



Louisiana Landscape Guide



Shade-Loving Plants for the Warm Season

Warm-season color plantings are some of the most iconic and eye-catching plantings that you can include in the landscape. Often thought of as annuals, the plant material in this category can in fact be of any herbaceous botanical group, with several capable of withstanding winters. However, these annuals and tender perennials are most often used for one season, as they are intended to be planted and enjoyed for only the warm portions of the year, typically spring through fall. Most of our warm-season color thrives in the full Louisiana sun; however, many of us would desire a splash of color in those shady areas where little light is available. As such, this list will highlight the best warm-season shade color plantings for Louisiana gardens and landscapes.



Begonia:
Begonia spp.

MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Round

ZONES: Annual

EXPOSURE: Partial sun

SOIL: Well-drained



Caladium: *Caladium bicolor*

MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Round

ZONES: 9-11

Exposure: Partial sun to shade

Soil: Well-drained



Coleus: *Coleus scutellarioides*

MAINTENANCE: Low | **FORM:** Round | **ZONES:** Annual | **EXPOSURE:** Partial sun to shade

SOIL: Well-drained



Creeping Jenny:

Lysimachia nummularia

MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Spreading

ZONES: 3-9

EXPOSURE: Partial sun to shade

SOIL: Well-drained to moist



Impatiens: *Impatiens* spp.

Pollinator attractor

MAINTENANCE: Low | **FORM:** Round | **ZONES:** Annual | **EXPOSURE:** Partial sun to shade

SOIL: Well-drained to moist



Iresine: *Iresine herbstii*

MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Round

ZONES: Annual

EXPOSURE: Partial sun

SOIL: Well-drained



Polka Dot Plant:

Hypoestes phyllostachya

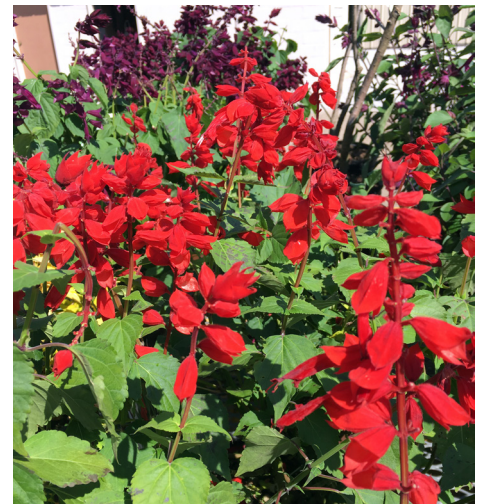
MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Round

ZONES: Annual

EXPOSURE: Partial sun

Soil: Well-drained



Scarlet Salvia: *Salvia splendens*

Hummingbird attractor

MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Round

ZONES: Annual

EXPOSURE: Partial to full sun

SOIL: Well-drained

Torenia:

Torenia hybrid

MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Spreading

ZONES: Annual

EXPOSURE: Partial to full sun

SOIL: Well-drained



Tradescantia: *Tradescantia pallida*

MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Spreading

ZONES: 7-11

EXPOSURE: Partial to full sun

SOIL: Well-drained to moist

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