



## 13 Plant Species That Flourish in Low-Quality Soil

### Description

Many plant labels suggest that plants need nutrient-rich, well-draining soil to thrive. However, there are many plants that can flourish in poor-quality soil. Kelly Norris, a horticulturist, explains that plants grow all over the world in various soil types. Understanding the soil in your garden is crucial to selecting plants that will thrive. Below are some plants that can grow well in poor-quality soil:

1. Bee Balm:

- Zones: 3 to 9
- Mature Size: 10 to 48 inches tall x 10 to 36 inches wide
- Care Requirements: Partial to full sun

2. Bluestar:

- Zones: 3 to 11
- Mature Size: 2 to 3 feet tall and wide
- Care Requirements: Partial shade to full sun; chalky, clay, sandy, or loamy soil

3. Butterfly Weed:

- Zones: 3 to 9
- Mature Size: 1 to 2 feet tall x 1 to 1.5 feet wide
- Care Requirements: Full sun

4. Common Yarrow:

- Zones: 3 to 9
- Mature Size: 2 to 3 feet tall x 1.5 to 2 feet wide
- Care Requirements: Full sun to part shade, loamy or sandy soil

5. Daylily:

- Zones: 3 to 10
- Mature Size: 6 inches to 5 feet tall x 2 to 4 feet wide
- Care Requirements: Prefers full sun but can tolerate partial shade; can grow in sandy or clay soil

These plants, along with others like False Indigo, Goldenrod, and Lavender, can thrive in poor-quality soil and still add beauty to your garden. So, even if your soil is not ideal, there are plenty of plant options that can flourish and bring life to your outdoor space.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Thrive** // (verb): To grow or develop well to prosper.
2. **Flourish** // (verb): To grow or develop in a healthy or vigorous way.
3. **Horticulturist** // (noun): An expert in garden cultivation and management.
4. **Crucial** // (adjective): Extremely important or necessary.
5. **Loomy** // (adjective): Containing or characterized by loam rich and fertile.
6. **Transplant** // (verb): To move a plant from one place to another.

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Which word means full of energetic and noisy activity?

Option: Bustling

Option: Elusive

Option: Influence

Option: Transplant

2. Which word means the capacity to have an effect on the character development or behavior of someone or something?

Option: Mysterious



- Option: Profitable
- Option: Influence
- Option: Thriving

3. Which word means to reveal or expose something that was hidden?

- Option: Unique
- Option: Thrive
- Option: Uncover
- Option: Loomy

4. Which word means growing or developing well or vigorously?

- Option: Loomy
- Option: Thrive
- Option: Flourish
- Option: Thriving

5. Which word means producing a great deal of profit?

- Option: Lucrative
- Option: Certification
- Option: Admission
- Option: Observers

6. Which word means stretched over a period of time?

- Option: Debris
- Option: Profitable
- Option: Amassed
- Option: Spanned

7. Which word means critical observation or examination?

- Option: Capitalize
- Option: Amassed
- Option: Scrutiny
- Option: Liftoff

8. Which word means the process or fact of entering or being allowed to enter a place or organization?

- Option: Admission
- Option: Mysterious
- Option: Unique
- Option: Thriving

9. Which word refers to people who are trained to travel in space?

- Option: Loomy
- Option: Risk



- Option: Discovery
- Option: Astronauts

10. Which word means a strong desire to know or learn something?

- Option: Curiosity
- Option: Rarity
- Option: Influence
- Option: Capitalize

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

- 11. With proper care the garden began to \_\_\_\_\_ showcasing vibrant blooms.
- 12. Effective communication is \_\_\_\_\_ in maintaining healthy relationships.
- 13. The explorer set out to \_\_\_\_\_ new lands beyond the known territories.
- 14. Despite the unexpected obstacles the team \_\_\_\_\_ upon a rare artifact.
- 15. After implementing cost-saving measures the business became more \_\_\_\_\_.
- 16. Over the years the collector \_\_\_\_\_ a remarkable collection of vintage cars.
- 17. In the favorable climate the plant started to \_\_\_\_\_ and produce abundant fruit.
- 18. The shy creature remained \_\_\_\_\_ making it difficult to capture a clear photograph.
- 19. The skilled \_\_\_\_\_ carefully selected plants to create a beautiful landscape design.
- 20. The mentor's guidance had a profound \_\_\_\_\_ on the student's career choices.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The abandoned house at the end of the street had a reputation for being haunted.
22. The artist's style was one-of-a-kind unlike anything seen before.
23. The gemstone was a rare find considered a valuable collectible due to its scarcity.
24. The dark clouds gathered overhead hinting at an impending storm.



25. Successful entrepreneurs know how to make the most of opportunities presented to them.
26. The delicate flower needed to be moved to a larger pot to support its growth.
27. The archeologists made an incredible unearthing ancient artifacts buried for centuries.
28. After the storm passed the beach was littered with broken branches and scattered possessions.
29. The wildlife reserve attracted many who came to study and admire the diverse species.
30. To pursue a career in education teachers often need to obtain proper .

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Bustling 2. Influence 3. Uncover 4. Thriving 5. Lucrative 6. Spanned 7. Scrutiny 8. Admission 9. Astronauts 10. Curiosity

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Flourish 12. Crucial 13. Discover 14. Stumbled 15. Profitable 16. Amassed 17. Thrive 18. Elusive 19. Horticulturist 20. Influence

**Matching sentence:** 1. Mysterious 2. Unique 3. Rarity 4. Loomy 5. Capitalize 6. Transplant 7. Discovery 8. Debris 9. Observers 10. Certification

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