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A lover of heat, evolvulus thrives in the middle of a hot summer and continues to impress all the way through fall. With its showy blue blooms held against silvery-green foliage, this plant flourishes when planted in a garden bed as a low-growing groundcover plant or in a container. A close relative of morning glory, the flowers tend to have a few of the same quirks, including closing up at the end of the day only to re-open the following morning.



LIGHT:	Sun
TYPE:	Annual, Perennial
HEIGHT:	1 to 3 feet
WIDTH:	1 to 2 feet wide
FLOWER COLOR:	Blue
FOLIAGE COLOR:	Blue/Green, Gray/Silver
SEASONAL FEATURES:	Fall Bloom, Summer Bloom
PROBLEM SOLVERS:	Drought Tolerant, Groundcover
SPECIAL FEATURES:	Good for Containers, Low Maintenance
ZONES:	9-11

Propagation

Seed

Stem Cuttings

More Varieties of Evolvulus

'Blue Daze' Evolvulus



Evolvulus 'Blue Daze' offers bigger blue flowers than the common form and has slightly hairy gray-green foliage.

Plant Evolvulus With:



French Marigold

Just as you'd expect from something called French, these marigolds are the fancy ones. French marigolds tend to be frilly and some boast a distinctive "crested eye." They grow roughly 8-12 inches high with a chic, neat, little growth habit and elegant dark green foliage. They do best in full sun with moist, well-drained soil and will flower all summer long. They may reseed, coming back year after year, in spots where they're happy.



Nierembergia

The adorable cup-shape flowers of nierembergia and its neat growth habit make it a useful annual flower for everything from containers to edging. Plant it in rows along the front of beds or borders for a crisp look (especially with the white types). Or use it in containers -- it's a great medium-height plant to visually tie together taller plants and cascading plants. Though it's usually grown as an annual, nierembergia is perennial in Zones 7-10.



Tweedia

If you love blue flowers, tweedia is for you. Tweedia produces beautiful turquoise blooms all season on grayish, felted foliage. The fragrant five-petal flowers make great cut flowers, complimenting any bouquet. A short vine growing 2 to 3 fall, tweedia will twine around short trellises or other supports. (Try a shrubby branch cutting, inserted into the soil for a naturalistic support.)