

Top 5 Drought Tolerant Perennials



Do you have a spot where the soil dries out quickly? Do you dread watering your plants so much that you put it off as long as possible? If so, then you'll want to keep reading! Because this is our **Top 5 Drought Tolerant Perennials**. The main list is for full sun; at the bottom, I've listed 5 choices for shade. Enjoy!

5. Amsonia (Blue Star)

This long flowering, compact perennial blooms quite vigorously, forming a dense mound of dark green leaves that turn a brilliant yellow in the fall. Vivid blue flowers appear in spring. Native to central Arkansas, Amsonia will survive dry conditions and is even deer resistant!



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4. Delosperma (Ice Plant)



Delosperma are an indispensable component of drought tolerant landscapes. They are heat, drought, and salt tolerant and adaptable to most soil conditions. Beautiful summertime flowers on this groundcover make it an attractive option!

3. Helenium (Sneezeweed)

Although it may have an unusual common name, Helenium is a stunning bloomer for late summer and early fall. They work well as a backdrop for other perennials since many varieties will reach upwards of three feet tall. Helenium is drought tolerant and a favorite among our pollinator bee friends.



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2. Nepeta (Catmint)



Nepeta (photo credit Walter's Gardens)

Nepeta is a great option for everyone! It is low maintenance, drought tolerant, and deer resistant to go along with its long bloom time of blue flowers. Nepeta grows fairly low, with most varieties reaching two feet in height. They will even attract butterflies and hummingbirds!

1. Perovskia (Russian Sage)

Perovskia is a top notch, tough perennial. It will grow in dry soil conditions, tolerate drought and salt, and produce beautiful fragrant blue flowers in late summer! Flowers of Perovskia look great in mass and in a vase as a cut flower. Excellent addition to any perennial garden!



If you need drought tolerant perennials for shade, check out these options:

- Ajuga (Bugleweed)
- Alchemilla (Lady's Mantle)
- Brunnera (Bugloss)
- Lamium (Spotted Dead Nettle)
- Pachysandra (Japanese Spurge)