



# Beauty in the backyard

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Nothing about them is exotic and that in itself is part of their beauty, their contribution to softening the edge of this summer of our discontent.

The garden-variety backyard flower. In full bloom.

The growth antics of the Morning Glory and it's here-now-and-gone-forever bloom. Indeed, you must catch them in the morning. The stateliness of the tall growing Canna plants with their explosive red flower at the peak. And the low lying hostas, seeking the shade of almost anything, spreading leaf upon leaf in geometric orderliness. All within a short walk or, for the bumble bee, a short flight.

For many of us they are as near as a stroll through the backyard, or perhaps a friend's garden. And now, in the dog days of late August is when they are at their fullest and finest.

There is plenty in the news to inform and irritate right now. So we offer a respite, an uncomplicated stroll through the flowers in the backyard. Enjoy.

