

Using the Plant Chooser

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QUESTION

I am modeling a garden in Home Designer and noticed that not all of the plants listed in the Library Browser will grow in my area. How can I narrow down these results to only display plants that will grow in my zone?

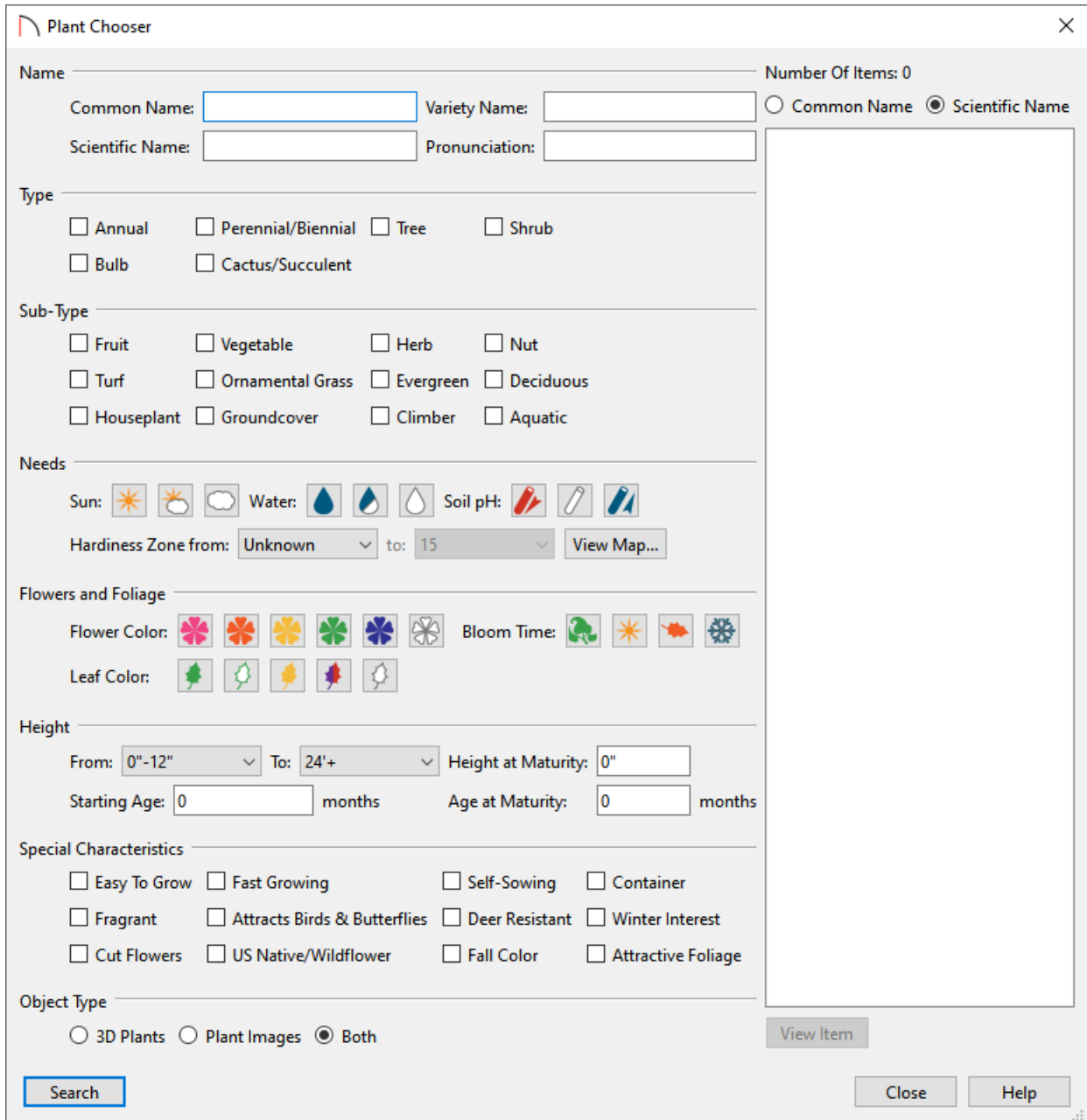


ANSWER

Narrowing down the type of plants available for your zone, by a particular flower or leaf color, bloom time, height, or type is easy to do using the Plant Chooser tool.

To use the Plant Chooser

1. Select **Terrain> Plant> Plant Chooser**  to display the **Plant Chooser** dialog.

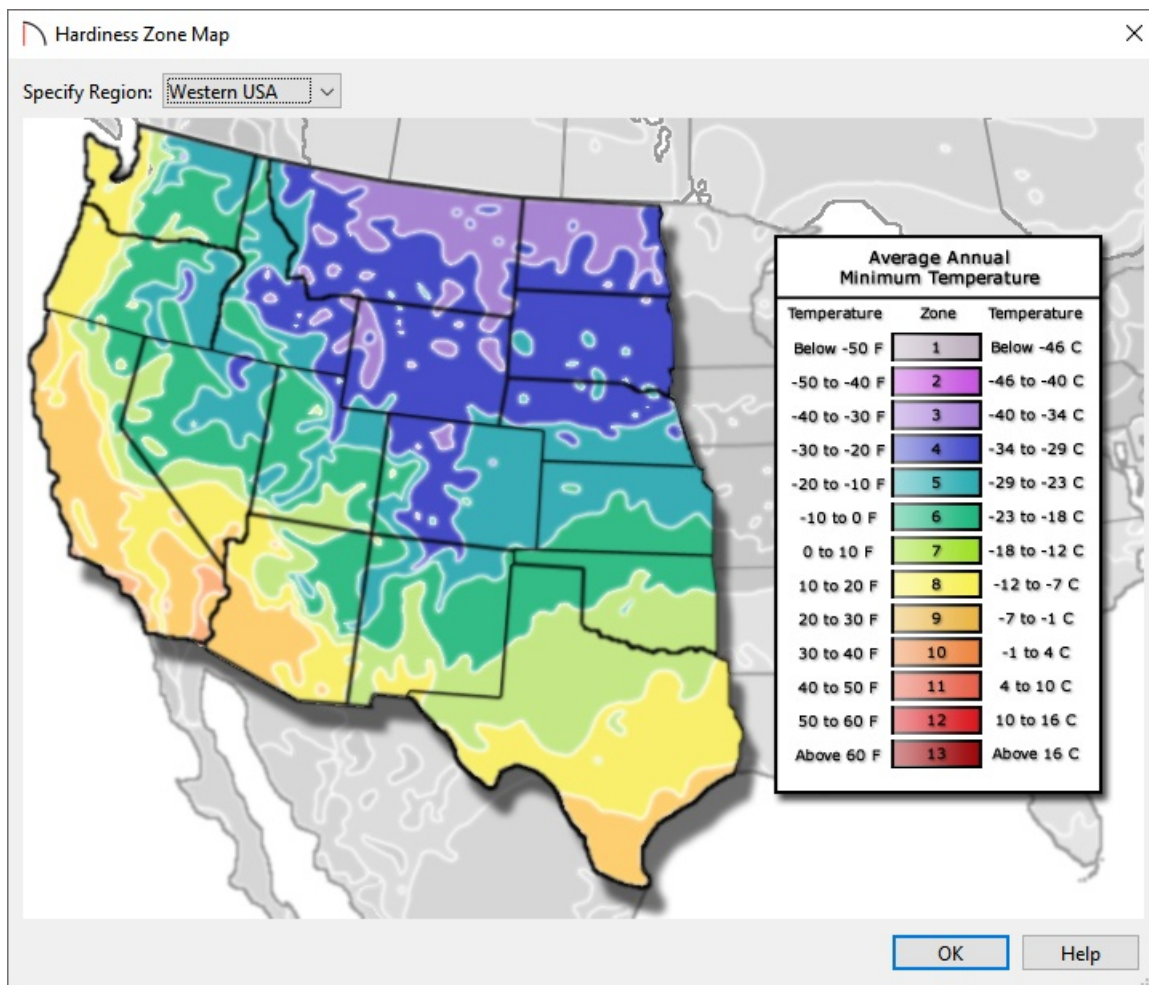


2. Here, you can search the Library for plant images and symbols that meet your chosen parameters.

You can search using any, or all, of the options in this dialog including:

- The Common Name, Scientific Name, or Variety Name for the plant. A Pronunciation field is also provided.
- The Type of plant such as Annual, Bulb, Perennial/Biennial, Cactus/Succulent, Shrub or Tree.
- The Sub-Type of plant, such as Nut, Turf, Herb, Fruit, Climber, Aquatic, Vegetable, Deciduous, Evergreen, Houseplant, Ground cover or Ornamental Grass.
- Special Needs, such as Sun, Water, Soil pH, and Hardiness Zone range.
- If you are unfamiliar with what zone you are located in, click on the **View Map** button to display the

Hardiness Zone Map and use the drop-down menu to specify your region.



- The Flower Color or Leaf Color of the plant, along with the Bloom Time.
 - Height properties.
 - Special characteristics of the plant, such as Attractive Foliage, Attracts Birds & Butterflies, Self-Sowing, Container, Cut Flowers, US Native/Wildflower, Easy to Grow, Fast Growing, Fragrant, Fall Color, Winter Interest, or Deer Resistant.
 - 3D Plants, Plant Images, or Both.
3. Once you have selected the options that you want to search for, click on the **Search** button in the bottom left corner of the dialog to display the search results on the right side of the dialog.
 4. Select a plant in the list and click on the **View Item** button to see a preview of the plant in the **Plant Information** dialog.
 5. Once you have verified that this is the plant that you want to place in your plan, click **OK** to return to the Plant Chooser dialog, select the plant, then click in your plan to place it.

