

Poinsettia Cultivars Recommended For the Northern and Southern U.S. - 2000

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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 '99 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 | |
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| Early Dark Leaf -Red | Large growers | Specialty growers | Large growers | Specialty growers |
| Good bet | Festival Red Freedom Red Orion Red Pepride Red | Festival Red Freedom Red Galaxy Red Orion Red Pepride Red | Festival Red Freedom Red Orion Red Pepride Red | Festival Red Freedom Red Orion Red Pepride Red |
| Okay | Nova HD Red | | | |
| Worth watching | Deluxe Red | Deluxe Red | Red Angel Royal Red | Red Angel Royal Red |
| Midseason Dark Leaf -Red | | | | |
| Good bet | Delayed Festival Red Delayed Freedom Red Delayed Orion Red | Delayed Festival Red Delayed Freedom Red Delayed Orion Red Sonora Red | Bright Red Freedom Delayed Festival Red Delayed Freedom Red Delayed Orion Red | Bright Red Freedom Delayed Festival Red Delayed Freedom Red Delayed Orion Red |
| Okay | Bright Red Freedom Red Velvet Spotlight Dark Red | Red Velvet | Cortez Red Malibu Red Red Velvet Sonora Red Spotlight Dark Red | Cortez Red Red Velvet |
| Worth watching | Christmas Eve Liberty Bright Red | Christmas Eve Liberty Bright Red Pizarro | | |

| Midseason Green Leaf - Red | | | | |
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| Good bet | None | Nutcracker Red Peterstar Red Silverstar Red | None | Nutcracker Red Peterstar Red Petoy Red Red Satin Silverstar Red |
| Okay | None | Red Satin V-17 Angelika Red | Nutcracker Red Peterstar Red | |
| Worth watching | | Heirloom Red Santa Claus | | |
| Late Season Red | | | | |
| Good bet | Delayed Festival Red Delayed Freedom Red Delayed Orion Red Success Red | Delayed Festival Red Delayed Freedom Red Delayed Orion Red Success Red | Delayed Festival Red Delayed Freedom Red Delayed Orion Red Red Splendor Success Red | Delayed Festival Red Delayed Freedom Red Delayed Orion Red Red Splendor Success Red |
| Okay | Victory Red | Victory Red | | |
| Worth watching | | | | |
| Rose | | | | |
| Good bet | Freedom Rose | Freedom Rose | Freedom Rose | Freedom Rose |
| Okay | Sonora Hot Pink | Sonora Hot Pink | Cortez Hot Pink Sonora Hot Pink | Cortez Hot Pink Sonora Hot Pink |
| Worth watching | Festival Rose | Festival Rose | Festival Rose | Festival Rose |
| White | | | | |
| Good bet | Freedom White | Peterstar White Whitestar | Sonora White Whitestar | Snowcap Whitestar |
| Okay | Sonora White | Nutcracker White Snowcap Sonora White V-17 Angelica White | | Nutcracker White Peterstar White |
| Worth watching | | White Christmas | White Christmas | White Christmas |

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| Pink | | | | |
| Good bet | Freedom Pink Pepride Pink | Maren Nutmacker Pink Nutmacker Salmonstar Success Light Pink | Maren Pepride Pink | Maren Nutmacker Pink Nutmacker Salmonstar Peterstar Pink Success Pink |
| Okay | Sonora Pink Success Pink | Heirloom Pink Pepride Pink Peterstar Pink Success Pink | Sonora Pink | Success Light Pink |
| Worth watching | Coco Hot Pink Liberty Bright Pink | Coco Hot Pink Heirloom Peach | Coco Hot Pink | Coco Hot Pink Heirloom Peach |
| Marble | | | | |
| Good bet | | Marblestar | Marblestar | Marblestar |
| Okay | Freedom Marble Sonora Marble | Peterstar Silverbells | | |
| Worth watching | Pepride Marble | Pepride Marble | | |
| Jingle Bells | | | | |
| Good bet | Freedom Jingle Bells | Sonora Jingle | Sonora Jingle | Sonora Jingle |
| Okay | Sonora Jingle | Jingle Bells 3 Peterstar Jingle Bells | Freedom Jingle Bells | Freedom Jingle Bells |
| Novelty | | | | |
| Good bet | Cranberry Punch Success Coral Winter Rose Dark Red | Cranberry Punch Monet Twilight Success Coral Winter Rose Dark Red | Cranberry Punch Winter Rose Dark Red | Cranberry Punch Monet Twilight Red Baron Winter Rose Dark Red |
| Okay | | Monet Red Baron | | |
| Worth watching | Carousel Spotlight Apricot Winter Rose Pink Pink Peppermint Improved (54-97) | Carousel Spotlight Apricot Winter Rose Pink Plum Pudding (113-99) Holly Point (5-89) Pink Peppermint Improved (54-97) | Carousel Winter Rose Pink | Carousel Goldstar Pink Success Coral Winter Rose Pink Holly Point (5-89) |