



American Red Raspberry

The American red raspberry is a shrub

that produces white flowers.

Seeds should be planted in the early fall. Flowers bloom in spring and summer, and fruits grow in the summer. The American red raspberry can grow in full sun or some shade, and needs a medium amount of water.

Cardinal Flower

The cardinal flower can grow 4 feet tall and has red flowers.



Seeds should be planted in October in moist soil. The cardinal flower needs a lot of sun and water. It blooms in mid to late summer.



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American red raspberry, cardinal flower, crocus, field thistle, highbush blueberry, ninebark, summer squash, and yellow lady's-slipper



Crocus

The crocus flower can be purple, yellow or white.

Crocus bulbs can be planted almost anywhere.

They grow best in full sun but can also grow well in the shade. Most of the time, crocuses bloom early in the spring.

Field Thistle

Field thistle has a purple flower.

Seeds should be planted in the late fall to early spring. Field thistle blooms in late summer or early fall. It grows well with full sun or some shade, and needs soil that is dry or a little wet.



Highbush Blueberry

The highbush blueberry is a shrub that grows groups of 8-10 white and pink flowers. The flowers later grow into blueberries.

Seeds should be planted in the fall. Flowers bloom in March to June, and fruits grow in May to October. Highbush blueberry needs moist soil. It can be planted in the shade, but plants that grow in full sun will have more flowers and brighter leaves.

Ninebark

Ninebark is a shrub that grows white flowers and shiny red fruit.



Seeds can be planted from spring to early fall. Flowers bloom in May to June, and fruit grows in May to July. Ninebark can grow with different amounts of light and water.



Summer Squash

Summer squash is a large plant with yellow flowers. The flowers later grow into yellow squash.

Seeds should be planted in early summer. Summer squash produces two kinds of flowers: male and female. Squash blossoms bloom about one month after the seeds are planted, and the fruit grows soon after.

Yellow Lady's-slipper

The Yellow Lady's-slipper is an orchid plant with a yellow flower. It grows naturally in woodlands, wetlands, and swamps.



The Yellow Lady's-slipper should be grown inside for a few seasons before moving it outside. It grows well in wet, shady areas and blooms in the early spring.