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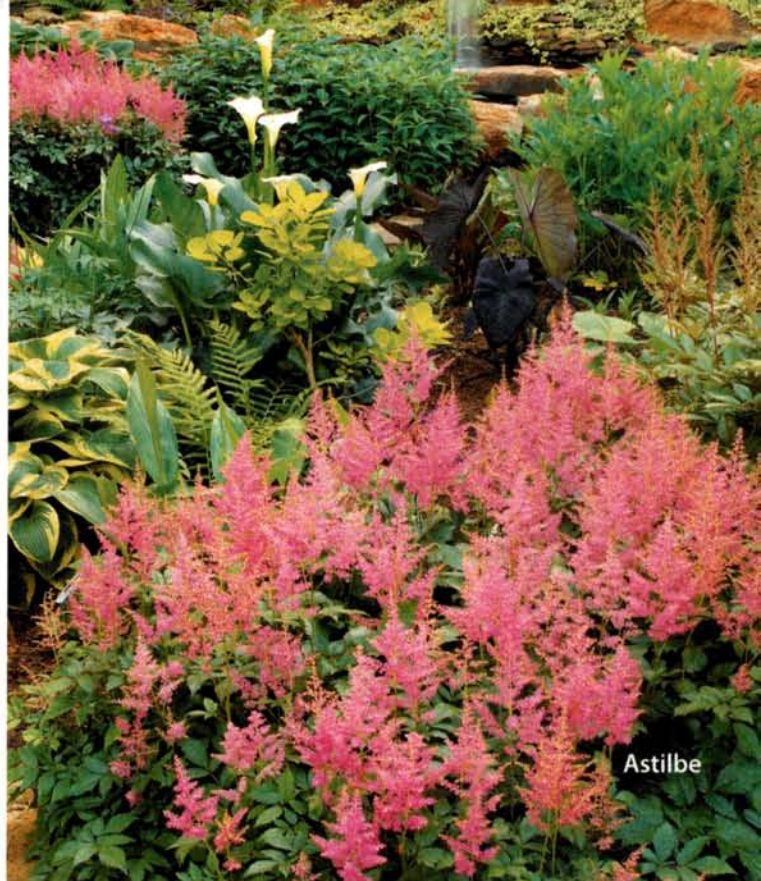
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## Ultimate flowers for summer

### For sun

Make your sunny spaces shine with these summer showoffs!

- 4 Calibrachoa *Calibrachoa* hybrids
- 6 Canna *Canna* hybrids
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- 18 Geranium *Pelargonium* hybrids
- 20 Gladiolus *Gladiolus* hybrids
- 22 Globe amaranth *Gomphrena* hybrid
- 24 Hardy hibiscus *Hibiscus moscheutos*
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- 62 Coral bells *Heuchera* hybrids
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- 66 Hosta *Hosta* hybrids
- 70 Impatiens *Impatiens* hybrids
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- 76 Monkshood *Aconitum* spp. and hybrids
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Stokes' aster

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'Pica Bella'



# Coneflower

*Echinacea* spp. and hybrids

If there were such a thing as the perfect perennial, coneflower would be a leading contender. This native is one of the best plants around, making itself at home everywhere from wildflower gardens to elegant formal borders and island beds. In addition to the many attractive native species, there are dozens of hybrids, old and new, in a variety of sizes and colors to suit any taste. Check out “Not your grandma’s coneflower” below for some outstanding cultivars.

**ALL AROUND GOOD-LOOKING** Coneflower forms a vase-shaped clump with fuzzy green leaves. Its pretty purple petals can be reflexed like ‘Pica Bella’ in the photo at left or stand straight out, depending on the species or cultivar. What really sets coneflowers apart from other daisy-shaped flowers are its big seed cones. They positively glow in the early morning or late day sun. Each plant sends up a multitude of flowers that last for weeks and draw in butterflies of all types. Even in deepest winter, coneflower’s strong stems stay standing, an invitation for passing birds to stop by to sample any remaining seeds.

**LOW MAINTENANCE** Busy gardeners will love cone-

flower — it’s so easy! Plants do best in full sun but will bloom in part shade, too. There just won’t be quite as many flowers. And it’s not picky about the type of soil it grows in either. Flowers start in early summer and keep going even when temperatures get hot.

#### MORE PLANTS PLEASE

The most economical way to get more coneflowers is to start seed. Just sow them outside in fall according to package directions. Tiny new coneflowers should sprout the following spring.

In fact, this perennial often reseeds so you might see them anyway. The only drawback to seed is that your choices are limited. Most hybrids don’t come true, or look like the parent plant, and need dividing every 4 to 5 years to stay healthy. To do this, dig clumps in spring and split into several pieces. Replant the new divisions at the same level they were growing and water well.

Try a drift of coneflower and see how easy it is to bring a bit of the wild into your garden.

‘Bright Star’  
 (‘Leuchstern’)



#### Coneflower *Echinacea* spp. and hybrids

- Perennial
- 18 to 48 in. tall, 12 to 36 in. wide
- Pink-purple, white, yellow or orange flowers in mid- to late summer
- Full sun to part shade
- Average soil
- Cold zones 3 to 9
- Heat zones 9 to 1

## NOT YOUR GRANDMA'S CONEFLOWER

### Great new colors and shapes!

Double flowers, orange flowers, yellow flowers — what’s come over good, old-fashioned coneflowers? Exciting new colors and shapes take this dependable favorite into the future. But which ones should you buy? Check out these three cultivars that get top marks.



‘Hot Papaya’ Double red-orange flowers are fragrant; 30 to 36 in. tall, 24 to 30 in. wide; cold zones 4 to 9, heat zones 9 to 1



Big Sky™ ‘Sunrise’ Butter-yellow flowers fade to cream; 24 to 36 in. tall, 18 to 24 in. wide; cold zones 4 to 9, heat zones 9 to 1



‘Tiki Torch’ Pumpkin-orange flowers in summer; 24 to 36 in. tall, 18 to 24 in. wide; cold zones 3 to 9, heat zones 9 to 1