

The Best Perennials for Parker County

The following list is the result of a survey of Parker County Master Gardeners. They were asked to rate the perennials they had experienced growing or observing.

Number after name of the tree shows first place votes it received from Parker County Master Gardeners.

Name	
1. Sage, Indigo Spires (1)	
2. Blue Mist Flower (3)	Butterfly magnet
3. Cast Iron Plant	I use this in place of hostas, taller but very hardy Though they give a different look, I use these instead of hostas
4. Autumn Sage (3) (Salvia greggii)	Low maintenance Blooms February - November Great to propagate and use in landscape and containers
5. Columbine, Texas Gold (3)	
6. Fern, Wood	Have had the same planting for years and they keep coming back each year and increase, great
7. Aster, Fall (2)	Love the color and performance
8. Four Nerve Daisy	
9. Turk's Cap	Tall Colorful Easy and no work Dependable
10. Mexican Bush Sage (1)	
11. Calylophus (3)	
12. Mexican Mint Marigold	Good year-round plant
13. Flame Acanthus (2)	Good background plant
14. Lantana, Texas (2)	
15. Lamb's Ear	Large leaf Helen Von Stein I only like the large leaf Helen Von Stein
16. Fern, Japanese Painted	Have had problems with this one Pretty, but does not compare to the hardiness of other ferns
17. Fern, Holly (1)	
18. Lantana, New Gold (1)	
19. Lantana, Trailing	
20. Yarrow	
21. Gaura	
22. Hibiscus, Texas Star	
23. Pink Skullcap	Use this in several areas Performs best with sun
24. Rock Rose (1)	Easy and dependable
25. Sedum, Autumn Joy	Deer will eat this plant Love the fact they are easy to propagate and look great in landscape and containers
Zexmenia (3)	Sun or shade, Excels
Coreopsis	Great spring show, tends to mildew
Mealy Blue Sage	
Lenten Rose	Love the look and the fact they bloom for long period of time and at times when not much else does

Hibiscus, Hardy	
Lantana, Silver Mound	
Blackfoot Daisy (1)	
Phlox, Garden	Have had this in my garden for years...the same planting and they are great
Verbena	Red and yellow
Russian Sage	
Coral Bells	Love this plant for the shade, also use Purple Palace
Santolina	
Datura	Showy, dramatic
Lyre Leaf Sage	Too invasive Early bloomer "Like" ajuga You can't tell where it will end up
Hosta	Too much trouble with slugs and snails
Hibiscus, Lord Baltimore	
Anise Sage	
Veronica (Speedwell)	
Obedient Plant	Too invasive for me Take this off!!

For more information on these perennials, refer to
[the real dirt A Gardening Handbook for Parker County](http://www.pcmg-texas.org/therealdirt.htm)
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