



Achillea millefolium
'Peachy Seduction'



A lower-growing *Achillea*, this cultivar reaches 30cm in height. The distinctive feathery foliage and continuous spot flowering over the warmer months makes this a perfect option for borders and for group planting for colour contrast and texture. In our trial this cultivar was pest and disease free.



Anemone x hybrida
'Fantasy' Series



Our trials included 'Fantasy' cultivars 'Belle', 'Cinderella', 'Jasmine' and 'Red Riding Hood'. The 'Fantasy' series is a dwarfing variety with a range of pink shades on stems 30-50cm tall. It flowers for an impressive 13 weeks from late summer to autumn and performs well in full sun with only occasional minor leaf scorch. Leave the spent flowers on and the fluffy seed heads will add interest. Pest and disease resistant.



Anemone x hybrida
'Honorine Jobert'



If you think wind flowers are only for the shade, think again! Our full-sun trial provided eight weeks of crisp white flowers with butter yellow centres held aloft by 1.5m tall stems. When not in flower the lush foliage maintains a broad informal bun shape. We observed occasional minor leaf scorch, but this was quickly replaced with fresh foliage. Pest and disease resistant.



Brassica napus pabularia
'Red Bore'



Spiralling towers of frilly deep purple to burgundy leaves from this plant had many garden visitors excited. We trialled ours as an ornamental edible border. Like all kale, this cultivar is hardy and nutritious. No pest or disease treatment was applied in our trials, and they thrived. Cabbage moths ignored them, and the occasional aphid bug was easily removed by hand.



Brassica oleracea
'Red Drumhead'



This head-forming cabbage performed well in our cool season trials with little maintenance. This ornamental red cabbage with a stunning glaucous bloom on the leaf were pest and disease resistant. We applied an organic insecticide containing *Bacillus thuringiensis* only three times in the warmer autumn months when cabbage moths were active. It took about 27 weeks to harvest.



Brassica oleracea
'Romanesco'



This large broccoli is a structurally impressive plant for the cool-season vegetable plot. Asparagus-green heads are clearly arranged in the Fibonacci sequence nestled within broad textural leaves with hints of bronze and a purple midrib. In our trials only three organic insecticide treatments were used in the warmer months of autumn resulting in pest and disease-free conditions until harvest. About 23 weeks to harvest.



Brassica rapa
'Mini Wombok'



A perfect cultivar for the home vegetable plot as one Chinese cabbage (Wombok) can be used for a couple of meals. Our trials had a 100% success rate with all seedlings growing to a harvestable size. This cool-season crop is less fussy and has a broader temperature tolerance than head-forming cabbages. It attracts slugs and snails however these can easily be removed by hand. Nineteen weeks to harvest.



Dahlia x hybrida
'Titoki point' Dr Keith Hammett

This modern dahlia cultivar was bred by the eminent horticulturalist Dr Keith Hammett in New Zealand. It is popular amongst visitors (and bees) due to its vibrant pink and yellow petals. The pointed petals coupled with the single petal arrangement adds refinement to this bold flower. An herbaceous perennial in Sydney, simply cut to the ground on die back and leave the tuber to regrow in the warmer months. Pest and disease free.



***Lathyrus odoratus* 'Flora Norton'**

In our trials this heritage cultivar flowered continuously for five months from early winter through to late spring when it was sown in mid-March. Purple to mauve coloured flowers. No treatments for pest and disease were given during our trials. Deadhead to ensure extended flowering.



***Lathyrus odoratus* 'Lord Nelson'**

Of the 10 sweet peas in our trials, this cultivar was the best performer for flowering length. With a mid-March sowing, this heritage variety provided six months of continuous flowering from late autumn through to late spring. Grew two metres up a trellis with masses of perfumed light purple to pink flowers. No treatments for pest and disease were given during our trials. Deadhead to ensure extended flowering.



***Lathyrus odoratus* 'My Navy'**

Dr Keith Hammett

A modern cultivar bred by Dr Keith Hammett. Billowing purple flowers for four months from mid-winter to late spring when sown mid-March. No treatments for pest and disease were given during our trials. Deadhead to ensure extended flowering.



***Lathyrus odoratus* 'Spencer Ripple'**

A heritage cultivar of the 'Spencer' variety. We achieved continuous flowering for three months from late winter to late spring when sown mid-March. 'Spencer Ripple' come in a range of colours with frilled edges to the flower. No treatments for pest and disease were given during our trials. Deadhead to ensure extended flowering.



***Phaseolus vulgaris* 'Australian Butter'**

This fast-growing Australian climbing bean cultivar gave us a yield of 5.26 kilograms from four plants in the trials. Nine weeks to harvest and in crop for four weeks. Grow this low-maintenance vegetable up a trellis or a fence with a sunny position in any season in Sydney and you will have access to these nutritious and sweet beans all year if you stagger their sowing. Can be eaten fresh or cooked. Pest and disease free.



***Pisum sativum* 'Yukomo Giant'**

This snow pea cultivar has succulent oversized pea pods with the added ornamental interest of pink and ruby coloured flowers. From four plants in one square metre, we harvested 742 snow peas with a combined weight of over eight kilograms. Our trials took 10 weeks from sowing to crop harvest and were in fruit for 10 weeks. Grow snow peas in autumn and winter to beat powdery mildew.



***Viola x wittrockiana* 'Butterfly Storm'**

Of the new viola we trialled, these cultivars were rated to have the greatest floral impact and the longest flowering time. Performed well in trials as a bedding plant and would work equally well in pots. These violas had only very minor pest and disease issues that did not require any treatment.



***Viola x wittrockiana* 'Romeo & Juliet'**

This new cultivar selection comes in the appealing complimentary colours of purple and yellow. These make great impact as bedding plants and produce large flowers in deep bold colour that does not fade. An extended flowering period, resistance to pest and disease and showiness of flower make these an excellent annual.

