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for fabulous fall color

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# TOP 10 SPECIAL

## Oakleaf Hydrangea

*Hydrangea quercifolia*  
For a brilliant display of fall colors, it's hard to top the oakleaf hydrangea's red, yellow and wine-colored foliage and large pink-bronze blooms.

**Hardiness:** Zones 5 to 9.

**Bloom time:** Midsummer to autumn.

**Size:** 6 to 10 feet tall; 8 feet wide.

**Flower color:** White, changing to pinkish bronze.

**Growing advice:** Sun to partial shade; well-draining soil.

**Recommendations:** Pee Wee is a compact variety; Snowflake offers double blooms.

## Coneflower

*Rudbeckia*

Coneflowers, with their daisy-like flowers, bloom



Coneflower

from the summer months until late fall.

**Hardiness:** Zones 3 to 9.

**Bloom time:** Midsummer to mid-autumn.

**Size:** 2 to 10 feet tall; 1 to 3 feet wide.

**Flower color:** Yellow, gold, bronze or reddish brown.

**Growing advice:** Full to



Japanese Anemone

partial sun; well-draining soil.

**Recommendations:** For tall yellow double flowers, choose Golden Glow; Becky Mixed is a dwarf annual with a mix of lemon-yellow to bright orange flowers.

## Japanese Anemone

*Anemone x hybrida*

A plant well suited for a sunny bed, anemones produce saucer-shaped flowers throughout the fall season.

**Hardiness:** Zones 4 to 8.

**Bloom time:** Late summer to mid-autumn.

**Size:** 4 to 5 feet high.

**Flower color:** White or pink.

**Growing advice:** Sun to partial shade; moist, humus-rich soil is ideal.

**Recommendations:** Queen Charlotte offers semi-double pink flowers; Whirlwind bears white flowers.

## Stonecrop

*Sedum*

These drought-tolerant plants, a favorite in rock gardens and perennial borders, offer reliable, late-season blooms.

**Hardiness:** Zones 3 to 10.

**Bloom time:** Summer to fall.

**Size:** 6 to 36 inches tall; 6 to 24 inches wide.

**Flower color:** Yellow, pink, bronze, red or white.

**Growing advice:** Full sun.

**Recommendations:** For a range of warm colors in fall, choose the upright Autumn Joy or Mohrchen, the low-growing Ruby Glow or the trailing sedum *Cauticola*.



Sedum 'Cloud Walker'

Chrysanthemum

