

General Monthly Care Plan

January – February (Winter)

- **Tasks:**
 - Cut back dead stems of perennials like *Salvia*, *Nepeta*, *Penstemon*, *Lavender* if not already done in autumn.
 - Remove dead/diseased foliage on *Heuchera* and *Bergenia*.
 - Mulch with compost or well-rotted organic matter (2–3 cm layer).
- **Notes:** Avoid walking on frozen soil; protect *Convolvulus cneorum* in harsh frost if needed.

March

- **Tasks**
 - Lightly prune *Lavender*, *Salvia*, *Erysimum*, *Penstemon* to new growth.
 - Divide overcrowded clumps (e.g., *Geum*, *Geranium*, *Nepeta*) if needed.
- **Notes:** Check for vine weevil damage on *Heuchera* roots.

April

- **Tasks:**
 - Check for aphids on soft new growth.
 - Stake *Salvia* and *Penstemon* early if needed.
- **Notes:** remove weeds while small.

May

- **Tasks:**
 - Deadhead *Geum*, *Erysimum*, *Aster*, *Pilosella* to prolong bloom.
 - Trim *Carex* to refresh foliage if necessary.
 - Begin consistent watering if no rainfall.
- **Notes:** Water deeply but infrequently to encourage deep roots.

June – July

- **Tasks:**
 - Regular deadheading of *Penstemon*, *Geum*, *Salvia*, *Nepeta*, *Geranium*.
 - Cut *Nepeta* back by 1/3 after flowering for fresh regrowth.
 - Spot-check for mildew or leaf spot on *Aster* or *Erysimum*.

August

- **Tasks:**
 - Continue deadheading.
 - Lightly tidy any tired foliage.
 - Lightly shear *Lavender* and *Salvia* again to encourage a second flush.

September

- **Tasks:**
 - Cut back finished plants: *Pilosella*, *Geum*, *Nepeta*.
 - Collect and sow any desired seed.

October

- **Tasks:**
 - Divide and replant *Heuchera*, *Geranium* if needed.
- **Notes:** Avoid heavy pruning until after frost.

November – December

- **Tasks:**
 - Minimal intervention. Leave seed heads (e.g., *Salvia*, *Aster*) for wildlife interest.
 - Remove fallen leaves that smother crowns or harbour slugs.
 - Inspect for wind or frost damage.

Aster 'Monch'

Lavender-blue daisy flowers late summer to autumn. Bee-friendly.



Geum 'Tangerine'

Bright orange, semi-double flowers on wiry stems. Blooms in late spring.



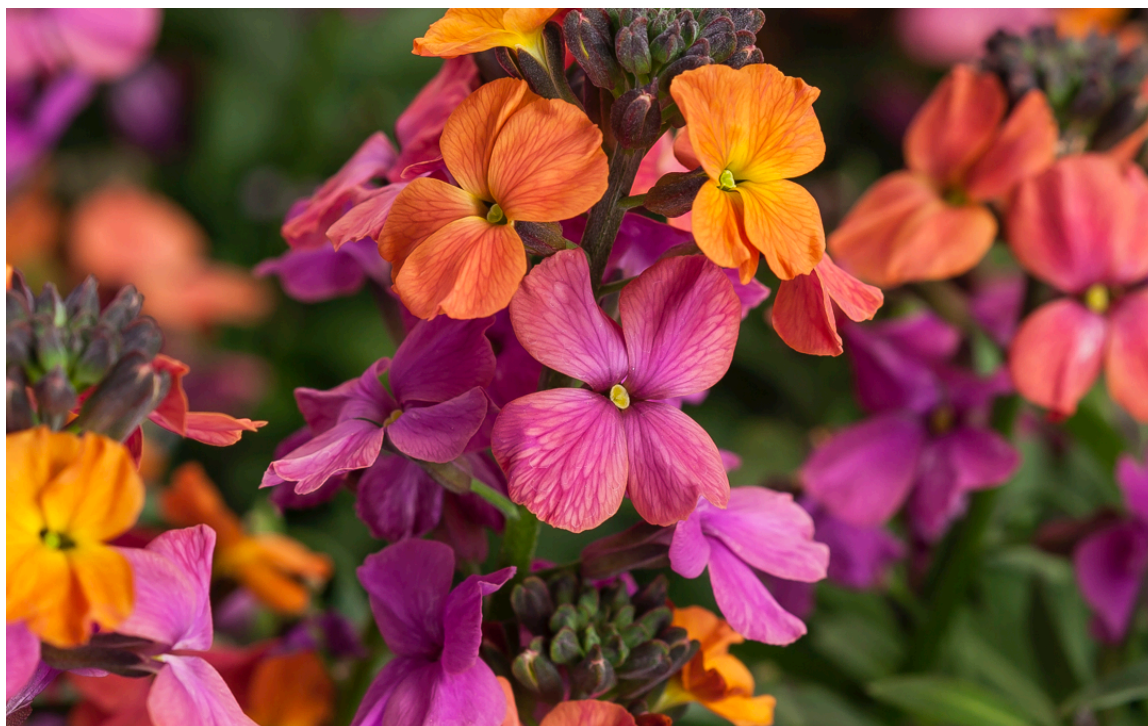
Nepeta 'Walker's Low'

Aromatic leaves with lavender-blue flowers. Great for pollinators.



Erysimum 'Erysistible Magenta'

Magenta flowers over a long season. Attracts bees and butterflies.



Bergenia 'Bressingham Ruby'

Glossy foliage turns red in winter. Pink flowers in spring.



Heuchera 'Caramel'

Apricot-colored leaves with a silvery cast. Ideal in shade.



Carex oshimensis 'Everoro'

Arching green and gold foliage. Evergreen ornamental grass.



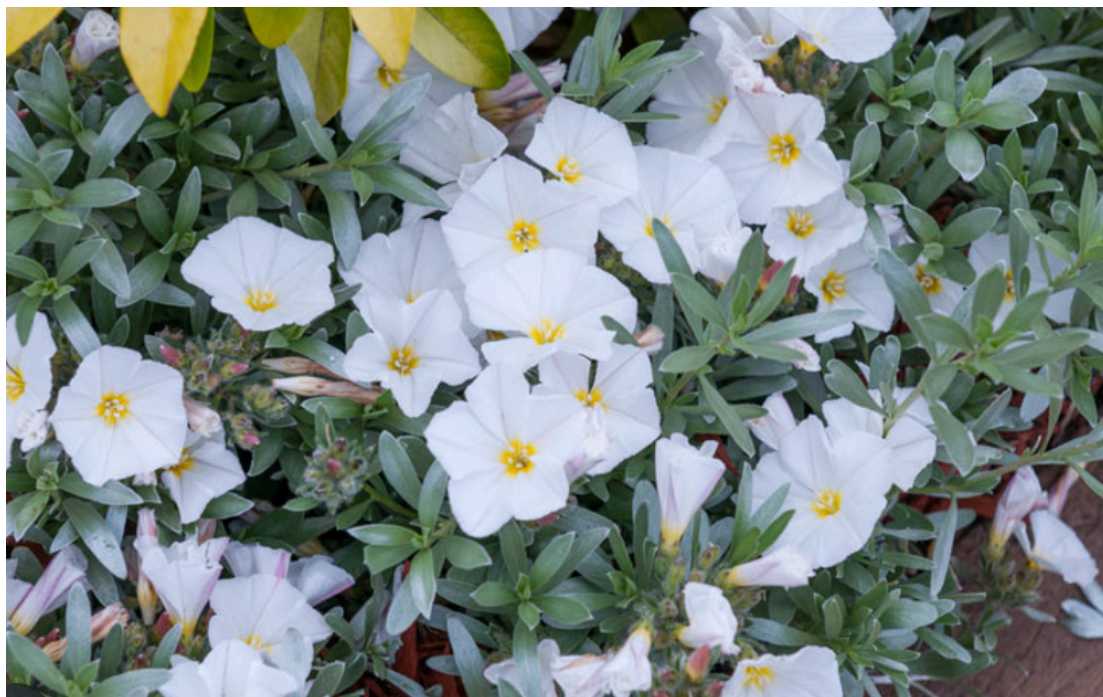
Salvia 'Caradonna'

Deep violet-blue flowers with dark stems. Long bloom time.



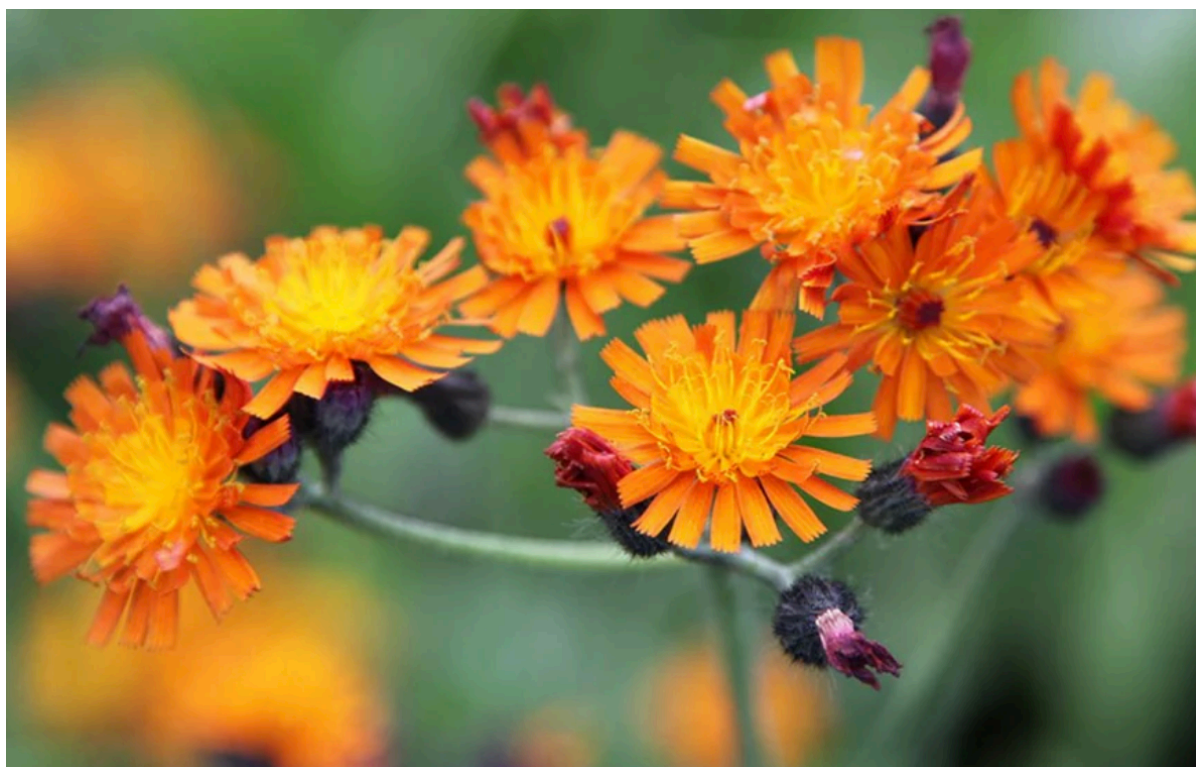
Convolvulus cneorum

Silvery foliage and white trumpet flowers. Drought-tolerant.



Pilosella Aurantiaca (fox n cubs)

A hairy herbaceous perennial



Lavender

Aromatic purple blooms and grey-green foliage; full sun and dry soil.



Penstemon digitalis 'Husker Red'

Dark red foliage with white tubular flowers. Attracts bees.



Geranium 'Dusky Crûg'

Bronze foliage and soft pink flowers. Compact and shade-tolerant.



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