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| Common Name | Scientific Name | Mature Size | Water | Exposure | Flower Color | Bloom Time | Wildlife Value |
| GROUNDCOVERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pussytoes | *Antennaria spp.* | 6” x 18” | Low | Sun/part sun | Cream/pink | SP-S | Np/bee, btf, o |
| Kinnikinnick | *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi* | 12” x 24” | Low | Sun/part sun | Pink | SP-S | Np/bee, btf; frt/birds, wl |
| Sulfur Buckwheat | *Eriogonum umbellatum* | 10” x 12” | Low | Sun/part sun | Yellow | S | Np/bee, btf |
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| PERENNIALS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Common Yarrow | *Achillea millefolium* | 18” x 18” | Low | Sun | White | S | Np/bee, btf, o |
| Pearly Everlasting | *Anaphalis margaritacea* | 18” x 18” | Low | Sun | White | S | Np/bee, btf, o |
| Rocky Mtn Columbine | *Aquilegia caerulea* | 24” x 12” | Med | Sun/part sun | Blue | S | Np/bee, btf; n/hummbr |
| Harebell | *Campanula rotundifolia* | 8” x 15” | Low | Sun/part sun | Purple | S | Np/bee |
| Scott’s Sugarbowls | *Clematis scottii* | 12” x 18” | Low | Sun/part sun | Purple | SP-S | Np/bee, btf |
| Rocky Mtn Bee Plant | *Cleome serrulate* | 3-6’ x 3-6’ | Low | Sun | Pale purple | S | Np/bee, btf; n/hummbr |
| Showy Fleabane | *Erigeron speciosus* | 18” x 12” | Low | Sun/part sun | Lavender | S | Np/bee, btf, o |
| Wallflower | *Erysimum capitatum* | 18” x 18” | Low | Sun/part sun | Yellow/orange | S | Np/bee, btf |
| Blanketflower | *Gaillardia aristata* | 12” x 12” | Med | Sun | Yellow/red | S-F | Np/bee, btf |
| Richardson’s Geranium | *Geranium richardsonii* | 12” x 12” | Med | Sun/part sun | White | S |  |
| Sticky Geranium | *Geranium viscosissimum* | 12” x 18” | Med | Sun/part sun | Pink | S-F | Np/bee, btf, o |
| Prairie Smoke | *Geum triflorum* | 6” x 12” | Med | Sun/part sun | Cream/pink | S | Np/bee, btf, o |
| Sneezeweed | *Helenium (Hymonoxys) h.* | 24” x 18” | Med | Sun/part sun | Yellow/orange | S | Np/bee, btf |
| Showy Goldeneye | *Heliomeris multiflora* | 48” x 48” | Low | Sun | Yellow | S | Np/bee, btf |
| Scarlet Gilia | *Ipomopsis aggregata* | 12” x 12” | Low | Sun/part sun | Red/pink | S-F | n/hummbr |
| Silvery Lupine | *Lupinus argenteus* | 24” x 12” | Low | Sun | Purple/white | S | Np/bee, btf, o |
| Bee Balm | *Monarda fistulosa* | 24” x 24” | Med | Sun/part sun | Pink/lavender | S | Np/bee, btf; n/hummbr |
| Rocky Mtn Penstemon | *Penstemon strictus* | 30” x 24” | Low | Sun/part sun | Blue/purple | S | Np/bee, btf; n/hummbr |
| Blue Mist Penstemon | *Penstemon virens* | 12” x 12” | Low | Sun/part sun | Blue/purple | SP-S | Np/bee, btf; n/hummbr |
| Whipple’s Penstemon | *Penstemon whippleanus* | 24” x 12” | Med | Sun/part sun | Wine purple | S | Np/bee, btf; n/hummbr |
| Silky Phacelia | Phacelia sericea | 16” x 12” | Low | Sun | Purple | S | Np/bee, btf; n/hummbr |
| Jacob’s Ladder | Polemonium viscosissimum | 18´x 12 | Med | Sun/part sun | Blue | S | Np/bee, btf |
| Pasque Flower | Pulsatilla patens | 6” x 6” | Low | Sun | Lavender | SP-S | Np/bee |
| Black-eyed Susan | Rudbeckia hirta | 24” x 12” | Low | Sun/part sun | Yellow | S | Np/bee, btf; s/birds |
| Golden Banner | Thermopsis divaricarpa | 18” x 24” | Low | Sun/part sun | Yellow | S | Np/bee, btf |
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| GRASSES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Indian Ricegrass | Achnatherum humenoides | 24” x 12” | Low | Sun |  | S | s/birds |
| Junegrass | Koelaria macrantha | 18” x 18” | Low | Sun |  | SP | s/birds |
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| SHRUBS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western Serviceberry | Amelanchier alnifolia | 12’ x 6 ‘ | Low | Sun/part sun | White | SP | Frt/birds |
| Redtwig Dogwood | Cornus sericea | 5’ x 5’ | High | Sun/part sun | White | S | Np/bee, btf, o |
| Mountain Spray | Holodiscus dumosus | 7’ x 3’ | Low | Part shade | Pink/white | S | Np/bee, btf |
| Shrubby Cinquefoil | Potentilla fruticose | 3’ x 3’ | Low | Sun | Yellow | S-F | Np/bee, btf, o |
| Chokecherry | Prunus virginiana | 15’ x 8’ | Low | Sun/part sun | White | SP | Np/bee, btf; frt/birds, wl |
| Golden Currant | Ribes aureum | 5’ x 4’ | Low | Sun/part sun | Yellow | SP | Np/bee, btf; frt/birds |
| Wax Currant | Ribes cereum | 4’ x 3’ | Low | Sun/part sun | Pink/white | SP | Np/bee, btf; frt/birds |
| Western Wild Rose | Rosa woodsia | 3’ x 4’ | Low | Sun/part sun | Pink | SP-S | Np/bees; frt/birds |
| Boulder Raspberry | Rubus deliciosus | 4’ x 4’ | Low | Sun/part sun | White | S | Np/bee, btf; frt/birds |
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| TREES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Colorado Blue Spruce | Picea pungens | 45’ x 15’ | Med | Sun/part sun |  |  | Seeds/birds, wl |
| Quaking Aspen | Populus tremuloides | 60’ x 25’ | Med | Sun |  |  | Shelter/birds |

Frt/birds, wl = fruit for birds and wildlife Np/bee, btf, o = nectar and pollen for bees, butterflies and other pollinators N/hummbr = nectar for hummingbirds

Design for Low Maintenance

“Native plants can be used to accomplish just about any design style you’re looking for using the elements and principles of good design: color, texture, balance, unity, variety, rhythm, line, form, scale. They can be used for anything from formal designs to the more informal naturalistic plantings that most people think of when they think native.

Choose species based on the soil, light, and water conditions of our site and for the size, shape, texture, and color desired. For a more natural, successful and easily maintained landscape, group species that grow together naturally and have the same cultural requirements. This will improve plant health and appearance and will minimize maintenance.

South-Facing areas with reflected heat will do best with dryland or desert plants. North-facing areas are cooler, moister and shadier, and will do better with forest-edge type plants. West-facing areas are more similar to south-facing, even if they only get a half day of sun, so this is a good spot for dryland, prairie or chaparral plants. The east-facing side is usually the most benign and can grow a wide variety of plants.”

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Suggested Reading and Further Resources

Gardening Guides from CoNPS

*Plains/Prairie*

*Front Range/Foothills*

*Southeastern Colorado*

*Mountains above 7,500 feet*

*Lower Elevation Western Slope*

“Native Plants for High Elevation Western Gardens”

by Janice Busco and Nancy Morin

“Growing Native Plants of the Rocky Mountain Area”

by Robert and Jane Dorn

“Gardening with Native Plants”

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“Plant Materials for Pollinators and Other Beneficial Insects in Eastern Utah and Western Colorado” NRCS Publication

Visit CoNPS at <http://www.conps.org> for design ideas, planting information and to see the full guide.