



Snapdragon (*Antirrhinum majus*)

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Snapdragon is a short-lived tender perennial. It is grown as a perennial in zones 7-10, and as an annual in zones 3-6. Snapdragons have showy flowers ranging in color from pastels to bright, and some are bicolored. The flower head itself resembles the head of a dragon. Snapdragons add color to the garden and make an excellent cut flower.

Type	Tender perennial
Hardiness Zone	3 - 6 as an annual; 7 - 10 as perennial
Sun	Full sun
Bloom Time	April - mid fall
Height	6" - 3'
Spread	6" - 1'
Tolerance	Cold tolerant
Attracts	Birds, butterflies and pollinators
Additional Features	Deer resistant

Soil and Site Recommendations

- Drainage: well drained
- Soil pH: 5.5-7.0
- Type: light soil; high in organic matter
- Placement considerations: due to range in height it is multi-purpose in borders, window boxes, center of gardens, pots

Planting Recommendations

- Type: plants or seed
- When to plant: spring
- Depth of planting:
 - Plants - dig hole slightly larger than root ball, plant and cover with soil
 - Seeds - start indoors 6-10 weeks before last frost
- Mulching: not necessary
- Spacing: 6-12 inches apart
- Spread: may spread by seed dispersal



- Division/transplant tips: roots may be divided if grown as perennial

Maintenance

- Watering: medium; avoid overwatering
- Fertilization: when plants produce flowers
- Pinching/deadheading: pinch foliage when plant is 3 inches tall to encourage fullness; deadhead to prolong blooming
- Annual maintenance: remove debris

Common Problems

Disease: prone to powdery mildew, rust, root rot, anthracnose if crowded

Insects: prone to aphids

Resources

www.missouribotanicalgarden.org

<http://www.gardening.cornell.edu/homegardening/scenee139.html>

<https://ci.stcloud.mn.us/191/Bloom-Calendar>

Questions or problems: “What’s wrong with my plant” for information on garden pests and diseases:

<http://apps.extension.umn.edu/garden/diagnose/plant/>

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