

# Peony

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*The sample of the variation of flower form and color of Paeonia*



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Family: Paeoniaceae

**Stem & Leaf Type:** herbaceous perennial  
**Size:** 2-3' tall x 2-3' wide  
**USDA Hardiness Zones:** 3-8  
**Leaves :** compound leaves, deeply lobed  
**Leaf Color:** medium to dark green  
**Fall Color:** brown, some have hints of red  
**Flower Time:** early-late May, usually for 1-2 weeks  
**Flower Color:** pink, red, yellow, white  
**Fruit:** large follicle  
**Light:** Full sun  
**Moisture:** well-drained; adaptable  
**Insect/Disease Issues:** botrytis leaf blight, peony blotch, scale insects  
**Nativity:** variable—Asia, Europe, Western North American  
**Location in the Gardens:**  
 North Lawn

**Culture & Landscape Value:** A popular landscape plant due to its early bloom time and large flowers. There are 33 species in the genus *Paeonia*, plus additional subspecies and varieties. The American Peony Society divides the flowers into four forms: Single, Japanese, Semi-Double, and Double.

**Notes:**



**Months of Interest:**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec