

## *Alcea rosea*



Photo by: Sherry Ballard © California Academy of Science

Common Name: Hollyhock

Family: Malvaceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: Tall spikes of abundant flowers up to 9 feet high.

Water needs: Requires supplemental water. Avoid over watering. Let soil dry between waterings.

Special Features: Can be used as a seasonal screen for privacy.

Excellent show of color in landscape and cut flower arrangements.

## *Calendula officinalis*



Photo by: Tony Morosco

Common Name: Calendula/ Pot Marigold

Family: Compositae

Light: Full sun to partial shade.

Characteristics of plant: Grows 12-30" high x 12-18" across.

Water needs: Requires supplemental moisture.

Special Features: Has many medicinal and culinary uses. Deters presence of insects and snails. Does best in cool season; plant in fall for color through spring.

## *Centaurea cyanus*



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Common Name: Cornflower / Bachelor's Buttons

Family: Asteraceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: Plant reaches 10"-2' high with white, pink to lavender and blue flowers that bloom spring – summer.

Water needs: Low to medium supplemental water in varying soil conditions.

Special Features: Popular and long lasting flower in arrangements.

Commonly used in "wildflower" mixes. Easily sown from seed. Heat tolerant.

## *Clarkia*



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Common Name: Godetia

Family: Onagraceae

Light: Full sun to light shade.

Characteristics of plant: Grows 20-28" high x 10-12" across with white, pink, purple or red flowers that bloom late spring into summer.

Water needs: Moderate supplemental water.

Special Features: Brilliant color for arrangements and garden display.

Easily sown from seed. Tolerates heat and poor soils.



## Cosmos



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Common Name: Cosmos

Family: Asteraceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: Plants grow from 3'-6' tall and 10"-12" across. Blooms throughout summer in many colors.

Water needs: Low supplemental water in well-drained soils.

Special Features: Used in cut flower and wildflower arrangements. Easily sown from seed. No fertilizer requirements. Tolerant of heat and poor soils.

## *Dimorphotheca sinuata*

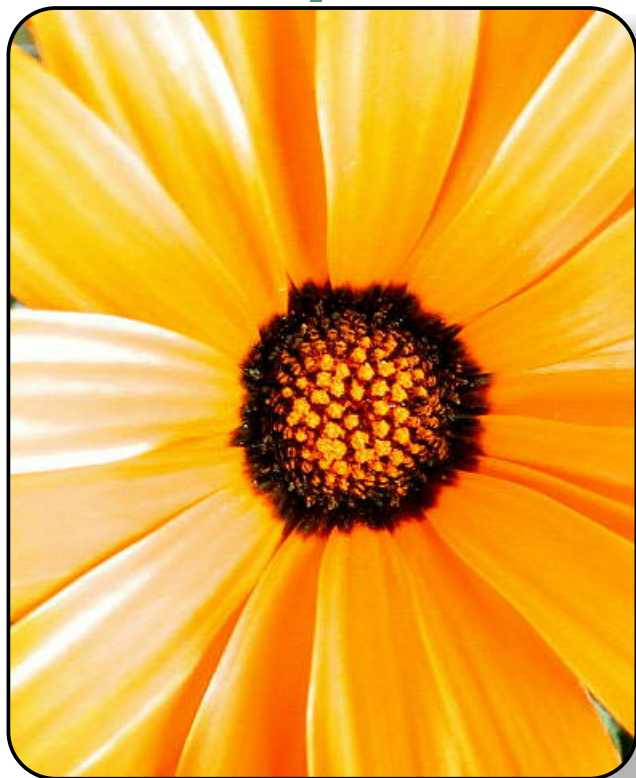


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Common Name: Cape Marigold

Family: Asteraceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: Plant grows to 18" high and 10" across with white, pink, orange, or yellow flowers.

Water needs: Low supplemental water once established in well drained to dry soil.

Special Features: Remove dead flower heads to promote continuous flowering. Easily sown from seed. Tolerant of heat, sun and dry soil.

## *Eschscholzia californica*



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Common Name: California Poppy  
 Family: Papaveraceae  
 Light: Full sun to partial shade.  
 Characteristics of plant: Grows 6-15" high with fine greyish-green leaves. Bright yellow-to-orange flowers from early spring to summer.  
 Water needs: Low supplemental water once established. Let soil dry between waterings.  
 Special Features: Easy to grow from seed. Can be used on banks and for spot color. Will re-seed themselves.

## *Helianthus annuus*



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Common Name: Sunflower  
 Family: Asteraceae  
 Light: Full sun.  
 Characteristics of plant: Grows 4'-10' with bright yellow flowers with black centers.  
 Water Needs: Low supplemental water, avoid over-watering.  
 Special Features: Used as a bedding plant and as a cut flower. Attracts wildlife. Large-flowered types need more water.

## *Lupinus nanus*



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Common Name: Bi-color Lupine

Family: Fabaceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: Grows 1' tall with grey-green foliage and blue and white flowers in spring.

Water Needs: Very low supplemental water.

Special Features: Nitrogen fixing species, pollen attracts bees/butterflies.

## *Portulaca grandiflora*



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Common Name: Moss Rose

Family: Portulacaceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: A small annual which grows to 6" tall and 1' across with small pointy leaves and flowers in yellow, pink, red and white.

Water Needs: Very low supplemental water.

Special Features: Makes a beautiful seasonal ground cover, border or hanging plant. Also used on south-facing slopes. Heat tolerant.