Top-performing Perennials
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*Ammi* cernuum 'Falling Stars' – nodding onion (Zones 4-9) Full Sun to Light Shade
White nodding flowers, 2½ in., mid-August to mid-September; 30 in. tall \( \times \) 30 in. wide; thicker gray green leaves than pink-flowered species; purplish brown fruit

*Ammi* ciliata var. *tenuifolia* 'Verdant Venture' – fringed bluestar (Zones 5-9) Full Sun to Partial Shade
Light blue-violet flowers, mid-May to mid-June; 28 in. tall \( \times \) 60 in. wide; dark green threadlike leaves; golden yellow fall color; not yet commercially available

*Andropogon* gerardii 'Dancing Wind' – big bluestem (Zones 3-9) Full Sun
Bright green leaves with purple tips in summer, turning purple in September; purple-red and coppery culms and deep red-purple inflorescences from late July onward; robust habit, 75 in. tall \( \times \) 38 in. wide; species is a larval host for many butterflies

*Baptisia* 'Vanilla Cream' – false indigo (Zones 4-8) Full Sun
Creamy yellow flowers, 15-18 in. long, late May to mid-June; 39 in. tall \( \times \) 56 in. wide; purple calyces and stems

*Calamintha* nepeta 'Marvelette Blue' – calamint (Zones 4-8) Full Sun
Light blue-purple flowers, ½ in., early July to mid-October; 15 in. tall \( \times \) 32 in. wide; compact uniform habit; aromatic foliage; botanical name has changed to *Clinopodium* nepeta

*Chasmanthium* latifolium 'Little Tickler' – dwarf northern sea oats (Zone 3-8) Full Sun to Partial Shade
Compact bushy habit; 21 in. tall and wide; less than half the species' height; flowers sit on top of leaves and are ornamental from August onward; bronze cast to leaves and inflorescences in fall

*Clematis* 'Cleminov 51' – SAPPHIRE INDIGO™ clematis (Zones 4-8) Full Sun
Deep purple-blue flowers, 5 in. wide, early June to September; non-climber, 36 in. long stems

*Dianthus* 'Paint the Town Fancy' – pink (Zones 4-9) Full Sun to Part Shade
Rose-fuchsia flowers, 1 in. wide, mid-May to early July, repeat; 8 in. tall \( \times \) 18 in. wide; blue leaves

*Echinacea* 'Balsomsolst' – SOMBREO® SUMMER SOLSTICE coneflower (Zones 4-9) Sun to Partial Shade
Yellow flowers with white bases and orange cones; 3¼ in. wide, June-October; compact, well-branched habits; 19 in. tall \( \times \) 25 in. wide

*Eupatorium* perfoliatum 'Polished Brass' – American boneset (Zones 3-8) Full Sun to Partial Shade
White flowers, late August to late September; purple-bronze terminal leaves and stems before flowering; glossy leaves; robust bushy habit, 68 in. tall \( \times \) 96 in. wide; prefers moist soils; pollinator plant

*Geranium* sanguineum 'Pink Summer' – bloody cranesbill (Zones 3-9) Full Sun to Partial Shade
Soft pink flowers, 1½ in. wide, late May to mid-September; peak in June; 12 in. tall \( \times \) 30 in. wide; low, dense mounded habit; deadheading is not necessary
**Elianthis salicifolius** ‘Autumn Gold’ – willowleaf sunflower (Zones 5)6-9 Full Sun
Bright golden yellow flowers, 2 in. wide, early September to frost; narrow dark green leaves; 16 in. × 26 in. wide; dense, mounded habit

**Heuchera** ‘Silver Gumdrop’ – coral bells (Zones 4-9) Sun to Shade
Deep pink flowers, late June to late August; silver and burgundy leaves; strong habit and flower production; 27 in. tall (10 in. to leaves) × 20 in. wide

**Hibiscus** ‘Dark Mystery’ – rose mallow (Zones 4-9) Full Sun to Partial Shade
White flowers with cherry eye; 8½ in. wide, early August to early September; 46 in. tall and wide; beautiful burgundy heart-shaped leaves; average to moist soils

**Lagerstroemia** ‘Brew Ha Ha’ – crapemyrtle (Zones 6-9) Full Sun
Vibrant deep pink flowers, 1½ in. wide, late June to mid-September; purple and green leaves; compact habits due to winter dieback; 24 in. tall × 26 in. wide (24-30 in. expected in north)

**Lychnis flos-cuculi** ‘Petite Jenny’ – ragged robin (Zones 5-9) Full Sun to Partial Shade
Double, lavender-pink flowers, 1¼ in. wide, early June to mid-July, sporadically into September; 29 in. tall × 26 in. wide; prefers moist soil; shear to foliage rosette after flowering

**Monarda** ‘Bee-Happy’ – bee balm (Zones 4)5-9 Full Sun
Bright pink-red flowers, 3 in. wide, late June to late August; 30 in. tall × 30 in. wide; mildew-resistant; moist, well-drained soils; pollinator-friendly

**Muhlenbergia reverchonii** PUMD01S – UNDAUNTED® ruby muhly (Zones 5-9) Full Sun
Pink plumes in late summer, soft-texture; clumping grass, 40 in. tall × 60 in. wide; xeric plant, tolerant of drought and poor soils; best with consistent moisture, well-drained soils

**Nepeta** ‘Balneplud’ – PRELUDE™ Blue catmint (Zones 5-9) Full Sun
Purple-blue flowers, 1 in. long, early June to early October; strong blooming; 36 in. tall × 64 in. wide; compact in first year, becoming much larger in second year; currently twice as wide as expected; aromatic green leaves

**Origanum** ‘Drops of Jupiter’ – ornamental oregano (Zones 4-9) Full Sun
Purplish pink flowers with dark purple calyces, late June to mid-October; calyces colorful late; yellow to chartreuse leaves; stronger yellow in spring and fall; 10 in. tall × 22 in. wide; will be larger with age

**Pennisetum alopecuroides** ‘Cayenne’ – fountain grass (Zones 5-9) Full Sun to Light Shade
Burgundy bottlebrush inflorescences, 7 in. long and 2 in. wide, mid-September to early November; 57 in. tall (with flowers) × 50 in. wide; tawny yellow fall color; flowers shatter in fall; sterile selection

**Perovskia atriplicifolia** ‘Blue Steel’ – Russian sage (Zones 4-9) Full Sun
Dark lavender-blue flowers and purple calyces, mid-July to October; green leaves; 32 in. tall × 34 in. wide; seed cultivar compared favorably to vegetative cultivars; new name is Salvia yangii

**Phlox** ‘Forever Pink’ – phlox (Zones 4-8) Full Sun
Purplish-pink flowers, 1 in. wide, June and intermittently into October; 17 in. tall × 31 in. wide
**Pycnanthemum muticum** – blunt mountain mint (Zones 4-8) Full Sun to Partial Shade
Tiny pinkish white flowers, late June to mid-October; excellent pollinator plant; aromatic bright green leaves with silver terminals; 44 in. tall × 57 in. wide; rhizomatous; does not like wet soils

**Rudbeckia ‘American Gold Rush’** – black-eyed Susan (Zone 4-9) Full Sun
Golden yellow flowers, 2¼ in. wide, drooping rays, late July to mid-October; dense bushy mounds, 27 in. tall × 40 in. wide; hairy foliage resistant to Septoria leaf spot

**Salvia nemorosa ‘Rose Marvel’** – wood sage (Zones 3-8) Full Sun
Dark rosy-pink flowers with burgundy calyces, 8 in. long, early June to late July, minor rebloom; significantly larger individual flowers than most wood sages; 17 in. tall × 31 in. wide

**Sanguisorba hakusanensis ‘Lilac Squirrel’** – lilac squirrel burnet (Zones 5-8) Full Sun to Partial Shade
Purple-pink, nodding flowers, 6-8 in. long, late June to early October; attractive blue-green leaves; compact foliar mounds with tall, arching flower stems; 38 in. tall and wide

**Spigelia marilandica** – Indian pink (Zones 5-9) Full Sun to Light Shade
Red and yellow flowers, 2 in. long, one-sided inflorescences, mid-June to late August including repeat bloom; dark green oval leaves; 24 in. tall × 22 in. wide; prefers moist soils

**Symphyotrichum ericoides ‘Snow Flurry’** – heath aster (Zones 5-8) Full Sun
Small white flowers, mid-September to late October; low, mounding habit, 8 in. tall × 48 in. wide

**Symphyotrichum ‘Bridal Veil’** – hybrid heath aster (Zones 5-8) Full Sun
White flowers, ½ in. wide, late September to late October; 24 in. tall × 54 in. wide

**Vernonia ‘Summer’s Swan Song’** – ironweed (Zones 4-9) Full Sun
Deep purple flowers, ¾ in. wide, late August to early October; 36 in. tall × 40 in. wide; compact hybrid

**Vernonia ‘Summer’s End’** – ironweed (Zones 4-8) Full Sun
Red-purple flowers, ¾ in. wide, early September to mid-October; 42 in. tall and wide; highly resistant to powdery mildew and rust; more attractive to pollinators than others in series; drought tolerant

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