

# SUN ANNUALS

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## Low Groundcover

**Angelonia:** Summer snapdragons! Our AngelMist series offers spreading Angelonia plants with big blooms. Stalks lean about 45° into the garden, crisscrossing each other to form a horizontal band of color over the foliage. This is a low-growing Angelonia so you can use it in containers, border fronts, or as a unique groundcover.

- Height: 4-10 inches
- Spread: 12-20 inches

## Dramatic Thriller

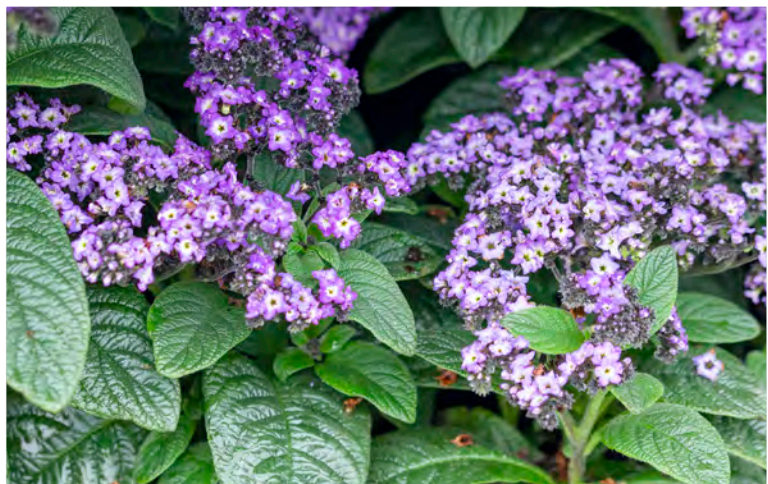
**Heliotrope:** If you like fragrant flowers this is your annual. Large clusters of deep purple blooms are unexpectedly vanilla-scented. That's a dramatic twist, and the plant looks as dramatic as it smells with the intense purple popping against the dark green foliage. Birds, butterflies, and hummingbirds find it simply irresistible! Plant in a group of three as an eye-catching centerpiece.

- Height: 10-14 inches
- Spread: 12-18 inches

## Color In The Sun

### *Create Your Own DIY Designs*

Get creative this season with our wide range of beautiful annuals for sun. We have flowering varieties in a range of colors, sizes, and textures that do their best work in full sun, so you have a broad palette to bring your designs to life! Start with a tall thriller in the back or the middle, then fill in with lower-growing varieties and spillers at the edge. Of course, you can free-style if you want to—it's your design after all!



Heliotrope—half the drama is in the surprising fragrance

Our sun annuals are tough plants that can tolerate heat and drought conditions in beds and containers, though they do prefer regular water. They can also survive in part shade but you'll get the most blooms in full sun. At the end of the day they are beauty plants built to flower, so it's wise to use some mixers like foliage, vines, or baby's breath in the background to allow them to shine. Take a look at our *Mixers* care sheet for more suggestions and tips on building DIY combinations.



Unique fan-shaped flowers of Scaevola

## Color & Texture

**Scaevola:** Fun and funky! Unusual blue fan-shaped flowers cover a mound of green foliage all summer long. Scaevola looks lovely spilling over the edge in mixed containers, hanging baskets, and window boxes.

Pale Lavender-Blue:

- Height: 6-10 inches
- Spread: 12-18 inches

Dark Blue:

- Height: 12-20 inches
- Spread: 24-28 inches

**SunPatiens Compact:** Brilliant flowers are larger than standard Impatiens but smaller than the New Guinea type. Some varieties have variegated foliage for extra exotic flare! Dense, bushy mounded plants thrive in full sun or part shade and flower right through to a hard frost.

- Height: 18-30 inches
- Spread: 16-20 inches



Variegated foliage of SunPatiens Compact Tropical Rose

## Two Types Of Marigolds

Marigolds are summer classics, adding glowing splashes of color to edging, borders, and containers for sun. There are two major types to choose from: African and French.

### *African Marigold: Large*

African Marigold is the larger of the two. Plants typically grow from one to four feet tall with huge, mostly double ball-shaped flowers in shades of yellow, orange, and white. Our dwarf Taishan series only reaches a foot tall but the blooms are just as big.

### *French Marigold: Small*

French Marigold plants are smaller and bushier. Flowers are single, semi-double, double, or crested, and often frilly. They come in shades of yellow, orange, and red in solids and bicolors. Our Bonanza series grows about a foot tall.

### *Other Annuals For Sun*

Look for Alyssum and Lobelia in our *Annuals for Cool Weather* care sheet. Information about zonal-and ivy-style Geraniums can be found in our *Geranium* and *Spring Sunbasket* care sheets



A frilly French Marigold for a flash of color