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Period Plants

Perennials, Bulbs & Annuals for Your Period Garden

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The following list of perennials, bulbs and annuals is an outline of the most popular plants in cultivation during the 19th and early 20th centuries in America. These are by no means the only perennials, bulbs and annuals planted during this period- many have been kept off this list because they are not readily available in the nursery trade today. In the instance where a specific perennial was once very popular, but may not be appropriate today due to disease, etc..., an alternative has been suggested. This list should be a beneficial starting point for designing and building a garden for your “Period Home”.

PERENNIALS

<u>Botanical Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<i>Achillea</i> spp.	Golden Yarrow	<i>Achillea</i> ‘Moonshine’ is a popular yellow variety available
<i>Aconitum</i> spp.	Monkshood	<i>Aconitum</i> <i>carmichaelii</i> ‘Arendsi’ has blue fall flowers and glossy green foliage
<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Bugleweed	Ground cover with many popular varieties
<i>Alcea rosea</i>	Hollyhock	
<i>Anemone x hybrida</i>	Japanese Anemone	Many varieties exist today; ‘Whirlwind’ is a popular old-fashioned white variety
<i>Aquilegia vulgaris</i>	Columbine	
<i>Armeria maritime</i>	Sea thrift, Statice	Popular plant for edging a flower border
<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	Aster	Fall blooming native perennial
<i>Baptisia australis</i>	False Indigo	
<i>Bergenia cordifolia</i>	Heart-leaved saxifrage	Bold foliage with early spring flowers
<i>Campanula carpatica</i>	Carpathian bellflower	
<i>Cerastium tomentosum</i>	Snow-in-summer	
<i>Chrysanthemum</i> spp.	Garden mums	Many varieties in all colors exist today
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	Lily-of-the-valley	Ground cover with fragrant flowers
<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Lance-leaf coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i> is readily available; try ‘Moonbeam’ and ‘Zagreb’
<i>Delphinium grandiflorum</i>	Larkspur	
<i>Dianthus deltoides</i>	Maiden pink carnation	Great as an edging plant
<i>Dicentra spectabilis</i>	Bleeding heart	Best used in shade
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	Foxglove	Biennial
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Purple coneflower	

<i>Gaillardia spp.</i>	Blanket flower	
<i>Geranium sanguineum</i>	Perennial geranium	
<i>Hemerocallis spp.</i>	Daylily	Numerous varieties of all colors available
<i>Hosta spp.</i>	Hosta, Plantain lily	
<i>Iberis sempervirens</i>	Candytuft	Great as an edging plant
<i>Iris germanica</i>	Bearded iris	
<i>Leucanthemum x superbum</i>	Shasta daisy	
<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Gayfeather	Purple flowers with spiked foliage
<i>Monarda didyma</i>	Beebalm	Recent introductions are mildew resistant
<i>Paeonia</i>	Peony	
<i>Papaver orientale</i>	Oriental poppy	Foliage will die back in the summer heat
<i>Phlox spp.</i>	Perennial phlox	Recent introductions are mildew resistant
<i>Phlox subulata</i>	Moss phlox	
<i>Primula officinalis</i>	Primrose	Early spring bloomer does best in shade
<i>Rudbeckia spp.</i>	Black-eyed susan	
<i>Yucca filamentosa</i>	Adam's needle	Yellow variegated varieties are available

BULBS

<u>Botanical Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<i>Canna indica</i>	Arrow root, Canna	
<i>Colocasia spp.</i>	Elephant Ears	
<i>Crocus spp.</i>	Crocus	
<i>Dahlia spp.</i>	Dahlia	
<i>Fritillaria imperialis</i>	Fritillary	
<i>Galanthus nivalis</i>	Snowdrops	
<i>Gladiolus spp.</i>	Gladiolus	
<i>Hyacinthus orientalis</i>	Hyacinth	
<i>Lilium spp.</i>	Oriental lily	
<i>Narcissus spp.</i>	Daffodils	
<i>Tulipa spp.</i>	Tulips	
<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i>	Calla lily	

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<i>Ageratum houstonianum</i>	Floss flower	
<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	Snapdragon	
<i>Begonia</i>	Tuberous begonia	
<i>Celosia cristata</i>	Crested cockscomb	
<i>Cosmos bipinnatus</i>	Cosmos	
<i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i>	Carnation	
<i>Helichrysum bracteatum</i>	Strawflower	
<i>Heliotropium arborescens</i>	Heliotrope	
<i>Impatiens balsamina</i>	Impatiens	
<i>Lobularia maritima</i>	Sweet alyssum	
<i>Pelargonium x hortorum</i>	Bedding geranium, crane's bill	
<i>Petunia x hybrida</i>	Petunia	
<i>Phlox drummondii</i>	Annual phlox	
<i>Portulaca grandiflora</i>	Flowering moss rose	
<i>Ricinus communis</i>	Castor bean	
<i>Salvia splendens</i>	Scarlet sage	
<i>Solenostemon scutellarioides</i>	Coleus, painted nettle	
<i>Tagetes spp.</i>	Marigold	
<i>Verbena x hybrida</i>	Verbena	
<i>Viola tricolor</i>	Pansy	
<i>Zinnia elegans</i>	Zinnia	