

PLANTS TO PLANT THIS MONTH

SEPTEMBER

TIP: September is the “bridge month,” you can still enjoy your summer flowers while getting a jumpstart on fall planting. Every perennial, shrub, or tree you plant now will reward you tenfold come spring!

ANNUALS

September is the season shift month! It's still hot, but you can feel the mornings and evenings cooling perfect for planting both heat-lovers and the first round of cool-season flowers.

START TRANSITIONING TO COOL-SEASON ANNUALS LIKE PANSIES, VIOLAS, SNAPDRAGONS, ALYSSUM, AND STOCK TOWARD THE END OF THE MONTH, ESPECIALLY IN COOLER MICROCLIMATES. YOU CAN ALSO GET A ROUND OF WARM SEASON ANNUALS LIKE CALIBRACHOA OR PANSIES! I LOVE USING SUPERBELLS INSTEAD OF MUMS IN MY FALL CONTAINERS. THEY LAST LONGER AND LOOK SO MUCH BETTER IMO!

PERENNIALS

Fall planting season begins! September is prime time to add perennials - the soil is still warm (great for root development) and the cooler weather means less stress on new plants. Consider these:

SALVIA LIKE MY FAVORITE: PINK PROFUSION SALVIA, RUDBECKIA (BLACK-EYED SUSAN LOOKS SO GOOD THIS TIME OF YEAR!), GAURA, COREOPSIS, LAVENDER (THIS IS THE BEST TIME TO PLANT IT!)

SHRUBS & TREES

The absolute best time to plant shrubs and trees is starting now. They'll establish roots all fall and winter for strong growth next spring! I've planted almost all my trees in the fall and they have thanked me for that! Try:

MISS MOLLY BUDDLEIA (STILL BLOOMING IN SEPTEMBER!)

CAPE PLUMBAGO (ELECTRIC BLUE FLOWERS INTO FALL)

CRAPE MYRTLE (PLANT NOW FOR SUMMER COLOR NEXT YEAR!)

CHINESE PISTACHE (FOR GORGEOUS FALL COLOR)

TECOMA STANS (CHICKLET ORANGE IS A HUMMINGBIRD MAGNET!)

SEEDS

September is the month to start thinking about your “cool flower” garden! Start these indoors or in seed trays to transplant out in late October

SWEET PEAS, LARKSPUR, BACHELOR'S BUTTONS, NIGELLA, FOXGLOVES

BULBS

If you want to get a head start, plant these toward the end of the month, especially in cooler zones. If you live in warmer zones wait until the weather cools a bit more.

DAFFODILS, ALLIUMS, ANEMONES, AND RANUNCULUS

TIME TO PRE-CHILL: TULIP, HYACINTH, AND CROCUS NOW IF YOU LIVE IN A WARM CLIMATE (10-14 WEEKS IN THE FRIDGE)



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