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Why a Waterwise Landscape?

Growing up in southern Nevada, I'm well acquainted with the desert landscape. My grandmother loved the desert plants and had a firm belief in the beauty of the harsh landscape that many people might refer to as a lump of sand. Nevada is generally acknowledged as the driest state in the nation, with Utah as the second. When I moved to Utah for schooling, I teased people who thought Utah was a desert. The lush landscape seemed too green to be in the same category as the red mesas of my childhood. Utah has a wonderful variety of water savvy plants that grow rampant in our canyons and natural landscapes. This land-

scape is contrasted by the Utah obsession with lawns. It seems that the idea of the ideal yard in Utah is a simple emerald green lawn stretching across every inch of the property, broken up by maybe one or two trees.

With the ever-present threat of climate change, the lawn is not only impractical, but often an eyesore. The summer of 2021 was a particularly dry one. Government agencies urged Utahns to limit the watering of their lawn while continuing to keep their trees alive by watering them separately. Yards across the state turned a dry yellow that I was very familiar with. I couldn't help but look at the surrounding canyons and see how the native

plants still thrived through the drought.

USU Extension estimates that 65% of potable water is used to hydrate lawns and landscapes. The Utah Division of Water Resources declared that the average Utah resident uses 182 gallons of water every day. Over the course of a year, that tallies quickly to over 66,000 gallons a year for each person. Utah is home to over 3.2 million people, accounting for over 212 billion gallons of water. In comparison, Utah receives an average of 13 inches of rainfall annually, with the northern parts of the landscape getting more, and the southern parts being drier. Not all of that rain goes into our potable water

reserves. There is a need for Utah homes to become more waterwise and preserve our resources.

To motivate Utah homeowners to transform their yards into waterwise landscapes, the Water Conservancy District has put programs in place to award residents money for converting their lawns into a waterwise landscape. The most notable is the “Flip Your Strip” initiative. “Flip Your Strip” reimburses Utahns \$1.25 per square foot of lawn that they design and replant to be water conservative. Redoing a yard can save between 3,000 to 8,000 gallons of water a year. Multiplying that by the Utah population, water

wise landscaping would save more than 3 billion gallons of water.

This project is focused around introducing waterwise landscaping in the way it is meant to be seen. Many people think that a water conserving landscape is a gravel lawn with a spindly bush in the front. It isn't hard to see why the concept of a waterwise yard would be unattractive to most Utahns. However, a waterwise landscape can be full of life, color, and texture.

The larger struggle is teaching people how to care for their new waterwise landscape. Utah State University's Extension gives a clear guideline

of best planting practices when planting a new landscape and caring for it after it is established. The first begins by choosing plants well adapted to Utah's native climate. This booklet contains a list of some of these plants, though it isn't an exhaustive list. There are thousands of possibilities, but these plants are popular and usually easy to find in a local nursery. Different plants bloom at different times and have interest at different times of the year. Choose a variety of blooming seasons and stagger them so that your yard has

something beautiful going on all the time.

Next, plant your yard in hydrozones. Not all plants require the same amount of water. The danger that most yards face is all the plants being given the same amount of water. Some plants would drown, and some would be dying of thirst, leaving the homeowner baffled and confused about why all their plants are dying. All the plants in this booklet have been broken up into 'very low', 'low', and 'medium' water usage hydrozones. When planting,

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group plants of similar water usage together and adapt the amount of water they receive to fit their needs. Another way to prevent this is using a dripline system to deliver a set amount of water at the base of each plant.

In 2022, NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information released State Climate Summaries. They pointed out that the climate in Utah is getting hotter. They say, “Temperatures in Utah have risen more than 2.5°F since

the beginning of the 20th century.” With heat comes a greater amount of evaporation. To prevent losing moisture due to the sun, it is important to water less frequently. USU Extension says to water just before you water deprivation damage is evident in your plants. Another excellent way of preventing excess evaporation is to place 3 to 4 inches of mulch in your planting areas. Both organic mulch (wood chips, pine needles, etc.) and inorganic mulch (gravel, glass, etc.) work effectively

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to cover the ground and prevent water loss.

The third trick to re-landscaping your yard is design. Every family and household has different needs and priorities. The Utah lawn, despite its flaws, does have a practical purpose in entertaining and enjoying outdoor spaces. However, corner to corner lawn is inefficient and means more mowing. The best practice is to sketch out a lawn space in the area of your lawn that gets some sun coverage. Make sure to plant shade loving plants in the areas that get shade, and trees on the East or West sides of your home to cool your house in the summer months. Surrounding a lawn area

with beautiful plants tends to emphasize the lawn and make it appear lusher and more impressive than having a lawn across the entire plot. The lawn is usually the area of a yard that requires the most water, and so should be treated as the jewel of the yard rather than the default option.

A waterwise landscape is not too hard to install and, although it does require some degree of maintenance, could be the key to eliminating some of the water waste that exists in our communities. However, it is up to individuals living in affected areas to make the changes and preserve the Utah landscape and resources for future generations.

Terminology

Deciduous - Losing leaves during colder seasons

Evergreen - Keeping leaves and needles throughout the year

Perennials- Flowers that bloom from plants and bushes the lives and reblooms for more than two years

Ornamental Grasses- Tall and bush like grasses

Vines - growing vertically along trellises and walls.

Ground Cover- Grows horizontally low along the ground

 *Full Sun*

 *Part Sun*

 *Shade*

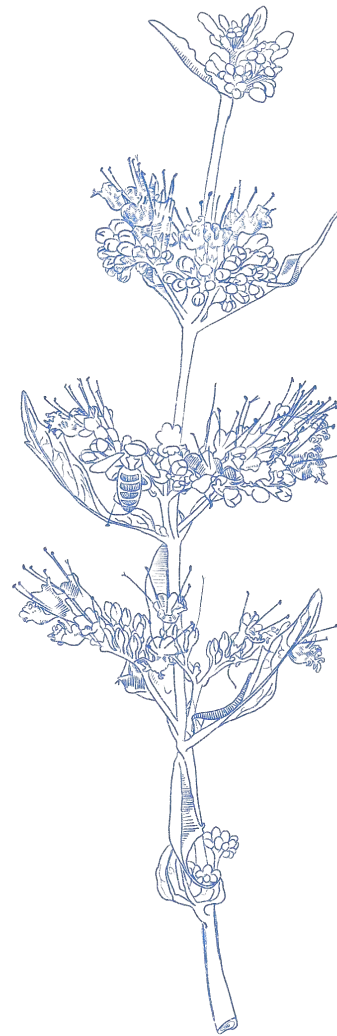
Very Low Water Use - 0 gallons per square foot

Low Water Use - 3 gallons per square foot

Medium Water Use - 10 gallons per square foot

Water needs may vary from plant to plant and some may require more water in the summer.

USDA Hardiness Zones are determined based on the temperatures in the region. Most of Utah falls in zones 4-8.



Deciduous Shrubs

Very Low Water Usage

		USDA HARDINESS ZONE	BLOOMING SEASON	BLOOM COLOR	MAXIMUM WIDTH (FT)	MAXIMUM HEIGHT (FT)
Tall Blue Rabbitbrush	<i>Chrysothamnus nauseosus</i> 'Tall Blue'	● 4-9	Late	Yellow	6	6
Lacy Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum corymbosum</i>	● 3-6	Late	Variable	4	4
Apache Plume	<i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>	● 3-9	Mid	White	5	5
Matchbrush	<i>Gutierrezia sarothrae</i>	● 4-9	Mid-Late	Yellow	2	2
Red Yucca	<i>Hesperaloe parvifolia</i>	● 5-10	Mid-Late	Red	4	4

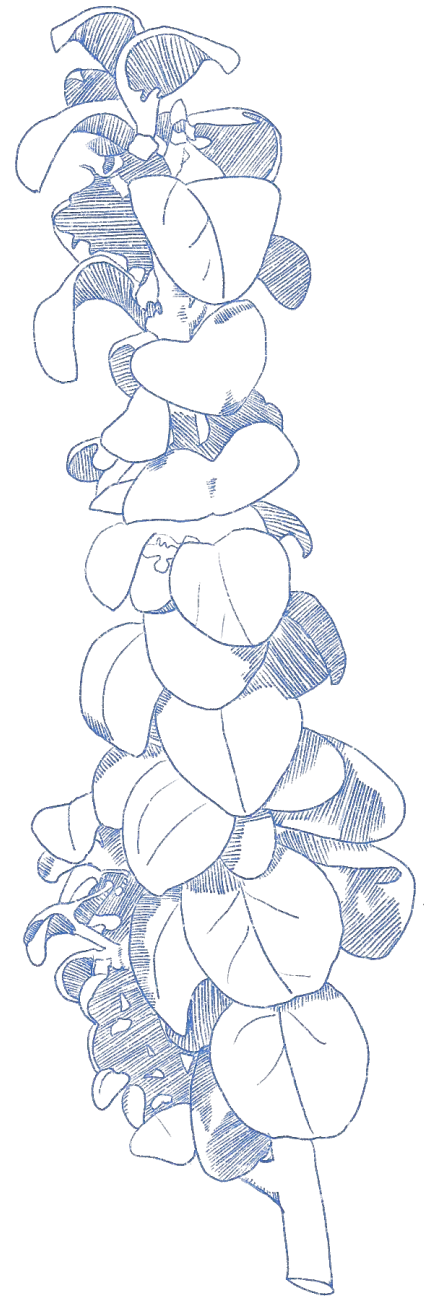
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Waxflower	<i>Jamesia americana</i>	○ 3-6	Early-Mid	White	6	4
Cheyenne Mockorange	<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i> 'Cheyenne'	◐ 3-8	Early-Mid	White	9	8
Leadplant	<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	● 4-8	Mid-Late	Purple	4	3
Utah Mountain-Lilac	<i>Ceanothus martinii</i>	◐ 3-6	Early-Mid	White	3	5
Alderleaf Mountain Mahogany	<i>Cercocarpus montanus</i>	● 3-6	Early-Mid	Pink	6	6
Fernbush	<i>Chamaebatiaria millefolium</i>	◐ 4-9	Mid-Late	White	5	5
Squaw Apple	<i>Peraphyllum ramosissimum</i>	● 3-6	Early	White	5	5
Sand Cherry	<i>Prunus besseyi</i>	◐ 3-8	Early	White	6	6
Dwarf Smooth Sumac	<i>Rhus glabra</i> var. <i>Cismontana</i>	● 3-6			5	4
Squawbush	<i>Rhus trilobata</i>	◐ 4-7			4	6
Woods' Rose	<i>Rosa woodsii</i>	◐ 3-6	Mid	Pink	6	5
Germander	<i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i>	● 4-10	Mid-Late	Pink	1	2
Blue Mint Bush	<i>Zisophora clinopodioides</i>	◐ 5-9	Mid-Late	Blue	15	15



Medium Water Usage

			USDA HARDINESS ZONE	BLOOMING SEASON	BLOOM COLOR	MAXIMUM WIDTH (FT)	MAXIMUM HEIGHT (FT)
Pygmy Peashrub	<i>Caragana pygmaea</i>	●	3-7	Mid-Late	Yellow	3	5
Blue Mist Spirea	<i>Caryopteris x clandonensis</i> 'Longwood Blue'	◐	5-9	Mid-Late	Blue	4	5
Snowbrush Ceanothus	<i>Ceanothus velutinus</i>	◐	3-6	Early-Mid	White	6	6
Smoketree	<i>Cotinus coggygria</i>	●	4-9	Early-Mid	Pink	15	10
Spreading Cotoneaster	<i>Cotoneaster divaricatus</i>	◐	4-7	Early-Mid	White/Pink	6	8
Carol Mackie Daphne	<i>Daphne x burkwoodii</i> 'Carol Mackie'	◐	4-8	Early	Pink	3	4
Mountain Spray	<i>Holodiscus dumosus</i>	●	3-6	Mid	White	12	10
Mountain Hollyhock	<i>Iliamna rivularis</i>	◐	3-6	Mid-Late	Pink	6	4
Twinberry	<i>Lonicera involunrata</i>	○	3-6	Early	Yellow/Pink	9	10
Little Leaf Mockorange	<i>Philadelphus microphylla</i>	●	4-10	Early-Mid	White	6	4
Mallow-Leaved Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus malvaceus</i>	○	2-5	Early-Mid	White/Pink	6	4
Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	◐	2-8	Early-Mid	White	8	6
Shrubby Cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	◐	2-7	Mid	Yellow	4	4
Purple-Leaf Sand Cherry	<i>Prunus x cistena</i>	●	2-8	Early	White	10	8
Chokecherry	<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	●	2-6	Early	White	15	10
Staghorn Sumac	<i>Rhus typhina</i>	◐	3-9			15	10
Alpine Currant	<i>Ribes alpinum</i>	◐	2-7	Early	Green-Yellow	6	6
Golden Currant	<i>Ribes aureum</i>	●	3-6	Early	Yellow	6	5
Redleaf Rose	<i>Rosa glauca</i>	●	2-8	Early-Mid	Pink	6	5
Rugosa Rose	<i>Rosa rugosa</i>	●	3-7	Mid-Late	Variable	6	6
Silver Buffaloberry	<i>Shepherdia argentea</i>	●	3-9			12	10
Rock Mountain Ash	<i>Sorbus scopulina</i>	◐	2-5	Mid	White	10	8
Coralberry	<i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i>	◐	2-7	Mid	Pink/White	5	8
Mountain Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos oreophilus</i>	◐	3-6	Mid	White/Pink	5	5
Dwarf Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos x chenaultii</i> 'Hancock'	◐	4-7	Mid	Pink	2	1
Cranberry Bush	<i>Viburnum trilobum</i>	◐	2-7	Early-Mid	White	10	12




Evergreen Shrubs

Very Low Water Usage

			USDA HARDINESS ZONE	BLOOMING SEASON	BLOOM COLOR	MAXIMUM WIDTH (FT)	MAXIMUM HEIGHT (FT)
Fringed Sagebrush	<i>Artemisia frigida</i>		3-10	Mid-Late	Yellow	2	1.5
Curl-Leaf Mountain Mahogany	<i>Cercocarpus ledifolius</i>		3-10	Early	Pink	12	12
Rubber Rabbitbrush	<i>Chrysothamnus nauseosus</i>		4-8	Mid	Yellow	7	7
Yellow Rabbitbrush	<i>Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus</i>		3-8	Mid	Yellow	5	3
Smooth Sumac	<i>Rhus glabra</i>		5-8	Early-Mid	Green/Yellow	15	1
Threelobe Sumac	<i>Rhus trilobata</i>		4-8	Early	Green/Yellow	6	6
Sand Sagebrush	<i>Artemisia filifolia</i>		4-8	Mid-Late	Yellow	4	3
Black Sagebrush	<i>Artemisia nova</i>		3-6	Mid-Late Y	ellow	2	2
Fourwing Saltbrush	<i>Atriplex canescens</i>		2-10	Mid	Yellow/Brown	4	6
Shadscale	<i>Atriplex confertifolia</i>		3-6	Early-Med	Inconspicuous	3	3
Winterfat	<i>Krascheninnikovia lanata</i>		2-7	Mid	White	2.5	2.5
Mormon Tea	<i>Ephedra viridis</i>		3-8	–	–	4	4
Utah Holly	<i>Mahonia fremontii</i>		3-6	Early-Mid	Yellow	5	5
Cliffrose	<i>Purshia mexicana</i>		4-7	Early	Yellow	5	4
Roundleaf Buffaloberry	<i>Shepherdia rotunifolia</i>		5-9	Early-Mid	Yellow	6	6

Low Water Usage

Greenleaf Manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos</i>		2-6	Early-Late	Pink	6	1
Big Sagebrush	<i>Artemisia tridentata</i>		4-9	Mid-Late	Yellow	5	5
Little-Leaf Mountain Mahogany	<i>Cercocarpus intricatus</i>		4-7	Early	Pink	5	4
Dwarf Rockspray Cotoneaster	<i>Cotoneaster microphyllus</i> var. <i>Thymifolius</i>		5-11	Early-Mid	White	2	4
Singleseed Juniper	<i>Juniperus squamata</i> 'Blue Star'		4-8	–	–	3	4
Slowmound Mugo Pine	<i>Pinus mugo</i> 'Slowmound'		2-7	–	–	3	3
Antelope Bitterbrush	<i>Purshia tridentata</i>		3-6	Early	Yellow	8	6



Deciduous Trees

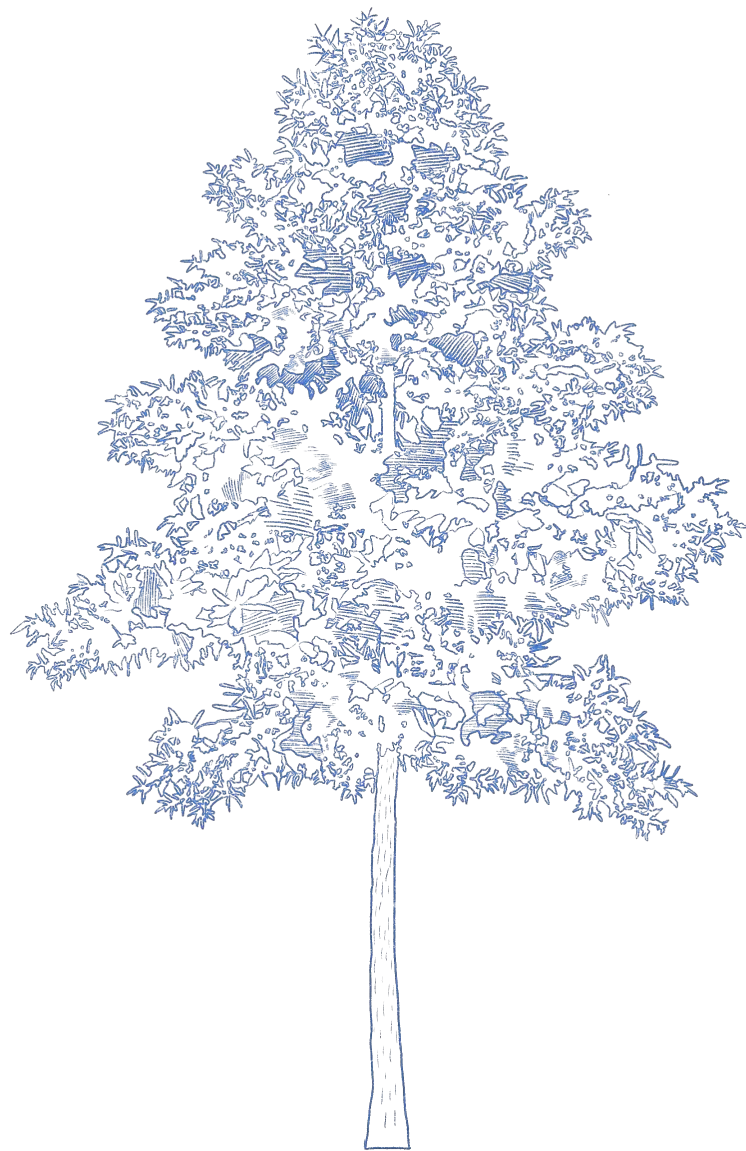
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Utah Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier utahensis</i>	● 3-8	Early	White	12	10
Gambel Oak	<i>Quercus gambelii</i>	● 4-8	—	—	30	15
Bur Oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	● 2-8	—	—	75	70
Chinkapin Oak	<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>	● 4-7	—	—	50	50
New Mexico Locust	<i>Robinia neomexicana</i>	● 5-9	Mid	Pink	10	6
Lacebark Elm	<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	● 4-9	—	—	50	50
Japanese Zelkova	<i>Zelkova serrata</i>	● 5-8	—	—	60	60
Bailey Compact Amur Maple	<i>Acer ginnala</i> 'Bailey'	● 3-8	—	—	10	10
Flame Amur Maple	<i>Acer ginnala</i> 'Flame'	● 2-8	—	—	20	20
Bigtooth Maple	<i>Acer grandidentatum</i>	● 3-6	—	—	30	25
Tatarian Maple	<i>Acer tataricum</i>	● 3-8	—	—	25	20
Netleaf Hackberry	<i>Celtis reticulata</i>	● 4-9	—	—	30	20
Desert Willow	<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>	● 6-10	Early-Mid	Pink	30	20
Chitalpa	<i>x Chitalpa tashkentensis</i>	● 6-10	Mid	Pink	30	30
Douglas Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus douglasii</i>	● 2-8	Early	White	12	10
Desert Olive	<i>Forestiera neomexicana</i>	● 5-9	—	—	10	8
Singleleaf Ash	<i>Fraxinus anomala</i>	● 6-9	—	—	12	12
Maidenhair Tree	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	● 3-9	—	—	50	30
Kentucky Coffeetree	<i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	● 3-8	Early	Cream	60	40
Goldenraintree	<i>Koeleruteria paniculata</i>	● 5-9	Mid	Yellow	35	40
Osage-Orange	<i>Maclura pomifera</i>	● 4-9	—	—	40	40



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Hedge Maple	<i>Acer camperstre</i>	☾	4-8	–	–	30	30
Shantung Maple	<i>Acer truncatum</i>	☾	4-8	–	–	25	20
Saskatoon Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	☾	3-8	Early	White	12	10
Western Catalpa	<i>Catalpa speciosa</i>	☾	4-9	Mid	White	60	40
Common Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	☾	2-9	–	–	50	40
Turkish Filbert	<i>Corylus colurna</i>	●	4-8	–	–	50	25
Braeburn Apple	<i>Malus 'braeburn'</i>	●	5-8	Early	White	15	15
Chokecherry	<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	●	2-6	Early	White	20	15
Japanese Tree Lilac	<i>Syringa reticulata</i>	●	3-8	Early-Mid	White	30	20



Evergreen/Conifer Trees

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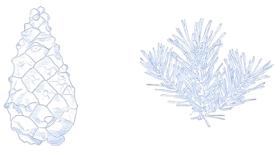
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Utah Juniper	<i>Juniperus osteosperma</i>	●	3-7		100	20

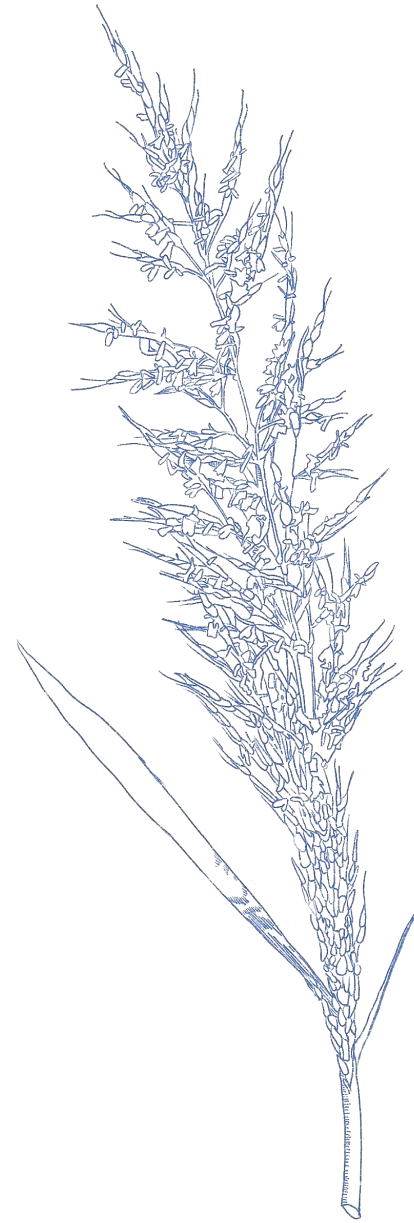
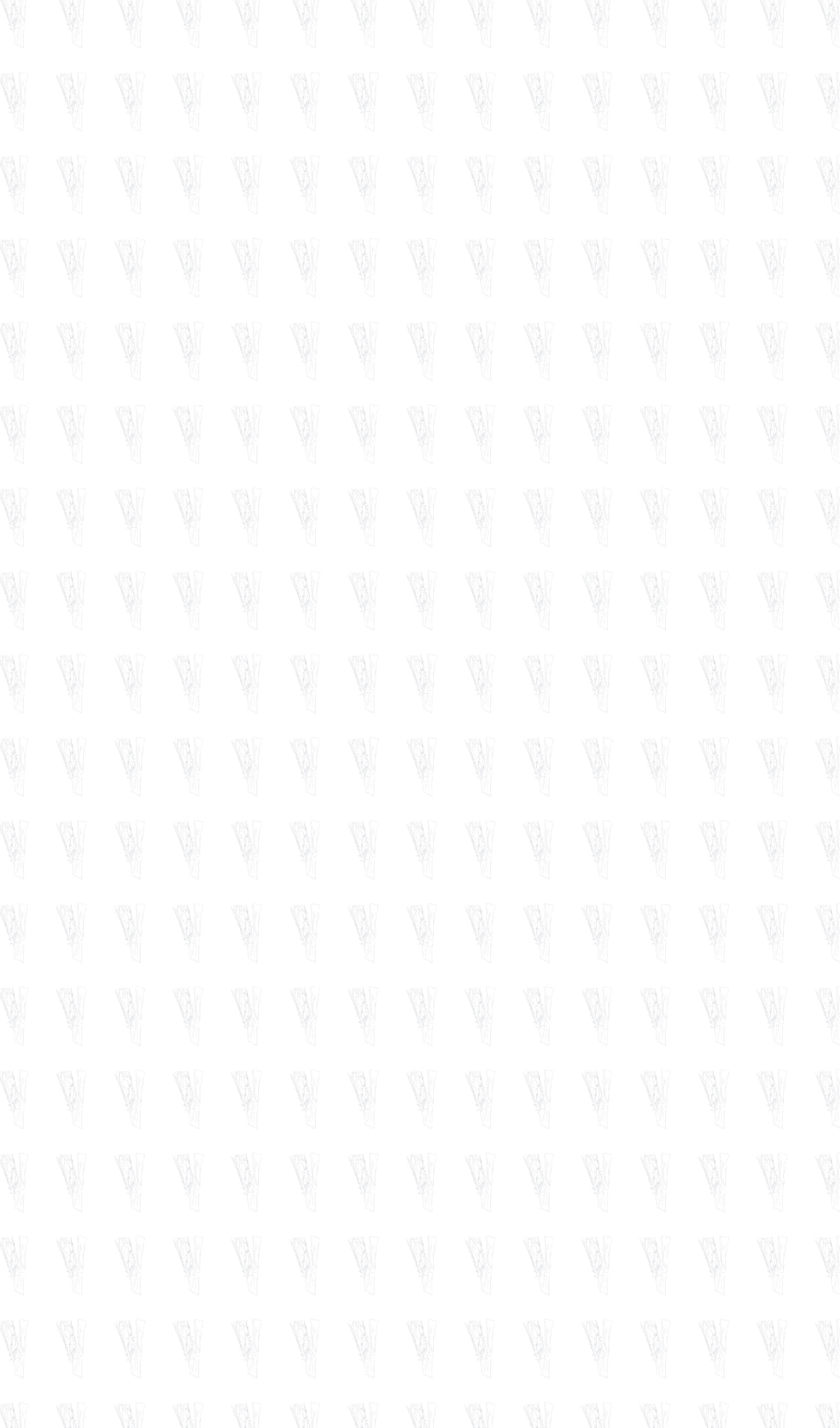
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White Fir	<i>Abies concolor</i>	◐	3-7		35	15
Incense-Cedar	<i>Calocedrus decurrens</i>	◐	5-8		30	35
Arizona Cypress	<i>Cupressus arizonica</i>	●	7-9		30	15
Rocky Mountain Juniper	<i>Juniperus scopulorum</i>	●	3-7		60	40
Pinyon Pine	<i>Pinus edulis</i>	●	4-8		25	20
Bristlecone Pine	<i>Pinus longaeva (aristata)</i>	●	2-6		25	15
Singleleaf Pinyon	<i>Pinus monophylla</i>	●	5-9		60	30
Austrian Pine	<i>Pinus nigra</i>	●	4-7		80	40
Ponderosa Pine	<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	●	3-7		70	30
Scots Pine	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	●	2-8		80	25

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Blue Atlas Cedar	<i>Cedrus atlantica 'Glauca'</i>	◐	6-9		90	15
Cedar Of Lebanon	<i>Cedrum libani</i>	●	5-7		60	30
Blue Spruce	<i>Picea pungens</i>	◐	2-7		60	50
Limber Pine	<i>Pinus flexilis</i>	●	2-7		40	20
Vanderwolf's Pyramid Limber Pine	<i>Pinus flexilis 'Vanderwolf's Pyramid'</i>	●	4-7		20	10
Bosnian Pine	<i>Pinus heldreichii var. Leucodermis</i>	●	5-10		20	15
Douglas Fir	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	●	2-5		80	30





Ornamental Grasses

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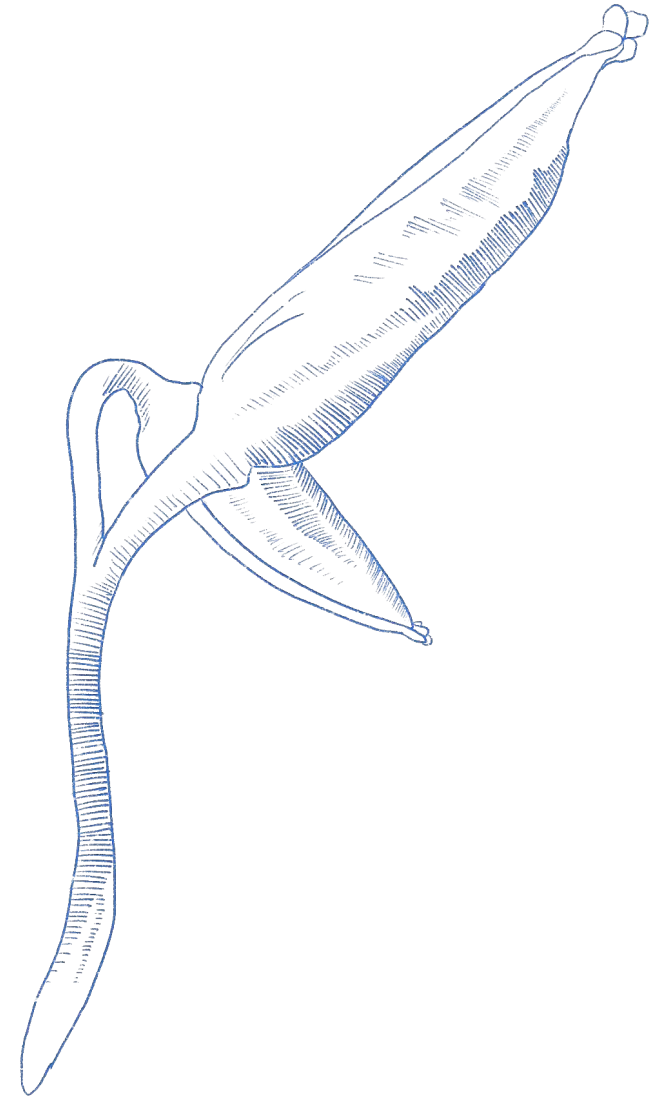
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Desert Needlegrass	<i>Achnatherum speciosum</i>		● 5-10	Mid	Seedhead	2	2
Purple Threeawn	<i>Aristida purpurea</i>		● 5-10	Mid-Late	Seedhead	2	2
Needle-and-thread Grass	<i>Hesperostipa</i>		● 3-8	Early-Mid	Seedhead	4	2

Low Water Usage

Indian Ricegrass	<i>Achnatherum hymedoides</i>		● 3-8	Mid-Late	Seedhead	2	2
Big bluestem	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>		● 2-8	Mid-Late	Seedhead	6	4
Sideoates Grama	<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>		● 2-8	Mid-Late	Seedhead	3	2
Timber oatgrass	<i>Danthonia intermedia</i>		◐ 3-8	Mid	Seedhead	1.5	1.5
Junegrass	<i>Koeleria macrantha</i>		◐ 3-9	Mid	Seedhead	2	1
Great Basin wildrye	<i>Leymus cinereus</i>		● 2-8	Early-Mid	Seedhead	5	3
Mexican feather grass	<i>Nassella tenuissima</i>		◐ 7-11	Mid-Late	Seedhead	3	2
Bluebunch wheatgrass	<i>Pseudoroegneria spicata</i>		● 3-9	Mid	Seedhead	3	2
Little bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>		● 3-9	Mid-Late	Seedhead	3	2
Indiangrass	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>		● 4-9	Mid-Late	Seedhead	6	2

Medium Water Usage

Feather Reed Grass	<i>Calamagrostis x acutiflora</i> 'Avalanche'		◐ 5-9	Mid-Late	Seedhead	5	2
Karl Foerster Feather Reed Grass	<i>Calamagrostis x acutiflora</i> 'Karl Foerster'		● 5-9	Early-Late	Seedhead	5	2.5
Tufted Hairgrass	<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>		◐ 4-9	Mid-Late	Seedhead	3	2
Sea Urchin Blue Fescue	<i>Festuca glauca</i> 'Sea Urchin'		◐ 4-9	Mid-Late	Seedhead	.75	1
Idaho Fescue	<i>Festuca idahoensis</i>		◐ 2-8	Mid	Seedhead	2	2
Blue Fescue	<i>Festuca ovina var. glauca</i>		● 4-8	Mid	Seedhead	1	1.5
Yaku Jima Maiden-Hair Grass	<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Yaku Jima'		◐ 5-9	Late	Seedhead	4	4
Switchgrass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>		● 2-8	Mid	Seedhead	5	3
Hardy Pampas Grass	<i>Saccharum ravennae</i>		● 5-10	Mid-Late	Seedhead	5	4



Perennials

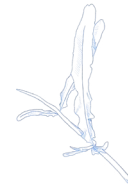
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Basalt Milkvetch	<i>Astragalus filipes</i>	●	5-8	Early-Mid	Cream	1.5	1.5
Puckered Sundrops	<i>Calylophus lavandulifolius</i>	●	3-10	Early-Mid	Yellow	.5	1
Mountain Blue Cornflower	<i>Centaurea monatan</i> 'Blue'	●	3-8	Early-Mid	Blue/Violet	2	2
Spanish Gold Hardy Broom	<i>Cytisus purgans</i>	◐	4-9	Early-Mid	Yellow	4	6
Western Prairie Clover	<i>Dalea ornata</i>	●	4-8	Mid	Purple	1.5	2
Searls' Prairie Clover	<i>Dalea searlsiae</i>	●	4-8	Mid	Purple	2	2
Blut Iceplant	<i>Delosperma ashtonii</i> 'Blut'	◐	5-7	Mid	Magenta 1	1.5	
Yellow Daisy	<i>Erigeron linearis</i>	●	5-8	Early-Mid	Yellow	.5	1.5
Basin Fleabane	<i>Erigeron pulcherrimus</i> var. <i>pulcherrimus</i>	●	5-8	Early-Mid	White/Lavender	1	.5
Pink Smoke Buckwheat	<i>erigonum racemosum</i>	●	3-9	Late	Pink	3	.5
Sulfur Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i>	●	3-9	Variable	Variable	1	1.5
Snow Mesa Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum wrightii</i> var <i>wrightii</i> <i>Gaillardia z grandiflora</i>	●	4-9	Mid-Late	White	1.5	2
Arizona Sun Blanket Flower	'Arizona Sun' <i>Hymenoxys acaulis</i>	●	3-9	Mid-Late	Red/Yellow	1	1
Sundancer Daisy	<i>Linum lewisii</i>	●	4-10	Early-Mid	Yellow	1	.5
Blue Flax	<i>Oenothera caespitosa</i>	●	4-9	Early-Mid	Blue	2.5	2.5
White-Tufted Evening Primrose	<i>Oenothera howardii</i>	●	4-9	Early-Mid	White	1	2
Bronze Evening Primrose	<i>Oenothera macrocarpa</i>	●	4-9	Early-Mid	Yellow	2	1
Missouri Evening Primrose	<i>Oenothera pallida</i>	●	4-8	Early-Mid	Yellow	1	2
Pale Evening Primrose	<i>Penstemon palmeri</i>	●	4-9	Early-Mid	White	2	1
Palmer Penstemon	<i>Penstemon rostriflorus</i>	●	4-9	Early-Mid	Pink	5	2
Bridges' Penstemon		◐	4-9	Mid-Late	Orange-Red	2	2

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Sea Thrift	<i>Armeria maritima</i>	●	4-8	Early-Mid	Variable	1	1
Fernleaf Yarrow	<i>Achillea filipendulina</i> 'Gold Plate' or 'Coronation Gold'	●	3-10	Early-Mid	Yellow	3-5	3
Moonshine Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i> 'Moonshine'	●	3-9	Mid-Late	Yellow	2	2
Persian Stonecress	<i>Aethionema schistosum</i>	●	4-8	Mid	Pink	1	1
Licorice Mint	<i>Agastache rupestris</i>	◐	5-9	Mid	Variable	3.5	1.5
Hybrid Hummingbird Mint	<i>Agastache x</i> 'Desert Sunrise'	●	5-10	Mid-Late	Variable	4	2
Tapertip Onion	<i>Allium acuminatum</i>	●	3-7	Early-Mid	Pink/Purple	1	.25
Mount Atlas Daisy	<i>Anacyclus depressus</i>	●	5-9	Early	White	.25	1.5
Shrubby Sandwort	<i>Arenaria macradenia</i>	◐	3-8	Early-Mid	White	1.5	2
Fringed Sage	<i>Artemisia frigida</i>	●	3-6	Mid-Late	Yellow	1.5	1.5
White Sage	<i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i> 'Silver King'	●	4-9	Mid-Late	Yellow	3	3
Silver Mound Wormwood	<i>Artemisia schmidtiana</i> 'Silver mound'	●	3-7		Inconspicuous	1	1.5
Sea Foam Artemisia	<i>Artemisia versicolor</i> 'Sea Foam'	◐	4-10	Occasional	Silver-Yellow	.75	2
Silver Sage	<i>Artemisia x</i> 'Powis Castle'	◐	4-9			3	2.5
Butterfly Weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	◐	3-9	Mid-Late	Orange	3	3
Basket-Of-Gold	<i>Aurinia saxatilis</i>	◐	4-7	Early-Mid	Yellow	1	1.5
Desert Marigold	<i>Eaileya multiradiata</i>	◐	3-10	Early-Late	Yellow	1	2
Chocolate Flower	<i>Berlandiera lyrata</i>	●	4-8	Early-Late	Yellow	3	1
Poppy Mallow	<i>Callirhoe involucrata</i>	●	4-9	Mid-Late	Magenta	.5	2.5
Prairie Lode Sundrops	<i>Calylophus serrulatus</i> 'Prairie Lode'	◐	3-9	Mid-Late	Yellow	.5	1.5
Orange Indian Paintbrush	<i>Castilleja integra</i>	●	4-7	Early-Mid	Orange	1	.5
Jupiter's Beard	<i>Centranthus ruber</i> 'Coccineus'	◐	4-9	Early-Mid	Rose-Red	3	2.5
Mayfield Giant Tickseed	<i>Coreopsis grandiflora</i> 'Mayfield Giant'	●	4-10	Early-Mid	Yellow	4	1.5
Tickseed	<i>Coreopsis grandiflora</i> 'Sunray' or 'Zagreb'	●	3-9	Mid	Yellow	2	1.5
Threadleaf Tickseed	<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i> 'Moonbeam'	●	3-9	Mid	Yellow	2	2

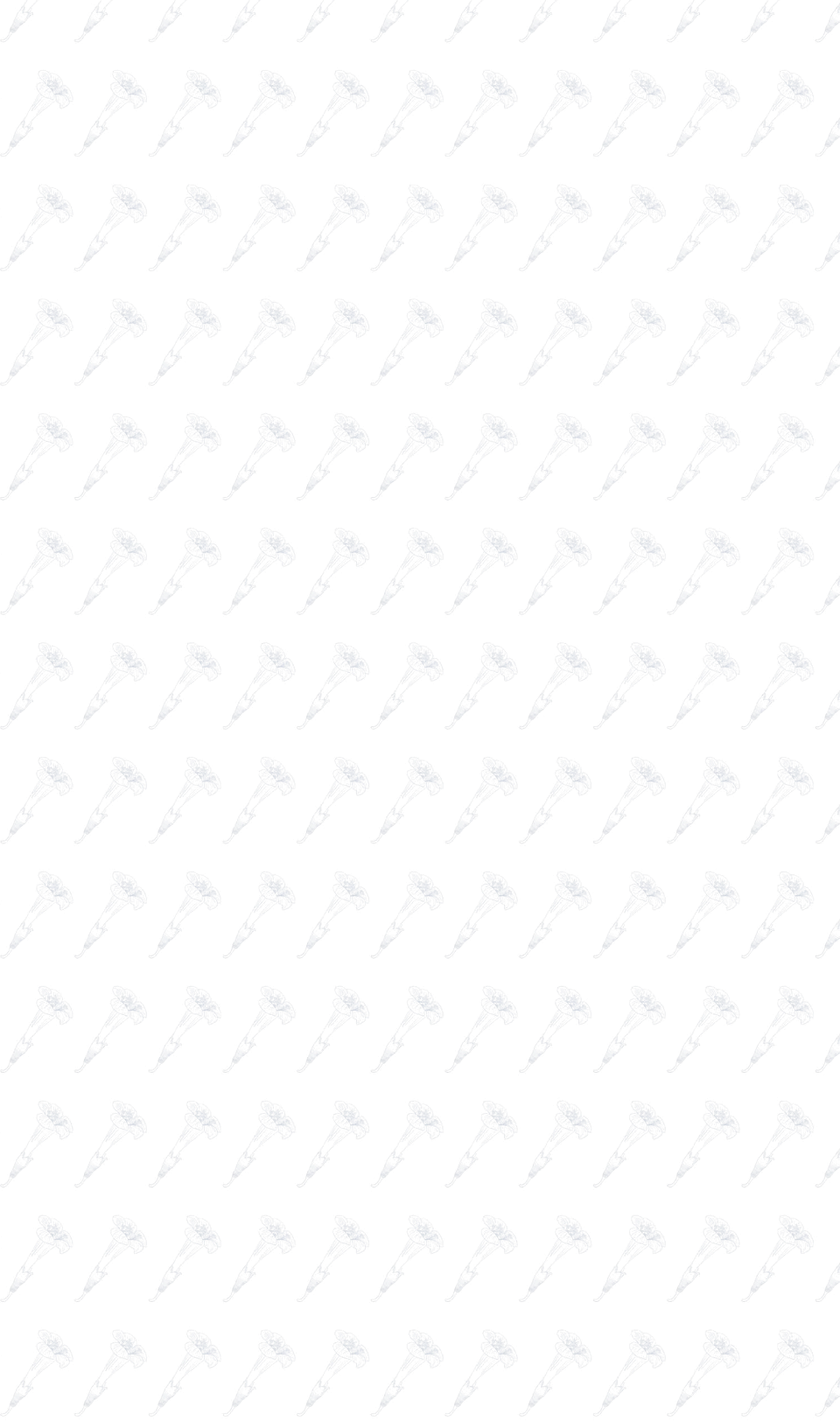
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Gold Nugget Iceplant	<i>Delosperma congestum</i> 'Gold Nugget'	● 5-7	Mid-Late	Yellow	.5	.75
Hardy Purple Iceplant	<i>Delosperma cooperi</i>	● 5-7	Mid-Late	Purple	.25	1.5
Fire Witch Dianthus	<i>Dianthus gratianopolitanus</i> 'Fire Witch'	● 3-9	Early-Mid	Pink	.75	1.5
Red Feathers	<i>Echium amoenum</i>	● 3-9	Early-Late	Red	1.5	1
Blanketflower	<i>Gaillardia aristata</i>	● 3-10	Mid	Yellow/Red	1.5	1
Hopi Blanketflower	<i>Gaillardia pinnatifolia</i>	● 3-10	Mid-Late	Yellow/Red	1.5	1
Whirling Butterflies	<i>Gaura lindheimeri</i>	● 9-9	Mid-Late	White/Pink	5	2
Dyer's Broom	<i>Genista tinctoria</i>	● 4-7	Early-Mid	Yellow	3	2
Cheviot Rockrose	<i>Helianthemum x nummularium</i> 'Cheviot'	● 5-8	Early-Mid	Peach	1	3
Variegated Sweet Iris	<i>Iris pallida</i> 'Variegata'	● 4-9	Early-Mid	Violet-Blue	2.5	1
Red Hot Poker	<i>Kniphofia uvaria</i> 'Hybrid Mix'	● 4-10	Early-Mid	Orange/Yellow	3	3
English Lavender	<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i> 'Hidcote'	● 5-8	Early-Mid	Purple	3	1.5
Grayfeather	<i>Liatris punctata</i>	● 4-8	Mid-Late	Purple	1.5	1
Button Snakewort	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	● 3-8	Mid-Late	Purple	4	1.5
Blue Cloud Lavender	<i>Limonium latifolium</i> 'Blue Cloud'	● 4-9	Mid-Late	Purple	2	2
Silver Edged Horehound	<i>Marrubium rotundifolia</i>	● 5-9		Inconspicuous	1	1.5
Showy Four O-Clock	<i>Mirabilis multiflora</i>	● 4-8	Mid-Late	Magenta	1.5	4
Mountain Beebalm	<i>Monardella odoratissima</i>	● 3-10	Mid-Late	Purple	1	1
Blue Catmint	<i>Nepeta x faassenii</i> 'Blue Wonder'	● 3-8	Mid-Late	Purple	1.5	1.5
Hopflower Oregano	<i>Origanum libanoticum</i>	● 5-10	Mid-Late	Pink	1.5	1.5
Firecracker Penstemon	<i>Penstemon eatonii</i>	● 4-9	Early-Mid	Red	3	1.5
Prairie Jewel Penstemon	<i>Penstemon fradiflorus</i> 'Prairie Jewel'	● 4-9	Early-Mid	Variable	3	1
Yellow Pineleaf Penstemon	<i>Penstemon pinifolium</i> 'Mersea Yellow'	● 4-9	Early-Mid	Yellow	1	1
Rocky Mountain Penstemon	<i>Penstemon strictus</i>	● 4-9	Early-Mid	Purple	2	3
Pikes Peak Purple Beardtongue	<i>Penstemon x mexicali</i> 'Pikes Peak Purple'	● 5-9	Early-Mid	Purple	1.5	1.5
Red Rocks Hybrid Beardtongue	<i>Penstemon x mexicali</i> 'Red Rocks'					



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Lady's Mantle	<i>Alchemilla mollis</i>	☾	3-8	Mid	Green	1.5	2.5
Pearly Everlasting	<i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i>	☾	3-8	Mid	White	2.5	2
Purple Dome New England Aster	<i>Aster novae-angliae</i> 'Purple Dome'	●	3-8	Mid-Late	Purple	1.5	1.5
Monch Hybrid Aster	<i>Aster x frikartii</i> 'monch' or ' wonder of staffa'	☾	5-9	Mid-Late	Purple	3	2
Hearleaf Bergenia	<i>Bergenia cordifolia</i>	○	3-8	Early	Pink/Lilac	1.5	1.5
Cupid's Dart	<i>Catanache caerulea</i>	●	4-7	Mid-Late	Blue/Violet	2	1
Corydalis	<i>Corydalis lutea</i>	○	5-7	Early-Late	Yellow	1.5	1.5
Siskiyou Pink Gaura	<i>Gaura lindheimeri</i> 'Siskiyou Pink'	●	5-8	Mid-Late	Pink	1.5	1.5
Sticky Geranium	<i>Geranium ciscosissimum</i>	☾	2-8	Early-Mid	Pink	2	2
Baby's Breath	<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i> 'Bristol Fairy'	●	3-9	Early-Mid	White	3	3
Orange Sneezeweed	<i>Helenium hoopesii</i>	☾	3-8	Mid	Yellow	3	2
Splendins Coral Bells	<i>Heuchera sanguinea</i> 'Splendins'	☾	5-9	Mid	Red	1.5	1.5
Candytuft	<i>Iberis sempervirens</i>	●	3-8	Early	White	1	1.5
Blackfoot Daisy	<i>Melampodium leucanthum</i>	●	5-9	All Season	White	1.5	2

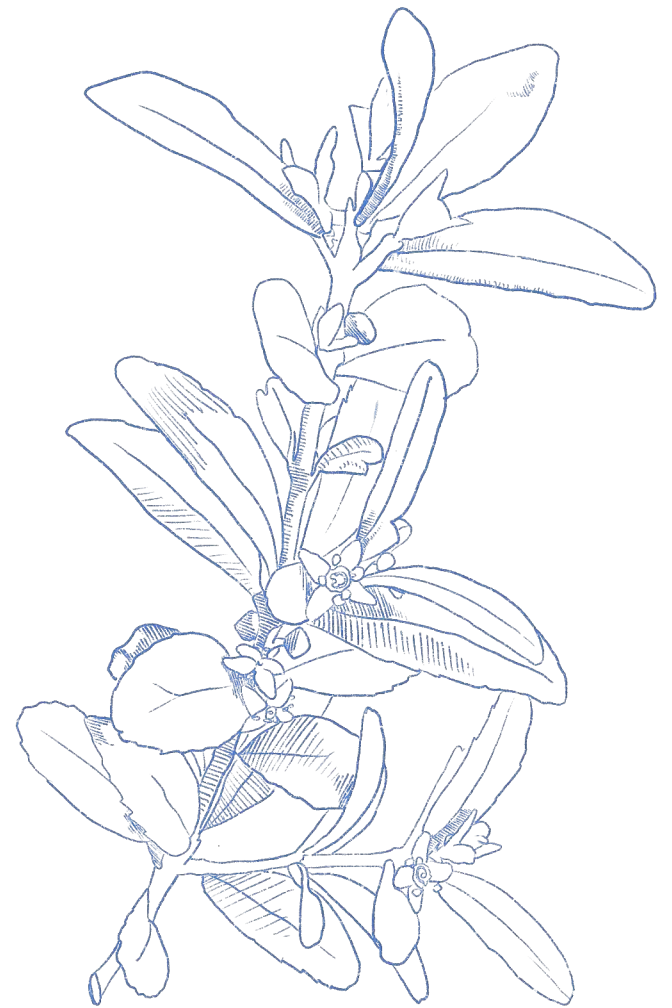


Vines

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		USDA HARDINESS ZONE	BLOOMING SEASON	BLOOM COLOR	MAXIMUM WIDTH (FT)	MAXIMUM HEIGHT (FT)
Scarlet Trumpet Vine	<i>Campsis radicans</i> 'Flamenco'	4-10	Mid-Late	Red/Orange	40	3
Yellow Trumpet Vine	<i>Campisi radicans</i> 'Flava'	5-9	Mid-Late	Yellow	40	3
Trumpet Creeper	<i>Campsis x tagliabuana</i> 'Madame Galen'	4-9	Mid	Salmon	25	12
Western White Clematis	<i>Clematis ligusticifolia</i>	3-7	Mid	White	20	2
Golden Clematis	<i>Clematis tangutica</i>	4-9	Mid-Late	Yellow	15	2
Japanese Wisteria	<i>Wisteria floribunda</i>	5-9	Early-Mid	Purple	30	2









Ground Covers

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			USDA HARDINESS ZONE	BLOOMING SEASON	BLOOM COLOR	MAXIMUM WIDTH (FT)	MAXIMUM HEIGHT (FT)
Common Juniper	<i>Junipersus communis</i>		1-5			3	1
Tufted Rockmat	<i>Petrophytum caespitosum</i>		3-7	Early	Cream	.5	3
Carpet Phlox	<i>Phlox hoodii</i>		3-7	Early	Variable	.5	Spreading
Dorr Sage	<i>Salvia dorrii</i>		3-6	Early	Blue/Purple	2.5	3

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Woolly Yarrow	<i>Achillea tomentosa</i>		3-10	Mid	Yellow	.5	2
Snow-In-Summer	<i>Cerastium tomentosum</i>		3-10	Early	White	.75	2.5
Trailing Daisy	<i>Erigeron flagellaris</i>		2-10	Mid	White	1	Spreading
Hardy Dwarf Broom	<i>Genista lydia</i>		4-10	Early	Yellow	1	4
Creeping Juniper 'Blue Chip'	<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i> 'Blue Chip'		3-9			.75	8
Pawnee Butte Sand Cherry	<i>Prunus besseyi</i> 'Pawnee Butte'		4-8	Early-Mid	White	1.5	6
Grow-Low Sumac	<i>Rhus aromatica</i> 'Gro-low'		4-9			3	8
Russian Stonecrop	<i>Sedum kamtoschaticum</i>		3-9	Mid	Orange/Yellow	1	2
Dragon's Blood Stonecrop	<i>Sedum spurium</i>		2-9	Mid	Pink	.5	1.5
Vatiegated Stonecrop	<i>Sedum spurium</i> 'Tricolor'		2-9	Mid	Pink	.5	1.5
Partridge Feather	<i>Tanacetum densum</i> ssp. <i>Amani</i> <i>Thymus lanuginosus</i>		4-9	Mid	Yellow	.5	3
Woolly Thyme	<i>Thymus praecox</i> 'Coccineus'		4-9	Mid	Pink	.25	3
Red Creeping Thyme	<i>Veronica liwanensis</i>		2-9	Early-Mid	Red	.25	1.5
Turkish Speedwell	<i>Veronica liwanensis</i>		4-8	Early-Mid	Blue	.25	1.5

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Rosy Pussytoes	<i>Antennaria mictophylla</i>		3-10	Mid	Yellow	.25	Spreading
Bearberry Or Kinnikinnick	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>		3-7	Mid	Pink	1	6
Creeping Oregon Grape	<i>Mohonia repens</i>		4-7	Early	Yellow	1	4
Mountain Lover	<i>Pachystima myrsinites</i>		3-6	Mid	Dark Pink	3	5

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