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'Butterfly Blue'

Pincushion flower

Scabiosa columbaria

Keep your local butterflies well fed until the last hard frost with pincushion flower. Its 2-inch flowers take off in spring and just keep going—it even blooms all year in mild winter climates.

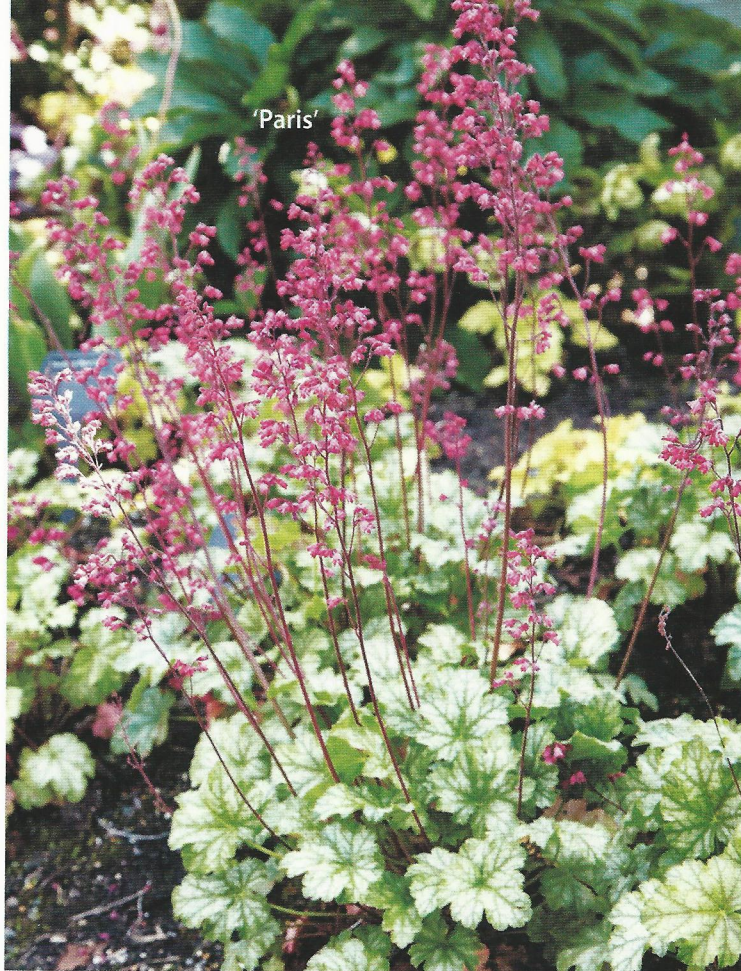
'Butterfly Blue', above, grows a compact 12 to 18 inches tall and wide. You'll also find pincushion flower with pink flowers—look for Flutter™ Rose Pink or 'Pink Mist'.

To keep your pincushion flower coming back every year, provide well-drained soil—plants rot during winter in dense, wet soil. Dividing plants every 3 to 4 years can help extend the life of this short-lived perennial.



Perennial Blooms: Lavender blue, pink or white from spring to fall **Light:** Full sun **Soil:** Well-drained **Size:** 4 to 36 in. tall, 4 to 18 in. wide **Cold-hardy:** USDA zones 3 to 10 **Heat-tolerant:** AHS zones 10 to 1

» **REMOVE LONG FLOWER STEMS** Pincushion flower will keep flowering on its own, but deadheading encourages a quicker rebloom. Follow the slender stem back to the clump of foliage and cut it off below the leaves.



'Paris'

'Paris' coral bells

Heuchera hybrid

'Paris' is one of the best reblooming coral bells you can find, with a big flush of small pink bell-shaped flowers in spring that hummingbirds love. Deadheading will help 'Paris' form new blooms until frost.

The tidy mound of foliage stays looking its best with regular watering. But winter's freezing and thawing temperatures can sometimes heave plants out of the ground a bit. If that happens, gently step on the crown in early spring, after the ground thaws, so the slender taproot goes back into the ground.



Perennial Blooms: Rose-pink blooms from early spring to early fall **Light:** Full sun to part shade **Soil:** Moist, well-drained **Size:** 6 to 12 in. tall, 14 in. in flower, 12 to 14 in. wide **Cold-hardy:** USDA zones 4 to 9 **Heat-tolerant:** AHS zones 9 to 1

» **REMOVE LONG FLOWER STEMS** Cut the long stems back below the foliage to encourage more to take its place.

Silvery sophistication

Hang a medal around your neck for this one, because in the fall this combo is pure silver and gold. Masses of dusty miller move the eye along this soft scene. In the midst of a season of changing foliage, silvery white dusty miller leaves remain bright all season, and, when grouped together, they illuminate the globe amaranth suspended above. To add fall color, swap out the pink flowers for a deep red burnet (*Sanguisorba officinalis*) with a similar shape and airy habit. Dusty miller flowers are insignificant so pinch them off if you see them. Ruby grass grows well in sandy soil and is blue-green most of the season, until it starts to fade yellow in late summer, sometimes even becoming burgundy in late fall.

- A Globe amaranth** *Gomphrena* 'Fireworks' Annual; purple-pink globe-shaped flowers in early summer through fall; full sun; 3 to 4 ft. tall, 1 to 2 ft. wide; heat-tolerant in AHS zones 12 to 1
- B Dusty miller** *Centaurea cineraria* 'Colchester White' Tender perennial; lacy silver-white foliage and insignificant flowers; full sun; 12 to 36 in. tall, 12 to 18 in. wide; cold-hardy in USDA zones 7 to 11, heat-tolerant in AHS zones 12 to 1
- C Ruby grass** *Melinis nerviglumis* 'Savannah' Tender perennial; ruby pink flowers in late summer that fade to white in fall; full sun; 6 to 18 in. tall, 8 to 12 in. wide; cold-hardy in USDA zones 8 to 10, heat-tolerant in AHS zones 10 to 1



LOCATION: The Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden



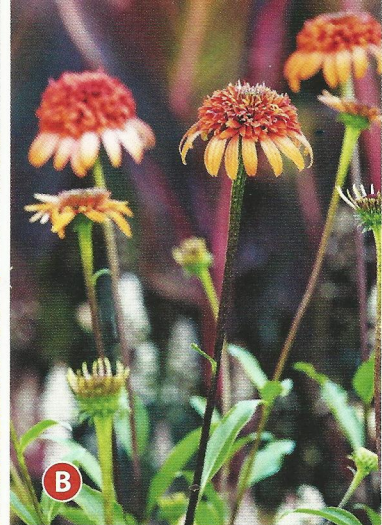
White heights

If you want your white flowering plants to glow in the sun, this Japanese anemone is the perfect height and shape. The 2-inch double flowers bob and catch the light. The anemones like a little shade but can take full sun, too, as long as they don't get too dry. 'Henry I' is shorter than most asters and has double flowers that bees love.

- A Garden mum** *Chrysanthemum* 'Samba' Perennial; salmon-pink flowers in fall; full sun; 18 to 20 in. tall and wide; cold-hardy in USDA zones 5 to 9, heat-tolerant in AHS zones 9 to 1
- B Japanese anemone** *Anemone x hybrida* 'Whirlwind' Perennial; white flowers in late summer through fall; full sun to part shade; 2 to 4 ft. tall, 2 to 3 ft. wide; cold-hardy in USDA zones 4 to 8, heat-tolerant in AHS zones 8 to 1
- C Aster** *Symphotrichum novi-belgii* 'Henry I' Perennial; blue-purple flowers in late summer through fall; full sun; 18 to 24 in. tall and wide; cold-hardy in USDA zones 4 to 8, heat-tolerant in AHS zones 8 to 1
- D Coral bells** *Heuchera* 'Southern Comfort' Perennial; coppery peach foliage, spikes of small white flowers in summer; full sun to part shade; 12 to 18 in. tall, 18 to 24 in. wide; cold-hardy in USDA zones 4 to 9, heat-tolerant in AHS zones 9 to 1



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A **Switchgrass** *Panicum virgatum* 'Heavy Metal' Perennial; pink-tinged panicles in midsummer; full sun; 4 to 5 ft. tall, 1 to 2 ft. wide; cold-hardy in USDA zones 5 to 9, heat-tolerant in AHS zones 9 to 1 **Number to plant: 11**

B **Coneflower** *Echinacea Secret™ Lust* Perennial; peachy rays with orange-red centers summer through fall; full sun; 2 to 3 ft. tall and wide; cold-hardy in USDA zones 4 to 10, heat-tolerant in AHS zones 10 to 1 **Number to plant: 10**

C **Red hot poker** *Kniphofia* 'Mango Popsicle' Perennial; orange spikes in summer through fall; full sun; 18 to 30 in. tall, 12 to 18 in. wide; cold-hardy in USDA zones 6 to 8, heat-tolerant in AHS zones 8 to 1 **Number to plant: 11**

D **Saskatoon serviceberry** *Amelanchier alnifolia* Shrub; white flowers in spring, purple-black fruit in summer; full sun to part shade; 8 to 10 ft. tall and wide; cold-hardy in USDA zones 3 to 9, heat-tolerant in AHS zones 9 to 1 **Number to plant: 4**

E **Coreopsis** *Coreopsis verticillata* 'Zagreb' Perennial; yellow flowers midspring through midsummer; full sun; 12 to 15 in. tall, 12 to 24 in. wide; cold-hardy in USDA zones 3 to 9, heat-tolerant in AHS zones 9 to 1 **Number to plant: 14**

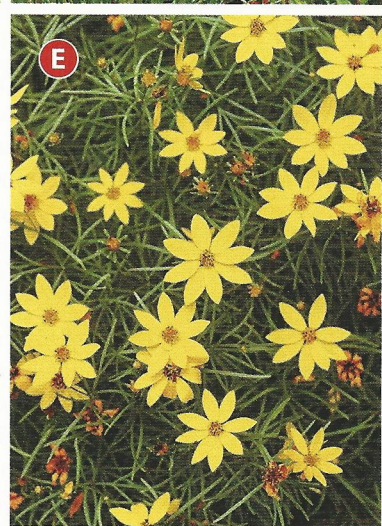
F **Gentian** *Gentiana* 'True Blue' Perennial; blue flowers summer to fall; full sun to part shade; 15 to 20 in. tall, 12 to 18 in. wide; cold-hardy in USDA zones 4 to 8, heat-tolerant in AHS zones 8 to 1 **Number to plant: 21**

G **Salvia** *Salvia darcy* x *microphylla* Windwalker™ Royal Red Perennial; ruby-red flowers summer through fall; full sun to part shade; 3 to 4 ft. tall and wide; cold-hardy in USDA zones 5 to 9, heat-tolerant in AHS zones 9 to 1 **Number to plant: 5**

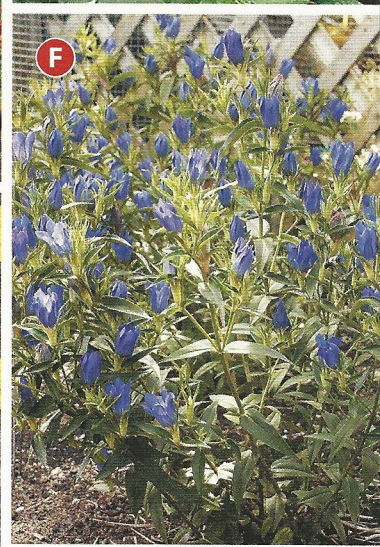
H **Shrub rose** *Rosa Knock Out®* Perennial; red-pink flowers in late spring through fall; full sun; 3 to 4 ft. tall and wide; cold-hardy in USDA zones 4 to 9, heat-tolerant in AHS zones 9 to 1 **Number to plant: 4**

I **Sand cherry** *Prunus besseyi* Pawnee Buttes™ Shrub; white flowers in spring, showy red foliage in fall; full sun; 12-to 18 in. tall, 48 to 72 in. wide; cold-hardy in USDA zones 3 to 8, heat-tolerant in AHS zones 8 to 1 **Number to plant: 2**

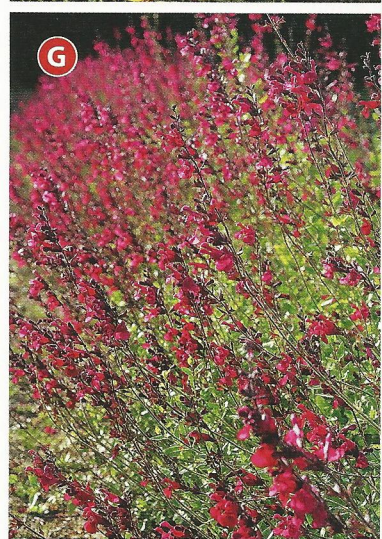
J **Arborvitae** *Thuja occidentalis* 'Filips Magic Moment' Shrub; compact evergreen with golden yellow-green foliage; full sun to part shade; 6 to 8 ft. tall, 1 to 3 ft. wide; cold-hardy in USDA zones 3 to 7, heat-tolerant in AHS zones 7 to 1 **Number to plant: 3**



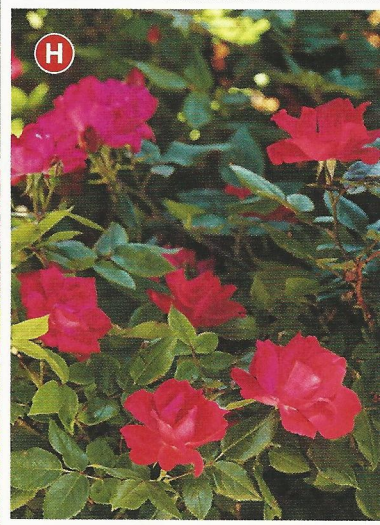
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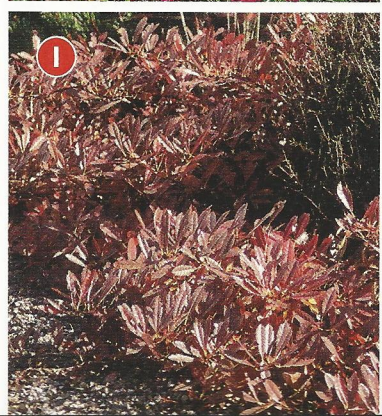
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