

FLOWERS

Quick-Glance Planting Chart

Zones 9 and 10

Crop Family	* Transplanting Preferred		○ Direct Sowing Preferred				*○ Transplant or Direct Sow (see notes)				Not Optimal for Planting		Bloom Period	Planting Notes	Succession (days)
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC			
Alyssum ‡	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			*	*	*	year-round (warm areas)	Establishes best in cool weather; can become a perennial.	n/a
Amaranth ‡ ^					*○	*○	*○	*○	*○	*○			year-round (warm areas)	Tiny seeds are easily direct-sown; can bloom year-round in warm areas.	14
Bluebell	*○	*○	*○	*○	*○	*○	*○			*○	*○	*○	spring/summer	Grows best in cool, wet weather; plant before seasonal rains.	n/a
Borage * §	*○	*○	*○	*○	*○						*○	*○	winter/spring	Happiest during cool, wet months; reseeds easily.	14
Calendula §	*○	*○	*○	*○	*○	*○					*○	*○	spring to summer	Enjoys cool weather to become established.	21
Coneflower *	*	*	*						*	*	*	*	spring	Seeds require cold stratification.	n/a
Cornflower * ∞ ^	*○	*○	*○	*○	*○						*○	*○	spring/summer	Easy to grow and reseeds in irrigated areas.	n/a
Cosmos ‡	*○	*○	*○	*○	*○	*○					*○	*○	spring/summer/fall	Establishes best in cool weather; can become a perennial.	n/a
Echinacea	*	*								*	*	*	spring to summer	Establishes best in cool weather; plant in early fall. Early morning harvest.	n/a
Flax ‡					○	○	○	○	○	○			spring/fall/winter	Tall, dainty blue flowers look best planted in clumps.	21
Four O'Clock ‡	○	○	○	○	○	○	○			○	○	○	spring/summer	Low-maintenance; spreads by underground tubers.	n/a
Foxglove	*	*	*	*						*	*	*	spring/summer	Tiny seeds are best transplanted in cool weather to become established.	n/a
Gaillardia * ‡	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				*	*	spring/summer/fall	Establishes best in cool weather; may bloom year-round in some areas.	n/a
Gomphrena ‡ ∞			*	*	*	*					*	*	spring/summer	Establishes best in cool weather; plant in early fall.	n/a
Hyacinth Bean ‡			○	○	○	○	○	○					summer to fall	This stunning ornamental pole bean is easy to grow.	10
Hyssop *	*	*	*								*	*	late-winter/spring	Tender perennial; very easy to grow once established.	n/a
Hollyhock	*○	*○	*○						*○	*○	*○	*○	spring/summer	Perennial; establishes best in cool weather; plant in early fall.	n/a
Lavender * § ∞	*	*	*	*					*	*	*	*	spring/summer	Seeds require exposure to warm and cold temperatures.	n/a
Lupine ‡	*○	*○	*○	*○					*○	*○	*○	*○	spring/summer	Best planted by seed before seasonal rains; reseeds in marginal areas.	n/a
Marigold ∞				*○	*○	*○		*○	*○	*○	*○	*○	spring/summer/fall	May require shade cloth during hot fall months.	21
Mexican Sunflower * ‡ ^			○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	year-round	Great pollinator plant! Blooms are happiest in warmer months.	14
Milkweed, Native *	*	*	*	*				*	*	*	*	*	spring/summer	Establishes best in cool weather; a slow grower!	n/a
Milkweed, Tropical * ‡	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	year-round	Cut back in fall to prevent disturbance of butterfly migration.	n/a
Morning Glory ‡			○	○	○	○	○				○	○	spring/summer	Aggressive grower; can choke out other crops.	n/a
Nasturtium ‡ §	○	○	○	○	○	○					○	○	year-round (cool areas)	Happiest during cool, wet months; can grow year-round in cool areas.	n/a
Nigella ∞	*○	*○	*○	*○	*○					*○	*○	*○	spring	Establishes best in cool weather; plant in the fall.	21
Poppy ‡	*○									*○	*○	*○	spring to summer	Establishes best in cool weather; plant before seasonal rains.	n/a
Sage * ‡	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				*	*	spring/summer	Establishes best in cool weather; plant in the fall.	n/a
Scabiosa * ∞	*○	*○	*○	*○	*○					*○	*○	*○	spring/fall	Establishes best in cool weather; year-round blooms.	21
Strawflower * ∞	*	*	*	*	*					*	*	*	spring/summer	Tiny seeds are best transplanted in cool weather to become established.	21
Sunflower * ∞ ^			*○	*○	*○	*○	*○	*○	*○	*○	*○	*○	spring/summer/fall	Plant in full-sun location; may bloom year-round in warm winters.	14
Sweet Pea ∞	*○	*○	*○							*○	*○	*○	late-winter/spring	Establishes best in cool weather; plant in early fall.	15
Wildflowers*	*○	*○	*○	*○	*○	*○	*○			*○	*○	*○	depends on variety	Establishes best in cool weather; plant before seasonal rains.	n/a
Yarrow ‡	*	*	*	*						*	*	*	winter/early-spring	Establishes best in cool weather; plant before seasonal rains.	n/a
Zinnia * ∞			*○	*○	*○	*○				*○	*○	*○	spring/summer/fall	Establishes best in the cool weather; plant late winter/early spring.	14

* Pollinator plant. All flowers are good for the garden, but these are super attractors of butterflies, bees and hummingbirds!

‡ Low Maintenance

§ Edible Flowers

∞ Great Cut Flower

^ Attracts Birds

Factors influencing whether to transplant or direct sow

- Adequate garden space (direct sowing requires extra room for thinning)
- Ability to protect sprouts from pests, wind, rain, cold, heat, strong sunlight, and evaporation
- Large-seeded crops and roots crops respond better to being directly sown (general rule)

Information presented is general in nature and not predictive of all conditions, situations, and locations. Successful growers learn how conditions in their location differ from these general guidelines and modify them to fit their situation. Others push the bounds intentionally because, well, historical climate patterns are no longer reliable. We love hearing about your successes that break the "rules"!