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MY DREAM GARDEN



Our 'real' gardens, where we work from spring to autumn maintaining and trying to keep looking as perfect as possible, may be a lot different than our dream gardens; mine is!

In my 'dream' garden everything that I don't like to deal with would not exist or be an issue, especially weeds! Some favorites that I have a tough time growing in our summer droughts, heat or humidity would grow perfectly. My garden would have only beneficial insects: lady bugs, bees, butterflies, etc., no Japanese beetles or green horn caterpillars munching away. Bluebirds, finches, robins, swallows, chickadees, etc. would be happily, singing, nesting and flitting about grabbing any errant intruders.



It would begin flowering in the sunny warmth of early spring with daffodils and other ephemerals and continue with a succession of native and favorite annuals, perennials, flowering shrubs and trees through late autumn. Daylily blossoms would last longer than a day! Nothing would ever droop in the excessive heat and droughts or humid days of late July and August for such weather concerns would not exist. All would continue to happily blossom – with sweet scents carried on gentle breezes.



I would relax and enjoy the sights of my garden on a bench beneath a towering maple tree that would create shade for plantings of hostas, astilbes, ferns, heucheras, etc., providing a variety of color and texture. All the spent blossoms would miraculously disappear overnight. And, each night a gentle mist would give the exact amount of moisture so watering, dragging hoses would not be needed. Finally, rabbits and deer would come to enjoy, but be very mindful of their nibbling! Ah, wouldn't this be lovely!

