



What Really Goes on in a Cottage Garden

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Plant List

Heirlooms & Reseeding Annuals

***Acidanthera murielae* – peacock orchid** – zone 6, sun, 24-36" tall, grass-like foliage, fragrant white flowers on slender stems, plant bulbs in spring for summer bloom, bulbs can be dug and overwintered

***Alcea rosea* – common hollyhock** – biennial, 5-7' high, sun, tall stems bearing mostly single blossoms of deep rose, pink, salmon-pink, and white; may self-sow

***Allium cvs.* – ornamental onion** – zone 5, sun, flowers of various heights and various shades of white, purple, pink; flowers late May through June. Cultivars: Ambassador

***Amaranthus caudatus* – love lies bleeding** – annual, 3-4' high, 2' wide, sun, long drooping clusters of reddish pink flowers, may self-sow. Cultivars: Viridis

***Amaranthus cruentus* – tall amaranth** – annual, 6-8' high, 2' wide, sun, dark purple foliage and flower spikes, long blooming, fall interest with blooms and foliage, self-sows

***Anemone hupehensis* – windflower** – zone 4, 2-4' high, 2-3' wide, full sun to part shade, flowers silvery pink with white shading, blooms August to October

***Angelica gigas* – Korean angelica** – biennial, 4-6' high, full sun to part shade, tall purple stems with deep violet-purple umbels, attracts amazing array of pollinators, self-sows

***Aster laevis* – smooth aster** – zone 4, 2-4' high, 1-2' wide, sun; small violet blue to flowers; stems unbranched with smooth, bluish green foliage; fall interest, attracts butterflies. Raydon's Favorite

***Canna* – canna lily** – zone 8, up to 7' high, sun; flowers shades of red, pink, orange, yellow; foliage green to bronze, some with striping; performs best in warmer weather when given adequate water, tubers can be dug and overwintered. Cultivars: Pretoria, Tropicanna® (Phaison)

***Clematis viticella* 'Betty Corning'** – **Betty Corning clematis** – zone 3, vine, 8-10' tall (with support), full to part sun, lavender-blue flowers from mid-summer to early fall, vigorous grower

***Chrysanthemum* – garden mum** – zone 3, 20-36" high, 20-48" wide, sun; daisy-like flowers in shades of white, yellow, orange, pink, and red; fall interest, some varieties may self-sow

***Colchicum* 'Waterlily'** – **Waterlily autumn crocus** – zone 4, 6" high and wide, sun to part shade, foliage appears late spring, dies back in summer, lilac-purple blooms appear in fall; will naturalize over time

***Consolida regalis* – field larkspur** – annual, 12-24" high, sun, fine lacey foliage bearing purple flowers gives an airy appearance, self-sows



Dahlia – dahlia – zone 8, sun, various heights, flowers in a variety of colors and forms, foliage shades of green and bronze, tubers can be dug and overwintered, performs best when started early in greenhouse. Cultivars: Sellwood Glory, Bishop of Llandaff

Datura metel – devil's trumpet – annual, 1-3' high, 2-4' wide, sun, upward facing 6-8" twisted, single to double blooms, typically white, yellow, or purple; thrives in summer heat. Cultivars: Ballerina Purple

Delphinium elatum – delphinium – zone 3, 5-6' high, 1-3' wide, sun, showy flower spikes in a variety of colors including blue, pink, lavender, purple, and white; tend to be short-lived

Echinacea purpurea – purple coneflower – zone 3, 24-36" high, 18-14" wide, sun, purplish pink daisy-like flowers, rough-hairy green foliage; attracts pollinators, birds enjoy seed heads

Euphorbia marginata – annual snow on the mountain – annual, 3' high, sun, flashy green and white foliage contrasts nicely against other summer colors, self-sows

Fritillaria imperialis – crown imperials – zone 5, 36" high, sun; stems bear whorls of green leaves; nodding, bell-shaped flowers in a terminal cluster in early summer; releases skunk-like fragrance when foliage emerges, when flowers open. Cultivars: Lutea Maxima, Rubra Maxima

Fritillaria meleagris – checkered lily – zone 4, 13-18" high, sun to part shade, blooms mid-spring; nodding bell-shaped, checkered flowers in shades of reddish-purple to black; critter resistant, will naturalize over time

Heliotropium arborescens 'Fragrant Delight' – Fragrant Delight heliotrope – annual, 24" high, sun to part shade, fragrant violet flowers on top of tall stems, crinkly dark green leaves, attracts pollinators

Hibiscus syriacus 'Minerva' – Minerva rose of Sharon – zone 5, 4-6' high, sun to part sun, lavender flowers with dark red eye, leathery dark green foliage; prune to live growth once buds break in spring

Ipomoea cvs. – morning glory – annual vine, 6-10' high (with support), sun, blooms typically appear after much vegetative growth, does best in summer heat with afternoon shade. Cultivars: Heavenly Blue, Mt. Fuji Lavender Blue, Grandpa Ott (prolific self-sower)

Iris germanica – bearded iris – zone 3, various heights, sun, range of colors from soft pastes to vivid color combinations, rugged and reliable, susceptible to iris borer

Iris pumila – dwarf bearded iris – zone 3, typically less than 15" high, sun, range of colors from soft pastes to vivid color combinations, bloom earlier than tall bearded iris, great for border edges

Iris pallida – dalmation iris – zone 4, 34" high, sun, striking variegated foliage (white or yellow) with light purple flowers, great accent plant

Kniphofia uvaria – red hot poker – zone 5, 3-4' high, 2-3' wide, sun; flowers emerge red, maturing to yellow, giving each spike a two-toned appearance; drought tolerant, tend to be short-lived



Lagenaria siceraria 'Birdhouse' – birdhouse gourd – vigorous annual vine, 15-35' high (with support), sun; large bulbous gourds with narrow necks, provide ample support so gourds do not pull vines down, ideal for birdhouses or other crafts

Lamprocampnos spectabilis – bleeding heart – zone 3, 24-36" high, part to full shade, nodding heart-shaped flowers emerge in spring, followed by green foliage; flowers white or pink, may self-sow. Cultivars: Gold Heart

Leonotis leonurus – lion's ear – annual, 6-8' high, sun, multiple upright, woody stalks; orange tubular flowers emerge from globose, whorled orbs, attracts hummingbirds, may self-sow

Lilium lancifolium – tiger lily – zone 4, 3-6' high, orange flowers with purple-brown speckles, stems produce aerial bulbets in leaf axils, fallen bulbets produce new plants and a small clump can easily take over an area if left unchecked

Lilium cvs. – lily – zone 4, sun to part shade, various heights, trumpet shaped flowers in a variety of colors and color combinations. Cultivars: Golden Splendor, Red Dutch, *Lilium regale*

Lupinus perennis – perennial lupine – zone 4, 1-2' high, sun to part shade; short-lived perennial, many color combinations; fragrant, pea-like flowers in late spring; self-sows

Lycoris squamigera – resurrection lily – zone 5, 18-24" high, sun to part shade, strap-like leaves emerge in spring, dying back before thick, naked flower scapes emerge in late summer; each scape bears 4-7 rose-pink tinged fragrant flowers; naturalizes by bulb offsets

Mirabilis jalapa – four o'clock – annual, 24" high, full to part sun, trumpet shaped flowers open in late afternoon (or on cloudy days), flower and foliage color varies with variety, may self-sow. Cultivars: Limelight, Peach Sunset

Oenothera fruticosa – sundrops – zone 3, 18-24" high, sun, vibrant golden-yellow flowers emerge in early summer; will spread and form a large patch, so regular dividing is advised

Oxalis triangularis – purple shamrock – zone 7, 12" high, up to 18" wide, sun to shade, rich burgundy triangular leaves, soft pink flowers, does well in containers, great accent plant

Paeonia suffruticosa – tree peony – zone 4, 3-4' high and wide, sun to part shade, deciduous woody shrub, large 6-8" flowers in a range of colors; flower forms range from single to semi-double to double; blooms early spring, cage in fall to protect from winter critter damage, prune to live growth in spring

Paeonia lactiflora – peony – zone 3, 3' high, sun to part shade, herbaceous shrub, 3-5" flowers in a range of colors; flower forms range from single to semi-double to double, blooms mid spring. Cultivar: Little Medicine Man

Papaver orientale– Oriental poppy – zone 3, 24-36" high, sun, large crepe paper like flowers on 3 foot stems, flower colors vary from neon to pastel, bristly leaves turn brown in summer, disappearing entirely



***Papaver somniferum* – breadseed poppy** – annual, 2-3' high, sun, blue-green foliage with 3" papery blooms in shades of red, pink, and purple; flower forms range from single to double, ornamental seed pods are a chipmunk delicacy (if saving seed, cut and dry seedpods indoors), prolific self-sower

***Passiflora incarnata* – passion flower** – zone 6, vine, 6-8' high (with support), sun to part shade, fringed flowers with white petals and sepals and a central crown of pinkish-purple filaments; can be overwintered indoors, named in the 1600s for its religious significance

***Phlox paniculata* – garden phlox** – zone 3, 31-35" high, 23-29" wide, sun to part shade, flowers in shades of pink, red, purple, white; attracts butterflies and hummingbirds, prone to powdery mildew in late summer, may self-sow. Cultivars: Starfire, David

***Polygonum tuberosum* 'The Pearl' – The Pearl tuberose** – zone 7, 18-36" high, sun; double, creamy white fragrant flowers on top of 18-36" stems, grass-like foliage; bulbs can be dug and overwintered

***Polygonum orientale* – Kiss Me Over the Garden Gate** – annual, 6-7' high, 2-3' wide, sun, pendulous dark pink catkins, large smooth green leaves, blooms late in season, 'Japanese Beetle Magnet' and prolific self-sower (make sure to thin seedlings or your garden will become a jungle!)

***Ricinus communis* 'Gibsonii' – Gibsonii castor bean** – annual, 6-8' high, sun, quick growing ornamental with tropical appearance, large red-tinged foliage with bright red blooms and seedpods (CAUTION: seeds and seedpods are poisonous)

***Rosa* cvs. – David Austin roses-** zone 5, generally 4-5' high, 2-3' wide, sun, collection includes over 200 varieties, including climbers, ramblers, shrub roses, and modern roses; flower color and form varies by cultivar, generally all are known for their fragrance and multi-petalled flowers; benefits from a regular fertilizing program, requires winter protection. Cultivars: Molineux (AUSmol), Mary Rose (AUSmary)

***Rudbeckia fulgida* –black eyed Susan** – zone 3, 24-36" high, sun, yellow daisy-like flowers emerge mid-summer and continue into fall, season long interest, attracts pollinators

***Rudbeckia hirta* 'Irish Eyes' – Irish Eyes black eyed Susan** – annual, 2-3' high, sun, lemon yellow flowers with green center disks, heat tolerant, low maintenance, may self-sow and/or overwinter

***Salvia sclarea* – clary sage** – biennial, 24-48" high, sun; basal rosette of broad gray-green leaves, tubular, white to lilac flowers with papery bracts appear its second year, flowers and foliage aromatic, may self-sow

***Sempervivum tectorum* – house leek** – zone 3, 6-12" high and wide, sun, prefers sandy soils, evergreen foliage; upright flower stalks appear in summer, after which the blooming rosette dies; spreads by offsets to form colonies

***Verbascum* 'Southern Charm' – Southern Charm mullein** – zone 5, 36" high, sun, flowers in a range of pastel colors, rising from spikes above basal rosette of green, velvety leaves; deadheading encourages re-bloom



***Verbena bonariensis* – tall verbena** – annual, 4' high, sun, strong stems with clusters of purple flowers, blooms heavily and continuously until late frosts, airy appearance and season-long color, self-sows

***Zinnia elegans* – zinnia** – annual, sun; size of plant and blooms varies, as well as flower color and form, many cultivars available

Ornamental Edibles

***Anethum graveolens* – dill** – annual, 36-48" high, sun, stiff hollow stems with aromatic, lacy blue-green leaves; scented, yellow flowers in large, flattened umbels; when used as edible, harvest fresh, when used as ornamental, deadhead to prolong bloom season, self-sows

***Beta vulgaris* 'Bright Lights' – Bright Lights Swiss chard** – annual, sun, 20" high, stems in shades of red, orange, yellow and white; when used as an edible, harvest young leaves for best taste, when used as ornamental remove discolored or damaged leaves as needed, use in spring or fall containers

***Brassica oleracea* – kale** – annual, sun; height, foliage color and form vary with variety, colors most vibrant in cooler temperatures, tolerant of light frosts, season-long interest, ornamental varieties not bred for taste. Cultivars: Redbor, Nero Di Toscana, White Yokahoma, Purple Pigeon, Prizm

***Capsicum annuum* 'Pretty N Sweet' – Pretty N Sweet bell pepper** – annual, 18-20" high, sun; sweet, multi-colored peppers on compact plant, great for containers

***Cucurbita pepo* 'Astia' – Astia dwarf zucchini** – annual, 24-36" high, sun; compact bushy variety with non-rambling habit, great for containers or small spaces, ornamental silvery-green foliage, early bearing green fruit

***Foeniculum vulgare* 'Purpureum' – bronze fennel** – annual, 4-5' high, sun; plumes of filigreed coppery leaves and lacy golden flower umbels; attracts pollinators, host plant; edible seeds and foliage

***Fragaria ananassa* 'Delizz' – Delizz® garden strawberry** – zone 3, 14" high, sun, vigorous plants started from seed, day neutral for season-long harvest, heat tolerant, compact plants great for containers

***Lactuca sativa* – garden lettuce** – annual, sun; foliage color and form vary with variety, cut leaf and head types; best as spring or fall crop, will bolt in summer heat but flowers ornamental, if using as edible harvest leaves before bolting occurs. Cultivars: Flashy Trout Back

***Lavandula angustifolia* – English lavender** – zone 5, 12-18" high and wide, sun, grey-green clustered foliage with short spikes of violet-blue flowers, aromatic, leaves and flowers edible

***Malus* 'MN1711' – Honeycrisp™ apple** – zone 4, 8-10' tall/wide, sun; pinkish white flowers in spring; red, crisp and juicy apples in fall, developed by University of Minnesota, one of most cold-hardy varieties

***Solanum tuberosum* 'Clancy' – Clancy potato** – annual, 24-36" high, sun, seed grown potato, compact plants and ornamental purple flowers, tubers in shades of red to rose pink



***Thymus serpyllum* – mother of thyme** – zone 4, 3" high, 12" wide, sun; prostrate, creeping perennial grown as ornamental groundcover; pink to purple flowers appear in summer; attractive to bees

***Tropaeolum majus* – nasturtium** – annual, 12-14" high, sun to part shade; single or double blooms, in shades of cream, yellow, orange, red, burgundy; blue-green foliage; some varieties trailing; edible flowers and leaves add peppery flavor to salads

***Prunus persica* 'Reliance' – Reliance peach** – zone 4, 8-10' tall/wide, sun; showy pink flowers in spring, medium to large golden colored fruits; known for its hardiness, great for northern locations

***Pyrus communis* – common pear** – zone 4, 25-30' high, 15-20' wide, sun, upright branching pyramidal form; glossy dark green leaves turn shades of red and yellow in fall; aromatic 5-petaled white flowers in early spring; pear-shaped fruits ripen from mid-summer to fall

On-Trend Annuals

***Begonia* 'PAS1088222' – Rose with Bronze Leave Megawatt begonia** – annual, 28" high, 24" wide, sun or shade; rose colored flowers in clusters, glossy bronze foliage; great in ground or containers, multiple uses in the landscape. Cultivars: Canary Wings, Pink Shasta (*B. coccinea*)

***Brugmansia* 'Cassie's Curls' – Cassie's Curls angel's trumpet** – zone 8, 36" high, sun; golden peach trumpet shaped flowers, petal tips curl up and outward, scented flowers, grow in container to overwinter indoors

***Gomphocarpus physocarpa* – swan plant** – annual, 4-5' high, sun; biggest plants and most blooms when started early indoors, ornamental seed pods; milkweed, host plant for Monarch butterflies

***Gomphrena globosa* 'Fireworks' – Fireworks globe amaranth** – annual, 36" high/wide, sun; strong, tall stems explode with bursts of 1" hot pink blooms tipped with bright yellow, unique scaffolding habit

***Impatiens* 'SAKIMP037' – Tropical Rose Compact Sunpatiens®** – annual, 24" high/wide, sun or shade; hot pink flowers contrast against bright, variegated foliage; compact habit. Cultivars: White Vigorous Sunpatiens®

***Ipomoea batatas* 'Balsotowlim' – Lime SolarTower™ sweet potato vine** – annual, 48-84" with support, sun, first ever self-climbing sweet potato vine, bright chartreuse foliage contrasts with dark foliage

***Iresine herbstii* 'Blazin Lime' – Blazin Lime bloodleaf** – annual, 16-24" high, shade to part sun; brightly variegated foliage with vibrant rose stems, more chartreuse in higher light. Cultivars: Blazin Rose

***Jacobaea candidans* 'Senaw' – Angel Wings® dusty miller** – annual, 10-12" high, sun; large, broad, silvery white foliage, drought tolerant, does best in containers

***Petunia* 'Evening Scentsation' – Evening Scentsation petunia** – annual, 5-8" high, 30-35" wide, sun; 2" indigo blue fragrant flowers, strongest fragrance in the evening, does best in containers and in mass



***Pelargonium* 'Appleblossom Rosebud' – Appleblossom Rosebud zonal geranium** – annual, 24" high, sun; large flowers with clusters of tightly gathered petals, tipped in rose pink; leave in pot and overwinter indoors

***Pennisetum* 'Prince'– Prince fountain grass** – annual, 5-6' high, full to part sun, deep purple foliage intensifies with summer, non-blooming variety, great statement plant for back of the border

***Persicaria virginiana* 'Painter's Palette' – Painter's Palette Virginia fleecflower** – annual, 18-24" high, sun to part shade; leaves green and cream variegated, with pink to chocolate V-shaped markings, best color in shade; airy deep pink spikes of flowers in fall, may self-sow

***Plectranthus scutellarioides* 'Freckles' – Freckles coleus** – annual, 24-30" high, sun or shade; pale yellow leaves with bronze and orange splotches, most vibrant color in shade. Cultivars; Wasabi, Campfire, Ocean Drive (Mainstreet Series)

***Salvia elegans* 'Golden Delicious' – Golden Delicious Rockin® pineapple sage** – annual, 36-48" high, 24-36" wide, part sun to sun; bright yellow, pineapple scented foliage; bright red flowers appear late in season, most vibrant color in shade

***Tagetes patula* 'Strawberry Blonde' – Strawberry Blonde French marigold** – annual, 8-12" high, sun; color changing blooms open deep coral and fade to shades of cream and pink, great for containers and edging, deadheading prolongs bloom

***Tagetes erecta* 'Big Duck Gold' – Big Duck Gold African marigold** – annual, 11-15" high, sun; large, golden-yellow flowers last throughout the season, deadheading prolongs bloom

***Zinnia elegans* 'Queen Lime Orange' – Queen Lime Orange zinnia** – annual, 30-40" high, sun; glowing apricot blooms with blush of lime, bright rose centers; mostly double and semidouble blooms; unique color combination. Cultivars: Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon

Sources & Resources

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