

Vegetation Management Section

Materials

Wildflower Classifications

Wildflower species are classified as annual, biennial or perennial.

Annual wildflowers are planted from seed. They flower, set seed and die in one season. Annual wildflowers may reseed but the resultant stands are often thin and spotty at best. Annuals are usually planted because of their vibrant seasonal colors. Biennials are grown from seed and produce only vegetative growth the first year. They flower and set seed the second year. Perennials are grown from seed and typically produce only vegetative growth the first year and bloom the second year and subsequent years.

Wildflower species are selected using various criteria including but not limited to: color, height, length and season of bloom, compatibility, cultural requirements, and tolerance of poor soils, weeds, and drought.