

Calorie free chocolate for chocolate week and gardening inspiration (and yes, you can eat chocolate whilst you're reading this!)

These are loosely categorised as chocolate coloured or scented flowers and then chocolate coloured or scented foliage as being the easiest way for you to initially find ideas.

I haven't included all chocolate coloured, ie brown and bronze, foliage plants as there are a fair few!

There are more details on many of these plants, plus planting ideas in the Plews Potting Shed blog – see links at the end.

Where there is an asterix * the plant is semi-tender; two ** then it is tender, or a house plant. That is, these plants will not be hardy over winter in a temperate climate and will need protection.

Enjoy!
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Chocolate Coloured Flowers

Dahlia 'Karma choc' *
Dahlia 'Chocolate sundae' *
Delphinium elatum 'Kissed by chocolate'
Helianthus annuus 'Chocolat', chocolate sunflower
Hemerocallis 'Sweet hot chocolate', Day Lily
Viola 'Velour frosted chocolate'



Chocolate Scented Flowers

Akebia quinata, chocolate vine
Berlandiera lyrata, chocolate daisy, chocolate flower *
Calycanthus floridus, Carolina allspice, sweetshrub, spice bush
Cosmos astrosanguineus 'chocca-mocca', chocolate Cosmos *
Oncidium Sharry baby, chocolate Orchid **
Rosa 'hot cocoa', 'Rosa 'hot chocolate'

Chocolate Coloured Foliage Plants

Ajuga reptans 'Chocolate chip'
Carex comans 'Milk Chocolate', chocolate Sedge
Coleus 'Chocolate mint', Solenostemon scutellarioides, Plectranthus scutellaroidoides *
Coleus 'Dark Chocolate', Solenostemon scutellarioides, Plectranthus scutellaroidoides *
Eucomis 'Klein Chocolate', pineapple lily *
Eupatorium rugosum 'chocolate', white snakeroot, boneset.
Heuchera micrantha 'Chocolate ruffles', coral bells
Heuchera x villosa 'mocha', coral bells

Chocolate Scented Foliage

Mentha x piperita citrate 'chocolate', chocolate mint
Pelargonium tomentosum 'chocolate mint', Chocolate mint scented Pelargonium *. **

Plews Potting Shed blogs for more information and inspiration –

What is a Chocolate Garden?

A Chocolate Garden - Planting Design Inspiration

There are articles in Plews Potting Shed on a range of gardening topics including:

Growing methods for edible gardening – crop rotation, square foot gardening, etc
Practical gardening advice and tips – pruning, weeds, propagation, etc
Garden design and Planting design ideas – pet friendly gardens, front gardens, etc
Growing fruit, vegetables and salads – both 'how to' tips, a bit of history and fun facts
Garden visits and garden shows
Plant focus – in depth look at a particular plant either edible or ornamental

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Happy Gardening! Marie Shallcross



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