## Annual Flower Evaluations 2000



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## Introduction

The annual flower trials were planted from 30 May through 2 June, 2000 in the Perennial Landscape and All America Selections Display Garden of the Georgeson Botanical Garden ( $64^{\circ} 51^{\prime} \mathrm{N}$, $147^{\circ} 52^{\prime} \mathrm{W}$ ). Fairbanks silt loam soil was fertilized with $10-20-20 \mathrm{~S}$ (4 lbs per 100 sq feet; 195 g per sq meter) on 28 May. With the exception of dahlias, all flowers were grown as seedling transplants, and were hardened off outdoors for one week prior to transplanting. Tuberous roots of dahlias were planted in containers five weeks prior to transplanting and were hardened off.

All cultivars were planted according to recommended commercial spacing guidelines in unreplicated beds. Plant numbers varied according to plot size. The granular herbicide, Preen® (Trifluralin), was applied on 20 June to all plots. Plots were irrigated as needed throughout the summer. A fungicide treatment (Topsin $M \mathbb{®}$, Thiophanate-methyl) was applied on 20 and 21 July to inhibit the growth of Sclerotinia cottony rot.

Plot evaluations began immediately after planting and continued weekly through September. They consisted of flowering dates and occurrence of diseases, insect pests, seed pods, off-type plants and other deformities. From 25 July to 10 August, each cultivar was
measured for plant height and flower size, rated for performance of flowers and foliage, and evaluated for fragrance and potential as cut flowers or in dried arrangements. Frost tolerance was evaluated on 19 September following a hard frost on 16 September $\left(26.9^{\circ} \mathrm{F},-2.7^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$.

Weather data are compiled annually from a U.S. Weather Service station, elevation 475 ft ( 145 m ), located approximately 350 ft ( 107 m ) west of the Garden. The last spring frost was 29 May $\left(31^{\circ} \mathrm{F},-0.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$. The growing season was fairly typical for June and July, but August was very cold and cloudy (Table 1). The degree day accumulation was the third lowest for the past ten years in Fairbanks at 2943 and significantly colder than the previous ten-year average of 3234 degree days. The ten-year average frost free season is 102 days compared to 124 days for 2000 . Despite the long season at the Garden, growers in lowlying areas around Fairbanks experienced frost as early as mid July, and many warm season vegetable crops such as sweet corn and peppers did not mature. Flowers grew well at the Garden nearly all summer, but August was so cold and damp, it was hard to gather enough enthusiasm to enjoy them. Fairbanksans complained about the rain, but total rainfall was not atypical. The cold, cloudy weather made it seem like the rain would never quit.

| Table 1. Weather data for 2000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | May | June | July | August | September |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average daily max. ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | 55 | 73 | 69 | 60 | 50 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monthly high temp. ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | 64 | 83 | 81 | 79 | 56 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average daily min. ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | 33 | 45 | 48 | 43 | 32 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monthly low temp. ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | 21 | 39 | 37 | 35 | 16 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rainfall (inches) | 0.81 | 0.92 | 2.03 | 3.33 | 1.46 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Last Spring frost | 15 May |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Fall frost | 16 September |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Frost free days | 124 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thaw degree days | 2943 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Name | Cultivar | Flower color | Height (in) |  | Flower size(in) ${ }^{\text {w }}$ |  | Flowering period ${ }^{x}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | min | max | min | max | Jun |  |  |  | Jul |  |  | Au |  |  |  | Se |  |  |  |
| Ageratum | Blue Bouquet | lavender blue | 19 | 31 | . 25 | . 25 |  | * |  |  |  | (3) ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | * | \% | \% | \% | (\% | \% | \% |  |  |
| Ageratum | Blue Mink | powder blue | 6 | 11 | .25 | . 5 |  | * | 20 | \% 3 | \% | (3) * | \% | 3 | \% | \% | \% | \% | * | * |  |
| Ageratum | Red Sea | purplish lavender | 10 | 22 | . 25 | . 25 |  |  | * | 5 | \% ${ }^{3}$ | \% $3^{3}$ | \% 3 | ( $3^{3}$ | (3) | \% ${ }^{3}$ | (3) | \% | \% | \% 8 |  |
| Ageratum | Red Top | burgundy buds, reddish purple flowers | 14 | 24 | 1.0 | 1.5 |  | * | \% | $4{ }^{3}$ | \% | (3) * | \% | 8 | (6) | * | \% | 3 | \% |  |  |
| Ageratum | Southern Cross | powder blue | 7 | 12 | .25 | .25 |  | * | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | * | \% | (8) 8 | \% | c 8 | (3) | (\%) | 3 | \% | \% |  |  |
| Ageratum | Weisser Schnitt | white | 10 | 24 | . 25 | . 25 |  |  | * | \% 3 | \% 3 | (3) 80 | \% | \% | (3) | \% | \% | \% | \% |  |  |
| Ageratum (Lonas) | Goldrush | gold | 6 | 9 | 1 | 1.75 |  | * 6 | \% | \% 8 | 8 | \% 8 | 3 | \% | (3) | \% | \% | \% | \% |  |  |
| Alyssum | Aphrodite Mix | purple | 3 | 5 | . 25 | . 25 | \% 3 | (4) | (8) | 43 | \% | (3) ${ }^{3}$ | \% ${ }^{3}$ | \% ${ }^{3}$ | ( ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | \% | \% | \% | \% |  |  |
| Alyssum | Carpet of Snow | white | 3 | 6 | . 25 | . 25 | \% | \% | \% | \% $3_{6}$ | 8 | * 8 | * | \% 3 | (3) | \% | \% | \% 3 | \% |  |  |
| Alyssum | Easter Basket | white | 3 | 3 | . 25 | . 25 | 4 | (3) | (1) | c3 | \% | (3) 8 | \% | \% 3 | (\%) | \% | \% | \% 3 | \% |  |  |
| Alyssum | New Apricot | apricot | 3 | 5 | . 25 | . 25 | (6) | \% | \% | \% 8 | 3 | (3) ${ }^{*}$ | \% | \% 3 | \% | (6) | \% | \% | \% |  |  |
| Amaranthus | Elephant Head | dark red | 13 | 19 | $3 \times 1$ | $11 \times 3$ |  | * | $\pm$ | [ 3 | \% | (3) 8 | \% 3 | (\%) | (3) | \% | \% | 3 | \% |  |  |
| Amaranthus | Pygmy Torch | red | 10 | 14 | $3 \times 1$ | $6 \times 2$ | * | \% | \% | \% | \% | $x_{0} \text { © }$ | \% | \% | \% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Asclepias | Red Butterfly | orange and yellow | 9 | 19 | . 5 | . 5 |  |  |  | * | ~ | (3) \% | \% 3 | \% ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | \% | \% ${ }_{3}$ | \% | 3 | \% |  |  |
| Aster | Pompon Splendid Mixed | rose, purple, purple with white centers | 21 | 30 | 1.5 | 2.5 |  |  |  |  |  | $\%$ \% | \% | * | * | \% | \% | \% | ( |  |  |
| Aster | Riviera Mixed | purple, pink, rose, lavender, white, yellow | 21 | 26 | 2.5 | 3.25 |  |  |  |  | $\pm$ | * \% | \% 3 | \% | \% | \% 3 | \% | 3 | \% |  |  |
| Aster, Annual | Single California Giant Finest Mixed | pink, purple with yellow centers | 16 | 30 | 3 | 4 |  |  |  |  | * |  | 5 | (8) | (3) | 4 | \% | 3 | \% |  |  |
| Aster, Annual | Tiger Paws Mixed | red, purple, burgundy, pink, yellow, white | 18 | 22 | 2.5 | 5 |  |  |  |  | * | * | * | 8 | \% 3 | \% ${ }^{3}$ | (3) | 8 | (3) |  | . |
| Bidens | Golden Goddess | yellow | 16 | 35 | 1.75 | 2 | * | * | \% | (3) | \% | (8) 8 | 8 | (8) | ( 6 | 6 | (3) | (3) | \% |  |  |
| Brachycome | Bravo Formula Mix | blue, white, purple, pale blue with black or yellow centers | 10 | 14 | 0.75 | 1.5 |  | * | $\%$ | (3) | 3 | (8) $0^{*}$ | \% | \% ${ }^{3}$ | (3) | \% | \% | 3 | \% |  |  |

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[^1]| Plant Ratings ${ }^{\text {y }}$ |  |  |  | Recommended for |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Flower |  | Foliage | Overall |  |  |  |
| Quantity | Quality |  |  | Fragrance $^{2}$ Cutting $^{2}$ |  | Drying ${ }^{2}$ |
| 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | y | y |  |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | n | y |  |
| 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | n | y |  |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | n | y |  |
| 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | sl | y |  |
| 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | n | y |  |
| 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | n | y |  |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | n |  |  |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | sl |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | n |  |  |
| 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | n | n |  |
| 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | sl | y |  |
| 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | n |  |  |
| 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | n |  |  |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | n | y |  |
| 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | sl | y |  |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | n |  |  |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | n |  |  |
| 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | sl | y |  |
| 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | n | y |  |

Needs deadheading
Needs deadheading, bright flowers, lime green center not prominent
Needs deadheading more than other calendulas, did not have the crested blooms described in catalog; tolerates cold, wet weather
Very ornamental "pink" calendula, needs deadheading, holds up well in cold, wet weather, slow to recover from deadheading
Needs deadheading, ragged when not deadheaded, interesting dark red undersides of petals, holds up well in cold, wet weather
Outstanding fluted flowers, bluegreen foliage, closes up in cloudy weather
Gorgeous color, fluted petals, closes up in cold weather
Outstanding flower color, closes up in cloudy weather, holds up well in cold, wet weather
Nice display even late in the season, needs deadheading for best show; tolerates cold, wet weather
Interesting early season color, but blooms finished in mid season, covered with seed pods by mid season, interesting green seed pods
Interesting feathery flowers, needs cleanup after rain, needs mid season deadheading, closes up in cloudy weather
Large white flowers in mid to late season, does not bloom all at once, the flower buds are very ornamental with interesting netted pattern, stems lanky, spreading, needs support
Not showy, weak stems, overwhelmed by neighboring plants
Outstanding vine, grows as fast as scarlet runner bean and has beautiful, dark green, dissected foliage, feathery tendrils, very ornamental
The spoon-type petals do not occur on every flower, or within the same flower, uneven height
Large bushy plants with abundant blooms, some single petals, most double-petaled, needs late season deadheading, performs well in cold, wet weather
Very nice mid season blooms, excellent mix of colors; tolerates cold, wet weather
Tolerates cold, wet weather
Holds up well in cold, wet weather, needs deadheading in mid season, nice mix of colors
Weak stems, floppy, interesting tubular flowers, tolerates cold, wet weather
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${ }^{2} \mathrm{n}=\mathrm{no}, \mathrm{y}=\mathrm{yes}, \mathrm{sl}=\mathrm{sligh}$


| Plant Ratings ${ }^{\text {y }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Flower |  | Foliage | Overall |  |  |  |
| Quantity | Quality |  |  | $\frac{\text { Recommended for }}{\text { Fragrance }{ }^{2} \text { Cutting }^{2} \text { Drying }}{ }^{2}$ |  |  |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | n | y |  |
| 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | sl | y |  |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | n | $+$ |  |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | n | y |  |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | sl | y |  |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | n | n |  |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | y | $+$ |  |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | n | n | n |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | n | y |  |
| 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | n | y |  |
| 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | n | y |  |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | n |  |  |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |  | y |  |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | n |  |  |
| 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | n | y |  |
| 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | n | y |  |
| 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | n | y |  |
| 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | n | y |  |
| 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | n | y |  |
| 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | n | y |  |

Very nice mix of colors
Holds up well in cold, wet weather, one pink-flowered plant, $25 \%$ white and the rest yellow
Needs deadheading late in season, tolerates cold, wet weather
Excellent flowers and foliage, tall stems for cuttings, tolerates cold, wet weather, needs dead heading
Late to bloom, lots of foliage, sparse flowers even in mid August, nice flower size, needs dead heading late in season
Extremely poor growth, needs serious deadheading
Tolerates cold, wet weather; interesting bicolor flowers- yellow centers with white tips; floppy stems, flowers used for leis and garlands, spicy edible greens
Open, spreading, nice as accent, holds up well in cold, wet weather
Small, sparse flowers, nice tall stems, not much of a show this year
Spotty light green foliage, very late to bloom

## No flowers this year

Good mix of colors, abundant flowers all season, holds up well in cold, wet weather, nice color mix
Holds up well in cold, wet weather, many two-tone solid and bicolor flowers

## Small semi cactus blooms, very late to bloom

Large semi cactus, late to bloom, yellowish foliage
Didn't bloom this year, too cold
Too late
One of the few dahlias to bloom this season
${ }^{2} \mathrm{n}=\mathrm{no}, \mathrm{y}=$ yes, $\mathrm{sl}=$ slight

| Name | Cultivar | Flower color | Height (in) |  | Flower size(in) ${ }^{\text {w }}$ |  | Flowering period ${ }^{\text {x }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Sep |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | min | max | min | max | Jun |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Au |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dahlia | Paroa Gillian | yellow with orange tips | 28 | 38 | 4 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | \% ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | \% | (3) | ( ${ }_{3}$ | \% |  |
| Dahlia | Pat n' Dee |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 | \% | 3 | 6 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dahlia | Shadow Cat | orange, yellow toward centers | 27 | 34 | 4 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | * | \% | c 3 | (3) | \% ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | (3) | \% |
| Dahlia | Stoneleigh Cherry | red | 28 | 37 | 1.75 | 2.25 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 | \% | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dianthus | Bouquet Purple <br> Experimental | purplish pink | 15 | 27 | 1.25 | 1.5 |  |  |  | * | \% | \% | * | (3) | \% 3 | \% 3 | \% | (3) | \% 8 | \% 3 | \% |
| Dianthus | Diamond Blush Pink | white, dark pink, light pink | 5 | 8 | 1 | 1.5 | * | \% | \% | \% | 8 | * | \% | \% | 3 | 8 | (3) | (3) | \% 3 | 3 |  |
| Dianthus | Floral Lace Light Pink | pink with rose markings | 7 | 12 | 1.25 | 2 | 8 | \% | (3) | (3) | \% | * | \% | (3) | \% | \% | \% | (6) | \% | (3) | 3 |
| Dianthus | Floral Lace Lilac | rose | 5 | 12 | 1.75 | 2.25 | * | \% | \% | (3) | \% | \% | \% | (3) | 3 | 3 | 3 | (3) | 63 | 3 | \% |
| Dianthus | Floral Lace Picotee | rose centers with white edges | 6 | 10 | 1.5 | 2.0 |  | 5 | ( $3^{3}$ | (3) | (3) | \% 3 | \% ${ }_{6}$ | \% 3 | (3) | (3) | \% 3 | [3) | (3) | \% ${ }^{3}$ |  |
| Dianthus | Floral Lace Salmon | salmon with white edges | 5 | 10 | 1 | 1.5 |  | * | \% | (3) | (3) | * | \% | \% | 3 | 3 | 3 | (3) | (3) | 3 |  |
| Dianthus | Floral Lace True Rose | rose | 5 | 8 | 1 | 1.5 |  | 5 | \% | \% | \% 3 | (3) | (6) | (3) | 3 | 5 | 28 | 8 | \% | 8 |  |
| Dianthus | Floral Lace White | white | 6 | 6 | 1 | 1.75 |  | * | S | (3) | 8 | 3 | (6) | (3) | \% 3 | \% ${ }^{3}$ | \% | (3) | (3) | 3 |  |
| Dianthus | Ideal Pink | rose pink | 7 | 14 | 1.25 | 1.5 |  | 20 | \% | (3) | (3) | \% | \% | (3) | \% | \% $0^{6}$ | 3 | (3) | (8) | \% | \% |
| Dianthus | Melody Pink | purplish pink | 9 | 23 | 1 | 1.25 |  | * | 0 | \% | \% 3 | 3 | \% | \% | 3 | \% 3 | 38 | (3) | \% 3 | 3 | 8 |
| Dianthus | Tutti Frutti Mix | pink, rose, light pink, salmon | 7 | 13 | 1.5 | 1.75 |  | * | \% | (3) | \% ${ }^{3}$ | 3 | \% | (3) | \% | \% 3 | (3) | (3) | (3) | [3] |  |
| Dianthus | Velvet 'N Lace | burgundy with white margins | 10 | 16 | 1.5 | 2 |  |  |  | * | * | * | \% | \% 3 | \% | \% | \% | (3) | \% | \% | \% |
| Drumstick Flower | Goldstick | gold | 24 | 36 | . 75 | 1.0 |  |  |  | * | * | * | \% | * | 2 | 28 | \% | (3) | \% 3 | 8 | \% |
| Felicia | Cub Scout | blue with gold centers | 10 | 12 | 0.75 | 0.75 |  |  | \% | \% | 3 | 3 | ( ${ }^{6}$ | (\%) | \% | \% | \% | (3) | (3) | \% |  |
| Flowering Kale | Red Feather |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

${ }^{\mathrm{w}}$ sizes with an x like 12 x 3 indicates a spike flower type with the height x width.
x indicates start of bloom, $\boldsymbol{z}$ indicates partial bloom, and indicates full bloom.

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Plant Ratings
Flower
$\frac{\text { Flower }}{\text { Quantity Quality }}$ Foliage Overall $\overline{\text { Quantity Quality }}$ Foliage Overall Fragrance ${ }^{z}$ Cutting $^{2}$ Dryin



| Flower |  |  |  | Recommended for |  |  | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Quantity | Quality | Foliage | Overall | Fragran | Cutti | Drying ${ }^{2}$ |  |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | n | n |  | One of the better impatiens |
| 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | n | n |  | Declines late in season |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | n | n |  | Nice bicolor |
| 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | n | n |  | Pale foliage, not attractive |
| 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | n | n |  |  |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | n | n |  | Nice red color |
| 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | n | n |  | Tiny flowers, not much show |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | n | n |  | Spotty foliage, nice red |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | n | n |  | Sparse foliage and flowers, poor growth |
| 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | n | n |  |  |
| 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | n | n |  | Larger flowers than most |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | n | n |  | Small mounds, poor growth |
| 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | sl | y |  | Needs deadheading, white flowers look ragged when old, good color mix; tolerates cold, wet weather, needs deadheading late in season |
| 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | n | y |  | Floppy late in the season |
| 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | sl |  |  | Very nice mounds covered with blooms; attracted attention early in season when other flowers just getting started, needs deadheading late in season, excellent rebloom with deadheading |
| 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | n | + |  | Attractive flowers, weak stems give sprawling habit, needs deadheading |
| 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | y | n | y | Nice mix of colors, abundant fully double blooms, huge balls of color, needs deadheading |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | y | n | y | Heads rot and turn brown in rain, needs late season deadheading, excellent flower size, brilliant color |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | y |  | y |  |
| 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | sl | n | y | Large flowers on stubby plants, incredibly even height |

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${ }^{z} n=n o, y=y e s, s l=s l i g h t$


$0=$ dead; $1=$ poor, disease
" $n=n o, y=y e s$, sl=slight

$\qquad$ Recommended for



| Flower |  | Foliage | Overall | Recommended for |  | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Quantity | Quality |  |  | Fragrance $^{2}$ Cutting $^{2}$ Drying $^{2}$ |  |  |
| 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | sl | y | Holds up well in cold, wet weather, some ruffled edges |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |  | y | Holds up well in cold, wet weather, beautiful foxglove-like flowers, very nice mix of colors |
| 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | sl |  | Velvety texture to petals, rich appearance, susceptible to Sclerotinia cottony rot |
| 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | sl |  | Needs deadheading; susceptible to Sclerotinia cottony rot |
| 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | y |  | Beautiful two-toned flowers, slight damage from Sclerotinia |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | sl | n | Small flower size, needs deadheading, susceptible to Sclerotinia cottony rot |
| 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | sl |  | Holds up well in cold, wet weather, one of the best petunias this season, little damage from Sclerotinia cottony rot |
| 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | sl |  | Excellent color and form, velvety flower texture, very attractive, susceptible to Sclerotinia cottony rot |
| 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | n |  | Susceptible to Sclerotinia cottony rot |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | sl |  | Finished by mid August, needs deadheading, nice true red |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | n |  | Susceptible to Sclerotinia cottony rot, most true red rather than salmon |
| 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | n |  | Susceptible to Sclerotinia cottony rot |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | y |  | Died out in mid season due to Sclerotinia cottony rot, bred for tiny flowers and smaller features for front of borders or containers |
| 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | y |  | Early in season, plant is small mound, more flowers than plant, slow to fill out bed, variable height, whites taller than other colors |
| 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | y |  | Nice color, flowers look terrible after a rain, petals are pock-marked and droopy, needs dead heading, susceptible to Sclerotinia cottony rot, petals speckled after rains |
| 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 | y |  | Susceptible to Sclerotinia cottony rot |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | y |  | Small flowers, needs deadheading late in season, nice color |
| 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | sl |  | Susceptible to Sclerotinia cottony rot |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | y |  | Died out in mid season due to Sclerotinia cottony rot |
| 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | n |  | Susceptible to Sclerotinia cottony rot |
| $\begin{aligned} & y_{0}= \\ & \mathrm{kinn}_{\mathrm{n}}^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{n}=1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { af; } 1= \\ & \text { rown } \\ & \text { y ye } \end{aligned}$ | poor, di <br> the ga <br> sl=slig | sed, r en. | en or no |  | r cultivars of its kind have been better; $3=$ good, worth growing, nice ornamental; $4=$ outstanding quality, the best |




[^2]${ }^{2} \mathrm{n}=\mathrm{no}, \mathrm{y}=\mathrm{yes}, \mathrm{sl}=$ slight


| Plant Ratings ${ }^{\text {y }}$ |  |  |  | Recommended for |  |  | $z^{2}$ Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Flower |  | Foliage | Overall |  |  |  |  |
| Quantity | Quality |  |  | Fragrance ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Cutting ${ }^{2}$ Dryin |  |  |  |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | n | n |  | Nice color |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | n | n |  | Flowers turn brown quickly after full bloom, susceptible to Sclerotinia cottony rot |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | n | n |  | Very poor quality, declines early in season |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | n | n |  | Ragged appearance, white color quickly turns brown, needs deadheading, susceptible to Sclerotinia cottony rot |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | sl | $1+$ | + |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | n | n y |  | Excellent color, sparse flowers, effect is more green than color until late season, holds up well in cold, wet weather |
| 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | n | n y |  | Blooms more sparse, not as ornamental as other salvias |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | n | n y | y | Holds up well in cold, wet weather, excellent filler or background plant |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | n | n |  | Needs deadheading, not as good as Salsa Salmon, best salmon colored salvia, little Sclerotinia damage |
| 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | n | n |  | Old flowers fade to a pale red, some late-season deadheading needed, fills in nicely |
| 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | n | n |  | Excellent color and performance, nice tall flower stalks, foliage exceeds flower height on some plants, susceptible to Sclerotinia cottony rot |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | n | n |  | Excellent color and large bloom spikes, susceptible to Sclerotinia cottony rot |
| 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | n | n |  | Very nice flower color, susceptible to Sclerotinia cottony rot |
| 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | n | n |  | Tall spikes, good color all season, the best salvia this season, holds up well in cold, wet weather |
| 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | n | n |  | Interesting color, shorter than other salvias; needs closer spacing to fill in space, needs a little deadheading late in season, flowers become brown with age, not attractive |
| 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | n | n y | y | Very colorful bracts, flowers are secondary, lots of crowded upright stems, performs well in cold, wet weather |
| 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | n | n |  | Tolerates cold, wet weather; unusual greenish centers on flowers |
| 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | n | n y |  | Reliable edging plant, long season blooms, no maintenance, All America Selections winner; tolerates cold, wet weather |
| -4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | n | n |  | Nice, compact plant, maintenance free, very similar to Mandarin Orange, semi-double flowers |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |  | y |  | Holds up well in cold, wet weather, floppy stems |




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[^4]${ }^{2} n=n o, y=y e s, s l=s l i g h t$

$\frac{\text { Flower }}{\text { Quantity Quality Foliage }}$


[^5]${ }^{2} \mathrm{n}=\mathrm{no}, \mathrm{y}=\mathrm{yes}, \mathrm{sl}=$ sligh


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    ${ }^{*} \%$ indicates start of bloom, indicates partial bloom, and indicates full bloom.

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[^2]:    kind grown in the garden.

[^3]:    ${ }^{y} 0=$ dead; $1=$ poor, diseased, rotten or not showy; $2=$ fair, other cultivars of its kind have been better; $3=$ good, worth growing, nice ornamental; $4=$ outstanding quality, the best of its kind grown in the garden.
    n=no, $\mathrm{y}=\mathrm{ye}$, sl=slight

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