

# Moonlight Gardening Plant List

The following moonlight garden plant lists do not include tropical plants. And unfortunately for those of us living in the north, some of these are among the most fragrant and heavily flowering of the white flowers. For example, for many years I kept a night blooming Cereus in my greenhouses and when it came to bloom, we'd have moonlight garden parties to sip wine, chat and watch the blossoms open to release the most delicious of perfumes. This and many like it are not hardy outdoors outside of the tropics.

## Annuals for moonlight gardening:

- Arctotis - African Daisy, 12-36", full sun, blooms Blooms June-frost.
- Bacopa - 8" full sun, blooms Blooms June-frost.
- Begonia - 6-8", part shade-full sun, Blooms Blooms June-frost.
- Cleome - Spider Flower, 48", full sun to part shade, Blooms June-frost.
- Cosmos - 36" full sun, Blooms May-frost.
- Euphorbia - Snow on the Mountain, 24-36", full sun, Blooms June-frost.
- Eucalyptus - 12-24", full sun, Blooms May-frost.
- Geranium - 12-36", full sun to ½ day sun, Blooms May-frost.
- Helichrisyum - Licorice Plant, 18", full sun to part shade, Blooms June-frost.
- Impatiens - 8-24", shade to part sun, Blooms May-frost.
- Ipomoea - Moonflower, vine to 8', sun to ½ day sun, July-frost.
- Lobelia - 2-6", full sun to part shade, Blooms May-August.
- Marigold - 12-18", full sun to ½ day sun, Blooms May-frost.
- Nasturtium - 'Alaska', 4-8", sun, Blooms May-frost.
- Nicotiana - 12-36", sun to ½ day sun, Blooms June-frost.
- Osteospermum - 18-24", full sun to ½ day sun, Blooms May-frost.
- Pansies - 4-8", sun, August-June.
- Petunias - 4/8", sun, Blooms May-frost. Salvia - 8-24", sun to part shade, Blooms May-frost.
- Snapdragons - 8/24", sun to part shade, Blooms May-frost.
- Sunflowers - 24-48", sun, Blooms June-August.
- Sweet Alyssum - 2-4", sun to part shade, May-July.

Vinca Major - Variegated Periwinkle, 24-48", sun to shade, Blooms May-frost.

Vinca - Periwinkle, 6-8", sun to part shade, Blooms May-frost.

Zinnia - 10-18", sun to part shade, Blooms May-frost.

## Bulbs for Moonlight Gardens

Acidantha - 12-18", sun, two blooms, one in June & one in August.

Arum italicum - 6", ½ day sun to shade, June-September .

Calla lilies - 24", sun to part shade, June-July.

Narcissus or Daffodils - several white varieties, 12-28", sun to ½ day sun, March-May.

Tulips - 8-20", full sun to ½ day sun, March-June.

## Perennials for Moonlight Gardens

Note that some of them are only useful for their foliage or at best the flowers are a minor attraction. Also note that some of these plants are such a pale yellow that they almost qualify as white.

Anacyclus - Mountain Atlas Daisy, 3", sun, June-July.

Anemone - 18-36", sun to part shade, June-Aug

Anthemis - 12", sun, June-July.

Aquilegia - Columbine, 10-24", ½ day sun to part shade, April-May.

Arabis - Rock Cress, 6", sun, April-May.

Aruncus dioicus - Goatsbeard, 24-36", shade, June-September.

Artemisia - 12-30", sun, foliage

Aster divaricatus - Wood Aster, 12-18", sun to part shade, June.

Astilbe - False Spirea, 12-36", part shade to shade, June.

Astrantia - Masterwort, 24" part shade to shade, June-September.

Baptisia - 40", sun to ½ day sun, June.

Boltonia asteroides - Thousand-flowered Aster, 36-48", sun to ½ day sun, September.

Campanula - Canterbury Bells, 24", sun to ½ day sun, June.

Cerastium tomentosum - Snow in the Summer, 4-6", May-June.

Chrysanthemum superbum - Shasta Daisy, 18-24", May-June.

Cimicifuga - Black Cohosh, 40-60", ½ day sun to shade, June-July.

Clematis paniculata - Fall Blooming Clematis, sun to ½ day sun, August-September.

Convallaria - Lily of the Valley, 8", 1/2day sun to shade, May.

Delphinium - 24-36", sun, May-June.

Dianthus - Pinks, 10/12", sun to ½ day sun, May-June.

Dicentra - Bleeding Heart, 24-36", ½ day sun to shade, May-June.

Digitalis - Foxglove, 12-36", sun to part shade, May-June.

Echinacea - Coneflower, 36", sun, June-August.

Filipendula - Meadowsweet, 24", sun to ½ day sun, July.

Galium odoratum - Sweet Woodruff, 4/6", ½ day sun to shade, April-frost.

Gaura lindheimeri - Wand Flower, 36-48", sun to ½ day sun, June-August.

Gypsophila - Baby's Breath, 36", sun, June-July.

Helleborus niger - Christmas Rose, 18-24", 1/2 day sun to shade, December-February.

Helleborus orientalis - Lenten Rose, 18-24", 1/2 day sun to shade, February-March.

Heuchera - 6-12", part sun to shade, June.

Hosta - Variety of heights and bloom times, shade to part sun, Blooms May-frost.

Iberis - Candytuft, 4-6", full sun to part shade, April-June. Iris - 36", sun to part shade, June, April-August .

Lamium - 6-12", ½ day sun to shade, May-June, Blooms May-frost .

Lavender - 10-24", sun, June, Blooms June-frost .

Linaria purpurea - 24-36", sun to ½ day sun, June.

Linum alba - Perennial Flax, 18-24", sun to ½ day sun, May-July

Lupinus - Lupine, 24-48", sun to ½ day sun, June.

Lychnis coronaria - Champion, 24" , sun, June-July.

Lysimachia - Loosestrife, 36", sun to part shade, July. Malva - Mallow, 36", sun to ½ day sun, June-July.

Mazus reptans - 4-6", sun to ½ day sun, June-July.

Matricaria - Feaverfew, 12-18", sun to ½ day sun, June-July.

Paeonia - peony, 36-48", sun, June.

Phlox maculata 36", sun to ½ day sun, June-August.

Phlox paniculata - 36", sun to ½ day sun, June-August.

Phlox subulata - Creeping Phlox, 2-6", sun, April-May.

Physostegia - Obedient Plant, 30", sun to pard shade, September.

Polygonatum odoratum 'variegatum' - Variegated Solomon's Seal, 28", ½ day sun to shade, Blooms May-frost .

Pulmonaria - Lungwort, 12", ½ day sun to shade, April-May .  
Santolina - Lavender Cotton, 12-24", sun, March-September .  
Stachys - Lamb's Ears, 12", full sun to ½ day sun, June-July  
Tiarella - Foam Flower, 8-12", ½ day sun to shade, June.  
Thyme - creeping and variegated, 1-8" respectively, sun, June, Year-round foliage interest.  
Veronica - 12-18", sun, June-July, Blooms June-frost  
Yucca - 36-48", full sun, Mid-summer blooms

## Grasses For Night Gardens

Acorus - 12", full sun to part shade, (grass).  
Calamagrostis - 36", part shade, (grass).  
Carex 'Variegata' - 4-12", part shade, (grass).  
Hakonechloa - 18", ½ day sun to shade, (grass).

## Trees, Shrubs, and Vines for Moonlight Gardening

Abelia - 4-5', full sun to part shade, June-July.  
Amelanchier - Serviceberry, 4-5', sun, April.  
Azalea - 2-10', part sun to shade, May-June.  
Cornus variegata - Variegated Dogwood, 8-16', full or half sun, .  
Chionanthus - Wintersweet, 6-8', full sun to ½ day sun, March.  
Clethra - Sweet Pepper Bush, 6-18', full sun to shade, July.  
Cytissus - White Scotch Broom, 5-6', full sun to ½ day sun, March-June.  
Deutzia - 5-8' full sun, June-July.  
Euonymus - 3"-6', depending on the variety, full sun to ½ day sun, .  
Halesia - Carolina Silver Bells, 8-15', sun, June.  
Hydrangea 4-5', full sun to part shade, June-September.  
Kalmia - Laurel, 6', full sun to shade, June.  
Magnolia - 15-30', sun to part shade, June-July.  
Malus - Flowering Crabapple, 10-15' sun to part shade, May.  
Miscanthus gracillimus varigatus - Japanese Silver Grass, 8', full sun to ½ day sun, Blooms May-frost.  
Pieris - Andromeda, 4-5', ½ day sun to part shade, June-July.  
Prunus - Flowering Cherry, 10-15', sun, April.  
Pyrus - Flowering Pear, 10-20', sun, April-May.

Rhododendron - 4-10', part sun to shade, May-June.

Silver Lace Vine - will climb to 15', full sun, June-August.

Spirea - 3-6', full sun to part shade, June-August.

Syringa - Lilac, 8-12', full sun to 1-2 day sun, May-June.

Weigelia - 4-5', full sun to part shade, May-July.

Wisteria - Vine, full sun to part shade, May-June.

Viburnum - 4-10', sun to part shade, April-August depending on variety.