

WINTER FLOWERS & PLANTS



FILL YOUR
WINTER GARDEN
WITH SCENT & COLOR

One of the best parts about living in Texas is that winter is usually not accompanied by freezing temperatures for very long. This means that you can keep your garden beautiful all year.

Our team at CJ's Yardworks has compiled a list of beautiful winter plants that will keep your yard looking wonderful throughout the winter.



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Pansies

A winter perennial, pansies are among the most striking and beautiful plants that thrive throughout even the coldest parts of the year. They come in a huge array of solid and mixed colors including yellow, gold, orange, purple, violet, red, white and even a deep shade of purple. No matter what color you need to give your yard a pop, pansies are able to help throughout the year. In addition, they require very little maintenance.



Snapdragons

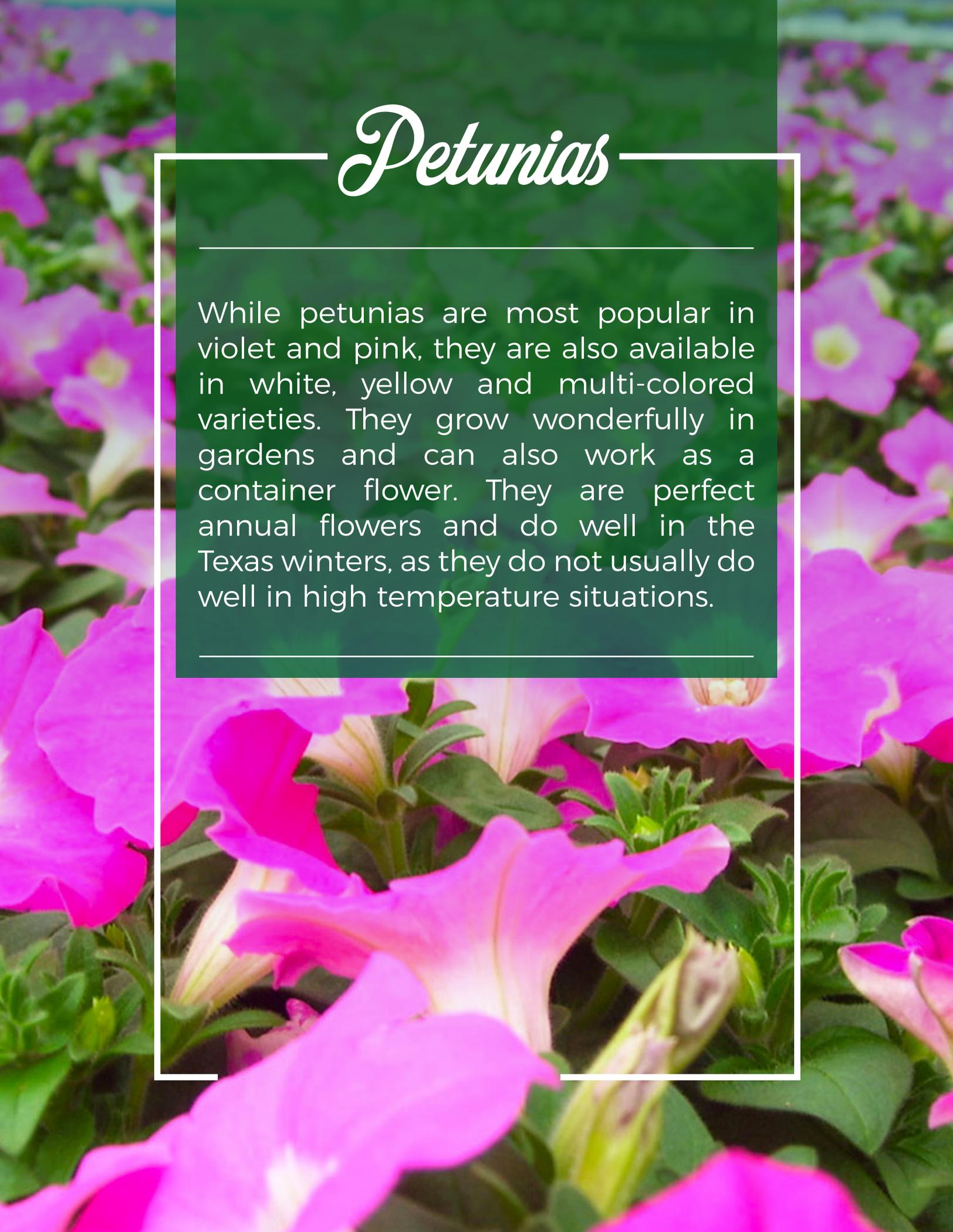
Like pansies, snapdragons add a beautiful array of color to your yard while not succumbing to the cold of winter months. While they are tender perennials, they are often grown as annuals. Available in shades of white, yellow, pink, red, orange, peach and violet, they are sure to take your yard to the next level of gorgeous. They do not require much care, as they will usually reseed themselves even during the coldest parts of the year.



The background of the entire page is a dense field of small, white, four-petaled flowers with yellow centers, known as Sweet Alyssum. The flowers are arranged in clusters and are set against a dark green background. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent green rectangular box in the center of the image.

Sweet Alyssum

Sweet alyssum are plants with dense clusters of small, white flowers. They have small leaves and a sweet smell that is similar to the aroma of honey. Because they are not as vibrant in color as pansies or snapdragons, they add a neutral base for which you can add pops of color through the use of other plants. They grow in small clusters and resemble small flower bushes. Although they are technically a perennial, sweet alyssum are widely treated as annual plants as they are much hardier than similar plants.



Petunias

While petunias are most popular in violet and pink, they are also available in white, yellow and multi-colored varieties. They grow wonderfully in gardens and can also work as a container flower. They are perfect annual flowers and do well in the Texas winters, as they do not usually do well in high temperature situations.

A close-up photograph of ornamental kale and cabbage plants. The leaves are a mix of green and purple, with prominent veins. The flowers are a vibrant pinkish-purple color. The plants are arranged in a dense, overlapping pattern.

Ornamental Kale & Cabbage

Many people have not thought about including kale and cabbage in their landscaping but these plants can make a wonderful addition to your winter garden and beyond, as they are annuals. The flowers on these plants grow a very pretty purple or pink and have gorgeous leaves. If you choose to grow ornamental kale and cabbage, keep in mind that they require fertilizer to stay strong and healthy.

A close-up photograph of winter honeysuckle flowers and green leaves. The flowers are long and tubular, with a yellowish-green base and white upper petals. The leaves are large, ovate, and have a prominent vein pattern. The background is a soft-focus green.

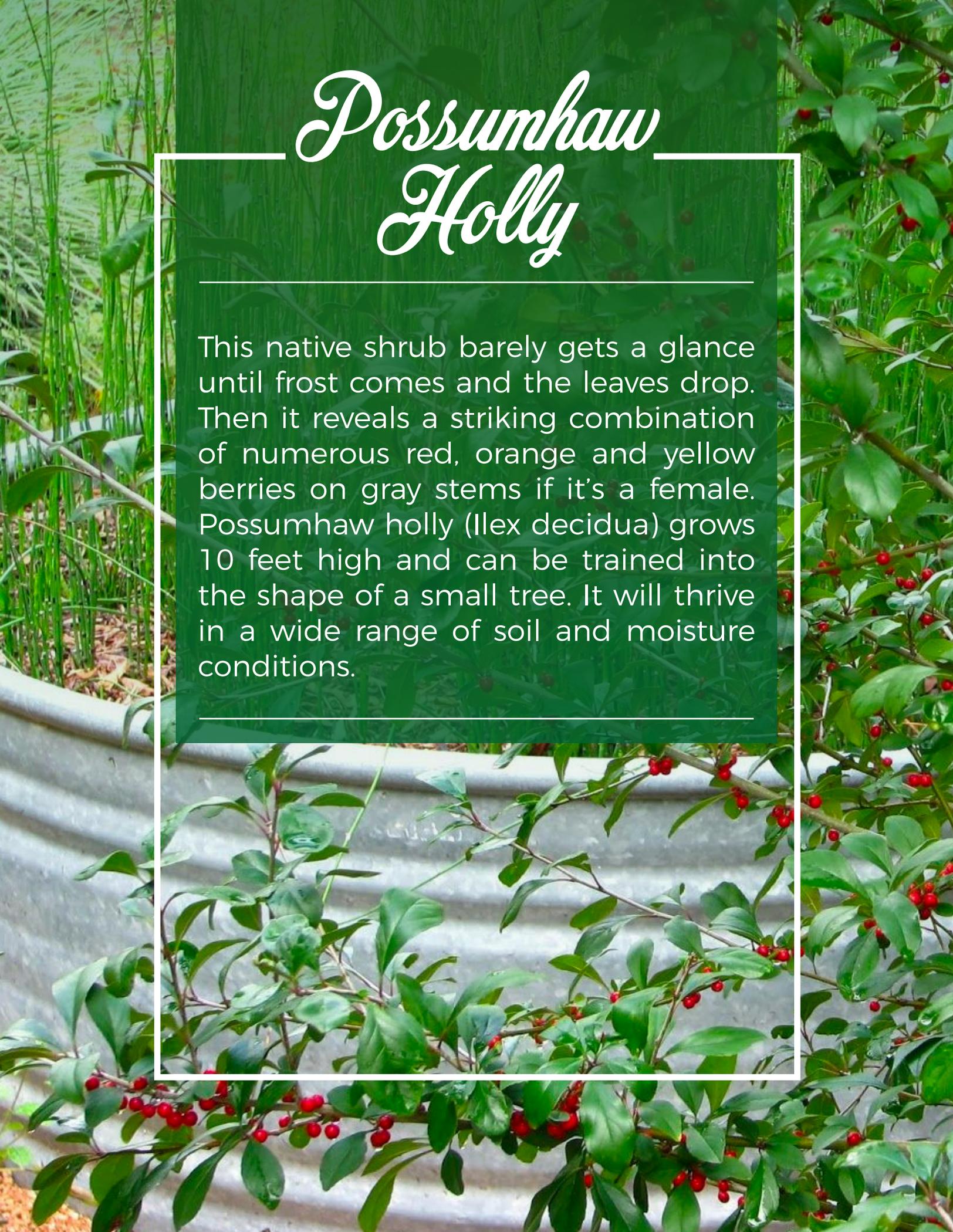
Winter Honeysuckle

Some shrubs sit quietly in the background during the spring and summer and then come to life during the chilly winter months. Winter honeysuckle (*Lonicera fragrantissima*) does just this. Winter honeysuckle grows to about 10 feet tall. It can be left as a bushy shrub or trained into a multi trunked specimen tree.

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Possumhaw Holly

This native shrub barely gets a glance until frost comes and the leaves drop. Then it reveals a striking combination of numerous red, orange and yellow berries on gray stems if it's a female. Possumhaw holly (*Ilex decidua*) grows 10 feet high and can be trained into the shape of a small tree. It will thrive in a wide range of soil and moisture conditions.



'Soft Caress' Mahonia

'Soft Caress' mahonia (*Mahonia eurybracteata*) is part of the Southern Living Plant Collection and a heirloom shrub. It grows only about 3 to 4 feet tall. Breeders eliminated the thorns, made the leaves more touchable and fernlike, and gave it fragrant blossoms that appear throughout the winter.





Winter Daphne

Winter daphne (*Daphne odora*)- This shrub sports clusters of pink to red flowers with creamy pink throats. Most daphnes grow about 4 feet high but can reach 10 feet in ideal conditions. **This shrub can be a little tricky to grow in our area. It needs rich, amended soil and a spot with dappled sunlight and protection from harsh winds. Winter daphne should be well-mulched year-round to prevent drying out during summer and to protect the roots during hard freezes.

Black Bamboo

Like all bamboo, it is a fast-growing grass with tall, upright stems. It is called black bamboo because the young stalks turn black when winter sets in.

Although bamboo has a reputation for being invasive, Chamblee regards black bamboo as more manageable than the yellow bamboo most people have seen.



Camellias

For a classic winter-flowering shrub, several experts recommend camellias. Their glossy green leaves and fragrant blooms are always a welcome sight when days are short and we crave beauty in the garden. The two most successful subgroups of camellias for Texas are 'Japonica' and 'Sasanqua.' Both prefer somewhat shady locations with well-drained soil amended to be more acidic than native soil. **be prepared to give it extra protection by covering it with burlap during hard freezes.

Rosemary

This fragrant bush does well year round in Texas. Rosemary produces pretty lavender stalks and smells and tastes wonderful. It's wonderful to have one of these plants in your yard when you forgot to pick some up at the grocery store or just need to add some extra flavor to your dishes.

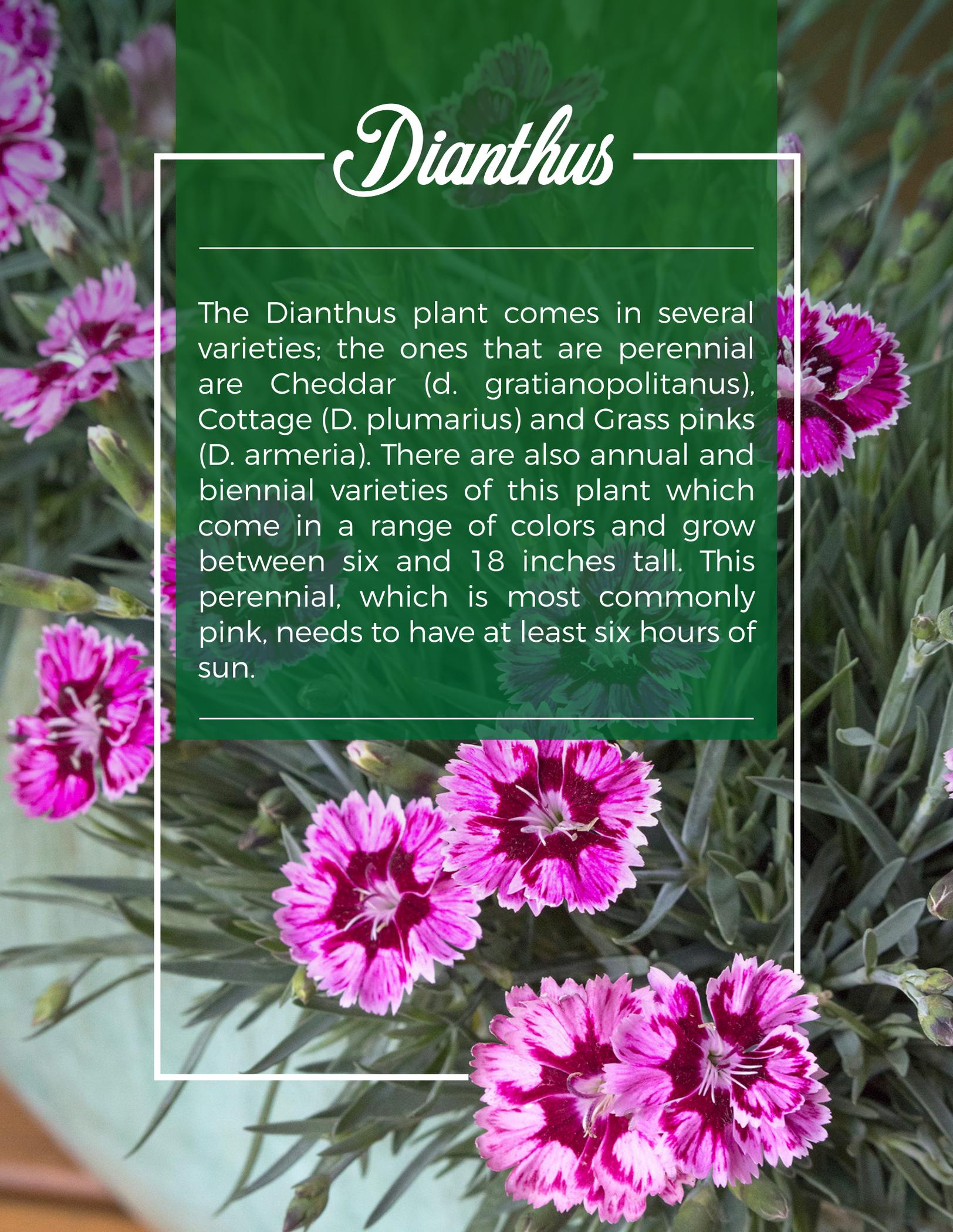


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Primrose

These flowers can be easy to grow in your garden or in containers. Primroses really are annuals here and come in a variety of colors. English primrose does well here and is especially fitting for cottage and bungalow-style homes.

A background image of several pink Dianthus flowers with dark pink centers, growing on green stems with narrow leaves. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, some fully open and some as buds. The overall scene is bright and natural.

Dianthus

The Dianthus plant comes in several varieties; the ones that are perennial are Cheddar (*D. gratianopolitanus*), Cottage (*D. plumarius*) and Grass pinks (*D. armeria*). There are also annual and biennial varieties of this plant which come in a range of colors and grow between six and 18 inches tall. This perennial, which is most commonly pink, needs to have at least six hours of sun.

A field of purple and pink aster flowers with a green text box overlay. The text box contains the title 'Aster' and a paragraph of text. The background is a close-up of the flowers, showing their yellow centers and delicate petals.

Aster

This butterfly-attracting flower resembles a daisy and does well in cooler temperatures, but likes full to partial sun. Different varieties come in different colors and some grow as tall as six feet. The King George (*Aster amellus*) is a violet-blue, the Silver spray (*Aster cordifolius*) has pink-tinged white flowers and the Nanus (*Aster thomsonii*) has lilac-blue flowers.

Mahonias

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Winter Jasmine

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Columbine

This colorful flower blooms in the spring, but some varieties have a pretty maroon color until then. The Texas version, Texas Gold Columbine, will grow up to two to three feet. Columbines grow through the winter and resemble a fern until spring, when they bloom with bell-shaped flowers.



Coreopsis

This colorful wildflower has a variety of species which bloom throughout the state throughout the year.



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