

## My New Favorite Plants

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***Allium cernuum* 'Falling Stars'** – nodding onion (Zones 4-9) Full Sun to Light Shade

White nodding flowers, 2½ in., mid-August to mid-September; 30 in. tall × 30 in. wide; thicker gray green leaves than pink-flowered species; purplish brown fruit

***Amsonia ciliata* var. *tenuifolia* 'Verdant Venture'** – fringed bluestar (Zones 5-9) Full Sun to Partial Shade

Light blue-violet flowers, mid-May to mid-June; 28 in. tall × 60 in. wide; dark green threadlike leaves; golden yellow fall color; not yet commercially available

***Calamintha nepeta* 'Marvelette Blue'** – calamint (Zones 4-8) Full Sun

Light blue-purple flowers, ½ in., early July to mid-October; 15 in. tall × 32 in. wide; compact uniform habit; aromatic foliage; botanical name has changed to *Clinopodium nepeta*

***Chasmanthium latifolium* 'Little Tickler'** – dwarf northern sea oats (Zone 3-8) Full Sun to Partial Shade

Compact bushy habit; 21 in. tall and wide; less than half the species' height; flowers sit on top of leaves and are ornamental from August onward; bronze cast to leaves and inflorescences in fall

***Dendranthema* 'Autumn Spice Igloo'** – hardy mum (Zones 3-9) Full Sun

Orange-bronze flowers, double, 1¼ in. wide, early September to early November; 15 in. tall × 31 in. wide; compact uniform habits

***Dianthus* 'Paint the Town Fancy'** – pink (Zones 4-9) Full Sun to Part Shade

Rose-fuchsia flowers, 1 in. wide, mid-May to early July, repeat; 8 in. tall × 18 in. wide; blue leaves

***Dicentra* 'Pink Diamonds'** – fern-leaved bleeding heart (Zones 3-9) Full Sun to Light Shade

Pink flowers, ¾ in. long, late spring to fall; 10 in. tall × 16 in. wide; blue-green fernlike leaves; well-drained soils, no soggy soils; full sun is best

***Eupatorium perfoliatum* 'Polished Brass'** – American boneset (Zones 3-8) Full Sun to Partial Shade

White flowers, late August to late September; purple-bronze terminal leaves and stems before flowering; glossy leaves; robust bushy habit, 68 in. tall × 96 in. wide; prefers moist soils; pollinator plant

***Geranium sanguineum* 'Pink Summer'** – bloody cranesbill (Zones 3-9) Full Sun to Partial Shade

Soft pink flowers, 1½ in. wide, late May to mid-September; peak in June; 12 in. tall × 30 in. wide; low, dense mounded habit; deadheading is not necessary

***Helianthus salicifolius* 'Autumn Gold'** – willowleaf sunflower (Zones (5)6-9) Full Sun

Bright golden yellow flowers, 2 in. wide, early September to frost; narrow dark green leaves; 16 in. × 26 in. wide; dense, mounded habit

**Heuchera 'Silver Gumbdrop'** – coral bells (Zones 4-9) Sun to Shade

Deep pink flowers, late June to late August; silver and burgundy leaves; strong habit and flower production; 27 in. tall (10 in. to leaves) × 20 in. wide

**Heuchera 'Wildberry'** – coral bells (Zones 4-9) Full Sun to Full Shade

Pink flowers, late June to early September; glossy dark purple leaves; foliage color strongest in spring and fall; strong habit; 18 in. tall (10 in. to top of leaves) × 24 in. wide

**Hibiscus 'Summer Carnival'** – rose mallow (Zones 4-9) Full Sun to Partial Shade

Dark magenta-pink flowers, 7 in. wide; late July to mid-September; 36 in. tall and 42 in. wide, expected to be 4-5 ft. tall and wide; green leaves with narrow band of pink-blushed creamy margins

**Lychnis flos-cuculi 'Petite Jenny'** – ragged robin (Zones 5-9) Full Sun to Partial Shade

Double, lavender-pink flowers, 1¼ in. wide, early June to mid-July, sporadically into September; 29 in. tall × 26 in. wide; prefers moist soil; shear to foliage rosette after flowering

**Monarda 'Bee-Happy'** – bee balm (Zones (4)5-9) Full Sun

Bright pink-red flowers, 3 inches wide, late June to late August; 30 in. tall × 30 in. wide; mildew-resistant; moist, well-drained soils; pollinator-friendly

**Muhlenbergii reverchonii 'PUMD01S' UNDAUNTED®** – ruby muhly (Zones 5-9) Full Sun

Pink plumes in late summer, soft-texture; clumping grass, 40 in. tall × 60 in. wide; xeric plant, tolerant of drought and poor soils; best with consistent moisture, well-drained soils

**Nepeta 'Balneplud' Prelude™ Blue** – blue prelude catmint (Zones 5-9) Full Sun

Purple-blue flowers, 1 in. long, early June to early October; strong blooming; 12 in. tall × 24 in. wide; compact in first year, becoming much larger in second year (36 in. tall × 30 in. wide); aromatic green leaves

**Origanum 'Drops of Jupiter'** – ornamental oregano (Zones 4-9) Full Sun

Purplish pink flowers with dark purple calyces, late June to mid-October; calyces colorful late; yellow to chartreuse leaves; stronger yellow in spring and fall; 10 in. tall × 22 in. wide; will be larger with age

**Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Cayenne'** – fountain grass (Zones 5-9) Full Sun to Light Shade

Burgundy bottlebrush inflorescences, 7 in. long and 2 in. wide, mid-September to early November; 57 in. tall (with flowers) × 50 in. wide; tawny yellow fall color; flowers shatter in fall; sterile selection

**Rudbeckia 'American Gold Rush'** – black-eyed Susan (Zone 4-9) Full Sun

Golden yellow flowers, 2¼ in. wide, drooping rays, late July to mid-October; dense bushy mounds, 27 in. tall × 40 in. wide; hairy foliage resistant to *Septoria* leaf spot

***Salvia nemorosa* 'Rose Marvel'** – wood sage (Zones 3-8) Full Sun

Dark rosy-pink flowers with burgundy calyces, 8 in. long, early June to late July, minor rebloom; significantly larger individual flowers than most wood sages; 17 in. tall × 31 in. wide

***Stachys officinalis* 'Summer Romance'** – wood betony (Zones 4-8) Full Sun

Bright magenta-purple flowers; mid-June to mid-August with repeat bloom to October; 32 in. tall × 25 in. wide; dark green leaves; robust habit and especially floriferous

***Stokesia laevis* 'Blue Frills'** – Stokes' aster (Zones 5-9) Full Sun to Light Shade

Lavender-blue flowers, 3 in. wide, mid-July to mid-October; 20 in. tall × 24 in. wide; persistent and strong performer

***Vernonia* 'Summer's End'** – ironweed (Zones 4-8) Full Sun

Red-purple flowers,  $\frac{5}{8}$  in. wide, early September to mid-October; 42 in. tall and wide; highly resistant to powdery mildew and rust; more attractive to pollinators than others in series; drought tolerant

***Vernonia* 'Summer's Swan Song'** – ironweed (Zones 4-9) Full Sun

Deep purple flowers,  $\frac{7}{8}$  in. wide, late August to early October; 36 in. tall × 40 in. wide; compact hybrid

***Veronicastrum virginicum* 'Queen of Diamonds'** – culver's root (Zones 3-8) Full Sun

Light pink-lavender flowers, early August to mid-September; dark green leaves with purple tips until flowering; rigid, robust habit; 56 in. tall × 34 in. wide; prefers moist soils

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