

Good Plants for Abilene and Surrounding Areas

Common and Scientific Name	Light	Drought	Height	Comments
Annuals				
May have higher maintenance requirements, need deadheading regularly and fertilization				
Alyssum, Sweet (<i>Lobularia maritime</i>)	S/PS			Cool Season, Wht, Pur, Pk
Aster, Fall	S/PS			Cool Season
Pansy (<i>Viola wittrockia</i>)	S/PSH	Mod	8-12"	Cool Season, many colors
California Poppy (<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>)	S			Cool Season, Org and Yel
Iceland Poppy (<i>Papaver nudicaule</i>)	S	High	12"	
Dianthus	S/PS			Cool Season, Pk, Wht, Pur
Dusty Miller (<i>Senecio cineraria</i>)	S	Mod	12-16"	Grey foliage
Larkspur, Rocket (<i>Consolida ambigua</i>)	S/PSH	High	18-48"	Cool Season, Pk, Wht, Pur
Ornamental Kale (<i>Brassica oleracea</i>)	S/PSH	Mod	10-14"	Cool Season
Snapdragon (<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>)	S/PSH	Mod	12-48"	Cool Season, many colors
Amaranth, Globe (<i>Gomphrena globosa</i>)	S			Warm Season, Pur, Pk, Wht
Begonia (<i>Begonia semperflorens</i>)	SH	Mod	6-12"	Likes amended soil
Blue Daze (<i>Evolvulus glomeratus</i>)	S	High	6-12"	Gray green foliage w/blue flowers
Blue Plumbago (<i>Plumbago auriculata</i>)	S/PSH	High	6-8"	Great perennial border

Butterfly weed (<i>Asclepis tuberosa</i>)	S/PSH	High	15-18"	Red/orange blooms
Cosmos (<i>Cosmos</i> sp.)	S	High	12-48"	Yellow/orange blooms
Cornflower (<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>)	S/PS			Blu, Pk, Pur
Caladium	S/SH			
Coleus	S/SH			
Copper Plant	S			
Dalhberg Daisy (<i>Thymophylla tenuiloba</i>)	S			Yel
Firebush (<i>Hamelia patens</i>)	S	High	3'	Annual from Central Texas Northward
Geranium	S/PSH			
Gomphrena (<i>Gomphrena Globosa</i>)	S/PSH	High	12-24"	Pur blooms
Impatiens	PSH/SH			
Marigold	S/PSH			
Moss Rose (<i>Portulaca grandiflora</i>)	S	High	6-8"	Succulent, many colors
Moon Vine	S/PSH			
Narrow Leaf Zinnia (<i>Zinnia angustifolia</i>)	S	Mod	8-12"	Blooms all summer, wht, yel
Pentas (<i>Pentas lanceolata</i>)	S/PSH	Mod	12-24"	Blooms all summer, red, Pk, Lavendar
Periwinkle (<i>Vinca catharanthus</i>)	S	High	6-12"	Seeds freely, good drainage
Purslane (<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>)	S	High	6-8"	Succulent

Scarlet Sage (<i>Salvia splendens</i>)	S	High	6-18"	Seeds Freely, red blooms
Salvia, Lady in Red (<i>Salvia coccinea</i> lady in red)	S/PSH			Red
Salvia, Indigo Spires (<i>Salvia</i> X Indigo Spires)	S/PSH			Violet-Blue
Trailing Lantana (<i>Lantana montevidensis</i>)	S	High	10-24"	Some are tender perennial
Yellow Bells/ <i>Esperanza</i> (<i>Tecoma stans</i>)	S	High	3-6'	Tender Perennial, blooms April
Zinna (<i>Zinna elegans</i>)	S	High	18-36"	Many bright colors