

Well behaved Perennials	Season	Height	Exposure	Moisture Req.
<i>Achillea</i> species (not millefolium)	mid	medium/tall	sun	dry
<i>Astilbe</i> cultivars		medium	part sun/shade	moist/wet
<i>Aconitum</i> (Monkshood)	late	tall	Part sun	moist
<i>Alchemilla mollis</i> (lady's mantle)	mid	short	Part sun/shade	dry/moist
<i>Aquilegia</i> (columbine)	mid	medium	Part sun/shade	dry/moist
<i>Arabis</i>	early	groundcover	sun	dry/welldrained
<i>Artemesia</i>	all	sh/med/tall	Full sun	dry/welldrained
<i>Aruncus</i> (goatsbeard)	all	sh/med/tall	partsun/shade	dry/moist
<i>Asclepias</i> (Butterfly weed)	late	tall	Full sun	dry
<i>Aster</i>	ear/mid	early/late	Full sun	dry/moist
<i>Astrantia</i>	mid	medium	Part shade	dry/moist
<i>Bergenia</i> (Elephant ears)	all	short	Part sun/shade	Dry/moist
<i>Brunnera</i>	early	short	shade	dry
<i>Campanula</i>	mid	short/med/tall	Part sun/sun	dry/moist
<i>Cerastium tomentosum</i> (snow in summer)	mid	groundcover	Full sun	dry
<i>Clematis</i> Type A	spring	vine	sun/partshade	moist
<i>Clematis</i> Type B	mid/late	vine	sun/part shade	moist
<i>Clematis</i> Type C	late	vine	sun	moist
<i>Coreopsis</i>	mid	short/med	sun	Dry
<i>Delphinium</i>	mid	med/tall	sun	moist
<i>Dianthus</i>	mid	grnd/short/med	Full sun	dry/welldrained
<i>Dictamnus</i> (gas plant)	mid	tall	sun	dry/moist
<i>Dicentra</i> (bleeding heart)	early	short/tall	partshade/shade	dry/moist
<i>Digitalis grandiflora</i> (golden foxglove)	mid	tall	partshade/sun	moist
<i>Doronicum</i> (leopard's bane)	early	med	partshade/shade	moist
<i>Echinecea</i> (purple coneflower) (native)	late	tall	Full sun	Dry
<i>Echinops</i> (globe thistle)	late	tall	Full sun	dry/welldrained
<i>Erigeron</i> (fleabane)	mid	med	Full sun	dry/welldrained
<i>Eryngium</i> (sea holly)	late	tall	Full sun	dry/welldrained
Eupatorium (Joe-pye Weed)	late	tall	Full sun	moist
Euphorbia (spurge)	all	short	Full sun	dry
<i>Filipendula</i> (Queen of the Prairie)	mid	tall	shade	moist

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<i>Gaillardia</i> (Brown Eyed Susan)	mid/late	med	Full sun	dry/welldrained
<i>Gentian species</i>	e/m/l	short/med	partshade/sun	well-drained
<i>Geranium</i> (perennial cranesbill)	e/m	short/med	sun/partshade	dry/moist
<i>Heliopsis</i> (perennial sunflower)	mid/late	tall	Full sun	dry/moist
<i>Helenium</i> (Helen's flower)	late	tall	Full sun	dry/moist
<i>Hemerocallis</i> (daylily)	mid/late	short/med/tall	partsun/sun	moist/dry
<i>Hepatica</i>	early	short	partsun/sun	moist
<i>Heuchera</i> (coral bells)	all	short	partsun/shade	moist
<i>Hosta</i>	all	short/med	partsun/shade	moist
<i>Iris</i> (bearded)	early/all	short/med/tall	fullsun	dry/welldrained
<i>Iris</i> (Siberian)	early/all	tall	partsun/sun	moist
<i>Liatris</i> (blazing star)	late	medium/tall	fullsun	dry/welldrained
<i>Ligularia</i>	all	med/tall	shade	constant moist.
<i>Lilium species</i> (lilies)	mid/late	med/tall	partsun/sun	dry/moist
<i>Linum perenne</i> (flax)	mid	medium	fullsun	dry
<i>Lupinus</i> (lupine)	earl/mid	medium	partsun/sun	moist/dry
<i>Lychnis</i> (Maltese cross)	mid	medium	fullsun	dry
<i>Lysimachia</i> (Creeping Jenny)	mid	groundcover	partshade/shade	moist/dry
<i>Monarda</i> (beebalm)	mid/late	tall	Full sun	moist
<i>Nepeta</i> (catmint)	mid	short/med/tall	Full sun	dry
<i>Paeonia</i> (peony)	ear/mid	medium	partsun/full sun	moist/dry
<i>Pulsatilla</i> sp. (praire crocus)				
<i>Penstemon</i> species	mid	short/medium	fullsun	dry/welldrained
<i>Perovskia</i> (Russian Sage)	late	tall	fullsun	dry/welldrained
<i>Phlox</i>	ear/late	short/tall	sun/partsun	moist
<i>Phystostegia</i> (Obedient Plant)	mid	medium	sun	moist/dry
<i>Platycodon</i> (Ballon Plant)	mid	medium	partsun/sun	moist
<i>Polemonium</i> (Jacob's Ladder)	early	medium	partshade/shade	moist
<i>Papaver</i> (Oriental Poppy)	mid	medium	fullsun	dry/welldrained
<i>Primula</i>	early	short	partshade/shade	moist/welldrain
<i>Pulmonaria</i> (Lungwort)	all	short	partshade/shade	moist
<i>Rudbeckia</i> (coneflowers)	mid/late	med/tall	fullsun	dry/welldrained

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Salvia (perennial sage)	mid/late	med	fullsun	dry/welldrained
Saponaria (soapwort)	early	groundcover	fullsun	moist/dry
<i>Saxifraga</i>	early	groundcover	partshade	welldrained
<i>Sedum</i>	late/all	grnd/short/med	fullsun	dry/welldrained
<i>Sempervivum</i> (Hens and Chicks)	all	groundcover	Full sun	dry/welldrained
<i>Solidago</i> (goldenrod)	late	med/tall	Full sun	dry
Stachys byzantina (lamb's ears)	all	short/med	fullsun	dry/welldrained
<i>Tiarella</i>	early/all	short	shade	moist
<i>Trollius</i> (globeflower)	early	medium	partshade/shade	moist
<i>Verbascum</i>	mid	medium/tall	partsun/sun	moist/dry
<i>Veronica</i>	earl/mid	grnd/sh/md/tall	partsun/sun	dry/welldrained

Perennial Grasses	Season	Height	Exposure	Moisture Req.
<i>Deschampsia</i> species and cultivars Tufted hair grass	cool	medium/tall	Part sun	moist
<i>Calamagrostis</i> cultivars Feather reed grass	cool	tall	Part sun/shade	moist/dry
<i>Helictotrichon sempervirens</i> Blue oat grass	cool	medium	Part sun/sun	Dry
<i>Arrhenatherum elatus</i> var. <i>bulbosum</i> 'Variegatum' Variegated bulbous oat grass	cool	medium	Part sun/sun	moist/dry
<i>Andropogon gerardii</i> Big bluestem	warm	tall	sun	dry
<i>Bouteloua gracillis</i> Side oats gramma	warm	short/medium	sun	dry
<i>Briza media</i> Quaking grass	cool	short	sun	moist
<i>Festuca</i> species and cultivars Sheeps fescue	cool	short	sun	moist/dry
<i>Juncus effusus</i> Soft rush		medium	Light shade	wet/marsh
<i>Koeleria macrantha</i> June grass	cool	short/medium	sun/part shade	dry
<i>Luzula nivea</i> and <i>sylvatica</i> Snowy and greater woodrush	cool	short	shady/woodland	moist
<i>Molinia caerulea</i> cultivars Moor grass	warm	short/medium	sun/part shade	moist
<i>Panicum virgatum</i> Switch grass	warm	medium	sun	moist/dry
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> Little bluestem	warm	tall	sun	dry
<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i> Prairie dropseed	both	medium	sun	dry

Well Behaved Native Plants	Season	Height	Exposure	Moisture Req.
<i>Allium stellatum</i> (pink onion)	mid	short	sun/parts hade	dry/welldrained
<i>Antennaria parvifolia</i> (pussytoes)	earl/mid	groundcover	Full sun	dry/welldrained
<i>Artemisia frigida</i> (prairie sage)	all	medium	Full sun	dry/welldrained
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i> (harebell)	mid/late	short	sun/part shade	dry
<i>Dalea purpurea</i> (purple prairie clover)	mid	medium	sun	dry/welldrained
<i>Echinacea angustifolia</i> (prple coneflwr)	late/mid	tall	Full sun	dry/welldrained
<i>Erigeron compositus</i> (fleabane)	ear/mid	short	sun/part shade	dry/welldrained
<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i> (Joe-pye weed)	late	tall	sun/part shade	moist
<i>Gaillardia aristata</i> (blanket flower)	mid	medium	Full sun	dry/welldrained
<i>Galium boreale</i> (northern bedstraw)	mid	medium	Full sun	moist/dry
<i>Geum triflorum</i> (Old man's whiskers)	early	short	Full sun	moist/dry
<i>Heuchera richardsonii</i> (alumroot)	all	short	sun/shade	moist/welldrain
<i>Liatris punctata</i> (dotted blazing star)	late	medium	Full sun	dry/welldrained
<i>Liatris ligulistylis</i> (meadow blazng star)	late	tall	Full sun	dry/welldrained
<i>Lilium philadelphicum</i> (wood lily)	mid	short	sun/part shade	moist/dry
<i>Linum lewisii</i> (blue flax)	mid	medium	Full sun	dry/welldrained
<i>Lupinus argenteus</i> (silvery lupine)	mid	short	Full sun	dry/welldrained
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i> (Beebalm)	mid	medium/tall	Full sun	dry/welldrained
<i>Oligoneuron rigidum</i> (stiff goldenrod)	late	medium	Full sun	dry/welldrained
<i>Phlox hoodii</i> (Hood's moss phlox)	early	groundcover	Full sun	dry/welldrained
<i>Pulsatilla patens</i> (prairie crocus)	early	short	Full sun	dry/welldrained
<i>Ratibida columnifera</i> (prairie coneflwr)	late	tall	Full sun	dry/welldrained
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> (black-eyed Susan)	late	tall	Full sun	dry/welldrained
<i>Sisyrinchium montanum</i> (blue-eyed grass)	earl/mid	short	sun/part shade	dry/welldrained
<i>Symphyotrichum laeve</i> var. <i>laeve</i> (smooth blue aster)	late	tall	sun/part shade	dry/welldrained
<i>Townsendia parryi</i>	early	short	sun/part shade	dry/welldrained
<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i> (Culver's root)	mid	tall	sun/part shade	moist/welldrain
<i>Zizia aptera</i> (heart leaved parsnip)	ear/mid	medium	Full sun	moist/welldrain

Right Plant, Right Place

While all of these plants are reliable stalwart garden plants, in order for them to succeed it is important to meet their cultural needs. All new plants will require a period of extra care until their roots reach out into the surrounding soil. Even when all conditions have been met some perennials will be shorter lived than others. Many simply flower themselves to death (*Gaillardia*, *Penstemon*) but will self seed. Others like peonies take a few years to really settle in but once established resent any disturbance surviving for years in the same place.

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