Best For Cape Cod
Annuals

There are many wonderful annuals for the Cape, but we’ve found that the following varieties do especially well in local landscapes. Although pansies and a few other annuals can be put outside in early spring, on the Cape most annuals can be planted from mid-May on.

Sun or Part-Sun
Ageratum (especially ‘Blue Horizon’)
Angelonia
Argyranthemum (Marguerite daisy)
Bidens hybrids (Proven Winners)
*Calibrachoa aka million-bells
Canna
Cleome (especially Senorita Rosalita and Senorita Blanca)
Coleus (potted don’t need deadheading and tolerate sun)
*Cuphea (Mexican Heather, Vermillionaire and others)
Dahlias (especially larger growing varieties)
Diascia (shear once in mid-summer for thicker bloom)
Euphorbia Diamond Frost (don’t plant too early – hates cold)
Evolvulus Blue My Mind (Proven Winners)
Gold Dust Mecardonia
Gomphrena Pink Zazzle and ‘Fireworks’
King Tut Papyrus
Lobularia (alyssum) Snow Princess, Blushing Princess and Frosty Knight – from Proven Winners
Fuchsia ‘Gartenmeister’
Hibiscus (best as a patio plant)
Licorice plant (especially White Licorice with large leaf)
Marigolds
Nasturtium
*Nicotiana
Persian Shield (Strobilanthes) purple foliage plant.
*Petunias (especially Supertunias and Wave Petunias)
Plectranthus (some foliage plants, others late bloomers)
Purple fountain grass
*Salvia (many varieties in six packs and pots)
Sanvitalia (aka Sunbini)
Scaevola aka fan-flower
Sunpatiens
Sweet potato vine (Ipomea hybrids – foliage color)
Verbena (especially Superbena)
Vinca vine (cascading foliage plant)
Zinnias (Great varieties include Profusion, California Giant, Cut & Come Again, and State Fair)

**Shade or Part-Shade**
Begonias (Especially Wax, Dragon Wing, Angel Wing, Cascading, Rex and Wopper.)
Browallia (white and purple – Proven Winners)
Coleus (varieties in pots don’t need deadheading)
*Fuchsia ‘Gartenmeister’
New Guniea Impatiens
Oxalis (purple leaf, pale pink flower)
Sunpatiens
Sweet potato vine (Ipomea hybrids)

Note: Most houseplants do well as shade annuals. Consider using spider plant, crotons, ferns and other common houseplants, especially in pots and window boxes.

*It’s still unclear that regular Impatiens will do well because of the current problem with downy mildew on Cape Cod. Plant at your own risk!*

*Plants that attract hummingbirds.*

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