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Sleep, Creep, Then Leap Insights into How Perennials Grow

Learn more about how perennials get established
and grow in the garden. From ProvenWinners.com

Perennials are often beloved by gardeners for the beauty they add to gardens year after year. However, while annuals look their best within weeks of planting, perennials often take time to come into their full glory. While not all perennials need time to look and do their best, this is a common enough phenomenon that there is an actual adage for it:

"The first year they sleep, the second year they creep and the third year they leap!"

But what does that really mean?

The First Year They Sleep

Spring has finally sprung and the gardening itch just has to be scratched, so you head to your local garden centers and haul home botanic treasure. You plant them in their new homes and wait with great anticipation, only nothing happens. The plant just sits there, taunting you, seemingly content to laze the summer away without growing much bigger.

Now if you could see, that while it's true that nothing much is happening above ground, there is a lot happening underground. *Roots* are what's happening. Some perennials spend most of their energy the first year creating a great root system, instead of growing a lot on top, and that is the basis for great plants in the long run. Well-developed roots are better at finding and taking up both water and nutrients, not to mention anchoring the plant in place and keeping the plant healthy which translates into better pest and disease resistance too. Does this mean that if you planted a perennial and it took off right away and put on a show the first year, it is doomed to live a short life? Absolutely not! It simply means that the plant was better at multi-tasking and managed to grow strong roots *and* tops the same year.

The Second Year They Creep

In a perennial's second year, even though you can't see them, the roots are growing bigger and stronger. You'll notice that there is more foliage and flowers than the first year. That's important because the leaves are the "engine" for the plant – they absorb the sun's rays which creates food and energy for the plant.

The Third Year They Leap

In their third year, perennials burst into full glory. The roots are now very well-established, they are growing strong and the flower power is amazing. Some plants stay at peak performance for decades, peonies, for one, seem impervious to time. Others are at their peak for 3 to 5 years and then begin to decline, which is your signal to dig and divide them. That will give them more elbow room to grow and will make you the favorite among all of your gardening friends. After all, she who has divided perennials to share, shall be most popular.

June is
Perennial
Gardening
Month

DISCOVER THE
JOY OF
PERENNIALS



Attracting Butterflies & Hummingbirds to Your Garden



Who doesn't love watching butterflies as they lazily float in our gardens on warm, sunny days, searching for nectar-laden flowers? Or who can resist the beauty and aerobatics of hummingbirds as they dart in and around looking for food?

Well, if you'd like to attract either to your yard, try these annuals and perennials that will do just that!

Plants that attract Butterflies

Aster
Bee balm
Black-eyed Susan
Butterfly bush
Butterfly Weed
Cardinal Flower
Columbine
Coreopsis
Cosmos
Daisy
Four-O'clock
Gay Feather
Geranium – perennial
Goldenrod
Joe Pye Weed
Lantana
Larkspur
Live-for-ever
Lupine
Marigold
Mint
Perennial Sunflower
False Sunflower
Creeping Phlox
Purple Coneflower
Violet
Yarrow
Zinnia

Plants that attract Hummingbirds

Beard tongue
Bee balm
Butterfly bush
Cannas
Catmint
Cherry Chief Sage
Columbine
Coral bells
Daylily
Fuchsia
Hollyhock
Impatiens
Larkspur
Iris
Flowering tobacco
Foxglove
Lily
Lupine
Petunia
Pincushion flower
Red-hot poker
Scarlet Honeysuckle
Soapwort
Spider flower
Summer phlox
Verbena
Yucca

How to create butterfly habitat - Only a small amount of space is needed to provide butterfly habitat. Create this habitat by providing food, cover, water, and larval plants. You may want to choose an out-of-the-way area where it can be more naturalized instead of a neat and tidy garden especially for the butterfly larvae. You will **NOT** want to use any kinds of insecticide sprays in this area or you will kill the butterfly larvae. For more in-depth information, visit this website: <http://ohioline.osu.edu/w-fact/0012.html>

Food - Determine the environmental conditions in your yard (i.e., soil type and amount of sun). Locate gardens near areas that are sheltered from wind and will receive at least six hours of direct sunlight each day. Plant flowers in large diverse groups that vary in color, season of bloom, and height to provide food and year-round habitat for butterflies.

Cover - Provide cover and shelter such as broad-leaved trees, shrubs, and log piles. Provide several landing pads or sunbathing perches in open and sunny areas throughout the garden. Butterflies rely on thermal heating and sunbathe in these open spots.

Water - Provide a water source or puddle for butterflies. Bury a bucket or shallow lid in the ground & fill it with equal parts of sand and soil and periodically saturate the mixture with water. Provide access to the water by placing a few large rocks around the bucket or lid.

Larval Plants - Many of the plants listed above act as host plants for butterfly larvae but there are many more. If you are interested, please check out the good article on this website: www.gardenswithwings.com/what-is-a-butterfly-garden/host-plants.html

How to create a hummingbird garden - The best way is to use a combination of their favorite flowers listed above and a hummingbird feeder (we carry many styles of feeders at both stores as well as nectar). Place some of these flowers close to your feeder by planting them in the ground, in pots or in hanging baskets. Plant flowers that bloom at different times throughout the season to ensure a food supply. Hummers are particularly fond of the color red, but also like other bright colors.

Whether you prefer butterflies or hummingbirds, or both, these plants will help attract them to your garden for hours of enjoyment watching them. And to answer an often-asked question – "Why do hummingbirds hum?" Our answer is.....we aren't really sure, but suspect it might be that they don't know the words!

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Thomas Jefferson

Garden To Do List

June



Garden:

- Plant warm season veggies! Plant cucumber, squash, beans and corn every 2 weeks up until July 4th for a steady supply through fall.
- Dust potatoes to prevent potato beetles.
- Apply Preen for weed prevention as long as it's been at least 8 weeks since you last applied.
- Continue to spray fruit trees per spray schedule. Thin out small fruits of apple, peach and plum to one every 6" on the branch.
- Use Captain Jack's Dead Bug Brew for an organic insect control on veggies, herbs and ornamentals.
- Mulch vegetable and flower gardens to conserve moisture.

Perennials

- June is Perennial Gardening Month.... so plant some! Check roses for pests and diseases which usually start appearing in June. Treat with BioAdvanced All-In-One and maintain a regular schedule all summer.
- Dig, divide and replant Lycoris bulbs (surprise lilies) after the foliage turns yellow.
- About every 3 years divide bearded irises. After blooming they become semi-dormant and it's the best time to replant them.
- Cut back fall blooming mums by 1/3 to coax bigger blooms and fuller plants.

Landscape

- Start checking for bagworms at the end of June. Don't spray until you see them.
- Don't trim evergreens until after July 4th when new growth has hardened off and it won't leave brown stubs.
- Deadhead all spring flowering plants after blooms fade to direct energy to next years blooms. Later trimming will cut off flower buds for next year as buds form in summer.
- Keep newly planted trees and shrubs watered as we head into the dry summer months. They need at least 1" of rainfall or equivalent of watering each week.
- Prune hedges on a slight bevel so that the bottom sticks out farther than the top so the whole shrub gets light.
- Fertilize flowering planters and hanging baskets continually to keep them looking healthy and lush. We recommend Jack's Blossom Booster for lots of flowers. Dead-head annual flowers regularly to keep them blooming.

Lawn

- Start increasing the mowing height of your mower to 2.5" to 3" to avoid summer stress.
- Apply Grub Control in early June to prevent the grubs of Japanese Beetles.
- Broadleaf weed control can be done in early June as long as weeds are actively growing.

If you didn't read last month's newsletter.....

This is New Leaf's 30th year in business and our last!

After 45 years in the business, it is time for me to retire. I have been very fortunate to have a job I loved and had so many wonderful customers. Your outpouring of gratitude and sadness has overwhelmed me. The details of what will happen to my two stores are still undecided and I hope to have more information by next month's newsletter. Until then, we will be...

OPEN AND DOING BUSINESS AS USUAL TILL DECEMBER 23!

We are not closed yet!

We will continue to restock plants and supplies as needed!

Next month we will have our Summer Garage Sale as usual, but we will be cleaning house and having all kinds of things, discontinued or slow-moving items, assorted store displays as well as plants and concrete products that we want to clear out.
More information in next month's newsletter!

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Perennial Month

We have Hardin County's largest selection!

We carry many different sizes; Quarts and Gallon size.

We'll continue to get new perennials in ALL MONTH! So why not add some color to your garden this month?

Use the coupon below!

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4 1/2" round potted

Perennials

Reg. \$ 5.49

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25% off One Tree

Pot Growing: Flowering or Shade

Limit 1 offer per Coupon - Discount off Reg. Price
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Don't Forget - June 20th

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Gift Ideas

- Bird Feeders & Wild Bird Seed
- Trees & Shrubs
- Fruit Trees & Plants
- Rose Bushes
- Garden Tools
- Rain Gauges
- Decorative Solar Lights
- Gift Certificates
In any amount!

RED, WHITE & BLOOM SALE

July 2th - 5th

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