

## 17 Monthly Maintenance Schedule

### January

- Minimal activity.
- Check for wind damage or frost heaving.
- Light tidy of fallen debris.
- Cut back **Sedum Autumn Joy** if not already done.

### February

- Begin light pruning:
  - **Sarcococca ruscifolia**: Tidy/prune after flowering.

### March

- Cut back:
  - **Penstemon**: Remove old stems to new growth.
  - **Aster, Echinops, Verbena, Geranium, Sedum**: Clear dead stems to make way for new shoots.
- Light prune **Erysimum Bowles Mauve** (do not cut into woody stems).
- Weed and tidy.

### April

- General weeding.
- Light shaping of **Hebe Black Beauty**.
- Watch for early aphids on soft new growth.

### May

- Begin **deadheading** spent blooms (especially **Erysimum, Penstemon, Geranium**).
- Stake tall perennials like **Verbena** and **Aster** if needed.
- Water in dry periods.
- Inspect for mildew on Verbena and Aster.

### June

- Continue **deadheading and weeding**.

- Light trim of **Lavenders** (white and purple) after flowering starts fading.
- Monitor water needs closely.
- Remove any suckers or crowding.

## July

- Tidy foliage, deadhead.
- Light summer tidy of **Convolvulus cneorum** if needed.
- Check supports on taller plants.
- Trim **Hebe** lightly if necessary.

## August

- Keep deadheading and removing tired foliage.
- **Cut back Lavender** once flowering is done (don't cut into old wood).
- Water if prolonged dry spell.
- Check plant health – summer stress may reveal issues.

## September

- Continue cutting back faded growth.
- Light pruning of **Erysimum**.
- Divide and replant **Geranium Rozanne** if overgrown.

## October

- Begin tidying for winter:

## November

- Final structural tidy.
- Check for drainage issues ahead of wet season.
- Prune back **Penstemon** lightly (leave base growth for winter protection).
- Secure any loose plants or stakes.

## December

- Rest.
- Monitor for wind/water damage.

### **Hebe Black Beauty**

Dark purple foliage and pink flowers. Evergreen and compact



### **Lavender white**





**Penstemon digitalis 'Husker Red'**

Dark red foliage with white tubular flowers. Attracts bees.



**Aster 'Monch'**

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





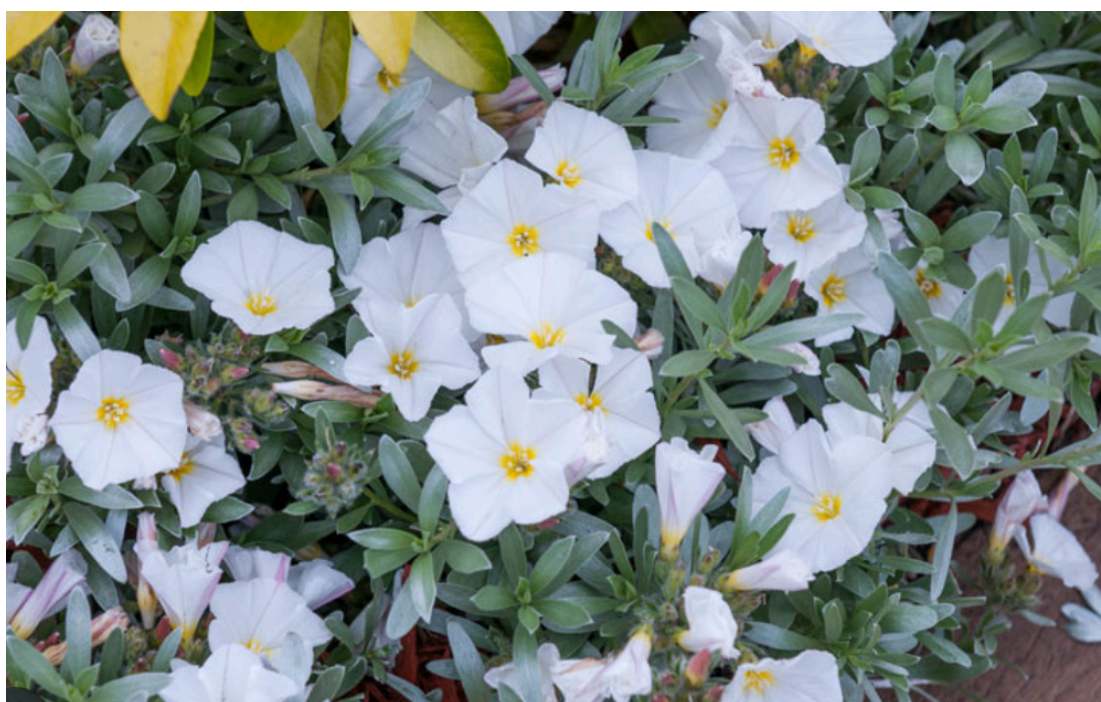
**Geranium Rozanne (rug type)**

Sprawling habit, same violet flowers as 'Rozanne'. Great for carpeting.



**Convolvulus cneorum**

Silvery foliage and white trumpet flowers. Drought-tolerant.





***Verbena bonariensis***

Tall stems with airy purple flower clusters. Long bloom season.



***Sarcococca ruscifolia***

Glossy evergreen shrub with fragrant winter flowers and red berries.





### **Lavender purple**

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



### **Erysimum 'Bowles's Mauve'**

Long-flowering perennial with mauve flowers; attracts pollinators.





**Echinops ritro 'Platinum Blue'**

Spiky, metallic-blue globe flowers. Loved by bees.



**Sedum 'Autumn Joy'**

Fleshy leaves and flat pink flower heads that age to rust red.



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