

New perennials for the 2025 gardening season in USDA Hardiness Zone 5

Sun-Loving Perennials

1. **SUMMERIFIC® 'Cookies and Cream' *Hibiscus*** -Hardy Hibiscus, Rose Mallow;
Height: 2½-3' | Width: 3½-4' | Zones: 4-9 | Full to Part Sun; Matte black foliage and pure white 6-7" flowers; Compact and sturdy, blooms appear from top to bottom of the stem; Full sun enhances foliage color
2. **'Firefly Fuchsia' *Achillea*** - Yarrow
Height: 22-24 | Width: 26-30" | Zones: 3-8 | Full Sun
3. ***Coreopsis verticillata* 'Creamy Calico'** – Threadleaf Coreopsis with soft yellow flowers and maroon eyes. [Walters Gardens](#)
4. ***Coreopsis verticillata* 'Golden Needles'** – Threadleaf Coreopsis with golden yellow flowers and sharp maroon eye zones. [Walters Gardens](#)
5. ***Coreopsis verticillata* 'Heartstrings'** – Threadleaf Coreopsis with cream flowers and dark reddish-pink eyes. [Walters Gardens](#)
6. ***Coreopsis verticillata* 'Scarlet Ribbons'** – Threadleaf Coreopsis with velvety maroon-red flowers. [Walters Gardens](#)
7. **DECADENCE® 'Vanilla Cream II' *Baptisia*** -False Indigo - Height: 3½' | Width: 3' | Zones: 4-9 | Full to Part Sun; 'Vanilla Cream II' improves on its predecessor with earlier blooms and longer inflorescence; Dark charcoal stems support 16-18" panicles of creamy white flowers, offering multiple flushes; Seed pods deepen in color, persisting into fall; Easy care, drought tolerant, and deer resistant.
8. ***Delosperma* 'Dancing Embers'** – Ice Plant with reddish-orange flowers. [Walters dens](#)
9. **'Touch of Blush' *Heliopsis helianthoides*** - False Sunflower - Height: 18-20" | Width: 16-20" | Zones: 4-9 | Full to Part Sun; Named for the pink tones on new foliage, enhancing white variegation on dark green leaves; Semi-double yellow flowers with dark cones.
10. **BEJEWELD™ 'Pink Pearls' *Penstemon barbatus***-Bearded Penstemon - Height: 16-20" | Width: 20-24" | Zones: 4-8 | Full Sun
11. **LIVING LARGE™ 'Big Sky' *Salvia* - Perennial Salvia: Height: 28-32" | Width: 28-32" | Zones: 3-8 | Full Sun: A super-sized Perennial Salvia with violet blue flowers**

and a dense rosette of large green leaves. Later to bloom than other Perennial Salvias.

12. **RAINBOW RHYTHM® 'Fearfully and Wonderfully Made' Hemerocallis** – Daylily - Height: 26" | Width: 18-24" | Zones: 3-9 | Full to Part Sun; A mid-sized daylily with 5½" coral pink blooms, rich cranberry red eyes, and yellow-edged margins; Well-branched scapes ensure excellent rebloom.

13. **Echinacea 'Solar Flare'** – Coneflower with vibrant orange-red petals.

14. **Salvia nemorosa 'Blue Marvel'** – Salvia with large, deep blue flowers.

15. **Agastache 'Blue Boa'** – Anise Hyssop with deep violet-blue flower spikes.

16. **Helenium 'Short 'n' Sassy'** – Compact Sneezeweed with bright orange and yellow blooms.

17. **Gaillardia 'Arizona Sun'** – Blanket Flower with red and yellow bicolor blooms.

Shade-Tolerant Perennials

18. **Heuchera 'Changeling'** – Coral Bells with foliage that changes color from silver to purple. [Preen](#)

19. **'White Diamonds' Dicentra** - *Fern-leaved Bleeding Heart; Height: 14-16" | Width: 16-20" | Zones: 3-9 | Full to Part Sun; Pure white blooms from spring to frost, with finely textured glaucous blue-green foliage. Best in full sun and well-drained soils. Companion to 'Pink Diamonds'.*

20. **SHADOWLAND® 'Gigantosaurus' Hosta** - Height: 30-32" | Width: 72-78" | Zones: 3-9 | Full to Part Shade; 'Gigantosaurus' features massive blue leaves with wavy yellow margins that turn creamy white in summer. Pale lavender flowers appear in early summer, held just above the foliage.

21. **Brunnera macrophylla 'Jack of Diamonds'** – Siberian Bugloss with large, silver-veined leaves.

22. **Pulmonaria 'Spot On'** – Lungwort with coral-pink buds that open to blue flowers. [Preen](#)

23. **Tiarella 'Spring Symphony'** – Foamflower with pink bottlebrush-like blooms.

24. **Epimedium 'Pink Champagne'** – Barrenwort with pink and white flowers.

25. **Polygonatum odoratum 'Variegatum'** – Variegated Solomon's Seal with arching stems and white-edged leaves. [Preen](#)

26. **Athyrium niponicum 'Pictum'** – Japanese Painted Fern with silver and burgundy fronds.

27. **Hosta 'Hans'** – Blue-green with cream variegation (by Hans Hansen)

28. **Astilbe 'Mighty Chocolate Cherry'** – Astilbe with dark foliage and bright red plumes.

29. **Heucherella 'Plum Cascade'** – Trailing Foamy Bells with plum-colored foliage and pink flowers.

Ornamental Grasses

30. **Andropogon gerardii 'Blackhawks'** – Big Bluestem with dark purple foliage.
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31. **Schizachyrium scoparium 'Brush Strokes'** – Little Bluestem with unique variegated foliage.

32. **Festuca 'Blue Whiskers'** – A fescue with fine, blue foliage.

33. **Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Ginger Love'** – Fountain Grass with dark red plumes.
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34. **Hakonechloa macra 'Lemon Zest'** – Japanese Forest Grass with bright yellow foliage. [Online Orchards+1Almanac.com+1](#)

These new varieties will add vibrant colors, textures, and resilience to Zone 5 gardens in 2025!