



Flower Garden Sampler - "Central Valley Style"












































The annual and perennial flowers listed below were chosen by Tulare/Kings Master Gardeners because they grow well in Central Valley gardens. These plants tolerate winter and summer climate conditions special to this region and are available from local nurseries. We recommend building a base of perennial plants in your garden and using annuals for "pretty spots of color". This list will help gardeners new to CA's Central Valley know what to plant. Just take this sampler along with you to the nursery.

ANNUALS		These plants are normally sold in "six-packs" and only live through one growing season. Purchase plants just starting to bloom rather than plants in full bloom. Plant early in their bloom season for long life and bloom.					
Common Name	Botanical Name*	Height	Bloom Color	Bloom Season	Light	Water	Notes
Ageratum, Floss Flower	<i>Ageratum houstonianum</i>	6-12 in	Blue, Rose	Spring - Summer			Heat tolerant
Alyssum, Sweet Alyssum	<i>Lobularia maritima</i>	6-12 in	White, Rose, Purple	Spring - Fall			Re-seeds
Angelonia, Summer Snapdragon	<i>Angelonia angustifolia hybrid</i>	18-24 in	White, Pink, Purple	Summer	to		Deer resistant, Heat tolerant
Calendula, Pot Marigold	<i>Calendula officinalis</i>	12-36 in	Yellow, Orange	Winter - Spring			Bright winter color
Columbine (short lived perennial)	<i>Aquilegia spp.</i>	10-12 in	Many	Spring	to		Attracts hummingbirds
Cosmos	<i>Cosmos bipinnatus</i>	12-24 in	Pink, Purple, White	Summer			Re-seeds, bee pollen source
Foxglove (biennial)	<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	12-60 in	Pink, Purple, White	Spring	to		Re-seeds; toxic
Iceland Poppy	<i>Papaver nudicaule</i>	4-12 in	Many	Winter - Spring			Blooms through winter
Impatiens, Busy Lizzie	<i>Impatiens walleriana</i>	8-12 in	Many	Summer			Long summer bloom
Lobelia	<i>Lobelia erinus</i>	4-12 in	Blue, Purple, White	Spring - Early Summer			Dries out in extreme heat
Love-in-a-mist	<i>Nigella damascena</i>	12-18 in	Blue, White, Rose	Spring			Dries up in summer
Marigold	<i>Tagetes species</i>	6-12 in	Orange, Yellow	Summer			Prone to mites
Nemesia	<i>Nemesia spp.</i>	12 in	Many	Fall - Spring			
Nicotiana, Flowering Tobacco	<i>Nicotiana glauca</i>	12-24 in	White, Green	Summer			Some species very fragrant
Pansy & Johnny-jump-up	<i>Viola spp.</i>	3-8 in	Many	Fall-Winter-Spring			Great for winter blooms
Petunia	<i>Petunia x hybrida</i>	6-15 in	Many	Spring - Summer	to		Prone to worms
Poppy (Alpine, Oriental, Shirley)	<i>Papaver spp.</i>	24 in	Many pastels	Spring			Re-seeds
Poppy (California)	<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	8-24 in	Orange	Spring - Summer			Re-seeds
Portulaca, Rose Moss	<i>Portulaca grandiflora</i>	to 8 in	Many	Summer			Plant after frost
Primrose	<i>Primula spp.</i>	6-12 in	Many	Winter - Spring	to		Compact size for borders
Snapdragon	<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	6-24 in	Many	Fall - Spring			Varying sizes; prone to rust
Statice	<i>Limonium sinuatum</i>	24 in	Many	Summer - Frost			Good cut and dried flower
Sweet Pea (climbing vine)	<i>Lathyrus odoratus</i>	24-120 in	Many	Spring			Easily grown from seed; dwarf bushes available
Sweet William	<i>Dianthus barbatus</i>	6-12 in	White, Pink, Maroon	Spring - Fall			Some species are perennials
Verbena	<i>Verbena x hybrida</i> or <i>V. peruviana</i>	6-12 in	Many	Summer			Perennial grown as an annual
Vinca, Madagascar periwinkle	<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	4-12 in	White, Blue, Purple	Summer	to		Heat tolerant
Zinnia	<i>Zinnia angustifolia</i>	6-48 in	Many	Summer			Heat tolerant; bee pollen source
	Plant time = cool season - best to plant in early fall. Water to establish. Provide water if rainfall is insufficient.						
	Plant time = warm season - best to plant in early spring. Water regularly in summer.				Full Sun		Low, drought tolerant
	Plant time = early fall or early spring.				Afternoon Shade		Medium
* <i>spp.</i> - Indicates there are many different species and varieties of this flower group.					Shade		High

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African daisy	<i>Arctotis spp.</i>	12-18 in	Many	Spring - Summer			Blooms best first summer
Begonia, wax begonia	<i>Begonia semperflorens</i>	6-12 in	White, Pink, Red	Spring - Fall	 to 		Heavy frost will kill plant
Bergenia	<i>Bergenia crassifolia</i>	8-10 in	Pink	Winter - Spring			Attractive large leaves
Black-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	12-36 in	Yellow, Orange	Spring - Fall			Heat tolerant, large flowers
Blue lily turf	<i>Liriope muscari</i>	10-18 in	White, Lavender	Spring	 to 		Grasslike foliage; runners
Ca fuschia	<i>Epilobium or Zauschneria canum</i>	36 in	Red, Salmon	Summer			Spreads gradually
Candytuft	<i>Iberis umbellata</i>	6-12 in	White	Spring			Best planted in Fall
Coneflower	<i>Echinacea spp.</i>	24 in	Pink, White, Purple	Summer			Pollen source for bees
Coral Bells	<i>Heuchera spp.</i>	6-12 in	Pink, White, Red	Spring			Interesting foliage
Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis grandiflora</i>	24 in	Yellow	Spring - Summer			Spreads by self sowing
Creeping or Snow daisy	<i>Chrysanthemum paludosum</i>	8-12 in	White	Fall to Late Spring			Re-seeds
Cyclamen	<i>Cyclamen persicum</i>	3-6 in	Pink, White, Red	Winter - Spring			Heart-shaped leaves, unusual flowers
Daylily	<i>Hemerocallis hybrids</i>	24 in	Many	Spring - Summer			Long summer bloom
Gaillardia, Blanket flower	<i>Gaillardia grandiflora</i>	24-36 in	Yellow, Red, Orange	Spring - Summer			Daisylike flowers
Gaura, Wand flower	<i>Gaura linheimeri</i>	24-36 in	Pink, White	Spring - Fall			Needs space for true form
Gazania	<i>Gazania spp.</i>	6-12 in	Yellow, Orange, Pink	Year round			Deadhead to repeat bloom
Geranium	<i>Pelargonium spp.</i>	18-36 in	Many	Spring - Summer			Heat tolerant
Geum	<i>Geum chilense</i>	24 in	Yellow, Red, Orange	Spring - Fall			Deadhead to repeat bloom
Gladiola	<i>Gladiolus spp.</i>	36 in	Many	Spring - Summer			Plant corms Jan - March
Hellebore, Lenten rose	<i>Helleborus x hybridus</i>	12-24 in	White, Maroon, Pink	Early Spring			Flowers very early in spring
Japanese anemone	<i>Anemone japonica</i>	12-36 in	White, Pink	Fall			Spreads by runners
Lavender	<i>Lavandula spp.</i>	24-36 in	Lavender	Spring - Summer			Fragrant; many varieties
Lily of the Valley	<i>Agapanthus orientalis</i>	12-36 in	Purple, White	Summer	 to 		Divide clumps in Fall
Penstemon	<i>Penstemon spp.</i>	12-48 in	Red, Purple, Pink	Spring - Summer			Margarita BOP=UC All-Star
Peruvian lily	<i>Alstromeria hybrids</i>	24 in	Many	Spring - Summer			Pull old flower shoots to stimulate more blooms
Pincushion Flower	<i>Scabiosa columbaria</i>	6-24 in	Pink, Blue, White	Spring - Summer			Slowly spreads by runners
Ranunculus	<i>Ranunculus asiaticus</i>	12 in	Many	Spring			Plant bulbs in Fall
Salvia	<i>Salvia spp.</i>	to 48 in	Pink, Red, Purple	Spring - Summer			Many varieties and colors
Santa Barbara daisy	<i>Erigeron karvinskianus</i>	12-24 in	White	Spring - Fall			Fine-petaled, daisylike
Shasta daisy	<i>Leucanthemum x superbum</i>	24 in	White	Summer - Fall			Deadhead for longer bloom
Statice, Sea lavender	<i>Limonium perezii</i>	24 in	Purple	Spring - Summer	 to 		Good dried flower
Yarrow	<i>Achillea spp.</i>	4-24 in	Various	Spring - Fall	 to 		Fern-like foliage
For pest management information (mites, worms, rust, etc.), look for Pest Notes on the UC IPM website at: http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu				Full Sun			Low, drought tolerant
				Afternoon Shade			Medium
				Shade			High