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Asters are autumn-flowering. We have about 20 varieties; *laevis*, *multiflorus*, and *novae angliae* being among the best. They may be grown separately or in masses, and are very showy late in the season when other flowers are scarce.

Asclepias tuberosa, Butterfly Weed or Pleurisy Root, blooms from July to September, is about 2 ft. in height, has broad foliage and showy heads of deep orange or orange-yellow flowers, and will adorn the most select border. *Asclepias incarnata*, Swamp Milkweed, July and August, 2 or 3 ft high, grows in wet places, and has showy rose-purple flowers, the lighter colored hooded bodies above contrasting beautifully with the darker colored petals below. *Asclepias cornuti* is the well-known milkweed.

Chrysanthemum leucanthemum, Ox-eye daisy, Field daisy or White Weed, although so common a weed, is a fine flower, and well worth cultivation.

Cimicifuga racemosa, Black Snake-root, July and August, 3 ft., is a tall and strong growing plant, with foliage like the Bleeding Heart, but lighter in color. The flowers are pure white, arranged on spikes sometimes two feet long.

Claytonia Virginica, Spring Beauty, May, 4 in., has two narrow opposite leaves, and a loose raceme of rose-colored flowers with dark veins. The stem springs from a small tube often deeply hid under tree roots, which makes it difficult to transplant.

Epigaea repens, Trailing Arbutus or Mayflower, is a pretty little trailing evergreen with very fragrant white or pink flowers in spring. It is difficult to transplant, but it is claimed that it can be grown if taken up with a good ball of roots, and planted in a shady place, in good soil not containing lime and

well mixed with leaf mould. *Gaultheria procumbens*, Wintergreen and *Mitchella repens*, Partridge Berry are also trailing plants that may be ornamental under suitable conditions.

Epilobium angustifolium, Willow Herb, French Willow, or Rose Bay, July and August, 3 to 5 ft., has willow-like leaves, and branches at the top, bearing long spikes of lilac-purple flowers. It is very handsome and easily grown.

Erythronium Americanum, Adder's Tongue or Dog's Tooth violet, May, has a bulb usually about 6 inches deep in the ground, two blotched leaves and drooping yellow flowers.

Euphorbia corollata, Flowering Spurge, July and August, 2 to 3 ft, is a branching plant, with smooth leaves and pure white petal like bracts around the true flower.

Geranium maculatum, Wild Cranesbill, May and June, 1 ft., is a branching plant with large palmate leaves and purple flowers an inch across. *Geranium Robertianum*, Herb Robert or Bird's Eye, June to October, is a pretty little biennial, with finely-divided, strong-smelling, hairy leaves, red stems and reddish purple flowers. Easily transplanted and a good edging plant.

Hepatica triloba, Liver Leaf, May, 6 in., has flowers varying from pure white to all shades of pink and purple, which open before the new leaves appear. It comes in with the crocuses and improves with cultivation, and where it has been grown for several years, new plants spring up from self-sown seeds.

Lilium Canadense, Wild Meadow Lily, July, 2 to 4 ft., grows in wet meadows, and has orange flowers spotted with brown inside and recurved petals. There is a red flowered variety which is very neat and attractive.