

SELECTING DAYLILIES FOR THE LANDSCAPE

When selecting daylilies for your landscape, think about the following:

1. Choose daylilies that grow, over winter, and perform well in our area. Try to avoid “dormant” varieties as they perform better in colder climates. In the South, select evergreen and semi-evergreen daylilies.
2. Choose daylilies from several blooming seasons to extend the season:

Extra Early – These daylilies are the first to bloom and vary from March or April in the extreme South, to May or June in the north.

Early – These daylilies bloom three to five weeks prior to the mass of bloom at midseason.

Early Midseason – These daylilies bloom one to three weeks before the height of bloom of most cultivars.

Midseason – These daylilies bloom at the peak of the daylily bloom in your own garden. This ranges from May in the South to July in the North.

Late Midseason – These daylilies bloom one to three weeks after the height or peak of bloom in your garden.

Late – These daylilies bloom when most others have finished blooming, usually four to six weeks after the peak of the season.

Very Late – These daylilies are the last to bloom, often late in the summer in the South, fall in the North.

Rebloomer – These daylilies bloom more than one time during a single season. Some bloom early (e.g., May or June) and then repeat in the fall. Others have a succession of bloom periods, one shortly after another for several months. (from American Daylily Society website)

3. Choose daylilies with good branching to display its flowers and carry more buds. This information is available on the American Daylily [database](#).
4. Choose daylilies with a high bud count for lots of flowers. Again, check the database.
5. Choose daylilies likely to stand up to the heat.

These American Daylily Society links may be helpful in making your selections:

Award of Merit – this award is given to signify that a cultivar performs well over a wide geographic area. The award is given each year to the twelve registered daylilies receiving the most votes by the garden judges under the following formula: A cultivar must receive votes from at least half of the regions, and not more than one-third of the total votes credited to a cultivar shall come from any one region. See [Award of Merit](#).

Stout Silver Medal – This is the highest award a cultivar can receive. This annual award—as voted by AHS Garden judges—can be given only to a cultivar that has first received the Award of Merit. See [Stout Silver Medal](#).