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	slightly frost tender
Carnation, Dwarf (<i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i>)	hs	Sep.-Mar.	annual in full sun
Daisy, Angelita (<i>Hymenoxys acaulis</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	prettiest with regular grooming
Daisy, Paper (<i>Psilostrophe cooperi</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	prettiest with regular grooming
Desert Marigold (<i>Baileya multiradiata</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	Needs good drainage. Plant seed in January.
Dianthus (<i>D. chinensis</i> hybrids)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	prettiest with regular grooming
Evening Primrose, Tufted (<i>Oen. caespitosa</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	Needs good drainage.
Gazania, clumping	fs-hs	Sep.-May	heavy frost temporarily stops bloom
Kaffir Lily (<i>Clivia miniata</i>)	sh	Sep.-Mar.	Needs good drainage. Water infrequently.
Kangaroo Paw (<i>Anigozanthos</i>)	hs	Sep.-Jan.	Difficult to keep alive in summer.
Lavender, many kinds (<i>Lavandula</i> species)	hs	Sep.-Mar.	Needs good drainage.
Penstemon, Firecracker (<i>P. eatonii</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	Needs good drainage.
Statice, German (<i>Goniolimon</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	prettiest with regular grooming
Strawflower, Bush (<i>Bracteantha</i>)	hs	Sep.-Mar.	Needs good drainage.

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Acacia, Leatherleaf (<i>Acacia craspedocarpa</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	tree in old age
Arabian Lilac (<i>Vitex</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	Bright purple foliage.
Arborvitae, Golden (<i>Thuja orientalis</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	Gold new growth Jan.-Mar.
Bird-of-Paradise (<i>Strelitsia reginae</i>)	hs	Feb.-Nov.	frost tender
Black Dalea (<i>D. frutescens</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	
Bougainvillea, some kinds	fs-hs	Feb.-Nov.	frost tender. 'Barbara Karst blooms best.
Brittlebush (<i>Encelia farinosa</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	needs good drainage
Camellia, many kinds	sh	Sep.-Mar.	need acid soil
Cape Mallow (<i>Anisodontea</i>)	hs	Sep.-Mar.	needs good drainage
Cassia, Feathery (<i>Senna artemisioides</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	
Cassia, Green (<i>Senna nemophila</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	
Cassia, Silvery (<i>Senna phyllodenia</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	
Chuparosa (<i>Justicia californica</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	
Creosote Bush (<i>Larrea tridentata</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	hard to get
Crown of Thorns (<i>Euphorbia millii</i> hybrids)	hs-sh	Feb.-Nov.	frost tender
Daisy, Blackfoot (<i>Melampodium leucanthemum</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	needs good drainage
Daisy, Bush (<i>Euryops pectinatus</i>)	hs-sh	Sep.-Mar.	prune heavily in the fall
Damianita (<i>Chrysactinia mexicana</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	
Emu Bush, some kinds (<i>Eremophila</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	'Valentine is choice.
Fairy Duster, Red (<i>Calliandra californica</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	slightly frost tender
Flowering Quince (<i>Chaenomeles</i> hybrids)	hs	Sep.-Mar.	needs acid soil
Fringe Flower (<i>Loropetalum chinense</i>)	hs-sh	Sep.-Mar.	needs good drainage, acid
Geraldton Waxflower (<i>Chamaelaucium</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	needs good drainage
Heavenly Bamboo (<i>Nandina domestica</i>)	hs	Sep.-May	scarlet to purple foliage
Hibiscus, Blue (<i>Alyogyne huegelii</i>)	hs	Sep.-May	prune heavily in fall
Honeysuckle, Cape (<i>Tecoma capensis</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	slightly frost tender
Honeysuckle, Mexican (<i>Justicia spicigera</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	may need acid
Hopseed, Purple (<i>Dodonea viscosa</i>)	fs	Sep.-May	purple foliage
Lantana, Purple (<i>L. montevidensis</i>)	fs-hs	Feb.-Nov.	slightly frost tender
Laurustinus, Dwarf (<i>Viburnum tinus</i>)	hs	Sep.-Mar.	may need acid
Ocotillo, Mexican (<i>Fouq. macdougallii</i>)	fs-hs	Feb.-Nov.	slightly frost tender
Photinia, Red Tip (<i>P. x fraseri</i>)	hs	Sep.-May	may need acid, scarlet new growth
Pyracantha 'Graber'	fs-hs	Sep.-May	scarlet berries, Oct.-Apr.
Red Justicia (<i>J. candicans</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	prune frequently Apr.-Aug.
Rosemary, Trailing (<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	water infrequently in summer
Ruellia, Baja (<i>R. peninsularis</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	

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Sage, Autumn (<i>Salvia greggii</i> hybrids)	hs-sh	Sep.-Mar.	needs good drainage, acid
Shrimp Plant (<i>Justicia brandegeana</i>)	hs-sh	Sep.-May	slightly frost tender
Texas Firebush (<i>Hamelia patens</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	orange-red foliage, slightly frost tender

Succulent	Sun Exposure	Planting Time	Comments
Aloe, many species	fs-hs	Sep.-May	some kinds are frost tender
Iceplant, Red Spike (<i>Cephalophyllum</i>)	hs	Sep.-Jan.	Annual in full sun. Needs good drainage
Iceplant, Rocky Point (<i>Malephora lutea</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	
Kalanchoe (<i>K. blossfeldiana</i> hybrids)	hs-sh	Sep.-Mar.	best in containers

Tree	Sun Exposure	Planting Time	Comments
Acacia, Leatherleaf (<i>Acacia craspedocarpa</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	shrub when young
Acacia, Tender Sweet (<i>Acacia farnesiana</i>)	fs-hs	Feb.-Nov.	slightly frost tender
Ash, Modesto (<i>Fraxinus</i> var. 'Modesto')	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	gold "fall" color in December
Coral Gum (<i>Eucalyptus torquata</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	needs good drainage
Mulga (<i>Acacia aneura</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	needs good drainage
Orchid Tree, Hong Kong (<i>Bauhinia blakeana</i>)	fs-hs	Feb.-Nov.	slightly frost tender
Palm, Australian Red (<i>Livistona mariae</i>)	fs-hs	May-Sep.	burgundy fronds
Palm, Mexican Blue (<i>Brahea armata</i>)	fs-hs	May-Sep.	blue-gray fronds
Pear, "Evergreen" (<i>Pyrus kawakamii</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	orange leaves Dec., white bloom Jan.
Yaupon, 'Pride of Houston' (<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-May	scarlet berries

Vine	Sun Exposure	Planting Time	Comments
Jessamine, Carolina (<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>)	fs-sh	Sep.-May	all parts are poisonous
Lilac Vine (<i>Hardenbergia violacea</i>)	fs-hs	Sep.-Mar.	needs good drainage