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Gaillardia spp., also known as blanket flower, are brightly colored flowers in the family Asteraceae (sunflower) that includes annuals, biennials, and perennials that are native to the Americas. The first species was described in 1788 by French naturalist Antoine Rene Gaillard de Charentonneau, the namesake of the genus. Flowers are attractive to pollinators and blooms may be enjoyed from spring to fall. Blanket flower requires good drainage, since root rot may be a problem if soil conditions are too wet, full sun, and is drought tolerant once established. Deadheading encourages repeat blooming. Approximately 25 to 30 species exist, with many varieties that differ in their hardiness and flower appearance. Grows as an annual or short-lived perennial, depending on species.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>JUNE</p> <p>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT</p> <p>1 2 3</p> <p>4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p> <p>11 12 13 14 15 16 17</p> <p>18 19 20 21 22 23 24</p> <p>25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	<p>AUGUST</p> <p>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5</p> <p>6 7 8 9 10 11 12</p> <p>13 14 15 16 17 18 19</p> <p>20 21 22 23 24 25 26</p> <p>27 28 29 30 31</p>					<p>1 Sunrise 5:15 Sunset 8:28</p> <p>Asian longhorned beetle adults are active. Report: 508-852-8090.</p>
<p>2 Sunrise 5:15 Sunset 8:27</p> <p>Trim late season perennials, such as aster, for more compact plants.</p>	<p>3 Sunrise 5:16 Sunset 8:27 ● Full Moon</p> <p>If using grub control containing imidacloprid, apply this month.</p>	<p>4 Sunrise 5:16 Sunset 8:27 Independence Day</p> <p>Potted plants dry rapidly outdoors. Increase watering frequency.</p>	<p>5 Sunrise 5:17 Sunset 8:27</p> <p>Wash vases thoroughly with hot, soapy water before using.</p>	<p>6 Sunrise 5:17 Sunset 8:26</p> <p>Scout for bagworm caterpillars feeding on susceptible trees and shrubs.</p>	<p>7 Sunrise 5:18 Sunset 8:26</p> <p>Harvest garlic when the lower third of leaves turn yellow/brown.</p>	<p>8 Sunrise 5:19 Sunset 8:26</p> <p>Goosegrass is more prevalent in compacted soils.</p>
<p>9 Sunrise 5:19 Sunset 8:25 ⊕ Last Quarter Moon</p> <p>Look for insect and disease pests in the vegetable garden.</p>	<p>10 Sunrise 5:20 Sunset 8:25</p> <p>Geranium roots rot easily in wet soil.</p>	<p>11 Sunrise 5:21 Sunset 8:24</p> <p>Bank soil around leeks to keep stems white.</p>	<p>12 Sunrise 5:22 Sunset 8:24</p> <p>Sow a second crop of summer squash and cucumbers.</p>	<p>13 Sunrise 5:22 Sunset 8:23</p> <p>Dig potatoes as soon as leafy stems die.</p>	<p>14 Sunrise 5:23 Sunset 8:23</p> <p>Prune dead branches from trees and shrubs.</p>	<p>15 Sunrise 5:24 Sunset 8:22</p> <p>Blueberries develop their full flavor about a week after turning blue.</p>
<p>16 Sunrise 5:25 Sunset 8:21</p> <p>Check houseplants moved outdoors for insects or diseases.</p>	<p>17 Sunrise 5:26 Sunset 8:21 ○ New Moon</p> <p>Overcrowding or too much shade may cause powdery mildew on beebalm.</p>	<p>18 Sunrise 5:27 Sunset 8:20</p> <p>Remove water sprouts from the base of trees with hand pruners.</p>	<p>19 Sunrise 5:27 Sunset 8:19</p> <p>Pick zucchini at about 4 inches long for tenderness and flavor.</p>	<p>20 Sunrise 5:28 Sunset 8:19</p> <p>Apply irrigation to the root zone of plants.</p>	<p>21 Sunrise 5:29 Sunset 8:18</p> <p>Cut and air-dry strawflower, lavender, and cornflower for arrangements.</p>	<p>22 Sunrise 5:30 Sunset 8:17</p> <p>Mid-summer is a good time to assess exactly how much sun plants receive.</p>
<p>23 Sunrise 5:31 Sunset 8:16</p> <p>Take a hiatus from mowing drought dormant lawns.</p>	<p>24 Sunrise 5:32 Sunset 8:15</p> <p>Drought is a key predisposing stress for trees and shrubs.</p>	<p>25 Sunrise 5:33 Sunset 8:14 ● First Quarter Moon</p> <p>Remove lower diseased leaves on tomatoes.</p>	<p>26 Sunrise 5:34 Sunset 8:13</p> <p>Donate surplus harvest to a local food pantry.</p>	<p>27 Sunrise 5:35 Sunset 8:12</p> <p>Give the lawnmower a midsummer tune-up.</p>	<p>28 Sunrise 5:36 Sunset 8:11</p> <p>Trim off green tops before storing carrots to avoid losing moisture.</p>	<p>29 Sunrise 5:37 Sunset 8:10</p> <p>Divide daylilies every 4 or 5 years to keep them flowering profusely.</p>
<p>30 Sunrise 5:38 Sunset 8:09</p> <p>Stake top-heavy pepper plants.</p>	<p>31 Sunrise 5:39 Sunset 8:08</p> <p>Summersweet (<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>) bears fragrant white or pink flowers.</p>					