

Colorado State Univ. conducts annual flower trials to test the best for their very bright but dry conditions. In a cooperative effort with the green industry, new favorites are chosen and marketed each year throughout the state under the “Plant Select” logo. The program is expanding to include perennials.

Fall may not be the best time to look at annual trials, but some late season successes that I’m anxious to try next year include these (clockwise from upper left):

- ‘Ruby Moon’ hyacinth bean, a tall climbing vine with prolific blue flowers and purple pods
- ‘Joey’ ptilotus from Australia, a drought tolerant plant with feathery blooms on low growing foliage.
- ‘Red Shift’ coreopsis; flowers open yellow and turn pink-red with age
- Denver Daisy, a 2008 plant select winner, a cross between *Rudbeckia hirta* and *Rudbeckia* ‘Prairie Sun’.

