

Hot New Annuals for 2017 – SunPatiens

This year the trial beds feature SunPatiens, a relatively new hybrid annual that will thrive in part-shade to sun. The SunPatiens is similar to the New Guinea impatiens that has been available for years, but it stands up better to sunny conditions. Even so, in the fierce OK summer months, SunPatiens planted in full sun will require ample watering.

The Sunpatiens family consists of three series: **compact**, **spreading**, and **vigorous**. **Compact**, currently the most popular, can grow 14-32" tall and 14-24" wide in the garden. Like all SunPatiens, it blooms throughout the summer and until hard frost.

Spreading SunPatiens feature a strong, mounding habit and are ideal for baskets. Spreading SunPatiens can grow 18-36" tall and 24-36" wide in the garden; their width normally exceeds their height.

Vigorous SunPatiens have a strong upright habit with sturdy stems that hold up well in rain and wind. Vigorous varieties can grow 24-42" tall and 24-30" wide in the garden and do well as background planting or where a mass of color is desired.

Our hot, new annuals are displayed in 15 trial beds located along the drive that parallels the entry walkway. The beds are numbered west to east with Bed 15 being closest to the Barn. Below are the names of the different varieties featured this year:

Bed 1 – Scarlet Red (Spreading)

Bed 2 – Shell Pink (Spreading)

Bed. 3 – Hot Coral (Compact)

Bed 4 – Lavender (Spreading)

Bed 5 – Neon Red (a SunStanding variety that grows 18-24" tall)

Bed 6 – Pink Flash (Spreading)

Bed 7 – Carmine Red (Spreading)

Bed 8 – Orchid (Compact)

Bed 9 – Royal Magenta (Compact)

Bed 10 – Clear White (Spreading)

Bed 11 – Orange (Compact)

Bed 12 – Pink Kiss (Spreading)

Bed 13 – Deep Rose (Compact)

Bed 14 – Coral Pink (Compact)

Bed 15 – Lavender (Vigorous)