

June in flowers

Seeds to sow

Continue to sow biennials & you might want to direct sow just a few more last half-hardy annuals to keep the flower season going long into autumn.

BIENNIALS

- / Icelandic poppies
- / *Daucus carota* & *D.* 'Dara'
- / *Anthriscus sylvestris* 'Ravenswing'
- / Foxgloves
- / Honesty
- / Sweet rocket (*Hesperis*)
- / Aquilegia (Technically a short-lived perennial and I do sow seed in January, but they work well as a biennial too)
- / Hollyhocks (also technically a short-lived perennial but growing as a biennial helps with rust)
- / Teasels

HALF-HARDY ANNUALS

- / Cosmos
- / Nicotiana
- / Tagetes
- / Nasturtiums
- / Sunflowers
- / Rudbeckia

Flowers to harvest

- / Roses, roses and more roses
- / The first, exquisite sweet peas
- / Peonies
- / Ammi
- / Sweet rocket (*Hesperis*)
- / Honesty (cut for drying)
- / Foxgloves
- / Wallflowers
- / Aquilegia
- / Nicotiana
- / Daucus

If you sowed hardy annuals in autumn, they are likely to start flowering in June. I have an abundance of phacelia, cornflowers, borage in June. Everywhere I look, there is something new to admire.

Other jobs for this month

- / Pinch out dahlias to encourage an abundance of long, elegant stems.
- / Plant out hardy & half-hardy annuals sown under glass when they big enough.
- / Keep cutting flowers. The more you cut, the more they bloom. Feed roses.
- / Take softwood cuttings.