

Poinsettia Cultivars Recommended For the Northern and Southern U.S. - 2002

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These poinsettia cultivars are recommended for growers to consider when selecting cultivars. The recommendations are based on university trials and observations of commercial crops. Primarily this list includes cultivars that we have grown at least two years. The cultivars listed, as worth watching are the new ones that performed well in the Fall 2001 trials. The best cultivar for an individual grower varies with location, production practices and markets. There are other poinsettia cultivars not listed that can be grown successfully when the grower is very familiar with the cultivar and can provide the required culture for that cultivar. Large growers are those that are supplying mass-market retailers. Specialty growers are those that are supplying other retail markets and desire to produce a differentiated product. It is also important to remember that growing the plants in different forms and containers can also differentiate many of the cultivars listed for large growers.

Category/ Preference	South		North	
Early Dark Leaf -Red	Large growers	Specialty growers	Large growers	Specialty growers
Good bet	Freedom Red Orion Red	Freedom Red Galaxy Red Orion Red	Festival Red Freedom Red Orion Red Pepride Red	Festival Red Freedom Red Orion Red Pepride Red
Okay	Festival Red Pepride Red Royal Red Red Elf Early Joy Red	Festival Red Pepride Red Royal Red Red Elf Early Joy Red	Galaxy Red Red Angel Royal Red Early Joy Red	Galaxy Red Red Angel Royal Red Early Joy Red
Worth watching	Eternity Red Christmas Dream Gala Red Ecke 1-99 Premium Red Red Angel	Eternity Red Christmas Dream Gala Red Ecke 1-99 Red Angel	Eternity Red	Christmas Dream Ecke 1-99 Eternity Red Premium Red
Midseason Dark Leaf - Red				
Good bet	Delayed early cultivars Prestige	Delayed early cultivars Red Velvet	Delayed early cultivars Prestige	Delayed early cultivars Prestige
Okay	Bright Red Freedom Cortez Red	Cortez Fire Cortez Red	Bright Red Sails Cortez Fire	Bright Red Sails Cortez Fire

	Cortez Fire Malibu Red Red Velvet	Max Red Prestige Sonora Dark Red Sonora Fire Sonora Red	Cortez Red Malibu Red Red Velvet Sonora Red	Cortez Red Red Velvet
Worth watching	Christmas Season	Christmas Season		
Midseason Green Leaf - Red				
Good bet		Nutcracker Red Peterstar Red Christmas Cookie		Nutcracker Red Peterstar Red Petoy Red
Okay	Candle Light Christmas Cookie Nutcracker Red Peterstar Red	Red Satin Candle Light	Nutcracker Red Peterstar Red	Red Satin Christmas Bells
Worth watching				
Late Season Red				
Good bet	Delayed early cultivars Success Red	Delayed early cultivars Success Red	Delayed early cultivars Success Red	Delayed early cultivars Success Red
Okay	Victory Red	Victory Red	Victory Red	Victory Red
Worth watching	Red Diamond	Red Diamond		
Rose				
Good bet	Freedom Rose	Freedom Rose	Freedom Rose	Freedom Rose
Okay	Cortez Hot Pink Sonora Hot Pink	Cortez Hot Pink Sonora Hot Pink	Cortez Hot Pink Sonora Hot Pink	Cortez Hot Pink Sonora Hot Pink
Worth watching			Festival Rose	Festival Rose
White				
Good bet	Freedom White	Peterstar White Snowcap Whitestar White Christmas	Snowcap White Christmas Whitestar	Snowcap White Christmas Whitestar
Okay	Sonora White Pepride White Peterstar White Whitestar	Nutcracker White Pepride White Sonora White Santa Claus White		Nutcracker White Peterstar White Santa Claus White

	White Christmas			
Worth watching	Malibu White Elegance White Pepride White			

Pink				
Good bet	Freedom Pink Pepride Pink	Maren Nutcracker Pink Success Light Pink	Maren	Maren Nutcracker Pink Nutcracker Salmonstar Peterstar Pink Success Light Pink
Okay	Maren Nutcracker Pink Sonora Pink Early Joy Pink	Flirt Pepride Pink Peterstar Pink Santa Claus Pink Early Joy Pink	Sonora Pink Pepride Pink Early Joy Pink	Pepride Pink Santa Claus Pink Early Joy Pink
Worth watching	Freedom Bright Pink Malibu Pink Elegance Pink	Freedom Bright Pink	Winterfest Pink	Winterfest Pink
Marble				
Good bet		Marblestar Santa Claus Marble	Marblestar Santa Claus Marble	Marblestar Santa Claus Marble
Okay	Freedom Marble Marblestar Pepride Marble Sonora Marble Cortez Marble Santa Claus Marble	Pepride Marble Peterstar Marble Puebla	Cortez Marble	Cortez Marble Peterstar Marble
Worth watching				
Jingle Bells				
Good bet	Jingle Bells 4.0	Sonora Jingle	Freedom Jingle Bells Sonora Jingle	Freedom Jingle Bells Sonora Jingle
Okay	Freedom Jingle Bells Sonora Jingle Cortez Jingle	Peterstar Jingle Bells Jingle Bells 4.0	Jingle Bells 4.0	Jingle Bells 4.0
Worth watching	Sonora White Glitter	Sonora White Glitter	Sonora White Glitter	Sonora White Glitter

Novelty				
Good bet	Amazone Peppermint Champagne Cranberry Punch Winter Rose Pink Winter Rose Jingle Bells	Amazone Peppermint Cranberry Punch Monet Twilight Plum Pudding Success Coral Winter Rose Jingle Bells Winter Rose Pink	Amazone Peppermint Champagne Cranberry Punch Winter Rose Jingle Bells Winter Rose Pink	Cranberry Punch Monet Twilight Plum Pudding Winter Rose Jingle Bells Winter Rose Pink
Okay	Monet Twilight Plum Pudding Jester Jingle Success Coral Freedom Salmon	Noblestar Champagne Christmas Candy Freedom Salmon	Monet Twilight Plum Pudding	Christmas Candy Jester Jingle Peterstar Orange Success Coral
Worth watching	Da Vinci Cortez Burgundy	Da Vinci Cortez Burgundy Strawberries and Cream Champagne Punch Strawberry Punch Snowberry Punch	Cortez Burgundy Da Vinci	Cortez Burgundy Da Vinci Strawberries N Cream
Novelty Red				
Good bet	Winter Rose Dark Red	Carousel Pizarro Winter Rose Dark Red	Winter Rose Dark Red	Winter Rose Dark Red
Okay	Carousel Pizarro		Carousel (smaller pot)	Carousel (smaller pot)
Worth watching	Jester Red Freedom Fireworks Redberry Punch 32-2000	Jester Red Freedom Fireworks Redberry Punch 32-2000	Freedom Fireworks 32-2000	Freedom Fireworks Jester Red 32-2000
Variegated Foliage				
Good bet		Heirloom Peach Holly Point Silverstar Red	Heirloom Peach Holly Point Silverstar Red Silverstar White	Heirloom Peach Holly Point Silverstar Red Silverstar White
Okay	Holly Point Silverstar Red	Peterstar Silverbells Silverstar White		

		Silverstar Pink Heirloom Pink Heirloom Red		
Worth watching	Silverstar Marble	Silverstar Marble	Silverstar Marble	Silverstar Marble