



10 Top
Flowering Perennial
Plants for
Height

Genus (family) Name	Species/Cultivar (type) Height	Comments	Photograph
Cephalaria	gigantea (Giant Scabious) <i>1.5m to 2.4m</i>	Lemon coloured pincushion flowers in June/July on very tall, self-supporting stalks with lower, thistle-like leaves. Perfect for the middle or back of a border. Will form slowing spreading clumps.	
Cirsium	rivulare 'atropurpureum' (Brook thistle) <i>Flower stalks up to 1.5m</i>	Magenta thistle-type flower heads from May to August. Held on tall, self-supporting stems. Very attractive to bees. Hardy and tolerant of most soils, will form slowing spreading clumps.	

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Eremurus	E. robustus E. stenophyllus (Foxtail Lily) Up to 2.7m	Very tall spires of flowers in June/July. Available in a range of colours from white through to yellow and orange with some pinks. Needs a well-drained soil in a sunny spot protected from wind.	
Veronicastrum	virginicum (Culver's root)	Late summer flowers in slim, delicate spikes in a range of colours from white to pink and pale purple. Prefers damp soil in sun or partial shade; reliable and slug-proof it will form a clump.	
Thalictrum	T. aquilegifolium T. delavayi Flower stalks up to 1.5m	Delicate flowers that float on slim, tall stems above lower clumps of foliage. Purple flowers in May/June for T. aquilegifolium or July/Sept for T. delavayi. These hardy plants will form a clump and prefer damp soils.	

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Allium	giganteum (Giant Onion) <i>Flower stalks between 1.2 and 1.5m</i>	Globe flower heads of bright purple in June; will tolerate sun or partial shade. Prefers a well-drained soil.	
Hesperis	matronalis (Sweet Rocket) <i>Flowering stems can grow up to 1.5m.</i>	A tall plant with early flowers. These sweetly scented white or pale mauve flowers appear in late April/May and attract insects to your garden. A hardy plant that will form a clump and live for several years; will self-seed.	
Echinops	Ritro (Globe thistle) Flowering stems grow up to 1.5m.	Round thistle flowers in later summer and early autumn on tall stems. Non-prickly thistle foliage with silver underside. Will establish large clumps, so give it plenty of space. Ideal for the back of border.	

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Foeniculum	vulgare 'Giant Bronze' (Fennel) <i>Flower stalks will reach up to 1.8m in height</i>	<p>Culinary herb with delicate, ferny bronze foliage and tall umbellifer-like yellow flowers in late summer. Provides late summer nectar for insects.</p> <p>Stays in a single clump, but will self-seed.</p> <p>Leaves and seeds are edible.</p>	
Dierama	pulcherimum (Angel's fishing rod) 1.5m tall.	<p>As an evergreen perennial with grass-like foliage and arching stems of bell-shaped, pale pink to magenta or occasionally white flowers.</p> <p>Grow well in a well-drained border in a sunny, sheltered site.</p>	
Alcea	rosea (Hollyhock) Flower stalks up to 2.4m.	<p>Traditional cottage-garden favourite with impressive flowers stalks covered in trumpet-like flowers from July to September. A wide range of colours are available.</p> <p>Will form a single clump but will self-seed. It is prone to infection by rust fungus; needs a dry, sunny spot.</p>	