

Workhorse Perennials

2026 Landscape & Grounds Maintenance Short Course

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1. Workhorse Perennials
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 - a. What sort of perennials fall into this category?
 - b. Reliable
 - c. Hardy
 - d. Dependable
 - e. Low maintenance
 - f. *Centranthus ruber* (Jupiter's beard)
3. Workhorse Perennials
 - a. Don't infer indestructibility or acceptance of any placement scenarios
 - b. While rugged and tough, all of these plants still have preferred cultural needs
 - c. Survival vs. robust ornamental contributions
 - d. There are no ZERO maintenance perennials
 - e. *Physostegia virginiana* 'Variegata' (variegated obedient plant)
4. lady's mantle (*Alchemilla mollis*, 18")
5. 'Summer Beauty' ornamental onion (*Allium lusitanicum*, 18")
6. Summer Peek-a-Boo® ornamental onion (*Allium lusitanicum*, 12")
7. 'Millenium' ornamental onion (*Allium hybrida*, 20")
8. 'Windy City' ornamental onion (*Allium hybrida*, 15")
9. 'Serendipity' ornamental onion (*Allium hybrida*, 20")
10. 'Pink Pepper' ornamental onion (*Allium hybrida*, 12")
11. 'Pink Planet' ornamental onion (*Allium hybrida*, 18")
12. 'Medusa' ornamental onion (*Allium hybrida*, 24")
13. 'Ozawa' Japanese onion (*Allium thunbergii*, 18")
14. balloon flower (*Platycodon grandiflorus*, variable colors, forms and heights)
15. 'Paprika' yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*, 24")
16. Moon Dust™ yarrow (*Achillea millefolium* 'Novaachdus', 14")
17. 'Strawberry Seduction' yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*, 24")
18. 'Red Velvet' yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*, 30")
19. 'Peter Cottontail' sneezewort (*Achillea ptarmica* 'Peter Cottontail', 24")
20. lesser showy calamint (*Calamintha nepeta* ssp. *nepeta*, 24"), look for 'Montrose White' too!
21. 'Blue Fortune' giant hyssop (*Agastache hybrida*, 36")
22. 'Black Adder' giant hyssop (*Agastache hybrida*, 36")

23. *Hemerocallis*

24. 'Baltimore Oriole' daylily (*Hemerocallis*, 26")
25. 'American Gold Rush' coneflower (*Rudbeckia hybrida*, 26")
26. Deam's coneflower (*Rudbeckia fulgida* var. *deamii*, 36")
27. Pale coneflower (*Echinacea pallida*, 36")
28. Ozark bluestar (*Amsonia illustris*, 36")
29. fringed bluestar (*Amsonia ciliata*, 36")
30. 'Storm Cloud' Eastern bluestar (*Amsonia tabernaemontana*, 30")
31. 'Short Stack' compact Eastern bluestar (*Amsonia tabernaemontana*, 15")
32. 'Bases Loaded' hybrid bluestar (*Amsonia hybrida*, 24")
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34. threadleaf bluestar (*Amsonia hubrichtii*, 36")
35. 'Cherry Truffle' stonecrop (*Hylotelephium telephium*, 24")
36. 'Red Cauli' stonecrop (*Hylotelephium telephium*, 18")
37. 'Matrona' stonecrop (*Hylotelephium telephium*, 30")
38. 'Emperor's Waves' stonecrop (*Hylotelephium telephium*, 18")
39. 'Hummelo' wood betony (*Stachys monieri*, 24")
40. 'Pink Cotton Candy' wood betony (*Stachys officinalis*, 24")
41. leadplant (*Amorpha canescens*, 36")
42. wine cups (*Callirhoe involucrata*, 12", spreading)
43. butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*, 24")
44. 'Zagreb' tickseed (*Coreopsis verticillata*, 18")
45. Li'l Bang™ 'Daybreak' hybrid tickseed (*Coreopsis hybrida*, 12")
46. false indigo (*Baptisia australis*, 48")
47. 'Blue Mound' false indigo (*Baptisia australis* var. *minor*, 24")
48. 'Purple Smoke' hybrid false indigo (*Baptisia hybrida*, 48")
49. 'Carolina Moonlight' hybrid false indigo (*Baptisia hybrida*, 48")
50. Decadence® Deluxe 'Pink Lemonade' hybrid false indigo (*Baptisia hybrida*, 48")
51. Decadence® 'Cherries Jubilee' hybrid false indigo (*Baptisia hybrida*, 36")
52. Decadence® 'Blueberry Sundae' hybrid false indigo (*Baptisia hybrida*, 36")
53. 'Lunar Eclipse' hybrid false indigo (*Baptisia hybrida*, 36")
54. 'Sunny Morning' hybrid false indigo (*Baptisia hybrida*, 42")
55. Decadence® 'Lemon Meringue' hybrid false indigo (*Baptisia hybrida*, 36")
56. Rattlesnake master (*Eryngium yuccifolium*, 60")
57. 'Prairie Moon' rattlesnake master (*Eryngium yuccifolium*, 36")
58. wild quinine (*Parthenium integrifolium*, 48")
59. 'Denim 'n Lace' Russian sage (*Perovskia atriplicifolia*, 32"), aka *Salvia yangii*
60. 'Rocketman' Russian sage (*Perovskia atriplicifolia*, 36")
61. 'Prime Time' Russian sage (*Perovskia atriplicifolia*, 36")

62. 'Blue Jean Baby' Russian sage (*Perovskia atriplicifolia*, 32")
63. 'Lemon Queen' perennial sunflower (*Helianthus hybrida*, 72"+)
64. 'Jacob Cline' beebalm (*Monarda didyma*, 48")
65. 'Gardenview Scarlet' beebalm (*Monarda didyma*, 48")
66. 'Color Guard' variegated Adam's needle (*Yucca filamentosa*, 36")
67. Rozanne® perennial geranium (*Geranium hybrida* 'Gerwat', 24")
68. 'Karmina' cranesbill geranium (*Geranium x cantabrigiense*, 12")
69. 'Biokovo' cranesbill geranium (*Geranium x cantabrigiense*, 12")
70. short-toothed mountain mint (*Pycnanthemum muticum*, 36")
71. 'Fireworks' rough-stemmed goldenrod (*Solidago rugosa*, 48")
72. A Word About Grasses
73. The Shadier Garden
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 - a. Challenges abound beyond limited sunlight
 - b. Degree of light
 - c. Soil condition
 - d. Root competition
 - e. Moisture challenges become the paramount consideration
75. Hostas (of course!)
76. example, Land of the Giants Hosta Farm (Milton, WI)
77. 'Liberty' hosta (*Hosta*, 26")
78. 'Rainbow's End' hosta (*Hosta*, 12")
79. 'Halcyon' hosta (*Hosta*, 28")
80. 'Big Daddy' hosta (*Hosta*, 36")
81. hellebores (*Helleborus* sp.)
82. 'Painted Doubles' hellebore (*Helleborus x hybridus*, 18")
83. hellebore flower examples
84. false forget-me-nots (*Brunnera* sp.)
85. variegated false forget-me-not (*Brunnera macrophylla* 'Variegata', 15")
86. 'Jack Frost' false forget-me-not (*Brunnera macrophylla*, 15")
87. 'Looking Glass' false forget-me-not (*Brunnera macrophylla*, 15")
88. 'Silver Heart' false forget-me-not (*Brunnera macrophylla*, 15")
89. 'Herman's Pride' yellow archangel (*Lamiaestrum galeobdolon*, 15")
90. variegated trailing yellow archangel (*Lamiaestrum galeobdolon* 'Varigatum', 12", trailing/running!)
91. 'Diana Clare' lungwort (*Pulmonaria*, 12")
92. 'Majeste' lungwort (*Pulmonaria*, 12")
93. red barrenwort (*Epimedium x rubrum*, 12")
94. yellow barrenwort (*Epimedium x versicolor* 'Sulphureum', 12")
95. 'Purple Prince' barrenwort (*Epimedium grandiflorum*, 18")

96. 'Bandit' barrenwort (*Epimedium grandiflorum* var. *higoense*, 10")
97. 'Fire Dragon' barrenwort (*Epimedium hybrida*, 15")
98. 'Mars' barrenwort (*Epimedium sempervirens*, 12")
99. European ginger (*Asarum europaeum*, 6")
100. In Summary
 - a. Workhorse perennials support the expectation of performance but must be properly placed
 - b. Longevity and adaptability are expectations from our clients
 - c. New plants are always good (or workhorses!) and good plants aren't always new!
 - d. Have fun!
101. Edgerton (WI) Hospital and Health Services Healing Garden
102. Thank You!, 'Gold Heart' bleeding heart (*Lamprocapnos spectabilis*, 36")

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