

Leaders of the Pack - Early Season for Summer 2017

This list shows all the plants with an 'Early Season Average' of 3.5 or better. Look up our top performers by name on this list. These leaders get our highest recommendation for high visual impact in the spring and early summer.

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Alternanthera brasiliana 'Purple Prince' - "Alternanthera"	PanAmerican Seed	0	15	3.8	0.3	3.3	0.1
Alternanthera hybrid 'Plum Dandy™' - "Alternanthera"	Proven Winners	0	19	4.6	0.1	4.3	0.1
Angelonia angustifolia 'AngelMist Spreading Bluebird' - "Angelonia"	Ball FloraPlant®	19	19	4.6	0.2	4.4	0.3
Angelonia angustifolia 'Serenita Pink' - "Angelonia"	All-America Selections	17	17	4.2	0.4	3.9	0.5
Begonia ×benariensis 'Big® Pink Green Leaf' - "Begonia"	Ernst Benary of America	14	15	4.2	0.6	3.6	0.4
Begonia ×benariensis 'Big® Red Green Leaf Improved' - "Begonia"	Ernst Benary of America	16	15	4.0	0.4	3.5	0.3
Begonia ×benariensis 'Big® Rose Bronze Leaf' - "Begonia"	Ernst Benary of America & All-America Selections	17	17	4.3	0.5	3.7	0.3
Begonia ×benariensis 'Big® Rose Green Leaf' - "Begonia"	Ernst Benary of America	14	13	3.7	0.6	3.1	0.4
Begonia ×benariensis 'EXP. Whopper® Red Improved with Green Leaf' - "Begonia"	Ernst Benary of America	13	15	3.9	0.4	3.4	0.2
Begonia ×benariensis 'Whopper® Red with Bronze Leaf Improved' - "Begonia"	Benary & Ball Ingenuity	12	15	4.0	0.4	3.4	0.2
Begonia ×benariensis 'Whopper® Rose with Bronze Leaf Improved' - "Begonia"	Benary & Ball Ingenuity	13	15	4.2	0.7	3.4	0.2
Begonia ×benariensis 'Whopper® Rose with Green Leaf Improved' - "Begonia"	Benary & Ball Ingenuity	15	15	4.0	0.5	3.4	0.2
Begonia interspecific 'Megawatt™ Pink Bronze Leaf' - "Begonia"	PanAmerican Seed	13	13	4.0	0.8	3.1	0.1
Begonia interspecific 'Megawatt™ Red Bronze Leaf' - "Begonia"	PanAmerican Seed	14	15	3.7	0.2	3.4	0.2
Begonia interspecific 'Megawatt™ Rose Bronze Leaf' - "Begonia"	PanAmerican Seed	15	13	3.9	0.6	3.3	0.2
Canna ×generalis '17OS03' - "Canna"	All-America Selections	12	12	3.7	0.4	3.7	0.4
Canna ×generalis 'Cannova Orange Shade' - "Canna"	All-America Selections	16	17	4.0	0.3	4.2	0.2
Canna ×generalis 'Cannova® Bronze Orange' - "Canna"	Ball Ingenuity	14	16	3.8	0.4	4.1	0.2
Canna ×generalis 'Happy Cleo' - "Canna"	Dümmen Orange	13	19	4.3	0.2	4.3	0.3
Canna ×generalis 'Happy Wilma' - "Canna"	Dümmen Orange	12	16	4.1	0.5	4.4	0.4
Canna ×generalis 'South Pacific Scarlet' - "Canna"	All-America Selections	12	18	4.0	0.2	3.9	0.3
Canna ×generalis 'Toucan™ Coral' - "Canna"	Proven Winners	15	18	4.1	0.2	4.3	0.1
Canna ×generalis 'Toucan™ Dark Orange' - "Canna"	Proven Winners	16	19	4.2	0.2	4.3	0.2
Canna ×generalis 'Toucan™ Rose' - "Canna"	Proven Winners	15	19	4.2	0.1	4.0	0.1
Canna ×generalis 'Toucan™ Scarlet' - "Canna"	Proven Winners	15	18	4.2	0.4	4.4	0.2
Canna ×generalis 'Toucan™ Yellow' - "Canna"	Proven Winners	15	17	4.0	0.4	4.3	0.1
Capsicum annuum 'Black Hawk' - "Ornamental Pepper"	All-America Selections	18	19	4.4	0.2	4.3	0.3
Capsicum annuum 'Candy Cane Red' - "Pepper"	PanAmerican Seed	19	19	4.3	0.1	4.2	0.1
Capsicum annuum 'Midnight Fire' - "Ornamental Pepper"	PanAmerican Seed	19	19	4.8	0.2	4.6	0.3
Capsicum annuum 'NuMex Easter' - "Ornamental Pepper"	All-America Selections	18	18	4.5	0.3	4.2	0.4
Catharanthus roseus '17OS16' - "Vinca"	All-America Selections	17	18	4.4	0.3	4.3	0.6
Catharanthus roseus 'Mega Bloom Orchid Halo' - "Vinca"	All-America Selections	18	17	4.2	0.4	4.2	0.8
Catharanthus roseus 'Mega Bloom Pink Halo' - "Vinca"	All-America Selections	18	16	4.2	0.5	3.8	0.8

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Catharanthus roseus 'Titan Polka Dot' - "Vinca"	All-America Selections	19	17	4.4	0.5	4.1	0.7
Catharanthus roseus 'Vitesse Peppermint' - "Vinca"	All-America Selections	18	18	4.3	0.3	4.2	0.6
Celosia argentea 'Asian Garden' - "Celosia"	All-America Selections	18	18	4.3	0.3	3.9	0.2
Celosia plumosa 'First Flame™ Red' - "Celosia"	PanAmerican Seed	19	8	3.1	0.3	3.2	0.2
Celosia plumosa 'First Flame™ Scarlet' - "Celosia"	PanAmerican Seed	19	12	3.5	1.5	4.0	0.6
Celosia plumosa 'Twisted™ Orange' - "Celosia"	Ball Ingenuity	19	19	4.7	0.1	4.6	0.1
Celosia plumosa 'Twisted™ Red Improved' - "Celosia"	Ball Ingenuity	19	19	4.3	0.2	4.0	0.1
Celosia plumosa 'Twisted™ Yellow' - "Celosia"	Ball Ingenuity	19	19	4.2	0.1	4.2	0.1
Colocasia esculenta 'Royal Hawaiian® Aloha' - "Elephant Ears"	Proven Winners	0	19	4.5	0.1	4.5	0.3
Dahlia ×hybrida 'XXL Hidalgo (Copper)' - "Dahlia"	Dümmen Orange	17	7	3.0	0.2	3.4	0.1
Dahlia ×hybrida 'XXL Veracruz' - "Dahlia"	Dümmen Orange	14	19	4.1	0.2	4.4	0.0
Dahlia variabilis 'Dahlightful™ Crushed Crimson™' - "Dahlia"	Proven Winners	17	19	4.3	0.1	4.3	0.1
Dahlia variabilis 'Dahlightful™ Tupelo Honey™' - "Dahlia"	Proven Winners	15	19	4.5	0.1	4.5	0.1
Dianthus barbatus interspecific 'Jolt™ Pink Magic' - "Dianthus"	PanAmerican Seed	15	16	4.1	0.8	4.6	0.3
Dianthus barbatus interspecific 'Jolt™ Pinkl' - "Dianthus"	All-America Selections	13	18	4.3	0.6	4.4	0.3
Dianthus barbatus interspecific 'Rockin'™ Red' - "Dianthus"	PanAmerican Seed - Kieft Seed	16	15	3.7	0.6	3.9	0.3
Dianthus interspecific 'Supra Pink' - "Dianthus"	All-America Selections	17	18	3.9	0.2	4.0	0.2
Echinacea hybrida 'Cheyenne Spirit' - "Coneflower"	All-America Selections	12	16	4.2	0.6	3.6	0.3
Gaura hybrid 'Karalee® Petite Pink' - "Gaura"	Proven Winners	18	19	4.3	0.1	4.4	0.2
Gaura lindheimeri 'Sparkle White' - "Gaura"	All-America Selections	17	19	4.3	0.1	4.2	0.2
Hypoestes phyllostachya 'Hippo™ Red' - "Polka Dot Plant"	Proven Winners	4	18	3.8	0.1	3.9	0.0
Hypoestes phyllostachya 'Hippo™ Rose' - "Polka Dot Plant"	Proven Winners	8	18	4.2	0.3	4.3	0.1
Impatiens hawkeri 'SunStanding Fire Red' - "New Guinea Impatiens"	Dümmen Orange	17	12	3.3	2.1	4.3	0.1
Impatiens hawkeri 'SunStanding Hot Pink' - "New Guinea Impatiens"	Dümmen Orange	15	12	3.2	0.8	3.9	0.2
Impatiens hawkeri 'SunStanding Orange Aurora' - "New Guinea Impatiens"	Dümmen Orange	11	11	2.8	2.7	4.2	0.2
Impatiens hawkeri 'SunStanding Purple' - "New Guinea Impatiens"	Dümmen Orange	18	12	3.3	1.9	4.4	0.0
Impatiens hawkeri 'SunStanding White Cloud' - "New Guinea Impatiens"	Dümmen Orange	10	10	2.4	2.0	3.4	0.0
Impatiens hawkeri 'Wild Romance Blush Pink' - "New Guinea Impatiens"	Dümmen Orange	4	9	2.4	3.9	4.3	0.1
Impatiens hawkeri 'Wild Romance White' - "New Guinea Impatiens"	Dümmen Orange	4	9	2.3	4.4	4.3	0.1
Impatiens hybrida 'Bounce™ Pink Flame' - "Impatiens"	All-America Selections	19	18	4.0	0.2	4.3	0.1
Impatiens walleriana 'SunPatians® Spreading Shell Pink' - "Impatiens"	All-America Selections	19	19	4.4	0.1	4.3	0.2
Ipomoea batatas 'FloraMia Cameo' - "Sweet Potato"	Dümmen Orange	14	19	4.5	0.2	4.3	0.3
Ipomoea batatas 'FloraMia Rosso' - "Sweet Potato"	Dümmen Orange	6	15	4.1	0.6	3.5	0.3
Lantana camara 'Bloomify™ Red' - "Lantana"	Ball FloraPlant®	14	6	3.2	0.1	3.0	0.0
Lantana camara 'Bloomify™ Rose' - "Lantana"	Ball FloraPlant®	14	15	4.1	0.6	3.4	0.3

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Lantana hybrid 'Luscious® Royale Cosmo' - "Lantana"	Proven Winners	15	18	3.7	0.1	3.6	0.1
Lavandula stoechas 'Bandera Purple' - "Lavender"	PanAmerican Seed - Kieft Seed	1	16	3.8	0.3	3.3	0.1
Pelargonium ×hortorum 'Brocade Fire' - "Geranium"	All-America Selections	10	5	1.6	2.2	3.0	0.7
Pelargonium ×hortorum 'Savannah Oh So Orange' - "Geranium"	Dümmen Orange	15	2	3.6	50.0	6.2	97.3
Pelargonium interspecific 'Big Ezee Dark Red' - "Geranium"	Dümmen Orange	12	3	1.9	1.2	3.0	0.3
Pelargonium interspecific 'Big Ezee Neon' - "Geranium"	Dümmen Orange	11	4	2.2	1.2	3.3	0.1
Pelargonium interspecific 'Calliope® Medium Dark Red' - "Geranium"	All-America Selections	23	5	2.3	0.8	3.2	0.2
Pelargonium interspecific 'Marcada™ Magenta' - "Geranium"	Selecta	19	8	3.0	0.6	3.7	0.1
Pelargonium interspecific 'Marcada™ Pink' - "Geranium"	Selecta	19	8	2.7	1.2	3.8	0.3
Pennisetum glaucum 'Copper Prince' - "Ornamental Millet"	PanAmerican Seed	16	12	3.1	1.1	3.8	0.1
Penstemon barbatus 'Twizzle Purple' - "Penstemon"	All-America Selections	10	12	3.8	0.5	3.2	0.1
Pentas lanceolata 'Lucky Star™ Dark Red' - "Pentas"	PanAmerican Seed	10	6	3.2	0.1	3.0	0.0
Pentas lanceolata 'Lucky Star™ Deep Pink' - "Pentas"	PanAmerican Seed	11	10	3.5	0.3	3.0	0.0
Pentas lanceolata 'Lucky Star™ Lavender' - "Pentas"	PanAmerican Seed	12	6	3.2	0.1	3.0	0.0
Pentas lanceolata 'Lucky Star™ Violet' - "Pentas"	PanAmerican Seed	13	2	3.1	0.0	3.1	0.0
Petunia ×hybrida 'ColorRush™ Blue' - "Petunia"	Ball FloraPlant®	19	14	3.9	0.8	4.5	0.2
Petunia ×hybrida 'ColorRush™ Pink' - "Petunia"	Ball FloraPlant®	19	18	4.5	0.7	4.8	0.1
Petunia ×hybrida 'Potunia Blue Star 10' - "Petunia"	Dümmen Orange	19	2	2.4	0.8	3.1	0.0
Petunia ×hybrida 'Supertunia® Bordeaux' - "Petunia"	Proven Winners	16	14	3.5	2.3	4.4	0.2
Petunia ×hybrida 'Supertunia® Hot Pink Charm' - "Petunia"	Proven Winners	19	17	4.0	0.3	4.3	0.1
Petunia ×hybrida 'Supertunia® Lovie Dovie' - "Petunia"	Proven Winners	19	17	3.7	0.5	3.8	0.1
Petunia ×hybrida 'Supertunia® Mulberry Charm' - "Petunia"	Proven Winners	19	15	4.1	0.9	4.6	0.2
Petunia ×hybrida 'Supertunia® Royal Magenta Improved' - "Petunia"	Proven Winners	19	14	3.6	0.8	4.3	0.2
Petunia ×hybrida 'Supertunia® Vista Bubblegum®' - "Petunia"	Proven Winners	19	15	4.3	0.6	4.7	0.1
Petunia ×hybrida 'Supertunia® Vista Fuchsia Impr' - "Petunia"	Proven Winners	19	19	4.6	0.2	4.5	0.3
Petunia ×hybrida 'Supertunia® Vista Silverberry' - "Petunia"	Proven Winners	19	19	4.7	0.1	4.6	0.2
Petunia ×hybrida 'Surprise Purple Dance' - "Petunia"	Dümmen Orange	19	16	3.9	0.6	4.0	0.3
Petunia ×hybrida 'Sweetunia Amethyst Halo' - "Petunia"	Dümmen Orange	19	11	2.9	0.6	3.5	0.0
Petunia ×hybrida 'Sweetunia Lavender Shimmer' - "Petunia"	Dümmen Orange	19	15	3.5	0.7	3.8	0.2
Petunia ×hybrida 'Sweetunia Miss Marvel' - "Petunia"	Dümmen Orange	18	13	3.4	1.6	4.2	0.3
Petunia ×hybrida 'Sweetunia Rose Shimmer' - "Petunia"	Dümmen Orange	16	11	2.8	2.4	4.1	0.2
Petunia ×hybrida 'Tritunia Rose Star' - "Petunia"	All-America Selections	19	11	3.3	0.8	3.8	0.3
Petunia grandiflora 'Limbo Rose' - "Petunia"	All-America Selections	19	9	2.9	1.1	3.7	0.2
Phlox ×hybrida 'Gisele™ Hot Pink' - "Phlox"	Selecta	19	17	3.7	0.1	3.7	0.1
Phlox ×hybrida 'Gisele™ Light Pink' - "Phlox"	Selecta	19	13	3.1	1.2	3.7	0.1
Phlox ×hybrida 'Gisele™ Pink' - "Phlox"	Selecta	19	18	3.7	0.1	3.8	0.1
Phlox ×hybrida 'Gisele™ White' - "Phlox"	Selecta	19	6	2.9	0.3	3.3	0.1

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Phlox drummondii 'Intensia® Blueberry' - "Phlox"	Proven Winners	19	19	3.6	0.1	3.8	0.1
Phlox drummondii 'Intensia® Red Hot' - "Phlox"	Proven Winners	19	19	3.7	0.1	3.8	0.1
Phlox drummondii 'Intensia® White Improved' - "Phlox"	Proven Winners	19	15	3.5	0.3	3.8	0.1
Portulaca hybrid 'Cupcake Upright Banana 12' - "Portulaca"	Dümmen Orange	19	18	4.0	0.2	3.8	0.3
Portulaca hybrid 'Cupcake Upright Orange Zest' - "Portulaca"	Dümmen Orange	19	18	4.4	0.3	4.2	0.4
Salvia ×hybrida 'Mystic Spires Improved' - "Salvia"	Ball FloraPlant®	18	19	4.9	0.1	4.7	0.1
Salvia ×hybrida 'Mysty' - "Salvia"	Ball FloraPlant®	19	19	4.3	0.2	4.2	0.3
Salvia ×hybrida 'Rockin'™ Deep Purple' - "Salvia"	Proven Winners	18	19	4.2	0.1	3.9	0.1
Salvia ×hybrida 'Rockin'™ Playin' the Blues™ Improved' - "Salvia"	Proven Winners	19	19	5.0	0.0	4.9	0.0
Salvia coccinea 'Summer Jewel Lavender' - "Salvia"	All-America Selections	17	17	3.8	0.1	3.7	0.2
Salvia coccinea 'Summer Jewel White' - "Salvia"	All-America Selections	17	18	4.5	0.3	4.4	0.5
Salvia splendens 'Salvation Red' - "Salvia"	Comense	16	11	3.4	0.2	3.5	0.3
Solenostemon scutellarioides 'Flame Thrower™ Chili Pepper' - "Coleus"	Ball FloraPlant®	1	19	4.5	0.3	4.3	0.2
Solenostemon scutellarioides 'Flame Thrower™ Chipotle' - "Coleus"	Ball FloraPlant®	8	16	4.1	0.3	4.3	0.1
Solenostemon scutellarioides 'Flame Thrower™ Habanero' - "Coleus"	Ball FloraPlant®	10	15	4.1	0.5	4.4	0.2
Solenostemon scutellarioides 'Flame Thrower™ Salsa Verde' - "Coleus"	Ball FloraPlant®	0	19	3.9	0.2	3.6	0.0
Solenostemon scutellarioides 'Flame Thrower™ Spiced Curry' - "Coleus"	Ball FloraPlant®	3	19	4.7	0.2	4.4	0.2
Solenostemon scutellarioides 'Mainstreet Michigan Avenue' - "Coleus"	Dümmen Orange	10	19	4.7	0.1	4.7	0.1
Tagetes erecta '17OS08- Gold' - "Marigold"	All-America Selections	15	12	3.5	1.9	4.5	0.1
Tagetes erecta '17OS09- Light Orange' - "Marigold"	All-America Selections	17	12	3.2	1.0	3.6	0.2
Tagetes erecta '17OS10- Orange' - "Marigold"	All-America Selections	13	11	3.3	2.2	4.2	0.5
Tagetes erecta '17OS11- Yellow' - "Marigold"	All-America Selections	16	9	3.2	1.1	3.6	0.4
Tagetes erecta 'Antigua Gold' - "Marigold"	All-America Selections	15	12	3.1	2.4	4.1	0.2
Tagetes erecta 'Dune Gold' - "Marigold"	All-America Selections	14	9	2.8	1.1	3.4	0.1
Tagetes erecta 'Dune Yellow' - "Marigold"	All-America Selections	12	9	2.9	0.9	3.3	0.1
Tagetes erecta 'Garland' - "Marigold"	All-America Selections	12	11	3.1	1.8	3.7	0.3
Tagetes erecta 'Moonstruck Orange' - "Marigold"	All-America Selections	12	10	2.8	2.6	3.9	0.4
Tagetes erecta 'Moonstruck Yellow' - "Marigold"	All-America Selections	12	14	3.4	2.2	4.2	0.3
Tagetes erecta 'Taishan Gold' - "Marigold"	All-America Selections	12	11	2.5	3.3	3.9	0.1
Tagetes erecta 'Taishan Orange' - "Marigold"	All-America Selections	12	11	3.2	3.0	4.1	0.6
Tagetes erecta 'Taishan Yellow' - "Marigold"	All-America Selections	22	9	2.8	3.6	3.9	0.7
Tagetes patula '17OS07- French Bicolor' - "Marigold"	All-America Selections	18	13	3.7	1.2	4.3	0.4
Tagetes patula 'Bonanza Bolero Improved' - "Marigold"	PanAmerican Seed	16	13	3.4	2.4	4.2	0.5
Tagetes patula 'Bonanza Orange' - "Marigold"	PanAmerican Seed	17	13	3.5	0.6	3.7	0.3
Tagetes patula 'Bonanza Yellow' - "Marigold"	PanAmerican Seed	17	15	3.5	0.4	3.6	0.1
Tagetes patula 'Hero Spry' - "Marigold"	All-America Selections	16	13	3.3	2.0	4.2	0.1

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Tagetes patula 'Janie Spry' - "Marigold"	All-America Selections	14	10	2.7	1.4	3.5	0.0
Torenia fournieri '17OS15' - "Torenia"	All-America Selections	19	19	4.2	0.2	4.4	0.2
Torenia fournieri 'Kauai Lemon Drop' - "Torenia"	All-America Selections	19	8	2.8	0.8	3.6	0.1
Verbena ×hybrida 'Empress Sun Lavender Charme 06' - "Verbena"	Dümmen Orange	14	9	3.0	0.3	3.5	0.0
Verbena ×hybrida 'Empress Sun Pink 01' - "Verbena"	Dümmen Orange	15	7	3.2	0.1	3.4	0.0
Verbena ×hybrida 'Empress Sun Red 16' - "Verbena"	Dümmen Orange	18	19	4.0	0.1	3.9	0.2
Verbena ×hybrida 'Empress Sun Violet 01' - "Verbena"	Dümmen Orange	18	11	3.3	0.1	3.5	0.0
Verbena ×hybrida 'Empress Sun White Blush 04' - "Verbena"	Dümmen Orange	14	7	3.1	0.1	3.4	0.0
Verbena ×hybrida 'EnduraScape™ Pink Bicolor' - "Verbena"	All-America Selections	17	9	3.1	0.5	3.8	0.1
Verbena ×hybrida 'Superbena® Cherryburst' - "Verbena"	Proven Winners	17	18	3.9	0.2	3.9	0.2
Verbena ×hybrida 'Superbena® Stormburst' - "Verbena"	Proven Winners	18	17	3.9	0.2	3.7	0.3
Verbena ×hybrida 'Superbena® Violet Ice' - "Verbena"	Proven Winners	17	17	3.5	0.0	3.4	0.1
Zea mays '17OS04' - "Tricolor Ornamental Corn"	All-America Selections	6	5	1.5	3.0	3.1	1.2
Zea mays 'Field of Dreams' - "Tricolor Ornamental Corn"	All-America Selections	4	7	2.0	3.5	3.8	0.3
Zinnia '17OS17' - "Zinnia"	All-America Selections	17	12	3.3	0.5	3.6	0.2
Zinnia ×hybrida 'Profusion Double Deep Salmon' - "Zinnia"	All-America Selections	19	15	3.8	0.6	3.8	0.3
Zinnia ×hybrida 'Profusion Double Hot Cherry' - "Zinnia"	All-America Selections	19	16	3.8	0.3	3.9	0.1
Zinnia ×hybrida 'Profusion Red' - "Zinnia"	All-America Selections	19	13	3.3	0.7	3.4	0.1
Zinnia elegans 'Benary's Giant Coral' - "Zinnia"	All-America Selections	17	11	3.5	0.3	3.5	0.3
Zinnia elegans 'Queen Red Lime' - "Zinnia"	All-America Selections	17	12	3.5	0.7	3.7	0.3
Zinnia marylandica 'Zahara™ Double Raspberry Ripple' - "Zinnia"	PanAmerican Seed	19	16	4.1	0.6	4.3	0.2