

Do It Yourself Garden Projects

BLACK GOLD®

10 Hot Flowering House Plants (You've probably never heard of)

Looking for blazing hot house plants with amazing flowers? Check out these under-appreciated blooming wonders! Most of these beauties grow best in warm homes with moderate humidity.



JESSIE KEITH

Sun Gro Horticulture Gardening Expert



1: The drooping fuzzy caterpillar blooms of chenille plant appear throughout the year. Give this cascading plant partial sun, average moisture and slow-release fertilizer.



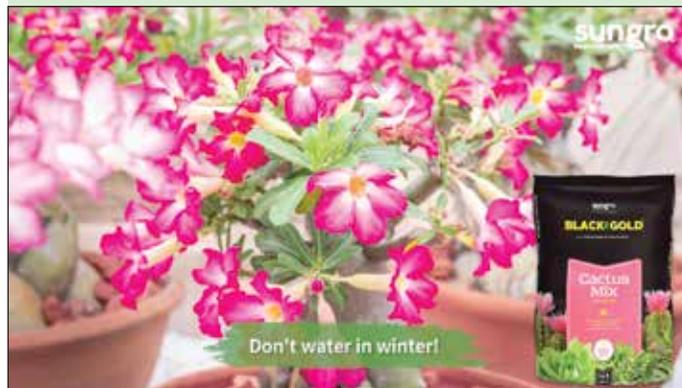
2: Great for hanging baskets!



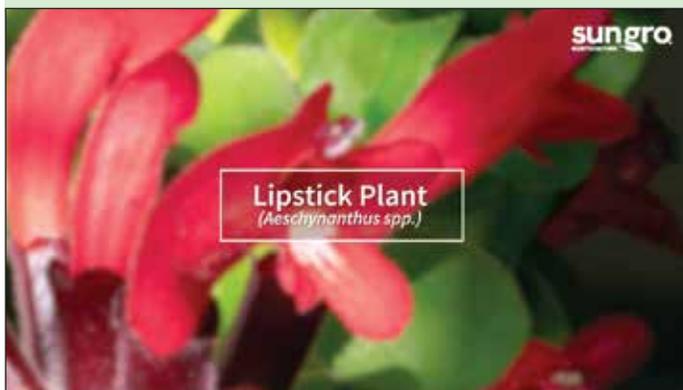
3: This succulent desert tropical has a bulbous trunk-like base and brilliant red, pink, and/or white flowers that decorate the branches from late winter to fall. Grow desert rose in bright indoor sun and provide fast-draining soil, light water, and monthly fertilizer.



4: Don't water in winter!



5: Lipstick plant is a pretty cascader perfect for hanging baskets. Grow it in a bright window and it will bear lots of lipstick-red flowers. It prefers bright filtered sunlight, even soil moisture, and slow-release fertilizer.



6: Bring outdoors in summer and hummingbirds will visit its flowers.



7: Parlor maples are old-fashioned house plants for sunny indoor spots, but the striking striped flowers of 'Red Tiger' really stand out. Grow these in sunny rooms and pots of rich, evenly moist garden soil. Fertilize twice monthly.



8: Pick off old blooms to keep new coming!



9: The remarkable slipper-like flowers of this small house plant come in vibrant shades of orange, red, and gold. Provide it with morning sun and grow it in organic-rich soil that's evenly moist. Fertilize monthly.



10: Grow these delicate plants in small, well-drained pots.



11: This shade-loving spreading house plant has gorgeous silver and green leaves and scarlet flowers that bloom from spring to fall. Give it bright filtered light, evenly moist soil, and slow-release fertilizer.



12: Great for hanging baskets!



13: The flowers of Mexican scarlet plume look like streamers of orange red and appear in winter. It grows best in bright light, fertile soil with good drainage, and monthly fertilizer.



14: Lightly prune after flowering.



15: The bright orange-red winter flowers of this lovely house plant stand out against its deep green leaves. Give it semi-shade, slow-release fertilizer and moist, well-drained soil that's high in organic matter.



16: Bottom water plants from a saucer.



17: These little-known African violet relatives have some of the prettiest tubular flowers of orange, red, pink and white. Grow in semi-shade, evenly moist soil, and provide slow-release fertilizer.



18: Bottom water plants from a saucer.



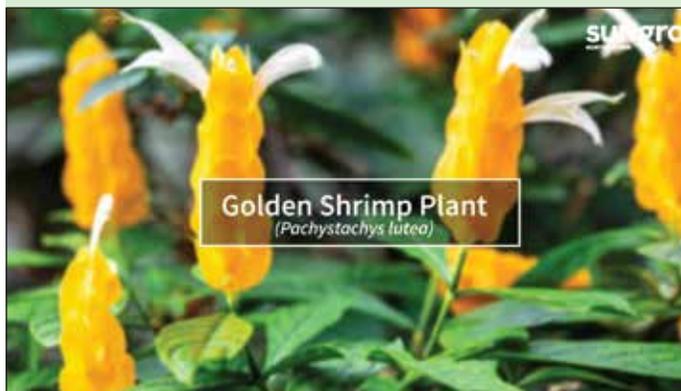
19: The numerous pinkish bell-shaped blossoms of this hanging succulent make it well worth growing. It blooms in late winter or spring. Give it well drained soil, high sunlight, and moderate to low water. Grow it in a tall pot or hanging basket.



20: Water little during the winter!



21: The bushy golden shrimp plant has candles of yellow and white flowers that bloom intermittently year round. Grow it in partial sun, and plant in rich, evenly moist garden soil. Fertilize twice monthly.



22: Lightly prune to keep compact.



23: You'll never miss summer with a home full of hot flowers!
Happy Gardening!



Visit **blackgold.bz**



We also offer free horticultural advice through our Ask a Garden Expert support service.

Learn more and discover expert how-to gardening videos, articles, exciting monthly garden giveaways and our \$3.00 rebate.

