

## Special Plant Lists

Everyone has special needs for his or her garden. Whether you would like to invite wildlife onto your property or you need plants that can tolerate shady conditions, these lists can help you design a garden perfect for your specific needs. Just click on a list above to find the ideal native plants for your homescape.

### Low Water-use Plants

Criteria:  
 Ecologically Appropriate  
 Low maintenance, high survival rate, cold hardy, beautiful and varying color and texture, and ecologically appropriate (non-invasive)  
 Commercially Available (compared to Fabulous Plant List and commercial growers)  
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Trees	Common Name	Scientific Name	Height	Width	Sun	Water Zone	Interest/Notes
	Amur Maple	<a href="#"><i>Acer ginnala</i></a>	15-20 ft	15-20 ft	☐	L	Hardy, small tree or large multi-stemmed shrub with great fall color; best in partial sun
	Rocky Mountain Juniper	<a href="#"><i>Juniperus scopulorum</i></a>	20-30 ft	20-30 ft	☐	VL	Native evergreen that is easily transplanted; good windbreak
	Crabapple	<a href="#"><i>Malus spp.</i></a>	10-30 ft	20 ft	☉	L	Deciduous tree grown for attractive spring colors; flower buds may freeze in spring
	Colorado Blue Spruce	<a href="#"><i>Picea pungens</i></a>	to 100 ft	to 40 ft	☐	L	Evergreen, pyramid-shaped tree; not for dry, windy sites; dwarf species subject to windburn
	Pinyon Pine	<a href="#"><i>Pinus edulis</i></a>	20-30 ft	15 ft	☉	VL	Bushy, evergreen tree that is extremely drought tolerant; edible seeds; resinous
	Ponderosa Pine	<a href="#"><i>Pinus ponderosa</i></a>	60-100 ft	25-30 ft	☉	L-VL	Large evergreen tree common to Flagstaff; very hardy and drought tolerant
	Gambel Oak	<a href="#"><i>Quercus gambelii</i></a>	20-40 ft	15-20 ft	☐	L-VL	Slow growing deciduous tree with beautiful fall foliage; thicket forming
Black Locust	<a href="#"><i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i></a>	40-50 ft	25-30 ft	☐	VL	Slow growing deciduous tree with beautiful fall foliage; thicket forming	

Utah Serviceberry	<a href="#"><i>Amelanchier utahensis</i></a>	12-15 ft	10-15 ft	○	L-VL	Deciduous, twiggy shrub with distinct white bark and red berries in the spring
White Sagebrush	<a href="#"><i>Artemisia tridentata</i></a>	4-6 ft	3-6 ft	○	M-VL	Deciduous to semi-evergreen shrub with white, yellow, or pink flowers
Mountain Mahogany	<a href="#"><i>Cercocarpus spp.</i></a>	6-12 ft	6-12 ft	○	VL	Slow growing native shrub that is semi-evergreen to deciduous depending on species
Virginia Creeper	<a href="#"><i>Parthenocissus inserta</i></a>	3-15 ft	Spreading	○	L	Deciduous vine that makes a good ground cover; scrambles rather than climbs
Fernbush	<a href="#"><i>Chamaebatiaria millefolium</i></a>	4-6 ft	4-6 ft	◐	L-VL	Semi-evergreen to deciduous shrub with fragrant white flowers that attract butterflies
Chokecherry	<a href="#"><i>Prunus virginiana</i></a>	20-30 ft	6-30 ft	○	M-L	Red to black berries
Rabbitbrush	<a href="#"><i>Ericameria nauseosa</i></a>	2-5 ft	3-5 ft	○	VL	Fast growing evergreen shrub with plumes of yellow flowers in fall; drought tolerant
Three-Leaf Sumac	<a href="#"><i>Rhus trilobata</i></a>	3-8 ft	4-6 ft	◐	L	Deciduous shrub with beautiful fall foliage; very drought tolerant
Currant (Golden/Wax)	<a href="#"><i>Ribes spp.</i></a>	3-6 ft	3-6 ft	◐	L	Deciduous shrub with spring flowers; height dependant on species
New Mexico Locust	<a href="#"><i>Robinia neomexicana</i></a>	10-15 ft	10-15 ft	◐	VL	Spiny, deciduous shrub that forms dense thickets; showy pink, pea-like flowers
Arizona Rose	<a href="#"><i>Rosa woodsii</i></a>	3-6 ft	spreading	○	L-VL	Fast growing deciduous shrub; fragrant, pink flowers in spring and summer; red fruit
Agave	<a href="#"><i>Agave parryi</i></a>	12-20 in	18 in	○	VL	Succulent accent plant with spectacular blooms
Blue Grama	<a href="#"><i>Bouteloua gracilis</i></a>	6-12 in	spreading	○	L-VL	Warm season native grass; low traffic turf alternative
Arizona Fescue	<a href="#"><i>Festuca arizonica</i></a>	2-3 ft	2 ft	◐	L-VL	Cool season bunch grass with dense, thin blades
'Blue' Fescue	<a href="#"><i>Festuca ovina 'Glauca'</i></a>	8-12 in	12 in	◐	L	Ornamental, dense bunch grass with steel blue, needle-like foliage; many cultivars available
'Karl Foerster' Grass	<a href="#"><i>Calamagrostis x acutiflora</i></a>	4-5 ft	2 ft	◐	M-L	Fast-growing, clump-forming, upright grass topped with tawny, fluffy flower heads in spring
Little Bluestem	<a href="#"><i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i></a>	2-4 ft	2-3 ft	◐	L-VL	Warm season, perennial bunch grass with reddish fall color that persists through winter
Banana Yucca	<a href="#"><i>Yucca baccata</i></a>	2-2.5 ft	3 ft	○	VL	Accent plant with sword-shaped leaves; requires well-drained soil

Western Yarrow	<a href="#"><i>Achillea millefolium</i></a>	6-24 in	spreading		L	Spreading perennial with fern-like foliage and white blooms; many colored cultivars available
Licorice Mint Red Dome Blanketflower	<del><a href="#"><i>Gaillardia pinnatifida</i></a></del> <a href="#"><i>Agastache rupestris</i></a>	18-30 in	24 in		L-VL	Licorice-scented perennial with light orange flowers in summer; attracts hummingbirds Easy-care perennial with red or yellow disk flowers
Pussy Smoke	<del><a href="#"><i>Galenaria ssp.</i></a></del>	4-12 in	spreading		L	Excellent on a hot, arid ground covering with showy, red heads perispermic in shade
Showy Goldeneye Butterfly Milkweed	<del><a href="#"><i>Asclepias tuberosa</i></a></del> <a href="#"><i>Heliomeris multiflora</i></a>	3 ft 15-18 in	3 ft 15-18 in		VL	Bushy, long-lived perennial; abundant yellow sunflowers appear summer through fall Upright perennial with showy yellow to orange flowers in summer; attracts hummingbirds
Blue Flax Wine Cups	<a href="#"><i>Linum lewisii</i></a> <a href="#"><i>Callirhoe involucrata</i></a>	2 ft 8 in	2 ft 24-36 in		L-VL VL	Low-maintenance perennial; blue flowers open each morning Spreading perennial with wine-colored flowers that bloom all summer long
Showy Four-O'Clock	<a href="#"><i>Mirabilis multiflora</i></a>	24 in	30 in		VL	Mounding perennial with large, magenta flowers; thrives in harsh climates
Blackheats	<del><a href="#"><i>Diocleean ssp.</i></a></del>	30-48 in	12-24 in		L-VL	Mat-forming group of perennials; flower stalks rise above foliage; height and color vary Annual, biennial or perennial depending on species; large flowers attract butterflies
Penstemon	<a href="#"><i>Penstemon spp.</i></a>	4-48 in	varies		L-VL	Group of over a dozen species, all with tube-shaped flowers, tolerant of poor soils
Wooly Cinquefoil	<a href="#"><i>Potentilla hippiana</i></a>	6-12 in	24 in		L-VL	Low-growing perennial with silver foliage and yellow, rose-like flowers
Scarlet Cinquefoil	<a href="#"><i>Potentilla thurberi</i></a>	18-30 in	24 in		L-VL	Long-blooming perennial with deep red flowers held in loose clusters that attract bees
Broomlike Ragwort	<a href="#"><i>Senecio spartioides</i></a>	1-3 ft	2 ft		VL	Numerous, showy yellow flowers
Globemallow	<a href="#"><i>Sphaeralcea coccinea</i></a>	12 in	12 in		VL	Long-blooming perennial for hot, sunny sites; attracts butterflies, bees and hummingbirds

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## Plants for Butterflies

### Criteria:

Native to Colorado Plateau

Attractive to butterflies

Commercially Available (compared to Fabulous Plant List and commercial growers)

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Yarrow	<a href="#">Achillea millefolium</a>	24 in	spreading	○	L-VL	Flat-topped clusters of white flowers
Pearly Everlasting	<a href="#">Anaphalis margaritacea</a>	2 ft	2 ft	◐	L-VL	Silver leaves and silvery everlasting flowers
Butterfly Milkweed	<a href="#">Asclepias tuberosa</a>	2-3 ft	2 ft	○	M-L	Large, showy orange cluster of small, waxy flowers
Milk Vetch	<a href="#">Astragalus mollissimus</a>	6 in	6 in	○	L	Many round wooly and soft leaflets
Chocolate Flower	<a href="#">Berlandiera lyrata</a>	15 in	18 in	○	L	Chocolate-scented low growing yellow sunflowers
Tasselflower	<a href="#">Brickellia grandiflora</a>	2-3 ft		◐	M-L	Perennial herb from a deep taproot; light green foliage
Paintbrush	<a href="#">Castilleja integra</a>	1 ft	1.5 ft	○	L-VL	Beautiful red-flowered perennial wildflower
Fendler's Buckbrush	<a href="#">Ceanothus fendleri</a>	2 ft	3 ft	◐	L-VL	Low multistem shrub with shiny green leaves
Rabbitbrush	<a href="#">Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus</a>	3 ft	3 ft	○	L-VL	Yellow flowers in late summer and autumn
Whiplash Daisy	<a href="#">Erigeron flagellaris</a>	4-10 in		○	L-VL	Dense clusters of finely cut leaves
Showy Aster	<a href="#">Erigeron speciosus var. macranthus</a>	2 ft	2 ft	◐	L	White narrow-petalled "daisy" flowers
Mat Buckwheat	<a href="#">Eriogonum caespitosum</a>	6 in		◐	M-L	Perennial; tiny gray leaves form a tight mat
James' Buckwheat	<a href="#">Eriogonum jamesii var. flavescens</a>	6 in	2 ft	○	VL	Low-growing mound of green leaves
Western Wallflower	<a href="#">Erysimum wheeleri</a>	2 ft		◐	M-L	Perennial; early blooming orange flowers
Sheep Fescue	<a href="#">Festuca ovina</a>	12-18 in		◐	L-VL	Short perennial native bunchgrass
Indian Blanket	<a href="#">Gaillardia aristata</a>	2 ft	2 ft	○	L	Perennial; large red flowers with yellow tips
Adobe Blanket Flower	<a href="#">Gaillardia pinnatifida</a>	1.5 ft	2 ft	◐	VL	Unusual perennial with ray flowers
Blanket Flower	<a href="#">Gaillardia pulchella</a>	12 in	18 in	○	M-L	Annual; easy to grow!

Whirling Butterflies	<a href="#"><i>Gaura lindheimeri</i></a>	18 in	15 in	○	M-L	Perennial; blooms continuously throughout the summer
Fremont Geranium	<a href="#"><i>Geranium fremontii</i></a>	20 in	20 in	○●	L-VL	Pale purple flowers and palmate leaves
Mock Pennyroyal	<a href="#"><i>Hedeoma oblongifolium</i></a>	8 in		○●	VL	Dainty perennial with robust fragrance
Golden Aster	<a href="#"><i>Heterotheca villosa</i></a>	1 ft	2 ft	○	L-VL	Sunny yellow perennial sunflowers
Old Man	<a href="#"><i>Hymenoxys bigelovii</i></a>	2-6 ft		○●	M-L	Early-blooming large golden yellow daisies
Richardson's Gold Bush	<a href="#"><i>Hymenoxys richardsonii</i></a>	2 ft	2 ft	○●	VL	Low-growing shrub with bright green leaves
Goldflower	<a href="#"><i>Hymenoxys subintegra</i></a>	2 ft	2 ft	○	M-L	Perennial; wooly leaves, yellow flowers
Scarlet Bugler	<a href="#"><i>Penstemon barbatus</i></a>	3 ft		○●	L	Penstemon; red-pink flowers
Dirty Penstemon	<a href="#"><i>Penstemon pseudoputus</i></a>	16 in		○●	L	Penstemon; purple flowers in summer
Wand Penstemon	<a href="#"><i>Penstemon virgatus</i></a>	2.5 ft		○●	M-L	Penstemon; widely seen in Flagstaff
Red Mountain Parsley	<a href="#"><i>Pseudocymopterus montanus</i></a>	2 ft	2 ft	○●	M-L	Perennial; paprika red flowers in dense compound umbels
Paperflower	<a href="#"><i>Psilostrophe tagetina</i></a>	2 ft	2 ft	○	L	Perennial; yellow flowers remain on plant as “paperflowers”
Little Bluestem	<a href="#"><i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i></a>	2 ft	1 ft	○	L-VL	Columnar clumps, dark blue-green color
Axhead Butterweed	<a href="#"><i>Senecio multilobatus</i></a>	2 ft	2 ft	○●	M-L	Perennial; numerous bright yellow daisies in flat-top clusters
Broom Groundsel	<a href="#"><i>Senecio spartioides</i></a>	3 ft		○	L	Perennial; blooms summer to fall
New Mexico Checkerbloom	<a href="#"><i>Sidalcea neomexicana</i></a>	3 ft	2 ft	○	M	Perennial; pink hollyhock flowers above bright green leaves
Alpine Goldenrod	<a href="#"><i>Solidago multiradiata</i></a>	1.5 ft		○●	L	Dense flower stalks with yellow flowers
Spiked Verbena	<a href="#"><i>Verbena macdougalii</i></a>	3 ft		○●	M-L	Perennial; purple candelabra flowers in summer
Arizona Mules' Ears	<a href="#"><i>Wyethia arizonica</i></a>	2.5 ft	2.5 ft	○	M	Perennial; yellow sunflowers atop hairy leaves
Prairie Zinnia	<a href="#"><i>Zinnia grandiflora</i></a>	4 in	15 in	○	VL	Diminutive, covered with bright deep yellow flowers

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## Plants for Hummingbirds

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Native to Colorado Plateau

Attractive to hummingbirds

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Licorice Mint Hyssop	<a href="#">Agastache rupestris</a>	18-30 in	18 in	☉☐	L	Perennial; spikes of orange and lavender flowers
Scarlet Columbine	<a href="#">Aquilegia desertorum</a>	2 ft	2 ft	☉☐	M-L	Perennial; long-blooming, red-flowers
Paintbrush	<a href="#">Castilleja integra</a>	1.5 ft		☉☐	M-L	Perennial; flowers with showy red bracts
Geranium-Leaf Larkspur	<a href="#">Delphinium geraniifolium</a>	1.5 ft		☉☐	M-L	Perennial; dense, purple flower spikes
Alum Root	<a href="#">Heuchera parvifolia</a>	4 in		☉☐	M-L	Perennial; spires of delicate white flowers
Coral Bells	<a href="#">Heuchera sanguinea</a>	12 in	15 in	☉☐	M-L	Perennial; bright red flowers on 2 ft tall stalks
Skyrocket Gilia	<a href="#">Ipomopsis aggregata</a>	12-30 in	12-18 in	☉	L	Biennial; scarlet red trumpet-like flowers
Arizona Skyrocket	<a href="#">Ipomopsis arizonica</a>	2 ft		☉	L	Biennial; great in cindery and well-drained soils
Cardinal Flower	<a href="#">Lobelia cardinalis</a>	1-3 ft		☐	M	Perennial; constant moisture during blooming season
Arizona Honeysuckle	<a href="#">Lonicera arizonica</a>	2.5 ft	4 ft	☉☐	M	Shrub; cascading to creeping
Twinberry	<a href="#">Lonicera involucrata</a>	3-6 ft	3-6 ft	☉☐	M-L	Deciduous shrub; yellow flowers and blue berries
Cardinal Monkeyflower	<a href="#">Mimulus cardinalis</a>	2 ft		☉☐	M	Perennial; snapdragon-like flowers in the summer
Yellow Monkeyflower	<a href="#">Mimulus guttatus</a>	2 ft		☉☐	M	Perennial; green succulent stems, yellow flowers
Dirty Penstemon	<a href="#">Penstemon pseudoputus</a>	16 in		☉☐	M-L	Penstemon; purple flowers in summer
'Elfin Pink' Penstemon	<a href="#">Penstemon barbatus</a>	12 in	15 in	☉	M	Penstemon; broad mat of semi-evergreen foliage
Bell-Flowered Penstemon	<a href="#">Penstemon campanulatus</a>	2 ft	2 ft	☉	L	Penstemon; green foliage, violet colored bells
Sunset Crater Penstemon	<a href="#">Penstemon clutei</a>	1 ft	3 ft	☉	M-L	Penstemon; blue green evergreen leaves
Eaton's Firecracker	<a href="#">Penstemon eatonii</a>	2 ft		☉	L	Penstemon; large, triangular green leaves
Large-Flowered Penstemon	<a href="#">Penstemon grandiflorus</a>	4 ft		☉	M-L	Penstemon; gray, fleshy basal leaves

Mat Penstemon	<a href="#"><i>Penstemon linarioides</i></a>	6 ft	12 in		L	Penstemon; large white to pink fragrant blossoms
Whipple's Penstemon	<a href="#"><i>Penstemon whippleanus</i></a>	2 ft			L	Penstemon; rich, dark purple to deep burgundy flowers

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## Mailbox Plants

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Perfect for feature area in your homescape; these plants will do well in combination, planted in a sunny spot around a mailbox

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Yarrow	<a href="#">Achillea millefolium</a>	24 in	spreading	○	L-VL	Flat-topped clusters of white flowers
Butterfly Milkweed	<a href="#">Asclepias tuberosa</a>	2-3 ft	2 ft	○	M-L	Large, showy orange cluster of small, waxy flowers
Suncups	<a href="#">Calylophus hartwegii</a>	15 in	18 in	○	L-VL	Perennial; silver leaves and yellow ever-blooming flowers
Lance-Leaf Coreopsis	<a href="#">Coreopsis lanceolata</a>	1-3 ft	2 ft	○	M-L	Perennial; long-blooming from June to September
Purple Coneflower	<a href="#">Echinacea purpurea</a>	2-3 ft	2 ft	◐	M	Perennial; purple, daisy-like flowers with downward curving petals
Arizona Fescue	<a href="#">Festuca arizonica</a>	2-3 ft	2 ft	◐	L-VL	Cool season bunch grass with dense, thin blades
Indian Blanket	<a href="#">Gaillardia aristata</a>	2 ft	2 ft	○	L	Perennial; large red flowers with yellow tips
Maximilian's Sunflower	<a href="#">Helianthus maximiliani</a>	5-10 ft		○	L	Perennial; yellow sunflowers along stalk
Scarlet Bugler	<a href="#">Penstemon barbatus</a>	3 ft		◐	L	Penstemon; red-pink flowers
Mat Penstemon	<a href="#">Penstemon linarioides</a>	6 in	12 in	◐	L	Penstemon; blue-purple flowers attract hummingbirds
Desert Penstemon	<a href="#">Penstemon pseudospectabilis</a>	3 ft		○	L	Penstemon; bright green triangular leaves, hot pink flowers
Western Sand Cherry	<a href="#">Prunus besseyi</a>	3-8 ft		○	M-L	Shrub; ornamental, crimson fall foliage
Cut-Leaf Coneflower	<a href="#">Rudbeckia laciniata</a>	2-5 ft	4 ft	◐	M-L	Perennial; yellow, daisy-like flowers bloom in summer

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## Plants for Shade

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Partial to full shade

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Bigtooth Maple	<a href="#">Acer grandidentatum</a>	50 ft	35 ft	L-VL	Deciduous tree; showy fall colors
Common Yarrow	<a href="#">Achillea millefolium</a>	0.5-4ft	0.5-1.5 ft	M-L	Evergreen leaves; attracts butterflies
Parry's Agave	<a href="#">Agave parryi var. parryi</a>	2ft	3 ft	M	Succulent; blooms only after plant is 20 years old
Western Pearly Everlasting	<a href="#">Anaphalis margaritacea</a>	1.5-3 ft	1.5-3 ft	M-L	Silvery and wooly foliage
Candle Anemone	<a href="#">Anemone cylindrica</a>	18 in	10 in	L-VL	Root tea is said to decrease dizziness
Whitemargin Pussytoes	<a href="#">Antennaria marginata</a>	6-10 in		M-L	White, clustered flower heads
Nuttal's Pussytoes	<a href="#">Antennaria parvifolia</a>	6 in		L	Very hardy, creeping evergreen
Colorado Blue Columbine	<a href="#">Aquilegia caerulea</a>	1-2 ft	1-2 ft	M-L	State flower of Colorado
Golden Columbine	<a href="#">Aquilegia chrysantha</a>	3 ft	1 ft	L	Showy yellow flowers
Desert Columbine	<a href="#">Aquilegia desertorum</a>	1 ft		M-L	Native to Coconino County, AZ
American Spikenard	<a href="#">Aralia racemosa</a>	3-4 ft	4 ft	L-VL	Reddish to dark purple berries
Manzanita	<a href="#">Arctostaphylos sp.</a>	6 ft	2 ft	M-L	Shrub; clusters of apple-like fruits
Water Birch	<a href="#">Betula occidentalis</a>	20 ft	3 ft	L-VL	Deciduous tree; grows along riparian streambeds
Pine Dropseed	<a href="#">Blepharoneuron tricholepis</a>	10-13 in		M	Densely tufted bunchgrass
Blue Grama	<a href="#">Bouteloua gracilis</a>	6-12 in	8-12 in	M	Can be used for erosion control
Brickellbush	<a href="#">Brickellia californica</a>	2 ft	3-6 ft	L	Shrub; wonderfully fragrant
Bluebell Bellflower	<a href="#">Campanula rotundifolia</a>	4 in	8-20 in	L	Blue-purple hanging flowers
Ebony Sedge	<a href="#">Carex ebenea</a>	20 in		L-VL	Thin and wiry stems and leaves

Western Sedge	<a href="#"><i>Carex occidentalis</i></a>			L-VL	Found in aspen groves
Buck-Brush	<a href="#"><i>Ceanothus fendleri</i></a>	2-3 ft	3 ft	M-L	Shrub; numerous bright white flowers
Western White Clematis	<a href="#"><i>Clematis ligusticifolia</i></a>	3-30 ft	4-8 in	L	Vine; hairy, tufted fruits
Western Dayflower	<a href="#"><i>Commelina dianthifolia</i></a>	12 in		M-L	Intense blue flowers
Clark Valley Larkspur	<a href="#"><i>Delphinium geraniifolium</i></a>			L	Native to Coconino County
Cutleaf Daisy	<a href="#"><i>Erigeron compositus</i></a>	8 in		L	Aster-like perennial
Trailing Fleabane	<a href="#"><i>Erigeron flagellaris</i></a>	6 in		L	Spreads; could be used as groundcover
Aspen Fleabane	<a href="#"><i>Erigeron speciosus</i></a>	2 ft	2 ft	M-L	Purple aster-like flowers
James' Buckwheat	<a href="#"><i>Eriogonum jamesii</i></a>	10 in	24 in	M	Attracts butterflies
Redroot Buckwheat	<a href="#"><i>Eriogonum racemosum</i></a>	6 in		M-L	Long lasting white/pink flowers
Sulphur-Flower Buckwheat	<a href="#"><i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i></a>	3 in	3 ft	M	Excellent small groundcover
Sanddune Wallflower	<a href="#"><i>Erysimum wheeleri</i></a>	30 in		L-VL	Deer-resistant
Arizona Fescue	<a href="#"><i>Festuca arizonica</i></a>	2-4 ft	1 ft	M	High elevation bunchgrass
Idaho Fescue	<a href="#"><i>Festuca idahoensis</i></a>	12 in	12-20 in	L	Bluish-green tuftgrass
Sheep Fescue	<a href="#"><i>Festuca ovina</i></a>	10 in	8-18 in	L	Doesn't tolerate foot traffic
Rocky Mountain Strawberry	<a href="#"><i>Fragaria ovalis</i></a>	4-8 in		L-VL	Everybody likes strawberries!
Pineywoods Geranium	<a href="#"><i>Geranium caespitosum</i></a>	18-30 in		M-L	Lilac to magenta flowers
Richardson's Geranium	<a href="#"><i>Geranium richardsonii</i></a>	2 ft	2 ft	L-VL	White flowers with purple veining
Old Man's Whiskers	<a href="#"><i>Geum triflorum</i></a>	6 in	6 in	L	Feathery pink seed heads
Hairy False Golden-Aster	<a href="#"><i>Heterotheca villosa</i></a>	8-20 in	1-3 ft	M-L	Shrub; spicy sage-like aroma
Littleleaf Alum Root	<a href="#"><i>Heuchera parvifolia</i></a>	10-18 in	6 in	L	Grows well in rocky areas
Common Hop	<a href="#"><i>Humulus americanus</i></a>	25 ft		VL	Vine; fruits are used as substitute in brewing
Scarlet Gilia	<a href="#"><i>Ipomopsis aggregata</i></a>	3 ft	1 ft	M	Pollinated by hummingbirds
Rocky Mountain Iris	<a href="#"><i>Iris missouriensis</i></a>	1 ft	1.5-3 ft	L	Pollinated by hummingbirds
Porter's Licorice Root	<a href="#"><i>Ligusticum porteri</i></a>	2-3 ft	2 ft	L-VL	Not easy to grow
Manyflowered Stoneseed	<a href="#"><i>Lithospermum multiflorum</i></a>	20 in		M-L	Bright yellow tubular flowers
Cardinal Flower	<a href="#"><i>Lobelia cardinalis</i></a>	1-3 ft	1 ft	VL	Grows in marshes and stream banks

Twinberry Honeysuckle	<a href="#"><u><i>Lonicera involucrata</i></u></a>	3-4 ft	3-5 ft	L	Shrub; shiny purple-black berries
Silvery Lupine	<a href="#"><u><i>Lupinus argenteus</i></u></a>	1-2.5 ft	1.5 ft	M-L	Shrub; violet flowers in curved clusters
Creeping Barberry	<a href="#"><u><i>Mahonia repens</i></u></a>	1-3 ft	3-4 ft	M-L	Shrub; attracts birds
Scarlet Monkeyflower	<a href="#"><u><i>Mimulus cardinalis</i></u></a>	3 ft	2 ft	VL	Very aggressive seeder
Seep Monkeyflower	<a href="#"><u><i>Mimulus guttatus</i></u></a>	1-2 ft	1-3 ft	VL	Grows in seeps, springs
Virginia Creeper	<a href="#"><u><i>Parthenocissus inserta</i></u></a>	50 ft	50 ft	L	Vine; rich crimson autumn foliage
Beardlip Penstemon	<a href="#"><u><i>Penstemon barbatus</i></u></a>	2-4 ft	1-2 ft	M-L	Beautiful border plant
Eaton's Penstemon	<a href="#"><u><i>Penstemon eatonii</i></u></a>	1.5-3 ft	2 ft	M-L	Attracts hummingbirds
Toadflax Penstemon	<a href="#"><u><i>Penstemon linarioides</i></u></a>	8-18 in		M-L	Abundant blooms with good moisture
Pineneedle Beardtongue	<a href="#"><u><i>Penstemon pinifolius</i></u></a>	10-12 in	18 in	M-L	Shrub; survives in winter temps down to -20°F
Bridge Penstemon	<a href="#"><u><i>Penstemon rostriflorus</i></u></a>	3 ft	8 in	M-L	Shrub; orange flowers
Rydberg's Penstemon	<a href="#"><u><i>Penstemon rydbergii</i></u></a>	4-12 in	18 ft	VL	Shrub; bright lavender-blue flowers in clusters
Whipple's Penstemon	<a href="#"><u><i>Penstemon whippleanus</i></u></a>	2 ft	1 ft	L-VL	Shrub; deep burgundy flowers
Littleleaf Mockorange	<a href="#"><u><i>Philadelphus microphyllus</i></u></a>	4 ft	3 ft	L-VL	Shrub; white fragrant flowers
Muttongrass	<a href="#"><u><i>Poa fendleriana</i></u></a>	1.5 ft		M-L	Seeds can be used in stews, bread
Towering Jacob's Ladder	<a href="#"><u><i>Polemonium foliosissimum</i></u></a>	3 ft	1 ft	VL	Strong skunk odor when touched
Wooly Cinquefoil	<a href="#"><u><i>Potentilla hippiana</i></u></a>	1 ft		L	Leaves are silvery on the back
Scarlet Cinquefoil	<a href="#"><u><i>Potentilla thurberi</i></u></a>	2 ft	1 ft	L	Red flower clusters with black centers
Parry's Primrose	<a href="#"><u><i>Primula parryi</i></u></a>	12 in		VL	Grows in swaths in meadows
Alpine False Springparsley	<a href="#"><u><i>Pseudocymopterus montanus</i></u></a>	2 ft	2 ft	L	Parsley-like odor
Smooth Sumac	<a href="#"><u><i>Rhus glabra</i></u></a>	9-15 ft	9-15 ft	L	Deciduous tree; bright red fruit
Skunkbush Sumac	<a href="#"><u><i>Rhus trilobata</i></u></a>	2-9 ft	9 ft	M-L	Shrub; good for erosion control
Wax Current	<a href="#"><u><i>Ribes cereum</i></u></a>	4 ft	3-5 ft	M-L	Shrub; birds are attracted by fruit
New Mexico Locust	<a href="#"><u><i>Robinia neomexicana</i></u></a>	3-26 ft	4-8 in	M	Tree; many stout, spiny branches
Woods' Rose	<a href="#"><u><i>Rosa woodsii</i></u></a>	4-6 ft	3-4 ft	M	Shrub; fragrant, pink roses
New Mexico Raspberry	<a href="#"><u><i>Rubus neomexicanus</i></u></a>	6 ft		L	Shrub; found in Yavapai, Coconino Counties
Cutleaf Coneflower	<a href="#"><u><i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i></u></a>	3-10 ft	3 ft	L-VL	Shrub; good cut flowers
Red Elderberry	<a href="#"><u><i>Sambucus racemosa</i></u></a>	6 ft		L-VL	Tree; edible flowers

Basin Butterweed	<a href="#"><i>Senecio multilobatus</i></a>	6-24 in	6-12 in	M	Common in Cottonwood groves
Cardinal Catchfly	<a href="#"><i>Silene laciniata</i></a>	1-3 ft	1-2 ft	M-L	Attracts hummingbirds
Feathery False Lily of the Valley	<a href="#"><i>Smilacina racemosa</i></a>	3 ft	1 ft	L-VL	Strongly perfumed white flowers, needs water in the spring
Canada Goldenrod	<a href="#"><i>Solidago canadensis</i></a>	5 ft	3 ft	M-L	Regenerates easily after fire
Cascade Mountain Ash	<a href="#"><i>Sorbus scopulina</i></a>	3-15 ft	4 in	L	Tree; bright orange berries, prone to problems when stressed
Fendler's Meadow Rue	<a href="#"><i>Thalictrum fendleri</i></a>	2-5 ft	1.5-3 ft	M	Delicate columbine-like flowers
Golden Banner	<a href="#"><i>Thermopsis montana</i></a>	15-18 in		M-L	Tall, yellow flower stalks
Prairie Spiderwort	<a href="#"><i>Tradescantia occidentalis</i></a>	1-2 ft	1 ft	L	Blue-to-rose flowers
Arizona Valerian	<a href="#"><i>Valeriana arizonica</i></a>	6 in	6 in	L-VL	Mats of bright green, round foliage
American Vetch	<a href="#"><i>Vicia americana</i></a>	3 ft	3 ft	L-VL	Vine; young, tender shoots are edible
Canadian White Violet	<a href="#"><i>Viola canadensis</i></a>	6-18 in	10 in	L-VL	Purple-streaked white flowers
Canyon Grape	<a href="#"><i>Vitis arizonica</i></a>	8 ft	50 ft	L-VL	Vine; fruit attracts birds

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


















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☉☾ = Part Sun / Part Shade

	Common Name	Scientific Name	Height	Width	Sun	Water Zone	Interest/Notes
White	Thimbleweed	<a href="#"><i>Anemone cylindrica</i></a>	1-2 ft	1.5 ft	☉☾	M	Perennial; white flowers on tall stems in late-spring
	Showy Aster	<a href="#"><i>Erigeron speciosus</i></a>	2 ft	2 ft	☉☾	M	Perennial; narrow-petaled daisy flowers throughout summer
	Littleleaf Mockorange	<a href="#"><i>Philadelphus microphyllus</i></a>	3-6 ft	3 ft	☉	M-L	Shrub; fragrant, whimsical orange-scented flowers
	Chokecherry	<a href="#"><i>Prunus virginiana</i></a>	12 ft	6 ft	☉☾	M-L	Shrub; bright green leaves and fragrant white blossoms
Pink	Pink Nodding Onion	<a href="#"><i>Allium cernuum</i></a>	1 ft		☉	M	Perennial; edible blossoms, good in salads
	Fireweed	<a href="#"><i>Epilobium angustifolium</i></a>	2-4 ft		☉☾	M	Perennial; dark pink 4-petaled flowers
	Red-Root Buckwheat	<a href="#"><i>Eriogonum racemosum</i></a>	6-18 in		☉☾	L	Perennial; woodlands, basal rosette of velvety gray leaves
	Whirling Butterflies	<a href="#"><i>Gaura lindheimeri</i></a>	18 in	15 in	☉	M-L	Perennial; upright and wispy, large pink butterfly-like flowers
	White Crane's-Bill	<a href="#"><i>Geranium richardsonii</i></a>	1-2 ft	1 ft	☉☾	M	Perennial; pink-tinged white flowers bloom all summer
	Mock Pennyroyal	<a href="#"><i>Hedeoma oblongifolium</i></a>	8 in		☉	L	Perennial; attracts butterflies, nice fragrance
	Coral Bells	<a href="#"><i>Heuchera sanguinea</i></a>	12 in	15 in	☉☾	M-L	Perennial; long-lasting pink to carmine flowers attract hummingbirds
	Cardinal Flower	<a href="#"><i>Lobelia cardinalis</i></a>	1-3 ft		☉☾	M	Perennial; stalks of showy pink to red tubular flowers
Lewis' Monkeyflower	<a href="#"><i>Mimulus lewisii</i></a>	1-2 ft	1 ft	☉☾	M	Perennial; magenta to violet-pink flowers with rounded petals	

	Coyote Mint	<i>Monardella odoratissima</i>	12-18 in			M-L	Perennial; mound-shaped with a powerful minty smell
	Phlox Penstemon	<i>Penstemon ambiguus</i>	2 ft	2 ft		L	Penstemon; pale pink flowers in early summer
	'Elfin Pink' Penstemon	<i>Penstemon barbatus</i>	12 in	15 in		M	Penstemon; broad mat of glossy semi-evergreen foliage
	Sunset Crater Penstemon	<i>Penstemon clutei</i>	1-3 ft			M-L	Penstemon; blue-green evergreen leaves
	Parry's Penstemon	<i>Penstemon parryi</i>	3 ft	3 ft		L	Penstemon; silver-leaved beardtongue from dry hillsides, canyons
	Desert Penstemon	<i>Penstemon pseudospectabilis</i>	3 ft			L	Penstemon; blue-green triangular leaves, attracts hummingbirds
	New Mexico Locust	<i>Robinia neomexicana</i>	8-15 ft			M	Tree; small, thorny, can take strong pruning
	Wild Rose	<i>Rosa woodsii</i>	3-4 ft			M-L	Shrub; spreading, pink single roses, edible rose hips
Red	Scarlet Columbine	<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	2 ft			M-L	Perennial; red-yellow bicolor blooms with long spurs
	Paintbrush	<i>Castilleja integra</i>	to 1.5 ft			M-L	Perennial; flowers with showy red bracts in summer
	Indian Blanket	<i>Gaillardia aristata</i>	1-2 ft	2 ft		L	Perennial; large red daisies with yellow tips
	Skyrocket Gilia	<i>Ipomopsis aggregata</i>	12-30 in	12-18 in		L	Biennial; scarlet-red trumpet-like flowers
	Arizona Skyrocket	<i>Ipomopsis arizonica</i>	to 2 ft			L	Biennial; native to the cinder hills northeast of Flagstaff
	Arizona Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera arizonica</i>	to 2.5 ft	4 ft		M	Vining shrub; attractive to hummingbirds
	Lambert's Locoweed	<i>Oxytropis lambertii</i>	1 ft			L	Perennial; silvery leaves, short spikes of red-purple flowers
	Red Mountain Parsley	<i>Pseudocymopterus montanus</i>	2 ft	2 ft		M-L	Perennial; paprika red flowers in dense compound umbrels
Yellow	Bigtooth Maple	<i>Acer grandidentatum</i>	to 25 ft			M	Small tree; greenish-yellow flowers in clusters
	Golden Columbine	<i>Aquilegia chrysantha</i>	2-3 ft	1-2 ft		M	Perennial; yellow blooms with long spurs all summer
	Meadow Arnica	<i>Arnica chamissonis</i>	4 in	spreading		M	Perennial; good ground cover with yellow sunflowers
	Prairie Sagebrush	<i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i>	2-4 ft	2 ft		L	Perennial; bushy with silvery spreading branches and leaves
	Chocolate Flower	<i>Berlandiera lyrata</i>	15 in	18 in		L	Chocolate-scented low-growing wildflower blooms profusely
	Tassel-Flower	<i>Brickellia grandiflora</i>	2-3 ft			M-L	Perennial; light green foliage and creamy yellow flowers
	Suncups	<i>Calylophus hartwegii</i>	15 in	18 in		L	Perennial; ever-blooming with large four-petaled flowers

Rabbitbrush	<u><i>Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus</i></u>	3 ft	3 ft		M-L	Shrub; covered with yellow flowers in late summer and fall
Mat Buckwheat	<u><i>Eriogonum caespitosum</i></u>	to 6 in			L	Perennial; tiny gray leaves form a tight mat
Sulfur-Flowered Buckwheat	<u><i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i></u>	4-12 in			L	Perennial; evergreen leathery foliage
New Mexico Privet	<u><i>Forestiera neomexicana</i></u>	to 20 ft			L	Shrub; yellow flowers in spring, yellow leaves in fall
Blanket Flower	<u><i>Gaillardia pulchella</i></u>	18 in	12 in		M-L	Annual; red-tipped yellow flowers with dark purple disk
Little Sunflower	<u><i>Helianthella quinquenervis</i></u>	2-4 ft			M-L	Perennial; closely related and similar to true sunflowers
Maximilian's Sunflower	<u><i>Helianthus maximiliani</i></u>	5-10 ft			L	Perennial; yellow sunflowers along stalk
Golden Aster	<u><i>Heterotheca villosa</i></u>	1 ft	2 ft		M-L	Perennial; sunny yellow sunflowers with curling leaves
Old Man	<u><i>Hymenoxys bigelovii</i></u>	2 ft			M-L	Early-blooming solitary large daisy atop wooly tall stems
Richardson's Goldbush	<u><i>Hymenoxys richardsonii</i></u>	2.5 ft	2.5 ft		L	Perennial; many small yellow flowers in summer and fall
Goldflower	<u><i>Hymenoxys subintegra</i></u>	2 ft	2 ft		L	Perennial; wooly leaved with bright yellow "daisies"
Twinberry	<u><i>Lonicera involucrata</i></u>	3-6 ft	3-6 ft		M	Shrub; sprawling branches with white bark; attracts birds
Creeping Barberry	<u><i>Mahonia repens</i></u>	to 1 ft			M-L	Perennial; good ground cover with blue-green leaves
Yellow Monkey-Flower	<u><i>Mimulus guttatus</i></u>	2 ft			H	Perennial; bright green succulent stems and yellow flowers
Missouri Evening Primrose	<u><i>Oenothera macrocarpa</i></u>	6 in			M	Perennial; low mounded, dark green, glossy leaves
Western Virginia Creeper	<u><i>Parthenocissus inserta</i></u>	3-15 ft			M-L	Vine; clusters of small, yellow flowers, blue-black berries
Jacob's Ladder	<u><i>Polemonium foliosissimum</i></u>	18-24 in	18 in		M	Perennial; rosettes of finely divided, fern-like foliage
Silver Cinquefoil	<u><i>Potentilla hippiana</i></u>	6-10 in			M-L	Perennial; small yellow flowers all summer
Mountain Parsley	<u><i>Pseudocymopterus montanus</i></u>	2 ft	2 ft		M-L	Perennial; many yellow tiny flowers attract butterflies
Paperflower	<u><i>Psilostrophe tagetina</i></u>	2 ft	2 ft		L	Perennial; yellow flowers which remain on plant when dry
Antelope Bush	<u><i>Purshia tridentata</i></u>	3-5 ft			L	Shrub; small, yellow flowers resembling wild roses
Golden Currant	<u><i>Ribes aureum</i></u>	3-6 ft			M	Shrub; deciduous leaves with lovely fall color

	Cut-Leaf Coneflower	<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i>	2.5 ft	4 ft		M-L	Perennial; yellow, daisy-like flowers in summer
	Red Elderberry	<i>Sambucus racemosa</i>	10 ft	10 ft		M	Shrub; glossy red and edible fruit
	Axhead Butterweed	<i>Senecio multilobatus</i>	2 ft	2 ft		M-L	Perennial; early bloomer with numerous yellow daisies
	Broom Groundsel	<i>Senecio spartioides</i>	3 ft			L	Perennial; blooms in late summer to fall
	Alpine Goldenrod	<i>Solidago multiradiata</i>	1.5 ft			M	Perennial; dense flower stalks, attracts butterflies
	Desert Goldenrod	<i>Solidago sparsiflora</i>	1-2 ft			L	Perennial; beautiful for dried flower arrangements
	Prince's Plume	<i>Stanleya pinnata</i>	3.5 ft	2 ft		L	Perennial; tall spikes of yellow flowers in summer
	Golden Banner	<i>Thermopsis montana</i>	to 3 ft			M-L	Perennial; early bloomer, spreads by underground runners
	Arizona Mules' Ears	<i>Wyethia arizonica</i>	2.5 ft	2.5 ft		M	Perennial; yellow sunflowers to 4 in
	Prairie Zinnia	<i>Zinnia grandiflora</i>	4 in	15 in		VL	Long-lived; bright, deep yellow flowers from late summer on
Orange	Licorice Mint Hyssop	<i>Agastache rupestris</i>	18-30 in	18 in		L	Perennial; spikes of orange and lavender flowers
	Butterfly Milkweed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	2-3 ft	2 ft		M-L	Perennial; large showy orange cluster of small flowers
	Orange Mountain Daisy	<i>Dugaldia hoopesii</i>	3 ft			M	Perennial; early and heavy bloomer, attracts butterflies
	Western Wallflower	<i>Erysimum wheeleri</i>	to 2 ft			M-L	Perennial; orange flowers bloom in early spring
	Indian Pink	<i>Silene laciniata</i>	1-1.5 ft			M	Perennial; long-blooming red-orange flowers
	Cowboy's Delight	<i>Sphaeralcea coccinea</i>	10 in	24 in		L-VL	Good ground cover; small coral orange flowers
Blue	Rocky Mountain Columbine	<i>Aquilegia caerulea</i>	2 ft	2 ft		M	Perennial; large blue and white flowers with long, graceful spurs
	Dayflower	<i>Commelina dianthifolia</i>	1 ft	1 ft		L-VL	Perennial; sky-blue flowers emerge every morning
	Blue Starflower	<i>Ipomopsis longiflora</i>	2 ft	2 ft		L	Annual; pale blue trumpet flowers and airy, green, thread-like foliage
	Dusky Penstemon	<i>Penstemon comarrhenus</i>	2.5 ft	2.5 ft		L	Penstemon; plant with pinyon-juniper or among ponderosa pines

	Mat Penstemon	<i>Penstemon linarioides</i>	6 in	12 in	 	L	Penstemon; low-growing blue-purple flowers attract hummingbirds
	Jacob's Ladder	<i>Polemonium caeruleum</i>	1.5 ft		 	M	Perennial; long-lasting, early-blooming, pale blue flowers
Purple	Showy Milkweed	<i>Asclepias speciosa</i>	1-3 ft	2 ft		M	Perennial; pale green leaves and clusters of star-shaped flowers
	Milk Vetch	<i>Astragalus mollissimus</i>	6 in	6 in		L	Perennial; purple pea flowers attract butterflies
	Bluebells of Scotland	<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	6-12 in	12 in	 	M	Perennial; good ground cover, long-blooming bell-shaped flowers
	Geranium-Leaf Larkspur	<i>Delphinium geraniifolium</i>	to 1.5 ft		 	M-L	Perennial; very showy large flowers spikes attract hummingbirds
	Freemont Geranium	<i>Geranium fremontii</i>	20 in	20 in	 	M-L	Perennial; pale purple flowers and fragrant palmate leaves
	Wild Aster	<i>Machaeranthera canescens</i>	2 ft		 	L	Perennial; also called Purple Aster
	Rydberg's Penstemon	<i>Penstemon rydbergii</i>	1 ft		 	M	Penstemon; tight spherical clusters of purple-blue tubular flowers
	Wand Penstemon	<i>Penstemon virgatus</i>	2.5 ft		 	M-L	Penstemon; widely seen in Flagstaff
	Whipple's Penstemon	<i>Penstemon whippleanus</i>	2 ft		 	M	Penstemon; dark purple to deep burgundy flowers
	Western Occidentalis	<i>Tradescantia occidentalis</i>	2 ft		 	M-L	Perennial; grass-like leaves and purple, three-petaled flowers
	Spiked Verbena	<i>Verbena macdougalii</i>	to 3 ft		 	M-L	Perennial; attracts butterflies
	American Vetch	<i>Vicia americana</i>	to 3 ft		 	M	Perennial; vining, violet flowers in summers

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Season	Common Name	Scientific Name	Height	Width	Sun	Water Zone	Interest/Notes
Early Spring	Western Wallflower	<a href="#">Erysimum wheeleri</a>	to 2 ft		◐	M-L	Perennial; orange flowers bloom in early spring
Spring	Bigtooth Maple	<a href="#">Acer grandidentatum</a>	to 25 ft		○	M	Small tree; greenish-yellow flowers in clusters
	Bluebells of Scotland	<a href="#">Campanula rotundifolia</a>	6-12 in	12 in	◐	M	Perennial; good ground cover, long-blooming bell-shaped flowers
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	Old Man	<a href="#">Hymenoxys bigelovii</a>	2 ft		◐	M-L	Early-blooming solitary large daisy atop wooly tall stems
	Creeping Barberry	<a href="#">Mahonia repens</a>	to 1 ft		◐	M-L	Perennial; good ground cover with blue-green leaves
	Parry's Penstemon	<a href="#">Penstemon parryi</a>	3 ft	3 ft	○	L	Penstemon; silver-leaved beardtongue from dry hillsides, canyons
	Desert Penstemon	<a href="#">Penstemon pseudospectabilis</a>	3 ft		○	L	Penstemon; blue-green triangular leaves, attracts hummingbirds
	Paperflower	<a href="#">Psilostrophe tagetina</a>	2 ft	2 ft	○	L	Perennial; yellow flowers which remain on plant when dry
	Antelope Bush	<a href="#">Purshia tridentata</a>	3-5 ft		○	L	Shrub; small, yellow flowers resembling wild roses
	Golden Currant	<a href="#">Ribes aureum</a>	3-6 ft		◐	M	Shrub; deciduous leaves with lovely fall color
	Wild Rose	<a href="#">Rosa woodsii</a>	3-4 ft		◐	M-L	Shrub; spreading, pink single roses, edible rose hips
	Axhead Butterweed	<a href="#">Senecio multilobatus</a>	2 ft	2 ft	◐	M-L	Perennial; early bloomer with numerous yellow daisies
	Red Elderberry	<a href="#">Sambucus racemosa</a>	10 ft	10 ft	◐	M	Shrub; glossy red and edible fruit
	Cowboy's Delight	<a href="#">Sphaeralcea coccinea</a>	10 in	24 in	◐	L-VL	Good ground cover; small coral orange flowers
Arizona Mules' Ears	<a href="#">Wyethia arizonica</a>	2.5 ft	2.5 ft	○	M	Perennial; yellow sunflowers to 4 in	

	Thimbleweed	<i>Anemone cylindrica</i>	1-2 ft	1.5 ft	○●	M	Perennial; white flowers on tall stems in late spring	
	Scarlet Columbine	<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	2 ft		○●	M-L	Perennial; red-yellow bicolor blooms with long spurs	
	Freemont Geranium	<i>Geranium fremontii</i>	20 in	20 in	○●	M-L	Perennial; pale purple flowers and fragrant palmate leaves	
	Coral Bells	<i>Heuchera sanguinea</i>	12 in	15 in	○●	M-L	Perennial; long-lasting pink to carmine flowers attract hummingbirds	
	Twinberry	<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	3-6 ft	3-6 ft	●	M	Shrub; sprawling branches with white bark; attracts birds	
	Mat Penstemon	<i>Penstemon linarioides</i>	6 in	12 in	○●	L	Penstemon; low-growing blue-purple flowers attract hummingbirds	
	Jacob's Ladder	<i>Polemonium caeruleum</i>	1.5 ft		○●	M	Perennial; long-lasting, early-blooming, pale blue flowers	
Summer	Arizona Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera arizonica</i>	to 2.5 ft	4 ft	○●	M	Vining shrub; attractive to hummingbirds	
	Lewis' Monkeyflower	<i>Mimulus lewisii</i>	1-2 ft	1 ft	●	M	Perennial; magenta to violet-pink flowers with rounded petals	
	Western Virginia Creeper	<i>Parthenocissus inserta</i>	3-15 ft		○●	M-L	Vine; clusters of small, yellow flowers, blue-black berries	
	Phlox Penstemon	<i>Penstemon ambiguus</i>	2 ft	2 ft	○	L	Penstemon; pale pink flowers in early summer	
	Sunset Crater Penstemon	<i>Penstemon clutei</i>	1-3 ft		○	M-L	Penstemon; blue-green evergreen leaves	
	Dusky Penstemon	<i>Penstemon comarrhenus</i>	2.5 ft	2.5 ft	○	L	Penstemon; plant with pinyon-juniper or among ponderosa pines	
	Chokecherry	<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	12 ft	6 ft	○●	M-L	Shrub; bright green leaves and fragrant white blossoms	
	Licorice Mint Hyssop	<i>Agastache rupestris</i>	18-30 in	18 in	○●	L	Perennial; spikes of orange and lavender flowers	
	Pink Nodding Onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>	1 ft		○	M	Perennial; edible blossoms, good in salads	
	Rocky Mountain Columbine	<i>Aquilegia caerulea</i>	2 ft	2 ft	○●	M	Perennial; large blue and white flowers with long, graceful spurs	
	Golden Columbine	<i>Aquilegia chrysantha</i>	2-3 ft	1-2 ft	○●	M	Perennial; yellow blooms with long spurs all summer	
	Meadow Arnica	<i>Arnica chamissonis</i>	4 in	spreading	○	M	Perennial; good ground cover with yellow sunflowers	
	Showy Milkweed	<i>Asclepias speciosa</i>	1-3 ft	2 ft	○	M	Perennial; pale green leaves and clusters of star-shaped flowers	
	Butterfly Milkweed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	2-3 ft	2 ft	○	M-L	Perennial; large showy orange cluster of small flowers	
	Milk Vetch	<i>Astragalus mollissimus</i>	6 in	6 in	○	L	Perennial; purple pea flowers attract butterflies	
	Tassel-Flower	<i>Brickellia grandiflora</i>	2-3 ft		●	M-L	Perennial; light green foliage and creamy yellow flowers	
	Paintbrush	<i>Castilleja integra</i>	to 1.5 ft		○●	M-L	Perennial; flowers with showy red bracts in summer	
	Geranium-Leaf Larkspur	<i>Delphinium geraniifolium</i>	to 1.5 ft		○●	M-L	Perennial; very showy large flowers spikes attract hummingbirds	
	Dayflower	<i>Commelina dianthifolia</i>	1 ft	1 ft	●	L-VL	Perennial; sky-blue flowers emerge every morning	
	Fireweed	<i>Epilobium angustifolium</i>	2-4 ft		●	M	Perennial; dark pink 4-petaled flowers	
	Showy Aster	<i>Erigeron speciosus</i>	2 ft	2 ft	○●	M	Perennial; narrow-petaled daisy flowers throughout summer	
		Red-Root Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum racemosum</i>	6-18 in		○●	L	Perennial; woodlands, basal rosette of velvety gray leaves
		Sulfur-Flowered Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i>	4-12 in		○●	L	Perennial; evergreen leathery foliage

Little Sunflower	<i>Helianthella quinquenervis</i>	2-4 ft		○	M-L	Perennial; closely related and similar to true sunflowers
Richardson's Goldbush	<i>Hymenoxys richardsonii</i>	2.5 ft	2.5 ft	○	L	Perennial; many small yellow flowers in summer and fall
Goldflower	<i>Hymenoxys subintegra</i>	2 ft	2 ft	○	L	Perennial; woolly leaved with bright yellow “daisies”
Skyrocket Gilia	<i>Ipomopsis aggregata</i>	12-30 in	12-18 in	○	L	Biennial; scarlet-red trumpet-like flowers
Arizona Skyrocket	<i>Ipomopsis arizonica</i>	to 2 ft		○	L	Biennial; native to the cinder hills northeast of Flagstaff
Blue Starflower	<i>Ipomopsis longiflora</i>	2 ft	2 ft	○	L	Annual; pale blue trumpet flowers and airy, green, thread-like foliage
Cardinal Flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	1-3 ft		◐	M	Perennial; stalks of showy pink to red tubular flowers
Yellow Monkey-Flower	<i>Mimulus guttatus</i>	2 ft		○◐	H	Perennial; bright green succulent stems and yellow flowers
Coyote Mint	<i>Monardella odoratissima</i>	12-18 in		○◐	M-L	Perennial; mound-shaped with a powerful minty smell
Missouri Evening Primrose	<i>Oenothera macrocarpa</i>	6 in		○	M	Perennial; low mounded, dark green, glossy leaves
Lambert's Locoweed	<i>Oxytropis lambertii</i>	1 ft		○	L	Perennial; silvery leaves, short spikes of red-purple flowers
'Elfin Pink' Penstemon	<i>Penstemon barbatus</i>	12 in	15 in	○	M	Penstemon; broad mat of glossy semi-evergreen foliage
Rydberg's Penstemon	<i>Penstemon rydbergii</i>	1 ft		○◐	M	Penstemon; tight spherical clusters of purple-blue tubular flowers
Wand Penstemon	<i>Penstemon virgatus</i>	2.5 ft		○◐	M-L	Penstemon; widely seem in Flagstaff
Whipple's Penstemon	<i>Penstemon whippleanus</i>	2 ft		○◐	M	Penstemon; dark purple to deep burgundy flowers
Littleleaf Mockorange	<i>Philadelphus microphyllus</i>	3-6 ft	3 ft	○	M-L	Shrub; fragrant, whimsical orange-scented flowers
Red Mountain Parsley	<i>Pseudocymopterus montanus</i>	2 ft	2 ft	○◐	M-L	Perennial; paprika red flowers in dense compound umbrels
Jacob's Ladder	<i>Polemonium foliosissimum</i>	18-24 in	18 in	◐	M	Perennial; rosettes of finely divided, fern-like foliage
Silver Cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla hippiana</i>	6-10 in		○◐	M-L	Perennial; small yellow flowers all summer
Mountain Parsley	<i>Pseudocymopterus montanus</i>	2 ft	2 ft	○◐	M-L	Perennial; many yellow tiny flowers attract butterflies
Cut-Leaf Coneflower	<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i>	2.5 ft	4 ft	○◐	M-L	Perennial; yellow, daisy-like flowers in summer
Indian Pink	<i>Silene laciniata</i>	1-1.5 ft		○	M	Perennial; long-blooming red-orange flowers
Prince's Plume	<i>Stanleya pinnata</i>	3.5 ft	2 ft	○	L	Perennial; tall spikes of yellow flowers in summer
Golden Banner	<i>Thermopsis montana</i>	to 3 ft		○◐	M-L	Perennial; early bloomer, spreads by underground runners
Western Occidentalis	<i>Tradescantia occidentalis</i>	2 ft		○◐	M-L	Perennial; grass-like leaves and purple, three-petaled flowers
Spiked Verbena	<i>Verbena macdougalii</i>	to 3 ft		○◐	M-L	Perennial; attracts butterflies
American Vetch	<i>Vicia americana</i>	to 3 ft		○◐	M	Perennial; vining, violet flowers in summers

Late Summer	Prairie Sagebrush	<i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i>	2-4 ft	2 ft	☉☾	L	Perennial; bushy with silvery spreading branches and leaves
Late Summer	Maximilian's Sunflower	<i>Helianthus maximiliani</i>	5-10 ft		☉	L	Perennial; yellow sunflowers along stalk
Late Summer	Alpine Goldenrod	<i>Solidago multiradiata</i>	1.5 ft		☉☾	M	Perennial; dense flower stalks, attracts butterflies
	Chocolate Flower	<i>Berlandiera lyrata</i>	15 in	18 in	☉	L	Chocolate-scented low-growing wildflower blooms profusely
	Suncups	<i>Calylophus hartwegii</i>	15 in	18 in	☉	L	Perennial; ever-blooming with large four-petaled flowers
	New Mexico Locust	<i>Robinia neomexicana</i>	8-15 ft		☉	M	Tree; small, thorny, can take strong pruning
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	Desert Goldenrod	<i>Solidago sparsiflora</i>	1-2 ft		☉☾	L	Perennial; beautiful for dried flower arrangements
	Prairie Zinnia	<i>Zinnia grandiflora</i>	4 in	15 in	☉	VL	Long-lived; bright, deep yellow flowers from late summer on