



Perennials

Imagine, large, vigorous perennials, blooming in their first season. It's possible with RPM-produced perennials!



Not all perennials are created equal!

Our patented RPM root production technology is the culmination of more than two decades of field research and proven results in production of superior trees and shrubs: **trees and shrubs that grow and mature faster than ever thought possible.** Now, that same unique technology is available for over 100 garden-worthy and conservation-minded perennials.

Through quality, regionally-produced seed sources, unique growing medium, special nutrition and timed air-root pruning, our perennials have fully developed, fibrous root masses so they hit the ground running just like our trees and shrubs. Forrest Keeling's RPM perennials are easy-to-establish, and resist transplant shock better. Because they flower in their first season, large-scale plantings of RPM perennials enjoy faster plant regeneration and food production for upland birds and songbirds.

Use the 'Plant Search' on our website, www.forrestkeeling.com, to sort listed plants by type, physical characteristics, mature size, preferred site and seasonal color. Or sort by benefits including drought- or salt-tolerance and food for wildlife. Check out our website for a **list of species available in various formats, and approved for MSD (St. Louis Metro Sewer District) streambank stabilization projects.** Registered wholesale customers can also use our website to check availability, create and print a custom catalog and initial an online order.

RPM perennials are great for the home gardener, too!

Healthy, vigorous plants create beautiful borders to attract hummingbirds and butterflies. The deep, extensive root systems of our resilient plants are perfect for rain gardens and bioswales and help the plants defy drought. Because RPM perennials come back year after year, your work will continue to pay dividends with every season.



Where to begin

The best way to begin the process of designing a new or revised landscape area is to decide what you want from its plants. While trees and shrubs create overall structure and annuals provide color throughout a season, it's the work-horse perennials that will provide both beauty and solutions to save you time, money and maintenance. Forrest Keeling specializes in garden-worthy native species. Natives offer the perfect solution for any situation.

- **Dry shade under mature trees?** Try Purple Coneflower, Squawweed and Crested Iris.
- **Wet site?** Cardinal Flower, Southern Blue Flag, and Swamp Milkweed are a few colorful options.
- **Sunny slope?** Coreopsis, Western or Ox-Eye Sunflower, Showy Goldenrod, and Aromatic Aster will defy drought.
- **Bland, boring border?** Rose Mallow, Rattlesnake Master, Butterfly Milkweed, Prairie Blazing Star and New England Asters are sure to please show-stoppers that will also draw butterflies and birds!

For more ideas, check our website, www.forrestkeeling.com. Our 'Plants' section has a 'Plant Search' function that will allow you to search our available perennials and other plants by color, height, bloom time and wildlife value.

Perennial partners

Unless you live in a tropical climate, your perennial beds may need a boost during cold winter months and on through fall. **Add multi-season appeal** with native shrub selections like 'Robin Hill' Serviceberry, 'Sunburst' Hypericum, 'Winter Red' Winterberry or 'Little Henry' Sweetspire. These selections of native species are at home in any landscape.

- **Early-blooming shrubs**, like Serviceberry and Vernal Witchhazel, along with **spring bulbs** will give a welcome color burst when it seems like spring will never arrive.
- **Colorful annuals** planted between perennials or in strategically placed containers are perfect for a quick shot of color and texture in the dog days of late summer and fall.
- **Ornamental grasses** including natives like Prairie Dropseed, Little Bluestem and colorful sedges round out the mix and provide bonus features of movement and interesting seedheads.



RPM perennials and grasses are your best choice for streambank stabilization, wetland mitigation and remediation applications.



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right tools, mulch
and fertilizers.