

## Winter Color in the Valley of the Sun

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