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Nebraska Statewide Arboretum
FULL SUN

perennials that grow best in at least 6 hours of direct sunlight

Plants that grow best with 6 hours or more of direct sunlight. Many full sun plants will be perfectly happy with sun 14 hours a day, every day.
Aromatic Aster, *Aster Oblongifolius ‘Raydon’s Favorite’*

- **Height:** 2-3’
  **Width:** 1’
- Reliable, aromatic aster
- Strikingly beautiful mounded habit
- Masses of violet-blue flowers mid to late autumn
Dwarf Leadplant, *AMORPHA NANA*

- Height: 1-3’
- Width: 1-3’
- Honey-scented blossoms
- Drought-tolerant once established
- Prefers good drainage
- Shorter than its cousin *Amorpha canescens*
Red Valerian, **CENTRANTHUS RUBER `PRETTY BETSY`**

- Height: 2-3’
- Spread: 1.5-2’
- Clusters of fragrant rose-red, star shaped flowers on strong, branching stems
- Low, rich green foliage
- Flowers June through frost
- Best in groups
Dwarf Blue Indigo, *Baptisia Minor*
• Height: 3’
  Width: 2-3’
• Attractive dense, blue-green foliage
• Vibrant blue spikes of flowers in early summer
• Very long-lived
• Resents being transplanted when large, so plant a small one in its final location
Dragon’s Head Blue Ice, *Dracocephalum Argunense* ‘Blue Ice’

- Height: 8-12”
- Width: 8-12”
- It forms a low tuft or mound of narrow needle-like leaves
- This low-growing plant is ideal for the front of a sunny border, the rock garden or in containers
- Long blooming season
- Long lived and fairly carefree. Easily divided in early spring
Tennessee Coneflower, *Echinacea Tennesseensis* Hybrids

- Height: 2-3’
- Width: 1-1.5’
- This endangered species has a small native population near Nashville, Tennessee.
- Blooms from June to August with daisy-like purple flowers with coppery orange centers.
Meadow Gayfeather, *Liatris ligulistylus*

- Height: 3-4’
  Width: .5-2’
- Upright, clump forming native perennial
- Rose-purple colored blooms that emerge in late summer
- Flowers form as an inflorescence atop of the leafy flower stems
- Highly attractive for butterflies
Catmint, Nepeta Subsessilis ‘Sweet Dreams’
Rocky Mountain Penstemon, Penstemon Strictus

- Height: 1-3’
  Width: 1’

- Great bumblebee plant!

- Multiple spires of large, royal-blue to purple flowers rising above low mats of foliage

- Seedheads are best left to reseed
Sweet Coneflower, Rudbeckia Subtomentosa
Sage, *Salvia Nemorosa ‘Caradonna’*

- Height: 12-24”
- Width: 12-18”
- Glowing purple backed stems with rich, deep purple flowers
- Long, showy bloom time from Early to Late summer
- Adored by butterflies!
Wild Senna, Senna hebecarpa

• Height: 4-6’
• Width: 2’
• Fine-textured foliage similar to honey locust
• Clusters of yellow flowers throughout summer
• Forms jet-black seed pods that persist through winter
• Heat- and drought-tolerant once established
Royal Catchfly, *Silene regia*

- **Height:** 3’
- **Width:** 2’
- **Bright red flowers in late summer**
- **Very attractive to hummingbirds**
- **Flowers parts are sticky, lending it the name “catchfly”**
- **Needs good drainage**
Plants that grow best in 4 to 6 hours of direct sun a day. These plants often do best when they receive direct morning sun, but stay sheltered in the afternoon.
Carmichael's monkshood, Aconitum camichaelii ‘Arendsii’

- Height: 36-48”
- Spread: 18-24”
- Handsome, large blue flowers
- Dark green, glossy foliage
- Late blooming variety
- Grows best in rich soil that does not dry out.
JAPANESE ANEMONE, Anemone ‘September Charm’

- Height: 2-4’
  Width: 2-3’
- Silvery pink flowers with rose shading
- Blooms August to October
- Good cut flower
Yellow Columbine, *Aquilegia chrysantha*

- Height: 30-36”
- Width: 18”
- Yellow blooms for months beginning in late spring with a profusion of large
- Cheerful yellow flowers that attract hummingbirds
- Outstanding flowers bloom from May through early June
- Tolerates sun to shade
Joe Pye Weed, Eupatorium dubium ‘Little Joe’
Queen of the Prairie, *Filipendula rubra* ‘Venusta’
Crane’s Bill, Geranium ‘Rozanne’

- Height: 18”
  Width: 18”
- Long blooming, violet-blue
- Very dense, compact habit
- Tolerant of almost anything you can throw at it!
- Makes a good groundcover—spreading but not sprawling.
Knotweed, *Persicaria virginiana* ‘Painter’s Palette’
Shade
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Plants that grow best with less than 4 hours of direct sun a day. They prefer morning and evening sun to mid-day sun. Full shade plants should also do outstanding in dappled shade conditions.
American Spikenard, *Aralia Racemosa*
White Baneberry, Actaea Pachypoda

- Height: 2-3’
- Spread: 2-3’
- White flowers followed by glossy berries
- Spring Blooming
- Prefers moist, peaty soil
- Unbranched or lightly branched
Celandine Poppy, *Stylophorum diphyllum*
Grasses
Appalachian Sedge, Carex ‘Appalachica’

- Height: 6”
- Width: 12-18”
- Clump growing sedge
- Low maintenance lawn sub
- Fine texture and fountaining habit make it a lovely groundcover in dry shady sites
Reed Grass, *Calamagrostis Brachytricha*

- Height: 3-4’
  Width: 2’
- Glossy foliage and feathery silvery-pink seed heads in fall.
- Native to the woodland edge in Asia
- Performs best when planted in part shade.
Prairie Dropseed, *Sporobolus Heterolepis*

- Height: 2’
  Width: 1’
- Long green arching blades
- The color remains bronze until the early Spring
- Light pink flowers appear with a soft fragrance
- Drought tolerant
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