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## 12 Top Pick – No Fail Annuals



1. **Angelonia** - Angelonia is an upright annual with smooth stems and narrow. The flowers are similar to an open snapdragon on spikes that give a cottage garden look with colors of rose lilac to violet to blue, almost an inch across. They bloom over a long period in summer and depending on variety reaches a height of 12-24" tall with a spread of about 12"



2. **Callibrachoa (*Million Bells*)** - Callibrachoa looks very much like a miniature petunia, but it isn't. Featuring hundreds of small, petunia-like flowers, Million Bells is a fast-growing, heavy blooming, self-cleaning variety that blooms from spring through late fall. Million Bells has a low-growing, compact growth habit, and thrives in full sun. This beautiful variety is perfect in baskets, window boxes or as a groundcover, and is available in seven colors.



3. **Cleome 'Sparkler Series'** - Sparkler Cleome offers big, 4- to 6-inch spidery blooms that hold well on the plant and are wonderfully long-lasting as cut flowers. Colors available are pink, white and lavender. This plant begins flowering in early summer (as soon as the hot weather arrives) and doesn't quit until the temperature drops in fall. A sun-lover, it is at home in the baking-hot border, bed, or patio, and once established is quite tolerant of dry conditions. Cleome is a good companion to spreading petunias in the sun-soaked bed or border.



4. **Dahlias** – Dahlias are available in many forms and colors, from a bedding dahlia (compact border plant growing 12-18" tall) to dinner plate dahlias (blooms up to 10" across and growing up to 3' tall). They are categorized by flower type- for example, peony, formal, decorative, semi-cactus, and water lily. Dahlias bloom summer through fall and are great for cut flowers.



5. **Pentas** - Dark green, somewhat furry and deeply veined leaves provide a lush backdrop for prolific clusters of never-ending, five-petaled flowers. These may be red, white, lavender, purple, or shades of pink. Some are two-toned. All are extremely attractive to butterflies, and the red and dark pink varieties delight hummingbirds. They are a mounding plant that grows 14-18". The flowers are held in terminal clusters and self-deadhead. In warm weather the plant grows fast and stays in bloom constantly.



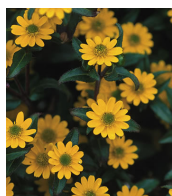
6. **‘Giant Pink’ Supertunia** - The Petunia Supertunia® Giant Pink is very low in maintenance and brilliantly colored. The beautiful pink flowers grow on a vigorously trailing plant. These everblooming plants are long-living. Providing long term color in full sunlight throughout the season, these plants can grow nearly an inch a day. Ample moisture must be provided for these fast growing plants. Deadheading is not required for these plants to continue blooming, and they rarely get leggy.



7. **Shock Wave Petunias** - The newest member of the Wave Petunia family is Shock Wave petunia at 8-10" tall and spreading 2 ½ - 3', the plant has smaller but plentiful blooms. The Shock Wave petunia series include ivory, pink, purple and rose and mixed groups of Buzz and Electric. They have a spreading and mounded habit with flowers that will bloom from spring to late summer. As with all petunias, plant in full sun and space between 10" & 15" apart. They are quick to recover after a rain and are self cleaning.



8. **‘Victoria Blue’ Salvia** - Blue Salvia (also known as Mealy-Cup Sage) has a wonderfully long blooming period and looks absolutely incredible planted in mass or in containers. An excellent cut or dried flower, Victoria Blue Salvia has particularly deep purple/blue flowers resembling lavender and is a dwarf, attaining a height of only 18 inches. Does well in hot, humid climates. Drought tolerant. No deadheading required. Plant in full sun.



9. **Sanvitalia ‘Sunbini’** - A full and lush grower with loads of tiny yellow flowers that resemble sunflowers. Plants are compact growing 8-10". Likes full sun and blooms even in triple-digit heat. Trails nicely out of pots and baskets.



10. **‘Lanai Series’ Verbena** - The Verbena Lanai series is free flowering from tip to crown with flowers that are clustered in a ball providing a carpet of color. Lanai verbena is simply the best trailing verbena on the market today. This improved series exhibits dark green, large broad leaves, with a trailing habit of up to 3 feet! Lanai verbena is drought and heat tolerant, and thrives in full, hot sun. Plants in baskets and containers also hold up very well in windy conditions. Available in 5 stunning colors; Lanai Blue, Lanai Purple Mosaic, Lanai Red and Escapade Bright Eye and Lanai Blush White. Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies.



11. **Vinca** - Vinca or Periwinkle is a prolific heat and drought tolerant annual, perfect for hot, dry areas. It's easy to grow, and requires little or no attention. A grower once reported that he has grown Vinca in the same location for 30 years. It successfully reseeded itself each year, with no effort on his part. The plants are grown for its attractive glossy, green foliage, as well as its flowers. Flowers bloom all summer, and up to frost. Common colors include white, rose, pink, and red. Vinca is commonly used for borders, edging, and groundcover or bedding plants. Plants grow 7 -9" tall.

## 12. Zinnias



- a. *Profusion Series* – Early continuous blooming, 10-12” mounding plants. Lots and lots of 1 inch single flowers on each plant. No need to deadhead. Plant in full sun.



- b. *Magellan Series* – Vigorous, uniform 12-14” plants with large fully double blooms in vibrant colors. Plant in full sun.



- c. *State Fair Mix* – Large double flowers on 3’ tall plants. Great for cut flowers. Attracts butterflies. Plant in full sun.