



## Fall-Blooming Perennials

Is the color in Many fall-blooming perennials continue through September in your perennial have daisy-like flowers. Try some shades of white, lavender and garden fading pink, purple, white or blue Asters pink. While some varieties may along with the summer? Dramatic for a pretty pop of color. They spread a little more than you'd spaces don't have to turn drab bloom with a profusion of small, like, Miss Manners is as her just because we turn the calendar yellow-centered flowers in late name implies – mannerly. She from August to September. Now summer into fall. They range in holds her white blooms over is a great time to brighten up your height from dwarf varieties a foliage that stays where it is borders with late-flowering mere 12 inches tall to garden planted. perennials. There are many that giants up to 4 feet tall.

would love to be the stars of your

landscape from late summer into fall. The flowers of Boltonia resemble the flowers of an aster but are *plumbaginoides*). This front-of-covered with pink or white flowers the-border plant stays low only

### For Sun

If I could choose just one fall-blooming plant for every garden, found on the top part of this plant, gentian blue flowers from mid it would be Jo Pye Weed you will want to plant this beauty (*Eupatorium spp.*). Varieties of towards the back of the border. these impressive plants grow

from 3 to 7' tall (or taller), Sneezeweed (*Helenium spp.*) and bear showy clusters of also has daisy-like flowers, but flowers from late summer through hers are larger - about 2 to 2 ½" September. My favorite is wide. Sneezeweed can be found

'Gateway' – a variety that grows 5 to 6' tall with reddish stems and huge seductive clusters of dark mauve flowers.



Joe Pye Weed

Everyone loves the blue flowers of Leadwort (*Ceratostigma plumbaginoides*). This front-of-the-border plant stays low only on sturdy, 3 to 4-foot plants. reaching 8 to 12". Its glossy

August into October. As the season progresses the foliage takes on red tones - a stunning contrast to the blooms. Next spring, be patient for Leadwort to show itself. It is very late to break dormancy.

False Sunflower (*Helianthus spp.*) is a long-blooming perennial that is drought tolerant once established. It starts flowering in July and continues well into

If you're not a fan of daisy-like flowers, choose Obedient Plant (*Physostegia spp.*) The plant is narrow and upright, but it gets its common name from the tendency

of its snapdragon-like flower Goldenrod (*Solidago spp.*) is spikes to stay where they are often falsely accused of causing bent. Blooms start in August and hay fever (because it blooms at

the same time as the real culprit - fall color, brighten it with some exquisite pink or white blooms (ragweed), but it is a hardy and late-flowering Monkshood may be single or double. They are showy perennials that deserve a (*Aconitum*). The showy bloom abundantly on wiry stems spot in any garden. Its flowers flowers of these statuesque above handsome, dark green, are a brilliant, golden yellow - plants resemble those of clump-forming foliage. perfect for fall. They cut well, too, Delphiniums in both color and so add some to fall arrangements. Plant them in rich, moist soil and light shade at the back of Toad Lily (*Trycirtis* spp.) is an underused perennial that deserves more attention. It bears

There are many Sedums that have beautiful foliage all season. Turtlehead (*Chelone* spp.) is a long, but proudly present flowers long-blooming perennial with sports unusual foliage as well. from late summer into fall. There is the classic Autumn Joy, with its like flowers on sturdy stems. Lightning Strike is a variety with impressive dark pink flower heads and sturdy succulent foliage. I love Bertram Anderson. sites and grows 2 to 3 ' tall. Its dusty blue foliage is the perfect backdrop for the mauve Japanese Anemones. Or try Neon, with brighter electric pink flowers.

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snapdragon- Attractive to hummingbirds, it thrives in moist, partially shaded walkway where you will enjoy flowers. Their showy  
Lightning Strike is a variety with gold-streaked foliage and spotted lavender flowers. Gilt Edge has creamy-edged green foliage and lavender-speckled flowers. Plant toad lilies close to the house or a

## For Shade

If your shade garden is short on continue throughout the fall. The