

Native plants for every situation

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* plants that are more widely adaptable to soils and exposure

! Plants that are easier to find in the trade

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NATIVE PLANT MASTER®

Natives for well-drained/sandy soils and sun

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| ! Indian rice grass | <i>Achnatherum hymenoides</i> |
| ! Blue star | <i>Amsonia jonesii</i> |
| Prickly poppy | <i>Argemone polyanthemos</i> |
| !* Fringed Sage | <i>Artemisia frigida</i> |
| ! Butterflyweed | <i>Asclepias spp.</i> |
| Porter aster | <i>Aster porteri</i> |
| ! Chocolate flower | <i>Berlandiera lyrata</i> |
| Mariposa lily | <i>Calochortus gunnisonii</i> |
| ! Sundrops | <i>Calylophus (Oenothera) lavandulifolia and serrulata</i> |
| Paintbrushes | <i>Castilleja spp.</i> |
| ! Rabbit brush | <i>Chrysothamnus spp.</i> |
| ! Rocky Mtn bee plant | <i>Cleome serrulata</i> |
| Desert sandwort | <i>Eremogone/Arenaria fendleri</i> |
| Cut leaf daisy | <i>Erigeron compositus</i> |
| ! Sulfur flower | <i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i> |
| Wallflower | <i>Erysimum capitatum</i> |
| ! Apache plume | <i>Fallugia paradoxa</i> |
| Bush sunflower | <i>Helianthus pumilus</i> |
| Showy goldeneye | <i>Heliomeris multiflora</i> |
| Bush morning glory | <i>Ipomoea leptophylla</i> |
| ! Scarlet gilia | <i>Ipomopsis aggregata</i> |
| ! June grass | <i>Koehleria macrantha</i> |
| Winter fat | <i>Krascheninnikovia lanata</i> |
| Silver lupine | <i>Lupinus argenteus</i> |
| *Tansy aster | <i>Machaeranthera/Dieteria</i> |
| Fremont Mahonia | <i>Mahonia fremontii</i> |
| Plains chiming bells | <i>Mertensia lanceolata</i> |
| ! Evening primroses | <i>Oenothera spp.</i> |
| ! Locoweeds | <i>Oxytropis spp.</i> |
| ! Penstemons | <i>Penstemon spp.</i> |
| *Silky phacelia | <i>Phacelia sericea</i> |
| Pasque flower | <i>Pulsatilla patens</i> |
| Wax currant | <i>Ribes cereum</i> |
| ! Blue sage | <i>Salvia azurea</i> |
| *Scarlet globemallow | <i>Sphaeralcea coccinea</i> |
| ! Prince's plume | <i>Stanleya pinnata</i> |
| Navajo tea | <i>Thelesperma filifolium</i> |
| Native cactus | <i>Various</i> |
| !* Yucca | <i>Yucca glauca</i> |
| Prairie zinnia | <i>Zinnia grandiflora</i> |

Natives for clay and sun

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| *Nodding onion | <i>Allium cernuum</i> |
| Lead plant | <i>Amorpha canescens</i> |
| ! Big bluestem | <i>Andropogon gerardi</i> |

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| ! Swamp milkweed | <i>Asclepias incarnata</i> |
| !* Showy milkweed | <i>Asclepias speciosa</i> |
| !* Sideoats grama | <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> |
| ! Buffalo grass | <i>Bouteloua dactyloides</i> |
| !* Blue grama | <i>Bouteloua gracilis</i> |
| !* Wine cups/Poppy mallow | <i>Callirhoe involucrata</i> |
| * Purple and white prairie clover | <i>Dalea purpurea and D. candida</i> |
| !* Narrow-leaf Echinacea | <i>Echinacea angustifolia</i> |
| !* Maximilian's sunflower | <i>Helianthus maximilianii</i> |
| * Hairy golden aster | <i>Heterotheca villosa</i> |
| !* Spotted ayfeather | <i>Liatris punctata</i> |
| * Tansy Aster | <i>Machaeranthera canescens</i> |
| !* Showy four o'clock | <i>Mirabilis multiflora</i> |
| !* Bee Balm | <i>Monarda fistulosa</i> |
| !* Stemless Evening Primrose | <i>Oenothera caespitosa</i> |
| * Narrow-leaved Penstemon | <i>Penstemon angustifolius</i> |
| !* Large-flowered Penstemon | <i>Penstemon grandiflorus</i> |
| ! Plains cottonwood | <i>Populus deltoides</i> |
| !* Wild plum | <i>Prunus americana</i> |
| !* Sand cherry | <i>Prunus pumila var. besseyi</i> |
| !* Chokecherry | <i>Prunus virginiana (Padus virginiana)</i> |
| !* Coneflower | <i>Ratibida columnifera</i> |
| !* Golden currant | <i>Ribes aureum</i> |
| !* Wild rose | <i>Rosa woodsii</i> |
| !* Black eyed Susan | <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> |
| !* Little bluestem | <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> |
| ! Indian Grass | <i>Sorghastrum nutans</i> |
| * Scarlet globemallow | <i>Sphaeralcea coccinea</i> |
| ! Prairie Dropseed | <i>Sporobolus heterolepsis</i> |
| !* Prairie verbena | <i>Verbena bipinnatifida / Glandularia bipinnatifida</i> |

Natives suitable for amended soil (sun)

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| !* Pearly everlasting | <i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i> |
| ! Columbines | <i>Aquilegia spp.</i> |
| ! Milkweed | <i>Asclepias speciosa, incarnata</i> |
| Arrowleaf balsamroot | <i>Balsamorhiza sagittata</i> |
| !* Harebells | <i>Campanula rotundifolia</i> |
| !* Aspen daisy | <i>Erigeron speciosa</i> |
| Orange sneezeweed | <i>Hymenoxys hoopesii</i> |
| Blue flag iris | <i>Iris missouriensis</i> |
| !* Blue flax | <i>Linum lewisii</i> |
| !* Bee balm | <i>Monarda fistulosa</i> |
| !* Penstemon | <i>Penstemon strictus and P. virgatus</i> |
| ! Jacob's ladder | <i>Polemonium caeruleum</i> |
| !* Golden Currant | <i>Ribes aureum and R. odoratum</i> |
| * Mule's ears | <i>Wyethia arizonica</i> |

Natives for dry shade

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| * Nodding onion | <i>Allium cernuum</i> |
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| !* Pearly everlasting | <i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i> |
| !* Pussytoes | <i>Antennaria spp.</i> |
| ! Columbine | <i>Aquilegia coerulea</i> and <i>A. chrysantha</i> |
| ! Kinnickinnick | <i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> |
| Arnica | <i>Arnica spp.</i> |
| !* Harebells | <i>Campanula rotundifolia</i> |
| Fendler's ceanothus | <i>Ceanothus fendleri</i> |
| ! Dogwood | <i>Cornus sericea</i> |
| * Leafy cinquefoil | <i>Drymocallis fissa</i> |
| !* Aspen daisy | <i>Erigeron speciosus</i> |
| !* Arizona fescue | <i>Festuca arizonica</i> |
| !* Geranium | <i>Geranium caespitosum</i> and <i>viscosissimum</i> |
| !* Prairie smoke | <i>Geum triflorum</i> |
| Coral bells | <i>Heuchera parviflora</i> |
| !* Rock/Mountain spray | <i>Holodiscus dumosus</i> |
| * Orange sneezeweed | <i>Hymenoxys hoopesii</i> |
| * Blue Flag Iris | <i>Iris missouriensis</i> |
| ! Waxflower | <i>Jamesia americana</i> |
| !* Common juniper | <i>Juniperus communis</i> |
| !* Blue flax | <i>Linum lewisii</i> |
| ! Creeping mahonia | <i>Mahonia repens</i> |
| !* Blue mist penstemon | <i>Penstemon virens</i> |
| * Pasque flower | <i>Pulsatilla patens</i> |
| !* Boulder raspberry | <i>Rubus (Oreobatus) deliciosus</i> |
| !* Black eyed Susan | <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> |
| !* Goldenrod | <i>Solidago spp.</i> |
| Snowberry | <i>Symphoricarpos albus</i> |
| Fendler's meadowrue | <i>Thalictrum fendleri</i> |
| !* Golden Banner | <i>Thermopsis divaricarpa</i> |
| Spiderwort | <i>Tradescantia occidentalis</i> |
| * Yellow violet | <i>Viola nutallii</i> |

Natives for moist shade

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| ! Columbine | <i>Aquilegia coerulea</i> , <i>A. elegantula</i> , <i>A. formosa</i> |
| Lady fern | <i>Athyrium filix-femina</i> |
| Male fern | <i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i> |
| * Strawberry | <i>Fragaria sp.</i> |
| Richardson's geranium | <i>Geranium richardsonii</i> |
| Twinberry | <i>Lonicera involucrata</i> |
| ! Jacob's ladder | <i>Polemonium caeruleum</i> |
| Mountain ash | <i>Sorbus scopulina</i> |

Natives for fragrance (most soils, sun to part shade)

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| Sand verbena | <i>Abronia fragrans</i> - sandy soil only |
| ! Sages | <i>Artemisia spp.</i> |
| ! Milkweed | <i>Asclepias speciosa</i> , <i>A. incarnata</i> |
| ! Chocolate flower | <i>Berlandiera lyrata</i> |
| Purple prairie clover | <i>Dalea purpurea</i> |
| Bedstraw | <i>Galium septentrionale</i> |
| ! Creeping mahonia | <i>Mahonia repens</i> |
| ! White tufted evening primrose | <i>Oenothera caespitosa</i> |
| Pale evening primrose | <i>Oenothera pallida</i> |
| ! Palmer's penstemon | <i>Penstemon palmeri</i> |
| ! Ponderosa pine | <i>Pinus ponderosae</i> |

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| ! Chokecherry | <i>Prunus (Padus) virginiana</i> |
| ! American plum | <i>Prunus americana</i> |
| Wafer ash | <i>Ptelea trifoliata</i> |
| Cliffrose | <i>Purshia stansburiana</i> |
| Golden currant | <i>Ribes odoratum</i> |
| ! New Mexico locust | <i>Robinia neomexicana</i> |
| ! Woods rose | <i>Rosa woodsii</i> |

Natives suitable for groundcovers (dry, mostly sunny)

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| ! Pussytoes | <i>Antennaria spp.</i> |
| ! Kinnickinnick | <i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> |
| ! Buffalo grass | <i>Bouteloua dactyloides</i> |
| Blue grama | <i>!Bouteloua gracilis</i> |
| ! Wine cups/poppy mallow | <i>Callirhoe involucrata</i> |
| Sundrops | <i>Calylophus lavandulifolius</i> |
| Whiplash fleabane | <i>Erigeron flagellaris</i> |
| ! Sulfur flower | <i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i> |
| Strawberries | <i>Fragaria spp.</i> |
| ! Ground Juniper | <i>Juniperus communis</i> |
| Creeping evening primrose | <i>Oenothera pallida ssp. Runcinata</i> |
| ! Mountain lover | <i>Pachystima myrsinites</i> |
| Mat penstemon | <i>Penstemon linarioides and P. caespitosus</i> |
| Phlox | <i>Phlox hoodii and P. longifolia</i> |
| Silver cinquefoil | <i>Potentilla hippiana</i> |
| Britton's skullcap | <i>Scutellaria brittonii</i> |
| ! Plains verbena | <i>Vebena bipinnatifida</i> |

Natives suitable for more formal garden *Amelanchier alnifolia*

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| ! Serviceberry | <i>Antennaria McClintock's variety</i> |
| Pussytoes | <i>Calylophus spp.</i> |
| Sundrops | <i>Cornus sericea</i> |
| ! Red twig dogwood | <i>Erigeron speciosus</i> |
| ! Aspen daisy | <i>Fritillaria pudica</i> |
| Fritillaria | <i>Juniperus scopulorum</i> |
| !Rocky mountain juniper | <i>P. strictus, P. virgatus, P. eatonii</i> |
| ! Penstemon | <i>Pachystima myrsinites</i> |
| ! Mountain lover | <i>Panicum virgatum</i> |
| ! Switchgrass | <i>Picea pungens</i> |
| ! Blue spruce | <i>Potentilla fruticosa</i> |
| ! Shrubby cinquefoil cultivars | <i>Ribes aureum</i> |
| ! Golden currant | <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> |
| ! Black eyed Susan | <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> |
| ! Little bluestem | <i>Vebena bipinnatifida</i> |
| ! Plains verbena | <i>Yucca spp.</i> |
| ! Yuccas | |

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| Natives for fall color (most soils sun to p | <i>Acer glabrum</i> |
| ! Rocky Mtn maple | <i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i> |
| ! Serviceberry | <i>Andropogon gerardii</i> |
| ! Big Bluestem | <i>Celtis reticulata</i> |
| Western hackberry | <i>Chamerion angustifolium</i> |
| Fireweed | <i>Cornus sericea</i> |
| ! Red twig dogwood | <i>Drymocallis fissa</i> |
| Leafy cinquefoil | <i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i> |
| ! Sulfur flower | <i>Geranium viscosissimum and caespitosum</i> |
| ! Geranium | <i>Holodiscus dumosus</i> |
| ! Mountain spray | <i>Jamesia americana</i> |
| ! Wax flower | <i>Parthenocissus vitacea</i> |
| Virginia creeper | <i>Physocarpus monogynus</i> |
| ! Ninebark | <i>Populus spp.</i> |
| ! Aspen/Cottonwood | <i>Prunus virginiana (Padus virginiana)</i> |
| ! Chokecherry | <i>Quercus gambelii</i> |
| ! Gamble oak | <i>Rhus glabra and R. trilobata</i> |
| ! Sumacs | <i>Ribes aureum</i> |
| ! Golden currant | <i>Salix spp.</i> |
| ! Willows | <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> |
| ! Little bluestem | <i>Sorbus scopulina</i> |
| Mountain ash | <i>Sorghastrum nutans</i> |
| ! Indian grass | |