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| **Plant Name**  **Perennial Bloom Calendar for Portland** | Jan. | Feb. | March | April | May | June | July | August | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
| Achillea (Yarrow) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aconitum\* (Monkshood) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Actea /Cimicifuga\* (Bugbane) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agastache (Anise hyssop) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Anemone\* (Japanese) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aquilegia (Columbine) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Arabis\*\* (Rock cress) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aster |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aubrieta |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aurinia\*\* (Basket-of-Gold) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bellis (English Daisy) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brunnera\* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Campanula (Bellflower) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Centaurea |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chrysanthemum |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coreopsis |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Corydalis\* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Crocosmia |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dahlia |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Delphinium |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dianthus (Pinks) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dicentra\* (Bleeding Heart) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Digitalis\* (Foxglove) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Echinacea (Coneflower) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Erigeron (Fleabane) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Eryngium (Sea Holly) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Erysimum\*\* (Wallflower) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fuchsia\* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gaillardia (Blanket Flower) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gaura |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Geranium (Cranesbill) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Geum |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Helenium (Sneezeweed) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Helianthemum\*\*(Sun Rose) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Helleborus\*, \*\* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hemerocallis (Daylily) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Iberis\*\* (Candytuft) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Leucanthemum (Daisy) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lithodora\*\* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lupinus (Lupine) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monarda (Bee Balm) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Myosotis\*(Forget-Me-Not) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nepeta (Catmint) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Paeonia (Peony) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Papaver (Poppy) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Penstemon |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Perovskia (Russian Sage) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Phlox (short) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Phlox (tall) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Phygelius (Cape Fuchsia) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Primula\* (Primrose) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rudbeckia (Black-Eyed Susan) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Salvia |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Saxifraga\*, \*\* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scabiosa (Pincushion Flower) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thalictrum\* (Meadow Rue) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tricyrtis\* (Toad Lily) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Veronica (short) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Veronica (tall) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Viola\* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Darkest-colored** cells indicate main bloom time. **Lighter-colored** cells indicate start, finish, or sporadic bloom times.

\*Indicates shade tolerance \*\*Indicates evergreen plant

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Visit a local gardening center in spring, and you will find a myriad of perennial plants all in full flower. If you were to purchase a selection of these and plant them at home, chances are you would have lots of flowers for a few weeks or so, but then when summer rolled around, your yard would have lost a lot of its bloom. That’s because for the most part, the showiest, most eye-catching plants in the nursery are for sale during their peak bloom time. If one shopped a few times throughout the seasons, one would see different plants blooming at different times. With a little planning, you can design a garden with four seasons of flowers. This guide aims to help. We have selected a number of common perennial flowering plants and mapped out their general flowering times.

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Even though each plant has its own common bloom time, there are many factors that affect when perennial flowers will appear.

Seasonal issues: Every season is different. If, for instance, we have a very cold spring, this will probably push back the bloom times of many early season flowers. Alternatively, if we have a very warm spring, many plants will bloom early. A hot, dry summer with drought conditions may also cause a change in bloom times.

Age of plant: More mature plants tend to put out more blooms for longer.

Culture: Following the recommendations for amount of sun, water, and fertilizer is very important to keep perennials blooming their best. If a sun-loving plant is put in too much shade, it will not bloom very well, or if a plant does not get the amount of water or nutrients it needs, it will not perform well.

Extending bloom times: Sometimes plants will put out another flush of flowers if they are sheared back after the first blooms fade. Plant tags will usually tell you if this is a good idea. Deadheading spent flowers will often prolong blooms indefinitely. Perennials also may need to be thinned or divided every few years to keep them in top form.

Varietal differences: Sometimes there are many species of the same plant that will have different qualities and bloom times. Check the tags or ask if you are unsure about when a particular plant is supposed to bloom.

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