

Bedding Planting Guide for the Valley of the Sun

Bedding Plant	Growth Habit	Sun	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Showy Months
Alyssum, Golden (<i>Alyssum</i> species)	annual	fs-hs	P									S	SP	P	Feb.-Apr.
Alyssum, Sweet (<i>Lobularia maritima</i>)	annual	fs-hs	SP	SP	P						S	SP	SP	SP	Oct.-May
Anemone, Poppy-Flowered (<i>A. coronaria</i>)	bulb	fs-hs	P	P	P								P	P	Feb.-Mar.
Angelonia	annual	hs-fs			P	P	P	P			P				Mar.-Oct.
Angel's Hair (<i>Artemisia schmidtiana</i>)	perennial	hs	P	P	P							P	P	P	Oct.-May
Aster frikartii	perennial	fs-hs	P	P	P						P	P	P	P	Sep.-Nov.
Aster, China (<i>Callistephus chinensis</i>)	annual	fs-hs	SP	SP	P						S	SP	SP	SP	Oct.-May
Aster, Stokes' (<i>Stokesia laevis</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P	P	P							P	P	P	Feb.-May
Baby Blue-Eyes (<i>Nemophila</i> hybrids)	annual	hs	P								S	SP	P	P	Mar.-Apr.
Bachelor's Button (<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P								S	SP	P	P	Mar.-June
Balloon Flower (<i>Platycodon grandiflora</i>)	perennial	hs		S	SP	P						P			Mar.-Oct.
Balsam (<i>Impatiens balsamina</i>)	annual	hs		S	S	S									Mar.-Oct.
Basket-of-Gold (<i>Aurinia saxatilis</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P								S	SP	P	P	Feb.-Apr.
Bean, Hyacinth (<i>Dolichos lablab</i>)	annual	fs-hs			S	S	S	S	S	S					Mar.-Oct.
Bean, Scarlet Runner (<i>Phaseolus coccinea</i>)	annual	fs-hs		S						S	S				Mar.-May Oct.-Nov.
Begonia x 'Richmondensis'	perennial	sh		P	P	P					P	P			Mar.-Oct.
Begonia, Wax (<i>B. semperflorens</i>)	perennial	hs-sh	P	SP	SP	SP	P	P			SP	SP	P	P	year-round
Bells-of-Ireland (<i>Moluccella laevis</i>)	annual	fs-hs										S	S	S	Mar.-Apr.
Black-Eyed Susan (<i>Rudbeckia</i> species)	perennial	fs-hs	P	SP	SP	SP	SP	P	P	P	SP	SP	P	P	Mar.-Oct.
Black-Eyed Susan Vine (<i>Thunbergia alata</i>)	annual	fs-hs		S	SP	SP	P	P	P	P	P				Mar.-Nov.
Blanketflower (<i>Gaillardia grandiflora</i>)	perennial	fs-hs	P	SP	SP	SP	SP	P	P	P	SP	SP	P	P	Mar.-Oct.
Blue Daze (<i>Evolvulus glomeratus</i>)	perennial	hs			P	P	P	P	P	P	P				Mar.-Oct.
Butterfly Flower (<i>Schizanthus pinnatus</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									S	SP	SP	Jan.-Mar.
Cabbage, Flowering (<i>Brassica oleracea</i>)	annual	fs-hs									S	SP	P	P	Nov.-Feb.
Caladium, Fancy-Leaf (<i>C. bicolor</i>)	bulb	sh			P	P	P	P	P	P	P				Mar.-Oct.
Calendula (<i>C. officinalis</i>)	annual	fs-hs	SP	P								S	SP	SP	Nov.-Apr.
Calliopsis (<i>Coreopsis tinctorius</i>)	annual	fs-hs	SP	P								S	SP	P	Mar.-May
Candytuft, Globe (<i>Iberis umbellatus</i>)	annual	fs-hs	SP	P								S	SP	SP	Oct.-May
Candytuft, Hyacinth-Flowered (<i>I. amara</i>)	annual	fs-hs										S	S	S	Feb.-Mar.
Carnation, dwarf (<i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i> hybrid)	perennial	hs	SP	P	P							SP	SP	SP	Oct.-May
Carnation, tall (<i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i>)	perennial	hs	P									SP	SP	P	Feb.-June
Catchfly (<i>Lychnis viscaria</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									SP	P	P	Feb.-Apr.
Celosia, 'New Look'	annual	fs-hs			P	P	P	P	P	P	P				Mar.-Oct.
Celosia, other kinds (<i>C. plumosa</i>)	annual	hs		S	SP	SP	P	P	P	P	P				Mar.-Oct.
Chinese houses (<i>Collinsia heterophylla</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									S	SP	P	Feb.-Mar.
Cineraria (<i>Senecio</i> x hybrid)	annual	sh	P	P									P	P	Dec.-Mar.
Cockscomb (<i>Celosia cristata</i>)	annual	hs		S	SP	SP	P	P	P	P	P				Mar.-Oct.
Coleus (<i>C. hybridus</i>)	annual	sh		S	SP	SP	P	P	P	P	P	P			Mar.-Nov.
Columbine (<i>Aquilegia</i> hybrids)	annual	hs-sh	P									SP	SP	P	Mar.-June
Columbine, Golden (<i>Aquilegia chrysantha</i>)	perennial	hs-sh	P									P	P	P	Mar.-June
Coreopsis, Garden (<i>C. grandiflora</i>)	perennial	fs-hs	P	SP	SP	SP	SP	P	P	P	SP	SP	P	P	Mar.-Oct.
Cosmos, Pink (<i>C. bipinnatus</i>)	annual	fs-hs		S	SP	SP	SP	SP	P	P	SP	P			Mar.-Oct.
Cosmos, Yellow (<i>C. sulphureus</i>)	annual	fs-hs		S	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	P			Mar.-Oct.
Crown Pink (<i>Lychnis coronaria</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									SP	SP	P	Mar.-May
Cup Flower (<i>Nierembergia violacea</i>)	perennial	fs-hs	P	SP	SP	SP	SP	P	P	P	SP	SP	P	P	Mar.-Oct.

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Cupid's Dart (<i>Catananche caerulea</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									SP	SP	P	Mar.-Apr.
Cyclamen, Florist's (<i>C. persicum</i>)	annual	sh	P	P								P	P	P	Nov.-Apr.
Dahlia, Bedding (<i>D. mertonensis</i> hybrids)	annual	fs-hs	S	SP	P	P					P	P			Mar.-May Sep.-Nov.
Daisy, African (<i>Dimorphotheca sinuata</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									S	SP	SP	Jan.-Apr.
Daisy, African (<i>Osteospermum</i> hybrids)	annual	fs-hs	P									S	SP	P	Jan.-May
Daisy, Arctotis (<i>A. species & hybrids</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									S	SP	P	Mar.-June
Daisy, Butter (<i>Melampodium paludosum</i>)	annual	fs-hs		S	SP	SP	P	P	P	P	P				Mar.-Oct.
Daisy, Buttercup (<i>Chrysanthemum acaulis</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P	P								SP	P	P	Oct.-May
Daisy, English (<i>Bellis perennis</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									S	SP	P	Nov.-Apr.
Daisy, Gerbera (<i>G. jamesonii</i>)	perennial	hs		P	P							SP	P		Feb.-June Sep.-Nov.
Daisy, Gloriosa (<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>)	perennial	fs-hs	P	SP	SP	SP	SP	P	P	P	SP	SP	P	P	Mar.-Oct.
Daisy, Livingstone (<i>Dorotheanthus bellidiformis</i>)	annual	fs-hs									S	S			Mar.-Apr.
Daisy, Ox-Eye (<i>Chrysanth. leucanthemum</i>)	perennial	hs	P									S	SP	P	Feb.-Mar.
Daisy, Painted (<i>Chrysanthemum coccineum</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									S	SP	P	Mar.-May
Daisy, Paludosum (<i>Chrysanth. paludosum</i>)	annual	fs-hs	SP	SP	P							S	SP	SP	Oct.-May
Daisy, Rubellum (<i>Chrysanthemum x rubellum</i>)	perennial	fs-hs		P	P	P	P	P							Mar.-Oct.
Daisy, Shasta (<i>Chrysanthemum maximum</i>)	perennial	hs	P	P								SP	SP	P	Mar.-June
Daisy, Swan River (<i>Brachyscome</i> sp. & hyb.)	annual	fs-hs										P	P	P	Oct.-May
Daisy, Tricolor (<i>Chrysanthemum carinatum</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									S	SP	P	Feb.-May
Dame's Rocket (<i>Hesperis matronalis</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									SP	P	P	Feb.-May
Delphinium, Candle (<i>D. elatum</i>)	annual	sh	P	P	P							SP	P	P	Mar.-May
Delphinium, Chinese (<i>D. chinensis</i>)	annual	hs-sh	P									SP	SP	P	Mar.-May
Dianthus (<i>Dianthus chinensis</i> hybrids)	perennial	fs-hs	P	SP	SP	SP	P	P	P	P	P	SP	P	P	year-round
Dusty Miller (<i>Senecio viravira</i> , et al.)	perennial	fs-hs	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	SP	SP	P	Oct.-May
Feverfew (<i>Chrysanthemum parthenium</i>)	perennial	fs-hs		SP	SP	P	P	P	P	P	P				Mar.-Oct.
Firewheel (<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>)	annual	fs-hs	S	SP	SP	P	P	P							Mar.-Oct.
Flax, Blue (<i>Linum lewisii</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									S	SP	P	Mar.-Apr.
Flax, Scarlet (<i>Linum grandiflorum</i> 'Rubrum')	annual	fs-hs										S	S	S	Feb.-Mar.
Floss Flower (<i>Ageratum houstonianum</i>)	annual	hs-sh		S	SP	P						P			Mar.-June Sep.-Nov.
Forget-Me-Not, Common (<i>Myosotis sylvatica</i>)	annual	hs-sh										S	S		Mar.-Apr.
Forget-Me-Not, Chinese (<i>Cynoglossum amabile</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									S	SP	P	Jan.-Apr.
Four O'Clock (<i>Mirabilis jalapa</i>)	perennial	hs			P	SP	SP	SP	SP	P					Mar.-Oct.
Foxglove, Common (<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>)	annual	hs-sh	P									s	sp	P	Mar.-June
Freesia (<i>F. hybrids</i>)	bulb	fs-hs	P	P							P	P	P	P	Feb.-Apr.
Fuchsia, day-neutral hybrids	annual	sh	P	P								P	P	P	Nov.-Mar.
Gazania, clumping hybrids	perennial	fs-hs	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	SP	SP	SP	P	Feb.-Nov.
Geranium, Garden (<i>Pelargonium hortorum</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P	P	P	P						SP	SP	P	Oct.-May
Geranium, Ivy (<i>Pelargonium peltatum</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P	P	P	P						P	P	P	Oct.-May
Geranium, Martha Washington (<i>Pelargonium domesticum</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P	P	P	P						P	P	P	Mar.-June
Globe Amaranth (<i>Gomphrena globosa</i>)	annual	fs-hs		S	SP	SP	P	P	P	P	P				Mar.-Oct.
Gold Coin (<i>Asteriscus maritimus</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									P	P	P	Jan.-June

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Golden Fleece (<i>Dyssodia tenuiloba</i>)	annual	fs-hs		S	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	P				Mar.-Oct.
Gourd, ornamental	annual	fs						S	SP	P					Oct.-Nov.
Gypsophila, Annual (<i>G. elegans</i>)	annual	fs-hs	S	S							S	S	S	S	Nov.-Apr.
Heliotrope, Common (<i>Heliotropium arborescens</i>)	perennial	hs-sh		S	SP	SP	P	P	P	P	P	P			Mar.-Oct.
Hollyhock (<i>Alcea rosea</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P								S	SP	P	P	Mar.-June
Honesty (<i>Lunaria annua</i>)	annual	fs-hs									S	S			Mar.-May
Iceplant, 'Red Spike' (<i>Cephalophyllum</i> x 'Red Spike')	annual	fs-hs	P									P	P	P	Jan.-Mar.
Iceplant, Showy (<i>Lampranthus</i> species)	annual	fs-hs										P	P	P	March
Impatiens (<i>I. wallerana</i>)	annual	sh		P	SP	SP	P					P	P		Feb.-Nov.
Impatiens, New Guinea hybrids (<i>I. hawkeri</i> hybrids)	annual	sh			P	P						P			Feb.-May Sep.-Nov.
Johnny-Jump-Up (<i>Viola tricolor</i> & hybrids)	annual	fs-hs	SP	SP	P						S	SP	SP	SP	Oct.-May
Joseph's Coat (<i>Amaranthus tricolor</i>)	annual	fs-hs		S	S						S	S			Mar.-May Oct.-Nov.
Kale, Flowering (<i>Brassica oleracea</i>)	annual	fs-hs								S	SP	P	P	P	Nov.-Jan.
Larkspur (<i>Consolida ambigua</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									S	SP	P	Feb.-Apr.
Lisianthus, dwarf (<i>Eustoma grandiflorum</i>)	perennial	hs			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		Mar.-Oct.
Lisianthus, tall (<i>Eustoma grandiflorum</i>)	perennial	fs-hs			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		Mar.-Oct.
Lobelia (<i>L. erinus</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P	SP	P						S	P	P	P	Oct.-May
Love-in-a-Mist (<i>Nigella damascena</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									S	SP	P	Feb.-Apr.
Love-Lies-Bleeding (<i>Amaranthus caudatus</i>)	annual	fs-hs								S	S				Oct.-Nov.
Maltese Cross (<i>Lychnis chalconica</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									S	SP	P	Mar.-May
Marguerite (<i>Chrysanthemum frutescens</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									P	P	P	Oct.-May
Marguerite, Blue (<i>Felicia amelloides</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									P	P	P	Oct.-May
Marigold, American (<i>Tagetes erecta</i>)	annual	fs-hs		SP	SP	P				S	SP	P			Mar.-June Sep.-Nov.
Marigold, French (<i>Tagetes patula</i>)	annual	fs-hs		SP	SP	P				S	SP	P	P		Feb.-June Sep.-Nov.
Marigold, Signet (<i>Tagetes tenuifolia</i>)	annual	fs-hs		SP	SP	P				S	SP	P	P		Feb.-June Sep.-Nov.
Marigold, Triploid (<i>Tagetes erecta</i> x <i>patula</i>)	annual	fs-hs		SP	SP	P	P	P	P	SP	SP	P			Mar.-Oct.
Mexican Heather (<i>Cuphea hyssopifolia</i>)	perennial	fs-hs		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			Mar.-Oct.
Million Bells (<i>Calibrachoa</i> species)	annual	fs-hs	P	P	P	P						P	P	P	Oct.-May
Mum, Garden (<i>Chrysanthemum morifolium</i>)	perennial	hs	P	P	P	P					P	P	P	P	Sep.-Dec.
Nasturtium (<i>Tropaeolum majus</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									S	SP	SP	Feb.-May
Nemesia (<i>N. strumosa</i> hybrids)	annual	fs-hs	SP	SP	P							S	SP	SP	Oct.-May
Nicotiana (<i>N. glauca</i>)	annual	hs-sh		S	SP	P					P	P			Mar.-Oct.
Pansy (<i>Viola wittrockiana</i>)	annual	fs-hs	SP	P								S	SP	SP	Oct.-Apr.
Penstemon heterophyllus hybrids	perennial	hs-sh	P									SP	P	P	Apr.-June
Penstemon x <i>gloxinioides</i>	annual	fs-hs	P									SP	P	P	Apr.-June
Pepper, Ornamental (<i>Capsicum annuum</i>)	annual	hs-sh	S	SP	P	P	P				SP	P			Feb.-Nov.
Petunia, Grandiflora (<i>P. hybrida</i>)	annual	fs-hs	SP	SP	P							S	SP	SP	Oct.-May
Petunia, Multiflora & Milliflora (<i>P. hybrida</i>)	annual	fs-hs	SP	SP	P	P					S	SP	SP	SP	Oct.-June
Phlox, Annual (<i>P. drummondii</i>)	annual	fs-hs	SP	SP	P							S	SP	SP	Oct.-May
Pincushion Flower (<i>Scabiosa atropurpurea</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									S	SP	P	Feb.-May

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Polka-Dot Plant (<i>Hypoestes phyllostachya</i>)	annual	sh			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			Mar.-Oct.
Poppy, California (<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									S	SP	P	Mar.-Apr.
Poppy, Iceland (<i>Papaver nudicaule</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									S	SP	P	Jan.-Apr.
Poppy, Shirley (<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>)	annual	fs-hs										S	S	S	Mar.-Apr.
Primrose, English (<i>Primula polyantha</i>)	annual	fs-sh	P	P								P	P	P	Nov.-Apr.
Primrose, Fairy (<i>Primula malacoides</i>)	annual	sh	P	P	P							P	P	P	Dec.-Apr.
Primrose, German (<i>Primula obconica</i>)	annual	sh	P	P	P							P	P	P	Dec.-Apr.
Prince's Feather (<i>Amaranthus</i>)	annual	fs-hs								S	S				Oct.-Nov.
Purple Coneflower (<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									SP	P	P	Apr.-May
Purslane, Flowering (<i>Portulaca umbraticola</i>)	annual	fs-hs		S	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	P				Mar.-Oct.
Ranunculus (<i>R. asiaticus</i>)	bulb	fs-hs	P	P	P									P	Mar.-Apr.
Rose Moss (<i>Portulaca grandiflora</i>)	annual	fs-hs		S	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	P				Mar.-Oct.
Sage, Annual Clary (<i>Salvia viridis</i>)	annual	fs-hs										S	S	S	Feb.-Mar.
Sage, Lady-in-Red (<i>Salvia coccinea</i>)	perennial	hs-sh			SP	SP	P	P	P	P	P	P			Mar.-Oct.
Sage, Mealycup (<i>Salvia farinacea</i>)	perennial	fs-hs		S	SP	SP	P	P	P	P	SP	P			Mar.-Oct.
Sage, Scarlet (<i>Salvia splendens</i>)	perennial	hs-sh	SP	SP	P	P	P					SP	SP	SP	year-round
Sea Lavender (<i>Limonium perezi</i>)	perennial	hs	P									P	P	P	Jan.-June
Silk Flower (<i>Abelmoschus moschatus</i>)	annual	fs-sh			P	P	P	P	P	P	P				Mar.-Oct.
Snapdragon (<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P	P	P							S	SP	SP	Oct.-May
Snapdragon, Baby (<i>Linaria maroccana</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									S	SP	SP	Jan.-Mar.
Star Clusters (<i>Pentas lanceolata</i>)	perennial	fs-sh			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			Mar.-Oct.
Statice, Annual (<i>Limonium sinuatum</i> hybrids)	annual	fs-hs	P									S	SP	P	Jan.-May
Stock, dwarf (<i>Matthiola incana</i>)	annual	fs-hs	SP	SP	P							S	SP	SP	Oct.-Apr.
Stock, tall (<i>Matthiola incana</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									SP	P	P	Feb.-Apr.
Strawflower, Annual (<i>Helichrysum bracteatum</i>)	annual	fs-hs		S	S						S	S			Mar.-June Oct.-Nov.
Strawflower, Bush (<i>Bracteantha bracteata</i>)	perennial	hs	P	P	P							P	P	P	Oct.-May
Sunflower, Common (<i>Helianthus annuus</i>)	annual	fs-hs	S	S	S					S	S				Mar.-June Sep.-Nov.
Sweet Pea (<i>Lathyrus odoratus</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									SP	SP	P	Jan.-May
Sweet Violet (<i>Viola odorata</i>)	perennial	sh										P	P	P	Feb.-Apr.
Sweet William, fast kinds (<i>Dianthus barbatus</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									S	SP	P	Feb.-Apr.
Tidy-tips (<i>Layia platyglossa</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									S	SP	P	Jan.-Mar.
Verbena, Florist's (<i>V. hybrida</i>)	annual	fs-hs	S	SP	P					S	SP	P			Feb.-May Sep.-Nov.
Vinca (<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>)	perennial	fs-hs		S	SP	SP	P	P	P	SP	P				Mar.-Oct.
Viola (<i>V. cornuta</i> & hybrids)	annual	fs-sh	SP	P	P							S	SP	SP	Nov.-May
Wallflower, English (<i>Erysimum cheiri</i>)	annual	fs-hs	P									S	SP	P	Feb.-Apr.
Wishbone Flower (<i>Torenia foemieri</i>)	annual	hs-sh		S	SP	P	P	P	P	P	P				Mar.-Oct.
Yarrow (<i>Achillea</i> species & hybrids)	perennial	fs-hs	P	P	P							SP	SP	P	Mar.-June
Zinnia, Common (<i>Z. elegans</i>)	annual	fs-hs		S	SP	SP	P	P	P	P	SP	P			Mar.-Nov.
Zinnia, Creeping (<i>Sanvitalia procumbens</i>)	annual	fs-hs		S	S						S	S			Mar.-May Sep.-Nov.
Zinnia, Profusion (<i>Z. hybrid</i>)	annual	fs-hs			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			Mar.-Nov.
Zinnia, Star (<i>Z. angustifolia</i>)	annual	fs-hs		S	SP	SP	P	P	P	P	SP	P			Mar.-Oct.

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