



DROUGHT TOLERANT PERENNIALS & GROUNDCOVERS

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<i>Achillea spp.</i>	Yarrow	6-36" x 12-24"	Varies	Sun	3	Fern-like foliage; many cultivars; long blooming; easy to grow and very adaptable
<i>Aethionema schistosum</i>	Persian Stonecress	6-12" x 12-15"	Pink	Sun	4	Fragrant; attractive blue-green foliage; reseeds. Uses: naturalizing, rock gardens
<i>Agastache spp.</i>	Hyssop, Agastache	2-4' x 1-2'	Varies	Sun	4	Showy, fragrant, long blooming; attracts hummingbirds and butterflies; many cultivars
<i>Allium cernuum</i>	Nodding Onion	12-18" x 8-10"	Pale Pink	Sun/pt sh	3	Grass-like leaves topped by clusters of nodding pink flowers; native; attracts pollinators; good for naturalizing; self-seeds
<i>Anacyclus pyrethrum var. depressus</i>	Mount Atlas Daisy	2-4" x 12"	White	Sun	5	Undersides of petals dark red; reseeds. Uses: rock garden, edging
<i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i>	Pearly Everlasting	12-24" x 12-24"	White	Sun	3	Small yellow flowers surrounded by papery, white bracts. Uses: food source for Painted Lady butterfly; floral arrangements

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<i>Antennaria rosea</i>	Rosy Pussytoes	4-12" x 8-12"	Pink	Sun	3	Native; mat-forming. Uses: groundcover, rock garden, naturalizing
<i>Anthemis tinctoria</i>	Golden Marguerite	2-3' x 2'	Yellow	Sun	3	Bright daisy-like blooms over a long period; fern-like foliage. Uses: cut flowers, borders, containers
<i>Arabis caucasica</i>	Rockcress, Wallcress	4-6" x 12-18"	White or Pink	Sun	4	Spring blooming; Uses: groundcover, rock gardens, spilling over rock walls, edging; needs good drainage
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	Kinnikinnick	6-12" x 15"	White to pink, urn-shaped	Sun/pt sh	2	Native, evergreen groundcover; useful on sandy or gravelly slopes and banks; red berries
<i>Armeria maritima</i>	Sea Pink, Sea Thrift	8-10" x 8-12"	Rose pink, White	Sun/pt sh	3	Tidy, grass-like foliage; compact growth; rounded clusters of flowers on wiry stems. Uses: rock gardens, borders, edging
<i>Artemisia "Powis Castle"</i>	Silver Sage	24-36" x 30-36"	Rarely	Sun	4	Attractive fernlike silvery-green foliage; aromatic; provides good contrast in the landscape
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly Weed	18-24" x 12-24"	Orange	Sun	3	Provides nectar for butterflies; food source for Monarch butterfly larvae
<i>Aurinia saxatilis</i>	Basket of Gold	6-12" x 12-18"	Yellow	Sun	3	Spring blooming; attracts pollinators. Uses: rock gardens, groundcover, spilling over rock walls; shear after bloom
<i>Baptisia australis</i>	Blue False Indigo	3-4' x 3-4'	Blue	Sun	3	Deep blue spikes of pea-shaped flowers; attractive seed pods nice in dried arrangements; long-lived

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<i>Berlandiera lyrata</i>	Chocolate Flower	12-15" x 18-24"	Yellow	Sun	4	Chocolate scent; most fragrant when planted in groups
<i>Calamintha nepeta ssp. nepeta</i>	Calamint	12-15" x 12-18"	White, Pale lilac	Sun	5	Attracts pollinators; long bloom period; fragrant foliage. Uses: rock garden, edging; self-sows - shear after flowering
<i>Callirhoe involucrata</i>	Poppy Mallow	4-6" x 24-36"	Magenta	Sun	4	Blooms all summer; taproot; long lived; Useful on slopes, over retaining walls and naturalized areas
<i>Calylophus serrulatus</i>	Yellow Sundrops	6-12" x 12-15"	Yellow	Sun	4	Native to the Great Plains; long-blooming; a tough, low maintenance plant; good in rock gardens
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	Bluebell, Harebell	6-12" x 12"	Blue-purple	Sun/pt sh	3	Native; long blooming; attracts bees, butterflies. Uses: rock gardens, naturalizing
<i>Catananche caerulea</i>	Cupid's Dart	18-24" x 10-12"	Lavender-blue	Sun	4	Grass-like foliage with flowers on 8-12" stems; papery blossoms make excellent cut or dried flowers; self-sows
<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Lanceleaf Coreopsis	2-3' x 2'	Yellow/gold	Sun	4	Bright yellow daisy-like flowers on long stems; attracts pollinators; self-sows, good for naturalizing
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Purple Coneflower	2-4' x 2'	Purple, Pink	Sun/pt sh	4	Many cultivars available; attracts butterflies, bees; good choice for a prairie, native or meadow garden; versatile and beautiful
<i>Epimedium alpinum</i>	Alpine Barrenwort	6-12" x 8-14"	Red and Yellow	Part shade to shade	4	Rhizomatous; heart-shaped leaves; excellent groundcover for shady areas

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<i>Erigeron speciosus</i>	Showy Daisy	12-24" x 12-24"	Blue-purple	Sun	3	Yellow-centered daisy-like bloom; easy to grow; good choice for a butterfly garden or wildflower meadow; native
<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i>	Sulphur-flower Buckwheat	4-12" x 18-36"	Yellow	Sun	4	Needs good drainage; excellent groundcover for dry areas, banks, slopes, rock gardens; native
<i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i>	Oregon Sunshine, Woolly Sunflower	6-24" x 12-24"	Yellow	Sun	4	Bright, daisy-like flowers above silvery-gray foliage; native; thrives in rocky or sandy soil; nectar source for native butterflies
<i>Eryngium bourgatii</i>	Sea Holly	18-24" x 12-18"	Blue	Sun	4	Spherical flower-heads have spiny steel-blue bracts valued in flower arrangements; attractive to pollinators
<i>Euphorbia polychroma</i>	Cushion Spurge	12-18" x 18-24"	Yellow bracts	Sun	4	Nice mounding habit; good in borders, rock gardens; bracts are yellow in spring; fall color; self-seeds; milky sap can be toxic
<i>Gaillardia aristata</i>	Blanket flower	12-24" x 12-18"	Yellow and Red	Sun	3	Native wildflower; long-blooming when dead-headed; attracts butterflies; many cultivars available
<i>Geranium sanguineum</i>	Bloody Cranesbill	8-16" x 12-18"	Magenta pink	Sun/pt sh	3	Deeply lobed leaves turn red in fall; long blooming; easy to grow; good groundcover or rock garden plant
<i>Geum triflorum</i>	Prairie Smoke	6-18" x 6-12"	Pinkish-red	Sun/pt sun	3	Attractive, feathery pink seed-heads; spreads slowly by rhizomes; native. Uses: groundcover, rock garden, edging

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<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	Sunrose, Rockrose	6-12" x 12-18"	Varies	Sun	5	Needs good drainage; good for rock gardens or as a groundcover in sandy or rocky soil; many cultivars available
<i>Helianthus maximiliani</i>	Maximilian's Sunflower	2-8' x 2-4'	Yellow	Sun	4	Good choice for a meadow or prairie planting, sunny border
<i>Hesperaloe parviflora</i>	Red Yucca	2-5' x 3'	Red	Sun	5	Coral-red flower spikes attract hummingbirds; needs good drainage
<i>Heuchera cylindrica</i>	Coralbells, Roundleaf Alumroot	12-18" x 12-15"	Creamy-white	Sun/pt sh	4	Native; good in a woodland or rock garden; low maintenance
<i>Hyssopus officinalis</i>	Hyssop	18-24" x 12-18"	Dark Blue	Sun	4	Attracts bees and butterflies; medicinal herb; aromatic foliage; low maintenance
<i>Kniphofia uvaria</i>	Red Hot Poker, Torch Lily	2-3' x 1-2'	Red and Yellow	Sun	5	Showy spikes of tubular flowers on sword-like foliage; water while blooming; attracts hummingbirds
<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>	English Lavender	Varies	Blue-violet	Sun	5	Fragrant foliage and flowers; attracts bees and butterflies; shear after bloom; many cultivars available
<i>Lewisia spp.</i>	Bitterroot	4-8" x 5-10"	Varies	Sun	3	Good rock garden plant; requires excellent drainage
<i>Liatris punctata</i>	Dotted Blazing Star	12-24" x 12-18"	Purple	Sun	3	Native prairie plant; attracts pollinators; excellent cut flower
<i>Limonium latifolium</i>	Sea Lavender, Statice	12-24" x 12-18"	Lavender-blue	Sun	3	In bloom looks like a delicate cloud of flowers; excellent for floral arrangements; dislikes being moved

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<i>Linum lewisii</i>	Blue Flax	12-24" x 6-12"	Blue	Sun	3	Profusion of lovely sky-blue flowers atop delicate, arching stems; good in native or meadow garden; some self-seeding
<i>Mahonia repens</i>	Creeping Oregon Grape	12-18" x 12-36"	Yellow	Sun to Shade	4	Evergreen groundcover; native; blue-purple berries
<i>Marrubium rotundifolia</i>	Silver-edge Horehound	6-8" x 12-24"	Insignificant	Sun/pt sh	4	Velvety leaves edged in silver. Uses: groundcover, rock garden
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i> <i>var. menthifolia</i>	Wild Bergamot, Bee Balm	2-4' x 3'	Lavender	Sun	3	Attracts bees, butterflies and hummingbirds; aromatic foliage; great for naturalizing; native
<i>Nepeta x faassenii</i>	Catmint	1-2' x 1-3'	Lavender-blue	Sun	3	Aromatic foliage; Long bloomer which attracts butterflies, bees and hummingbirds; easy to grow; many cultivars available
<i>Oenothera missouriensis</i>	Missouri Evening Primrose	9-12" x 12-24"	Yellow	Sun	3	Trailing plant with fragrant, cup-shaped blooms and unique seed pods; long blooming
<i>Penstemon spp.</i>	Beardstongue, Penstemon	Varies	Varies	Sun	4	Spikes of tubular flowers loved by hummingbirds and bumblebees; needs good drainage
<i>Perovskia atriplicifolia</i>	Russian Sage	3-4' x 3-4'	Lavender-blue	Sun	4	Airy cloud of purple-blue flowers in late summer; silvery foliage; long bloomer; easy to grow; attracts pollinators
<i>Phemeranthus calycinum</i>	Fame Flower	8-12" x 5-10"	Magenta	Sun	5	Prefers rocky soil; succulent; good rock garden plant
<i>Phlox subulata</i>	Creeping Phlox, Moss Phlox	4-6" x 12-24"	Varies	Sun/pt sh	3	Spring color for rock gardens, rock walls, edging or groundcover

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<i>Pulsatilla vulgaris</i>	Pasqueflower	9-12" x 6-10"	Blue-purple	Sun/pt sh	4	Early spring flowers; showy seed heads
<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>	Mexican Hat, Prairie Coneflower	12-36" x 18"	Red and Yellow	Sun	4	Native prairie plant; good for naturalizing; self-seeds
<i>Rudbeckia spp.</i>	Black-eyed Susan	Varies	Yellow	Sun	4	Attracts pollinators and birds; very colorful; easy to grow; self-seeds; many cultivars
<i>Salvia spp.</i>	Sage, Salvia	Varies	Blue, Purple, Pink	Sun	4	Attracts butterflies, hummingbirds and bees; aromatic foliage; long bloom period; many cultivars
<i>Saponaria ocymoides</i>	Rock Soapwort	4-6" x 12-18"	Pink	Sun	3	Likes sandy soil; blooms in late spring. Uses: groundcover, rock walls, rock gardens
<i>Scutellaria resinosa</i> 'Smoky Hills'	Prairie Skullcap	6-12" x 10-14"	Purple-blue	Sun	4	Needs good drainage; low-maintenance; Uses: groundcover, rock garden, native garden, edging
<i>Sedum spp.</i>	Stonecrop, Sedum	Varies	Varies	Sun	4	Adaptable, versatile and easy to grow succulent. Uses: groundcover, borders, rock gardens, edging; many cultivars
<i>Sempervivum spp.</i>	Hens and Chicks	2-4" x 6-12"	Varies	Sun	4	Rosettes of succulent leaves; colorful; many varieties; likes well-draining soil; Uses: rock gardens, containers
<i>Sphaeralcea munroana</i>	Munro's Globe Mallow	24-36" x 24"	Orange	Sun	4	Native to shrub-steppe habitat; adaptable to all soil types
<i>Stachys byzantina</i>	Lamb's Ear	12-18" x 12-36"	Pink-purple	Sun/pt sh	4	Velvety, silver-gray leaves. Uses: groundcover, edging, borders

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<i>Tanacetum densum</i>	Partridge Feather	4-6" x 15-24"	Yellow	Sun	5	Feather-shaped, silvery-white foliage. Uses: rock garden, groundcover
<i>Tetraneuris scaposa</i>	Thrifty-leaf Perky Sue	5" x 8"	Yellow	Sun	4	Nice in rock gardens; daisy-like flower
<i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i>	Wall Germander	9-12" x 12-24"	Pink-purple	Sun	5	Aromatic, evergreen foliage. Uses: herb garden, knot garden, low hedge
<i>Thymus pseudolanuginosus</i>	Wooly Thyme	1-2" x 12-18"	Rarely	Sun	2	Very drought-tolerant; forms lush mat of soft green foliage. Uses: between flagstones; lawn substitute; groundcover
<i>Thymus serpyllum</i>	Creeping Thyme	2-4" x 12-18"	Red, Pink, Purple	Sun	4	Low maintenance; needs good drainage. Uses: groundcover, between stepping stones; small-scale lawn replacement
<i>Veronica 'Blue Reflection'</i>	Creeping Speedwell	2-3" x 18-24"	Blue	Sun/pt sh	4	Good as a groundcover or between stepping stones
<i>Zauschneria garrettii 'Orange Carpet'</i>	Hummingbird Trumpet	4-6" x 18-24"	Scarlet-orange	Sun	3	A hummingbird magnet in mid-late summer. Uses: groundcover, rock gardens, hillsides, rock walls
<i>Zinnia grandiflora</i>	Prairie Zinnia	6-8" x 12-18"	Yellow	Sun	4	Good groundcover in rocky or sandy areas