



The Dahlias

The pick of this summer's flowers!

They are showy perennials, valued for their massive variety of brightly coloured flowers, which bloom from mid-summer to autumn, when many other plants are past their best.

Very effective visually in massed plantings, their flowers are also ideal for cutting.

A genus of 20 species of half hardy tuberous plants derived from 3 Mexican species, their height varies

between 24 inches to 4 ft (60 cm-1.2m). Single, Anemone, Ball, Cactus or semi-cactus, Collerette, Decorative, Pompon are the names used to describe their flower shape.

They fare best in well-drained soil, in the sun. In frost prone climates, you must lift and store the tubers each autumn. Replant mid-April. Taller varieties might need staking and watch out for earwigs who might visit them.

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