

Thread-leaf Blue Star <i>Amsonia hubrichtii</i>	Betony <i>Stachys monieri</i> 'Hummelo'	Dwarf Delphinium <i>Delphinium grandiflorum</i> 'Summer Nights'	Oregano <i>Origanum rotundifolia x scabrum</i> 'Kent Beauty'	Ironweed <i>Vernonia lettermanii</i> 'Iron Butterfly'
HABIT Bushy. 2-3 feet tall.	Clumping. 18-20 inches tall.	Upright. 8-14 inches tall.	Creeping, but not aggressive. 6-12 inches tall.	Clumping. 3-3 1/2 feet tall.
ZONE Zone 6-9	Zone 4-8	Zone 3-7	Zone 4-8	Zone 4-9
ORIGIN Native. United States	Europe	Europe	Mediterranean	Native. United States
AESTHETICS Early flowering. Light blue star-shaped flowers. Fine-textured foliage becomes golden yellow in the fall.	Blooms midsummer. Spikes of lavender-rose flowers that attract bees. Long and narrow, textured leaves.	Early blooming, bright blue, spurred flowers. Well branched, nice cut flowers. Proper spacing and air flow decrease occurrence of mildew.	Blooms all summer and into fall. Aromatic. Nice as dried flowers. Bracts range from pale green, to white, to pink. Groundcover.	Fall flowering. Purple flowers with rusty seed heads. Fine-textured foliage.
CULTURE Full sun or partial shade. Disease and insect resistant.	Full sun to partial shade. Critter resistant.	Full sun. Alkaline, well-drained soil. No staking necessary. Attracts butterflies.	Full sun. Alkaline, well-drained soil.	Full sun. Tolerant of drought and occasional heavy moisture.
				
				
				

Trialing Locations

Cornell University
Department of Horticulture
Ithaca, NY
<http://hort.cals.cornell.edu>

Lockwoods Greenhouse
Hamburg, NY
www.lockwoodsgreenhouses.com

Mike Weber Greenhouses
Gardenville, NY
www.webergreenhouses.com

Cook & Gardener
Plattsburg, NY
www.cookandgardener.com

Techni-Growers
Warwick, NY
www.generalsgarden.com

Patroon Nursery
Wynantskill, NY
www.patroonnursery.com

Martin Viette Nursery
East Norwich, NY
www.martinviette.com

Mark Adams Greenhouses
Poughkeepsie, NY
www.adamsfarms.com

Baker's Acres
Groton, NY
www.bakersacres.net

Grossmans
Penfield, NY
www.grossmans.com



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For successful perennial gardening you need to choose plants that fit your site, including environmental conditions. Just as perennials come in all sizes, shapes, colors and bloom times, New York has climate zones that range from just cold in the winter to positively arctic! You need plants that can tough it out where you live.



Check out these 14 perennials, chosen by a panel of nursery and garden center owners. We think they're worthy of greater use, and that's why we're trialing them at 10 sites statewide. We want to see how each holds up to local conditions--helping you choose the right perennial for the right place.

<p>Yellow Lanterns <i>Kirengeshoma koreana</i></p>	<p>Lungwort <i>Pulmonaria</i> 'High Contrast'</p>	<p>American Ipecac <i>Gillenia trifoliata</i></p>	<p>Montbretia <i>Crocsmia</i> 'Lucifer'</p>	<p>Heartleaf Brunnera <i>Brunnera macrophylla</i> 'Emerald Mist'</p>	<p>Hardy Orchid <i>Bletilla striata</i></p>	<p>Fingerleaf Rodgersia <i>Rodgersia aesculifolia</i></p>	<p>Toad Lily <i>Tricyrtis formosana</i> 'Gilt Edge'</p>	<p>Acidsoil Lithodora <i>Lithodora diffusa</i> 'Grace Ward'</p>
<p>HABIT Mounding. 8-12 inches tall.</p>	<p>Mounding. 8-12 inches tall.</p>	<p>Bushy. 2-4 feet tall.</p>	<p>Upright. Up to 4 feet tall.</p>	<p>Clumping. 12-18 inches tall.</p>	<p>Upright. 8-12 inches tall.</p>	<p>Clumping. 3-6 feet tall.</p>	<p>Spreading but not aggressive. 1-2 feet tall.</p>	<p>Creeping. 8-12 inches tall.</p>
<p>ZONE Zone 5-7</p>	<p>Zone 3-9</p>	<p>Zone 4-8</p>	<p>Zone 5-9</p>	<p>Zone 3-8</p>	<p>Zone 5-10</p>	<p>Zone 5-7</p>	<p>Zone 4-9</p>	<p>Zone 5-7</p>
<p>ORIGIN Korea</p>	<p>Europe</p>	<p>Native. United States</p>	<p>South Africa</p>	<p>Europe</p>	<p>China</p>	<p>China</p>	<p>Taiwan</p>	<p>Southern Europe</p>
<p>AESTHETICS Late summer flowering. Yellow tubular flowers. Maple-like leaves.</p>	<p>Early flowering. Flowers open pink then turn blue. Silver spotted leaves that last until fall.</p>	<p>Masses of white, star-shaped flowers, in late summer that look like butterflies. Attractive cut flowers with red stems. Medium-textured, trifoliolate leaves that turn bronzy in the fall.</p>	<p>Late summer flowering. Blooms several weeks. Scarlet red, nodding flowers. Nice as cut flowers. Sword-like green foliage. Tropical appearance.</p>	<p>Early flowering. Azure blue flowers. Heart-shaped green leaves accented with silver.</p>	<p>Blooms mid spring through mid summer. Purplish pink flowers last 2-3 weeks. Nice as cut flowers. Sword-like green foliage. Tropical appearance.</p>	<p>Blooms midsummer. Large, creamy flower clusters on 1-2 feet tall panicles. Large coarse leaves. Shaggy brown hair covers flower and leaf stalks.</p>	<p>Late summer flowering. Exotic looking flowers are pinkish with purplish spots and yellow throats. Flowers for many weeks. Dark green leaves have yellow variegated foliage.</p>	<p>Intense blue flowers, in early spring to early summer. Silvery green mats of evergreen foliage. Groundcover.</p>
<p>CULTURE Partial shade. Moist soil. Protect from wind.</p>	<p>Partial shade. Moist soil.</p>	<p>Partial shade. Moist soil.</p>	<p>Full sun. Well-drained soil.</p>	<p>Shade. Moist soil or near water feature.</p>	<p>Partial shade. Well drained, rich soil. Plant no deeper than 2" below surface.</p>	<p>Partial shade. Moist, rich soil. Deer-resistant.</p>	<p>Partial shade. Moist soil. Protect from wind.</p>	<p>Partial shade. Well-drained soil. Prune to keep from becoming leggy.</p>
								
								
								