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Plant List  
South Garden
Welcome to the new South Garden. This recently renovated garden combines both cultivars and straight species, Mt. Cuba Center introductions, and top performers from past trials at Mt. Cuba Center.

The South Garden showcases an effect that can be achieved in a full sun, home landscape setting using native plants exclusively. These plants offer a range of color options and most are readily available in the nursery trade.

**Introduction**

**Light**
- FS: Full Sun
- D: Dry
- SH: Shade
- PSH: Partial Shade

**Culture/Soil Preferences**
- W: Wet (tolerates moist to wet)
- M: Moist (grows best in evenly moist)
- WD: Well-drained
- A: Prefers acidic to slightly acidic soil
- N: Neutral soil

**Latin Name** | **Common Name** | **Light** | **Soil** | **Height** | **Type** | **Color** | **Comments**
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*Amsinckia tabernaemontana var. salicifolia* | blue dogbane | FS-PSH | M | 24”-36” | H | B | Easy-to-grow; best planted in mass informal settings
*Artemisia ludoviciana ‘Valerie Finnis’* | Valerie Finnis western mugwort | FS | D-M | 18’-24” | H | W | Spreading clumps with aromatic sage-like leaves
*Asclepias tuberosa* | butterfly weed | FS | WD/N | 12’-30” | H | O | Drought tolerant; leave undisturbed once established.
*Baptisia ‘Carolina Moonlight’* | Carolina Moonlight false indigo | FS-PSH | D-WD/N | 24’-36” | H | Y | Showy flower spikes above foliage; drought tolerant
*Coreopsis pallidiflora ‘Summer Sunshine’* | Summer Sunshine Beadle's tickseed | FS-PSH | M | 30” | H | Y | Amazing long-lasting fall color display
*Echinacea pallida* | pale purple coneflower | FS-PSH | D-WD/N | 24’-36” | H | B | Tolerant of drought, heat, humidity and poor soils
*Echinacea purpurea ‘Pica Bella’* | Pica Bella purple coneflower | FS-PSH | D-WD/N | 18’-36” | H | B | Compact purple coneflower
*Eryngium yuccifolium* | button snake-root | FS-PSH | D-WD/N | 48’-60” | H | W-G | Showy globular flowers resembling thistles
*Gaillardia ‘Arizona Apricot’* | Arizona Apricot blanket flower | FS | D-WD | 12” | H | Y-O | Carefree; drought tolerant; loose soils not clay
*Gilia trifoliate ‘Pink Profusion’* | Pink Profusion Bowman's root | FS-PSH | M/N | 24’-36” | H | R | Mt. Cuba Center plant introduction; tough; long-lived
*Iris verna* | dwarf iris | FS-SH | D/A-N | 6’-12” | H | B | Fragrant small iris; attractive foliage
*Liatris spicata ‘Kobold’* | Kobold spike gayfeather | FS-PSH | WD-M | 18’-30” | H | B | Tolerates drought and clay soil
*Lilium superbum* | Turk's cap lily | FS-PSH | WD-M/A | 48’-84” | H | O | Stunning plant for low wet spots; best in masses
*Panicum virgatum ‘Shenandoah’* | Shenandoah switchgrass | FS-PSH | M-W | 24’-36” | GL | R | Burgundy-red foliage; airy cloud of pink in flower
*Penstemon ‘Dark Towers’* | Dark Towers beardtongue | FS-PSH | D-WD | 18’-36” | H | R | Clump-forming; attractive dark red foliage
*Physocarpus opulifolius ‘SMPOTW’* | Tiny Wine® Atlantic ninebark | FS-PSH | D-M | 36’-48” | S | W | Dwarf ninebark that tolerates harsh conditions
*Rhododendron atlanticum* | coast azalea | FS-PSH | WD-M/A | 36’-72” | S | W | Fragrant flowers; attractive foliage; can spread
* Rudbeckia maxima* | giant coneflower | FS-PSH | D-M | 36’-72” | H | Y | Showy flowers and foliage; can self-seed
*Silene caroliniana ssp. wherryi ‘Short and Sweet’* | Short and Sweet Wherry's catchfly | FS-PSH | WD-M | 6’-8” | H | R | Compact, long-blooming groundcover
*Solidago spathulata ‘Golden Fleece’* | Golden Fleece autumn goldenrod | FS-PSH | D/N | 12’-18” | H | Y | Mt. Cuba Center plant introduction; drought tolerant
*Symphyotrichum laeve var. laeve ‘Bluebird’* | Bluebird smooth blue aster | FS-PSH | D/N | 24’-36” | H | B | Mt. Cuba Center plant introduction; abundant flowers
*Symphyotrichum oblongifolium ‘October Skies’* | October Skies aromatic aster | FS | D/N | 18’-24” | H | B | Fragrant; good in mass plantings; slowly spreading
*Tradescantia ‘Concord Grape’* | Concord Grape spiderwort | FS-PSH | M-W/A | 8’-12” | H | B | Compact, clump-forming; long-blooming

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