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## The Best Annual Flowers

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The Georgeson Botanical Garden conducts three-year trials on nearly 350 annual flowering plants in the Georgeson Botanical Garden. They are rated on numerous traits including foliage and flower quantity and quality, fragrance, frost tolerance, and disease and insect resistance plus an overall rating based on a scale of zero to four with zero being plants that died or did not germinate, and four, being truly outstanding cultivars with consistently superior performance for three years. The trial results are available each year, but this list is the best of the best. The flowers listed below have received an average rating of 3.5 or higher for the entire trial period.

Name	Cultivar	Source	Trial Years
Ageratum	Blue Horizon	Stokes Seeds	01, 02, 03
Ageratum	Mexicana Tall	Carolina Seeds	05, 06, 07
Alyssum	New Apricot	Twilley	99, 00, 01
Annual Flower Mix	Colorscape Mix	Applewood Seed Co.	04, 05, 06
Aster	Ballet Mix	Vesey's Seeds	06, 07, 08
Aster	Pompon Splendid Mix	Thompson & Morgan	00, 01, 02
Aster, China	California Giant	Select Seeds	03, 04, 05
Bisnaga	Casablanca	Kieft Seeds	06, 07, 08
Brachycome	Bravo Formula Mix	Carolina Seeds	99, 00, 01
Chilean Glory Vine	Tresco Cream	Thompson & Morgan	03, 04, 05
Chrysanthemum	Primrose Gem	Thompson & Morgan	99, 00, 01
Chrysanthemum	Moonlight	Germania Seed Co.	05, 06, 07
Chrysanthemum	Snowland	Seeds of Change	03, 04, 05
Cosmos	Gazebo White	Territorial Seed Co.	00, 01, 02
Cosmos	Versailles Mix	Harris Seeds	00, 01, 02
Daisy, Shasta	Alaska	Risse Greenhouses	02, 03, 04
Daisy, English	Lipstick	Seymour's Selected Seeds	01, 02, 03
Dahlia	Scarborough Brilliant	Connell's Dahlias	06, 07, 08
Dahlia	Bloomquist Dawn	Connell's Dahlias	06, 07, 08
Dahlia	Sterling Silver	Connell's Dahlias	05, 06, 08
Dianthus	Melody Pink	All America Selections	99, 00, 01
Dianthus	Supra Purple	All America Selections	05, 06, 07
Dianthus	Bouquet™ Rose Magic	PanAmerican Seed	06, 07, 08

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Dusty Miller	New Look	Germania Seed Co.	05, 07, 08
Foxglove	Camelot Rose	Goldsmith Seeds	05, 06, 07
Gazania	Daybreak Mix	Harris Seeds	00, 01, 02
Geranium	Orbit Deep Salmon	Goldsmith Seeds	04, 05, 06
Gypsophila	Gypsy	All America Selections	99, 00, 01
Malope	Choice Mix	Pinetree Garden	99, 00, 01
Marigold, African	Perfection Mix	Goldsmith Seeds	04, 05, 06
Marigold, African	First Lady	All America Selections	06, 07, 08
Marigold, African	Capriccio	Park Seed	05, 06, 07
Marigold, African	Perfection Mix	Goldsmith Seeds	04, 05, 06
Marigold, African	Inca II Primrose	Park Seed	02, 03, 04
Marigold, French	La Bamba	Thompson & Morgan	01, 02, 03
Marigold, French	Honeycomb	Thompson & Morgan	02, 03, 04
Marigold, French	Disco Granada	Stokes Seeds	05, 06, 07
Marigold, French	China Cat Mix	Nichols Garden Nursery	02, 03, 04
Marigold, French	Naughty Marietta	All America Selections	06, 07, 08
Marigold, Signet	Starfire	Thompson & Morgan	05, 06, 07
Marigold	Cottage Red	Burpee Seeds	05, 06, 07
Melampodium	Lemon Delight	Shumway's	03, 04, 05
Nasturtium	Caribbean Cocktail	Shumway's	03, 04, 05
Nasturtium	Whirlybird Mahogany	Johnny's Selected Seeds	06, 07, 08
Nicotiana	Fragrant Cloud	Germania Seed	00, 02, 03
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Nicotiana	Nicki Red	All America Selections	06, 07, 08
Nicotiana	Tinkerbelle	Thompson & Morgan	06, 07, 08
Osteospermum	Asti White	All America Selections	07, 08, 09
Pansy	Fama Clear Faced Mix	Germania	99, 00, 01
Pansy	Fama Mixed Colors	Twilley	00, 01, 02
Pansy	Frosty Rain	PanAmerican Seed	06, 07, 08
Pansy	Impressions Mix	Park	99, 00, 01
Pansy	Swiss Giant Violet Blue	Stokes Seeds	05, 06, 07
Pansy	Ultima Morpho	All America Selections	01, 02, 04
Petunia	Tidal Wave Purple	Ball Seed	03, 04, 05

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Petunia	Tidal Wave Silver	All America Selections	02, 03, 05
Petunia	Wave® Blue	All America Selections	02, 03, 04
Poppy, California	Golden Tears	Thompson & Morgan	04, 05, 06
Poppy, California	Inferno	Thompson & Morgan	03, 04, 05
Rudbeckia	Indian Summer	All America Selections	99, 00, 01
Rudbeckia	Sputnik	Thompson & Morgan	99, 00, 01
Salvia, Mealy-cup	Gruppenblau	Johnny's Selected Seeds	04, 05, 06
Sanvitalia	Irish Eyes	R.H. Shumway's	00, 01, 02
Sanvitalia	Mandarin Orange	Stokes Seed	99, 00, 01
Scarlet Runner Bean	Painted Lady	Thompson & Morgan	07, 08, 09
Snapdragon	Liberty Classic Mix	Goldsmith Seeds	04, 06, 07
Statice	Gold Coast	Pinetree Garden Seeds	03, 04, 05
Statice	QIS Mix	John Scheepers Kitchen Garden Seeds	07, 08, 09
Statice	Sirima	Shepherd's Garden Seeds	99, 00, 01
Stock	Legacy Mix	Thompson & Morgan	99, 00, 01
Strawflower	Salsa Mix	Johnny's Selected Seeds	00, 01, 02
Venidium	Jaffa Ice	Thompson & Morgan	99, 00, 01
Verbena, Garden	Quartz X P Purple	PanAmerican Seed	07, 08, 09
Verbena, Garden	Quartz X P Red Eye	PanAmerican Seed	07, 08, 09
Viola	Bilbo Baggins	Park Seed	05, 06, 07
Viola	Four Seasons Golden Yellow	Park Seed	99, 00, 01
Viola	Penny Porcelain	Germania Seed Co	01, 02, 03
Viola	Skippy® XL Deep Blue-Blotch	Kieft Seeds	06, 07, 08
Viola	Skippy® Experimental Pastel Blue Improved	Kieft Seeds	07, 08, 09
Viola	Skippy® XL Blue-Yellow	Kieft Seeds	07, 08, 09
Viola	Skippy® XL Plum-Gold	All America Selections	07, 08, 09

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Viola	Skippy® Yellow/Purple Wing	Kieft Seeds	06, 07, 08
Viola	Skippy® XL Red-Gold	All America Selections	06, 07, 08
Viola	Sorbet® Peach Frost	PanAmerican Seed	06, 07, 08
Viola	Skippy® Purple Improved	Kieft seeds	06, 07, 08
Viola	Skippy® XL Purple Duet	Kieft Seeds	06, 07, 08
Viola	Sorbet® French Vanilla	Germania	99, 00, 01
Viola	Sorbet® Blueberry Cream	Germania Seed	00, 01, 02
Viola	Sorbet® Blue Babyface	PanAmerican Seed	06, 07, 08
Viola	Sorbet® Orange Delight	Germania Seed Co.	03, 04, 05
Viola	Sorbet® Coconut Swirl	Stokes Seeds	03, 04, 05
Zinnia, Garden	Magellan Coral	All America Selections	04, 05, 06
Zinnia, Garden	Magellan Orange	Goldsmith Seeds	05, 06, 07
Zinnia, Garden	Star Orange	Park	99, 00, 01
Zinnia, Garden	Uproar Rose	New England Seed Company	07, 08, 09
Zinnia, Garden	Zowie! Yellow Flame	All America Selections	05, 06, 07
Zinnia, Hybrid	Profusion Fire	Stokes	05, 06, 07
Zinnia, Hybrid	Profusion Knee High Red	Ball Seed	07, 08, 09
Zinnia, Mexican	Chippendale Daisy	W. Atlee Burpee & Co.	02, 03, 04
Zinnia, Peruvian	Bonita Yellow	Thompson & Morgan	99, 00, 01



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