

Your Zone Changed from 4 to 5

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Below is a table of popular Zone 4 plants that you may find struggling, along with perennial alternatives that may thrive more easily in Zone 5.

Plant Type	Zone 4 Plant	Zone 5 Alternative
Flowers	Delphinium	Shasta Daisy
	Lupine (Lupinus)	Yarrow (Achillea)
	Poppies (Papaver)	Coneflower (Echinacea)
	Coral Bells (Heuchera)	Russian Sage (Perovskia)
	Columbine (Aquilegia)	Black-Eyed Susan (Rudbeckia)
Shrubs	Lilac (Syringa vulgaris)	Hydrangea (Hydrangea macrophylla)
	Spirea (Spiraea)	Butterfly Bush (Buddleja)
	Dogwood (Cornus)	Weigela
	Forsythia	Rose of Sharon (Hibiscus syriacus)
	Juniper (Juniperus)	Boxwood (Buxus)
Trees	Birch (Betula)	Japanese Maple (Acer palmatum)
	White Pine (Pinus strobus)	Red Maple (Acer rubrum)
	Norway Spruce (Picea abies)	River Birch (Betula nigra)
	Colorado Blue Spruce (Picea pungens)	Eastern Redbud (Cercis canadensis)
	Sugar Maple (Acer saccharum)	Flowering Dogwood (Cornus florida)



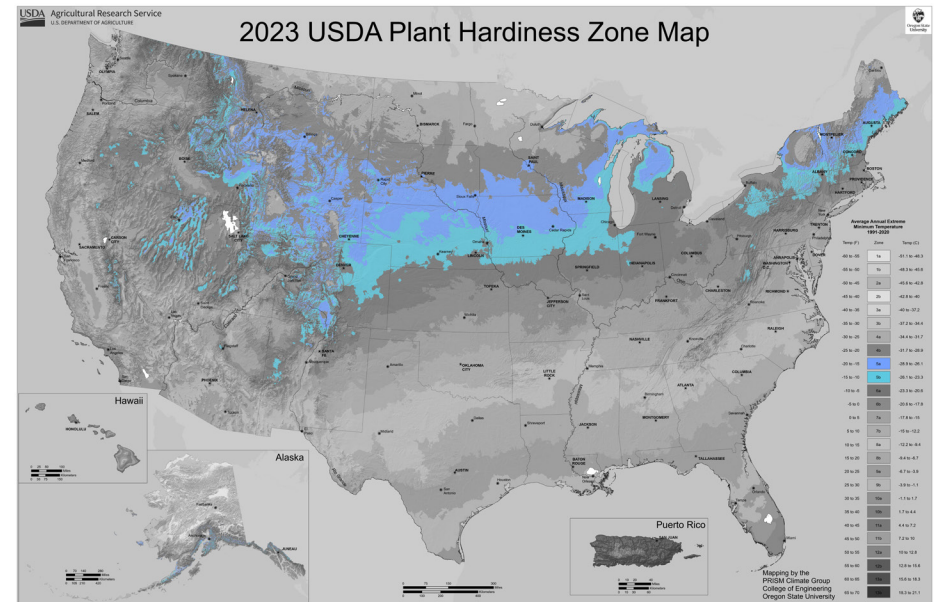
What can I do if I have zone 4 plants?

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Below is a table of popular Zone 5 plants that you may find struggling, along with perennial alternatives that may thrive more easily in Zone 6.

Plant Type	Zone 5 Plant	Zone 6 Alternative
Flowers	Astilbe	Russian Sage (Perovskia)
	Peony (Paeonia spp.)	Daylily (Hemerocallis)
	Bleeding Heart (Dicentra)	Salvia
	Siberian Iris (Iris sibirica)	Lavender (Lavandula)
	Hosta	Agapanthus
Shrubs	Lilac (Syringa vulgaris)	Crape Myrtle (Lagerstroemia)
	Spirea (Spiraea)	Azalea (Rhododendron spp. for warmer zones)
	Viburnum	Nandina (Nandina domestica)
	Hydrangea (in colder varieties)	Abelia (Abelia x grandiflora)
	Juniper (Juniperus)	Gardenia
Trees	Red Maple (Acer rubrum)	Japanese Maple (Acer palmatum)
	Sugar Maple (Acer saccharum)	Southern Magnolia (Magnolia grandiflora)
	White Pine (Pinus strobus)	Loblolly Pine (Pinus taeda)
	Norway Spruce (Picea abies)	Chaste Tree (Vitex agnus-castus)
	Birch (Betula)	Crepe Myrtle (Lagerstroemia indica)



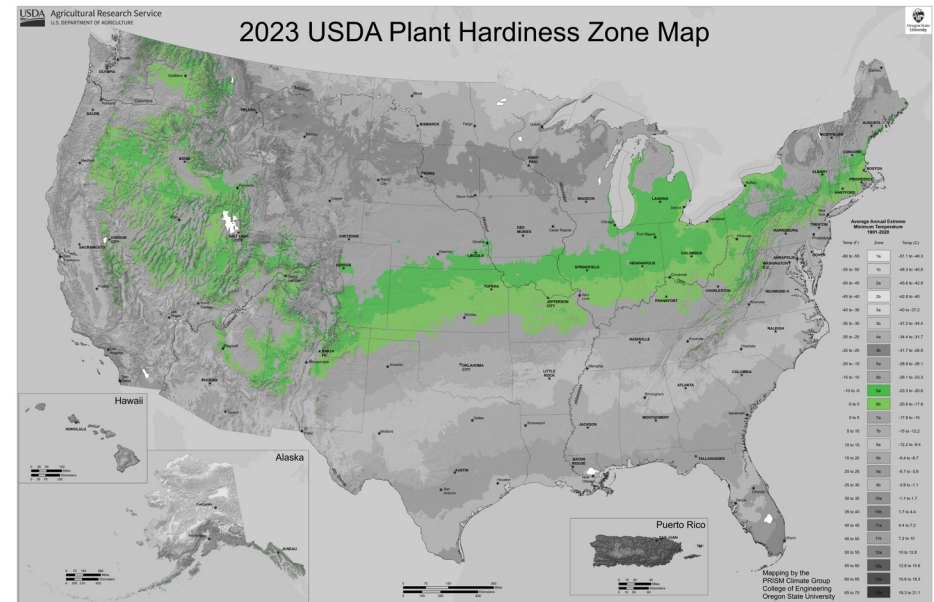
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Below is a table of popular Zone 6 plants that you may find struggling, along with perennial alternatives that may thrive more easily in Zone 7.

Plant Type	Zone 6 Plant	Zone 7 Alternative
Flowers	Peony (Paeonia spp.)	Coneflower (Echinacea)
	Siberian Iris (Iris sibirica)	Black-Eyed Susan (Rudbeckia)
	Bleeding Heart (Dicentra)	Daylily (Hemerocallis)
	Astilbe	Catmint (Nepeta)
	Lupine (Lupinus)	Salvia
Shrubs	Lilac (Syringa vulgaris)	Crape Myrtle (Lagerstroemia)
	Spirea (Spiraea)	Butterfly Bush (Buddleja)
	Hydrangea (in colder varieties)	Panicle Hydrangea (Hydrangea paniculata)
	Viburnum (in colder varieties)	Abelia (Abelia x grandiflora)
	Rhododendron (in colder varieties)	Azalea (Rhododendron spp. for warmer zones)
Trees	Paper Birch (Betula papyrifera)	River Birch (Betula nigra)
	Norway Spruce (Picea abies)	Southern Magnolia (Magnolia grandiflora)
	Colorado Blue Spruce (Picea pungens)	Eastern Redbud (Cercis canadensis)
	Sugar Maple (Acer saccharum)	Japanese Maple (Acer palmatum)
	White Pine (Pinus strobus)	Loblolly Pine (Pinus taeda)



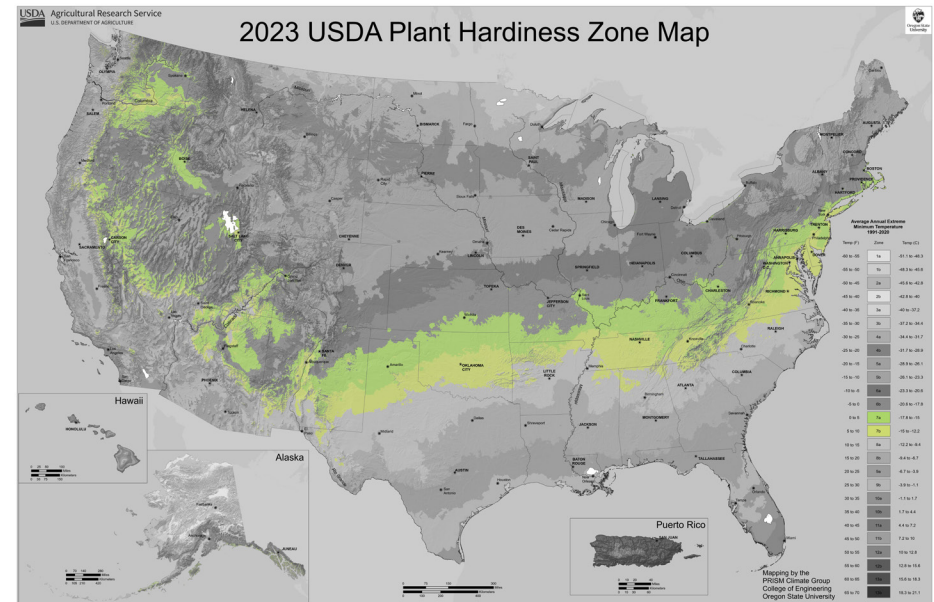
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Below is a table of popular Zone 7 plants that you may find struggling, along with perennial alternatives that may thrive more easily in Zone 8.

Plant Type	Zone 7 Plant	Zone 8 Alternative
Flowers	Delphinium	Lantana
	Lily of the Valley (Convallaria)	Daylily (Hemerocallis)
	Tulips (Tulipa)	Hardy Hibiscus (Hibiscus moscheutos)
	Peonies (Paeonia)	Black-Eyed Susan (Rudbeckia)
	Forget-Me-Not (Myosotis)	Verbena
Shrubs	Boxwood (Buxus)	Oleander (Nerium oleander)
	Rhododendron	Southern Wax Myrtle (Myrica cerifera)
	Azalea	Camellia
	Holly (Ilex)	Gardenia
	Witch Hazel (Hamamelis)	Butterfly Bush (Buddleja)
Trees	Japanese Maple (Acer palmatum)	Crape Myrtle (Lagerstroemia)
	Sourwood (Oxydendrum arboreum)	Chaste Tree (Vitex agnus-castus)
	Dogwood (Cornus)	Loquat (Eriobotrya japonica)
	Magnolia (Magnolia spp.)	Sweetbay Magnolia (Magnolia virginiana)
	Mountain Laurel (Kalmia latifolia)	Indian Hawthorn (Raphiolepis)



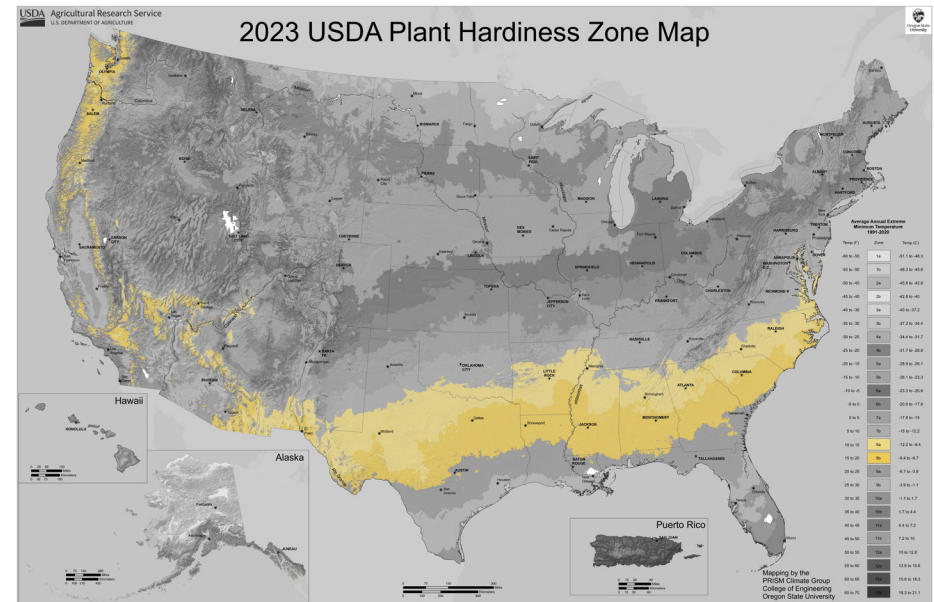
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Below is a table of popular Zone 8 plants that you may find struggling, along with perennial alternatives that may thrive more easily in Zone 9.

Plant Type	Zone 8 Plant	Zone 9 Alternative
Flowers	Black-Eyed Susan (Rudbeckia)	Lantana
	Daylily (Hemerocallis)	Bird of Paradise (Strelitzia)
	Coneflower (Echinacea)	Bougainvillea
	Russian Sage (Perovskia)	Plumbago (Plumbago auriculata)
	Shasta Daisy	Hibiscus
Shrubs	Azalea (Rhododendron spp.)	Oleander (Nerium oleander)
	Gardenia	Bottlebrush (Callistemon)
	Hydrangea	Camellia
	Butterfly Bush (Buddleja)	Duranta
	Boxwood (Buxus)	Pittosporum
Trees	Dogwood (Cornus)	Jacaranda (Jacaranda mimosifolia)
	Japanese Maple (Acer palmatum)	Queen Palm (Syagrus romanzoffiana)
	Red Maple (Acer rubrum)	Banana Tree (Musa)
	Crape Myrtle (Lagerstroemia)	Royal Poinciana (Delonix regia)
	Southern Magnolia (Magnolia grandiflora)	Mango Tree (Mangifera indica)



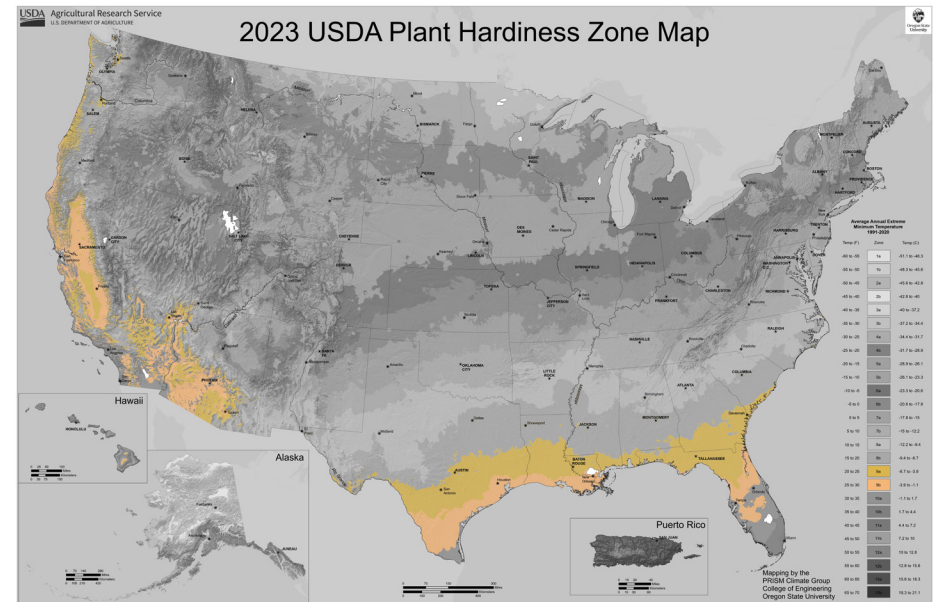
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Below is a table of popular Zone 9 plants that you may find struggling, along with perennial alternatives that may thrive more easily in Zone 10.

Plant Type	Zone 9 Plant	Zone 10 Alternative
Flowers	Lantana	Bougainvillea
	Bird of Paradise (Strelitzia)	Hibiscus
	Bougainvillea	Plumeria
	Agapanthus	Bird of Paradise (Strelitzia reginae)
	Oleander (Nerium oleander)	Orchids (various species)
Shrubs	Bottlebrush (Callistemon)	Ixora
	Gardenia	Croton (Codiaeum variegatum)
	Hibiscus	Allamanda
	Pittosporum	Clusia
	Azalea (Rhododendron spp.)	Ti Plant (Cordyline fruticosa)
Trees	Jacaranda (Jacaranda mimosifolia)	Royal Poinciana (Delonix regia)
	Queen Palm (Syagrus romanzoffiana)	Coconut Palm (Cocos nucifera)
	Crepe Myrtle (Lagerstroemia)	Mango Tree (Mangifera indica)
	Magnolia (Magnolia grandiflora)	Avocado (Persea americana)
	Citrus Trees (Citrus spp.)	Papaya (Carica papaya)



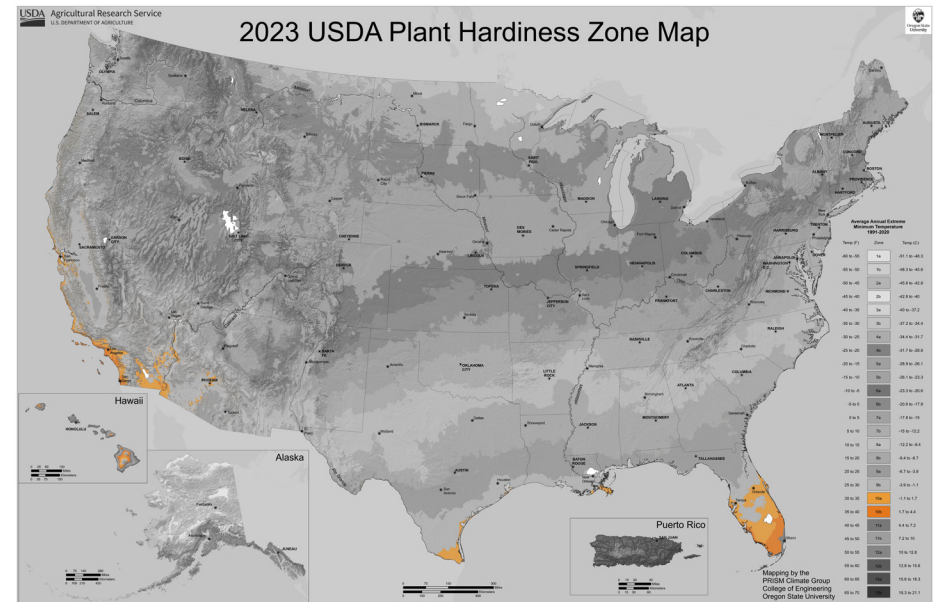
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Plant Type	Zone 10 Plant	Zone 11 Alternative
Flowers	Bougainvillea	Bird of Paradise (Strelitzia reginae)
	Hibiscus	Orchids (various species)
	Bird of Paradise (Strelitzia)	Heliconia
	Plumeria	Frangipani (Plumeria spp.)
	Aloe	Agave
Shrubs	Oleander (Nerium oleander)	Croton (Codiaeum variegatum)
	Ixora	Ti Plant (Cordylina fruticosa)
	Gardenia	Allamanda
	Duranta	Ginger (various species)
	Bougainvillea	Clusia
Trees	Royal Poinciana (Delonix regia)	Flamboyant Tree (Delonix regia)
	Mango Tree (Mangifera indica)	Breadfruit (Artocarpus altilis)
	Avocado (Persea americana)	Papaya (Carica papaya)
	Queen Palm (Syagrus romanzoffiana)	Coconut Palm (Cocos nucifera)
	Jacaranda (Jacaranda mimosifolia)	Baobab (Adansonia)



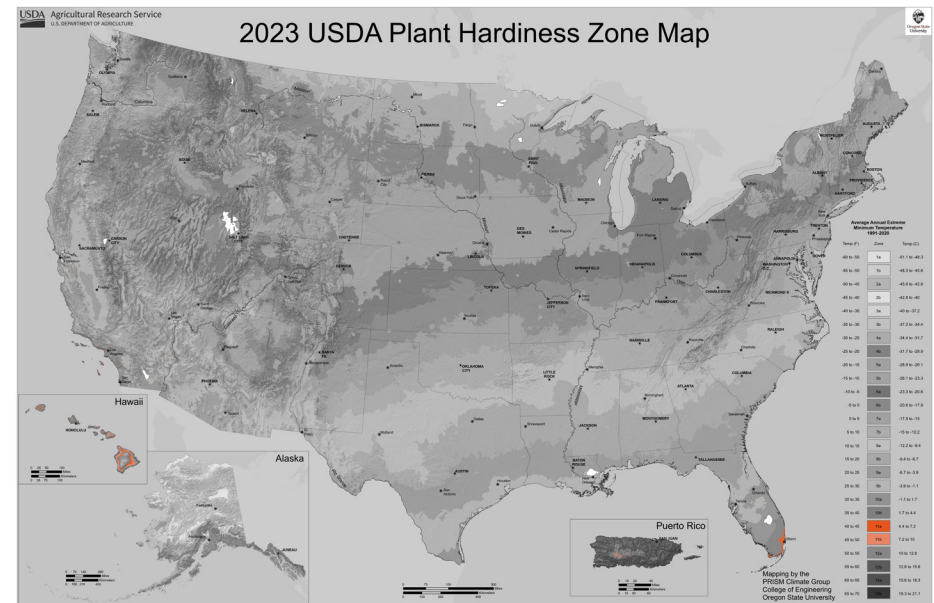
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