



## **Annuals that do well on Cape Cod**

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 to late May on.

### **Sun or Part-Sun**

- Ageratum (especially 'Blue Horizon' – a tall variety)
- Angelonia
- Argyranthemum (Marguerite daisy)
- Bidens hybrids (Proven Winners)
- \*Calibrachoa aka million-bells
- Canna (these are tall and tropical looking)
- 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)
- Dichondra Silver Falls (cascading, silver foliage)
- Euphorbia Diamond Frost (don't plant too early – hates cold)
- Evolvulus Blue My Mind (don't plant too early – hates cold)
- Gold Dust Mecardonia (drought tolerant)
- Gomphrena (good for cutting gardens)
- King Tut and Prince Tut Papyrus (container drama!)
- Lobularia (alyssum) Snow Princess, Blushing Princess and Frosty Knight – from Proven Winners – flowers through Oct.
- Fuchsia 'Gartenmeister'
- Hibiscus (Tropical - best as a patio plant in containers)
- Mandevilla Vine (several varieties – flowers all summer)
- Marigolds (Tall, medium and short. Tall for cutting gardens)
- Nasturtium (Edible leaves and flowers)
- \*Nicotiana (Fragrant, especially the white flowers)

Persian Shield (Strobilanthes purple foliage plant.)  
\*Petunias (especially Supertunias and Wave Petunias)  
Plectranthus (some foliage plants, others late bloomers)  
Purple fountain grass (not hardy on the Cape)  
\*Salvia (many varieties in six packs and pots)  
Sanvitalia (aka Sunbini ~ drought tolerant)  
Scaevola aka fan-flower (cascades in containers)  
Sunpatiens (for sun or part shade)  
Sweet potato vine (Ipomea hybrids – foliage color)  
Verbena (especially Superbena from Proven Winners)  
Vinca vine (cascading foliage plant)  
Zinnias (Profusion for flower beds. For cutting gardens:  
California Giant, Cut & Come Again, and State Fair)

### **Shade or Part-Shade**

Begonias (Especially Wax, Dragon Wing, Angel Wing,  
Cascading, Rex, Baby Wing, and Wopper.)  
Browallia (white and purple – Proven Winners)  
Coleus (varieties in pots don't need deadheading)  
\*Fuchsia 'Gartenmeister'  
Impatiens bred for resistance to downy mildew  
New Guinea Impatiens (blooms best with some sun)  
Oxalis (purple leaf, pale pink flower)  
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. Look for DM resistant or plant at your own risk!*

***\*Plants that attract hummingbirds.***

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