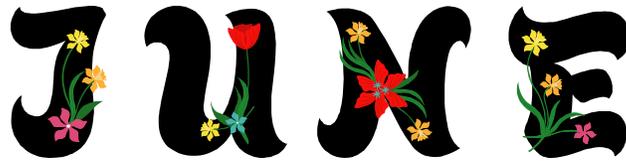


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To plant a garden, is to believe in tomorrow. – Audrey Hepburn



What is it? Common Milkweed. It is an important plant because so many species of insects depend on it. Monarch Butterflies, Milkweed Bugs, and Milkweed Leaf Beetles only eat milkweed, and could not survive without it. Many other species of insects use Milkweed as their primary food source, or as a major food source. Common Milkweed grows up to six feet tall. It has large, broad leaves, usually four to ten inches long. They sometimes have red veins. Common Milkweed flowers are pinkish-purple clusters which often droop.

There are plenty of reasons to celebrate June, but let's start with just one: Its summertime! The solstice isn't until June 21, but not all plants know that.

- 🌸 Plant extra flower bulbs for a burst of color later in the summer such as dahlia, gladiolus, canna, crocosmia, tuberous begonia and tigridia.
- 🌸 It is not too late to plant seedlings of geranium, impatiens, petunia, coleus and Madagascar periwinkle.
- 🌸 Plant flowering perennials of all kinds for late-spring, summer and fall blooms: Oriental poppy, foxglove, salvia, aster, columbine, delphinium, feverfew and heuchera. Add lamb's ears, sage or dusty miller for foliage.
- 🌸 Perennials that flowered in the spring can be dug up and divided now to prevent overcrowding. Divide irises (whose rhizomes will need to be cut apart), Oriental poppies, primroses and Doronicum daisies.
- 🌸 If you see signs of winter's damages on trees, shrubs or perennials, give them extra food or correct problems such as mildew, black-spot and aphids.
- 🌸 And last but not least, weed, weed and weed.
- 🌸 If you want to be certain you move only the blue iris and not the white, label the blue iris plants while they are in bloom. Use a Popsicle stick with a black marker.

What does it mean? Partial Sun / Partial Shade: These two terms are often mean 3 - 6 hours of sun each day, preferably in the morning and early afternoon. If a plant is listed as Partial Sun, greater emphasis is put on its receiving the minimal sun requirements. If a plant is listed as Partial Shade, the plant will need some relief from the intense late afternoon sun, either from shade provided by a nearby tree or planting it on the east side of a building. Dappled Sun is the sunlight that makes its way through the branches of a tree.

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