Rock Gardens

Alpines and other rock garden plants come from places such as high mountain peaks, areas where taller plants can't grow and other inhospitable places. They tend to be compact with large flowers for the size of the plant. Conditions for many alpine plants include cold winters with good protection and cool summers. Very well drained soil is an important requirement. These plants need at least 6 hours of sun per day. A rock or taller plant can protect those needing shade. A gentle slope to the north or west is ideal, as well as rock walls. Rock garden plants can be herbaceous, perennials, bulbous plants and some annuals or biennials such as alpine poppies. They may also include dwarf conifers, small ferns and small-scale, non-spreading ornamental grasses.

ROCK GARDEN PLANTS FOR BEGINNERS					
<u>Name</u>	<u>HT.</u>	Flowering Time	Flower Color	<u>Light Conditions</u>	
Aruncus aethusifolius	12"	June-July	White	Part Shade/Shade	
Asarum canadensis	8"	May	Brown	Part Shade/Shade	
Aster alpinus	10"	May	Violet-Blue	Sun	
Astilbe chinensis 'Pumila'	12"	June-July	Soft Pink	Shade	
Astilbe simplicifolia 'Sprite'	12"	June-July	Bright Pink	Shade	
Aubretia deltoide	3"	May	Rose-Purple	Sun/Part Sun	
Aurinia saxatilis	6"	May	Bright Yellow	Sun/Part Sun	
Campanula carpatica	12"	July-Aug.	Violet Blue	Sun/Part Sun	



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Campanula garganica	2"	June-July	Dark Violet	Sun/Part Sun
Dianthus various but stay away from tender Carnations	12"	June-July	Pink Shades	Sun
Draba sp.	4"	May	Yellows/Whites	Sun
Iberis	8-12"	May	White	Sun/Part Sun
Penstemon sp.	8-24"	June-July	Yellows Mauves/Reds	Sun
Phlox subulata	4"	May-June	Pinks/Reds/ Blue/White	Sun/Part Sun
Pulsatilla vulgaris	18"	May	Mauve	Sun/Part Sun
Saponaria ocymoides	6"	May	Rose Purple	Sun/Part Sun
Saxifraga sp.	3-4"	May-June	White/Pinks/Reds	Part Shade/Sun
Sedum sp.	3-4"	May-June	White/Pinks/Reds	Sun/Part Sun
Sempervivum sp.	3-4"	May-June	Pinks	Sun
Tiarella sp.	12-18"	May-June	White/Pinks	Shade
Trillium sp.	6-18"	May	White/Reds/Yellow	Shade
Veronica sp.	12-18"	June-July	Pinks/Purple	Sun/Part Sun
Viola sp.	6-12"	May	Blues/Purples Part Shade/Shade	

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