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# Annual Flowering Plants

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## FORGET-ME-NOT

(Myosotis)

The dainty little flower commonly known as forget-me-nots are hardy perennials that love cool, moist soils, and, like pansies, bloom most freely in fall and early spring. They make a satisfactory close border, the beauty of which is heightened by abundant bloom. The forget-me-not is also satisfactory as a winter-blooming plant

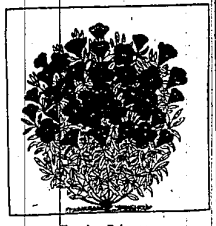
Forget-Me-Not.

for growing in cool rooms or cold frames. Another feature characteristic of this plant is that, after once having been introduced into a garden, it perpetuates itself from year to year by self-seeding like the poppy, portulaca, and several of the other desirable annuals. Sow the seeds in spring in a warm, sunny border. Most varieties bloom freely the first season and profusely the second year. The average height of the plant is six inches.

## EVENING PRIMROSE

(Godetia)

The evening primroses are choice, free-blooming annuals, with widely opened flowers of satiny texture, with delicate colors. They are suited for solid beds, border lines, for pots, and to grow in shrubbery borders in shaded places, where few other flowers will flourish. The seed should be sown in an open border or in a cold frame in spring. If the latter, the



Evening Primrose.

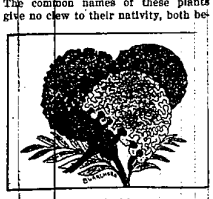
seedlings should be transplanted to stand about a foot apart in rather thin or sandy soil. These plants are also successfully treated as biennials by sowing the seed in July and transplanting the young plants to a cold frame, to be placed in the open the following May. The blooming season is from early spring until frost, and the average height of the plants is one and one-half feet.

## MARIGOLD

(Tagetes)

There are two distinct types of garden marigolds, each with numerous horticultural varieties, derived from two distinct species.

The French marigold, which is the most compact and regular in growth, and consequently the most valuable as a bedding or a border plant, has been developed from tagetes patula, while the African marigold, which is of a more spreading and open habit of growth and therefore less suited for bedding purposes, but well adapted for herbaceous or shrubbery borders, has been developed from tagetes erecta. The common names of these plants give no clew to their nativity, both be-



Marigold.

ing tropical American plants, in spite of common names to the contrary.

The French marigolds are all useful bedding plants. The habit of growth is erect and compact with good foliage. The flowers are well formed, bright in color, and occur from June until frost. While these plants can be grown and successfully brought into bloom from seeds sown in the open in April in the latitude of Washington, such plants do not give as early bloom or the profusion of bloom which will be borne by plants started in a house and shifted for a time into pots which confine the roots of the plant and check it, so that when set in the open the increased food supply has a tendency to induce the development of flowers rather than wood, a tendency which is maintained, much to the gratification of the gardener, throughout the season. When transferred to the open the plants should be set at least a foot apart each way. The same distance should also be given plants grown from seed sown in the open. There are both double and single forms of the French marigold. The named varieties are especially good, but very satisfactory results are obtained from mixed seeds.

The African marigolds frequently grow two or more feet in height, and for this reason are better suited for planting in mixed borders or along belts of trees and shrubs than in beds or masses in small areas. This is, however, the common marigold of the garden in America. The leaves and flowers are strong-scented. The range of color in the flowers of this type of marigold is from sulphur yellow to orange, the darker shades being more commonly met with than the lighter ones.

## CHRYSANTHEMUMS

The chrysanthemums, like the pinks, contain some of the most valuable of the commercial florists' products, both hardy perennial and annual flowering plants.

The large-flowered types of chrysanthemums, which each autumn produce such gorgeous shows in the stores, florists' establishments, and conservatories, are not hardy, and since they are treated as greenhouse plants by the florists, they are only mentioned in this list. The class of hardy chrysanthemums, which should be more com-

Chrysanthemum.

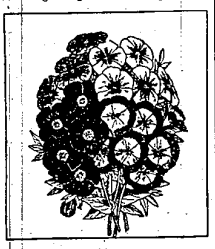
monly seen in every flower garden, and which are known as pompons, are simply noted to give proper relation to the annual chrysanthemums which are the subject of this sketch.

These plants bloom most satisfactorily if the seeds are sown early in a hotbed, or cold frame and the young plants transferred to the open as soon as the soil has become sufficiently warm to keep them growing without check. If started in a hotbed, the young plants should stand ten to twelve inches apart when set in their permanent locations. Somewhat less satisfactory results can be secured by sowing the seed about corn-planting time in the open where the plants are to bloom. The seedlings should be thinned at least eight inches apart. If the same care in regard to disbudding and pinching back is taken with the annual plants as with the large-flowered perennials, the work will be rewarded by greatly increased size of the flowers.

## PHLOX

(Phlox Drummondii)

The annual phlox, sometimes called flame flower, is particularly useful and attractive when sown in masses or ribbon beds of contrasting colors. Few annual plants are more easily grown from seed, give a quicker return of bloom, or offer such a variety to choose from as do the phloxes. There are few desirable colors beyond their range, and if given good soil and plenty of



Phlox.

water they furnish a supply of delicate flowers for cutting throughout the season. The phloxes are also useful as window-garden plants. The first sowing of seed should be made as soon as the frost is out of the ground in the spring; later ones in May, either where the plants are to bloom or in a seed-bed, as the phlox transplants readily. In transplanting, set the taller kinds about a foot apart; if planted too thickly, they suffer from mildew. The removal of flowers and seed-pods makes the plants more bushy and compact and lengthens their blooming period. The average height of the plant is about a foot.

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