

DROUGHT TOLERANT PERENNIALS

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Plant	Common Name	Ht/Width	Bloom	Sun/Shade	Hardiness Zone	Comments
Achillea ageratifolia	Greek Yarrow	4"-18"	White/lt sp	Sun	4+	Ground cover
Achillea f. "Moonshine"	Moonshine Yarrow	18 x 24"	Yellow	Sun	3+	Silver foliage
Achillea filpendula	Gold Yarrow	2x4"W-18-24"	Yellow	Sun	3+	Can be very aggressive
Achillea millefolium	Yarrow	18" H-2&4"W	White	Sun	3+	Can be very aggressive
Achillea serbica	Serbian Yarrow	4 x 15"	White/late spring	Sun	4+	Slow growing. Tight mat of evergreen-gray foliage
Achillea x kelleri	Keller's Yarrow	8" x 15"	White/sp-sum	Sun	5+	Silver foliage
Adenophora latifolia	Lady Bells	24" x 18"	Lav/blue	Sun/prt s	4+	Vigorous reseeder
Aethionema schistosum	Fragrant Persian Rock Cress	10 x 15"	Powder blue/earl	Sun	4+	Evergreen foliage. Reseeds
Agastache (various)	Hyssop	18-30 x 18"w	Various	Sun/prt s	5+	Butterfly
Agastache canna	Wild Hyssop	2-3' x 2'	Rose/purple	Sun	3+	Deer resistant, attracts butterflies
Alchemilla molis	Lady's Mantle	12-18"x12-15"	Yellow-green	Dapple sun	4+	Needs more water in full sun. Prefers moist to somewhat dry
Alyssum saxatile	Basket of Gold	9-12"x15"	Bright yellow	Sun	3-7	High maintenance
Alyssum saxatile compactum	"Goldkugel" Basket of Gold	6 x 18"	Bright yellow/earl	Sun	3+	Compact. Attractive silver-gray foliage
Anacyclus depressus	Mat daisy	3 x 15"	White & red/late	Sun	5+	Undersides of white daisy petals dark red, reseeds
Anaphalis margaritacea	Pearly Everlasting	20" x 20"	White/summer	Sun	4+	Tiny flowers are crowded in small, flat, fluffy heads
Anemone pulsatilla	Pasque Flower	9-12"	Purpleish/ea Spr	Pt shade	5+	Seed clusters resemble feathery smoke-gray pompoms
Antennaria rosea	Pink Pussytoes	4-12" x 8-12"	Pink/early sum	Sun	2+	Spreads & self-sows rapidly, good for ground cover. Very dr tolerant
Anthemis biebersteinana	Dwarf Silver Marguerite	8" x 15"	Late sp	Sun	4+	Feathery silver foliage
Anthemis tinctoria	Marguerite	2' - 3'	Yellow	Sun	4+	Erect Shrubby. Golden yellow daisy-like
Arabis caucasica	Wall Cress	4-6" x 12"	White or Pink/sp	Sun	4+	Use as ground cover or in rock garden
Armeria maritima "compacta"	Compact Sea Pink	6 x 12"	Rose pink/late sp	Sun/pt sun	4+	Tidy grass like foliage, flowers held on stems above
Artemisia "Povls Castle"	Silver Sage	36 x 30"	Rarely	Sun	4+	Foliage plant
Artemisia abortanum "Tangerine"	Tangerine Southernwood	4' x 4'	Ferry foliage	Sun	4+	Tangerine scent
Artemisia stelleriana	"Silver Brokade" Sage	6" x 18"	White/summer	Sun	3+	Foliage plant
Asclepias tuberosa	Butterfly Weed	12-18"x12-24"	Orange	Sun	3+	Attracts butterflies, especially swallowtails & monarchs
Aster tataricus	Tartarian Aster	6' x 4'	Bluish/lt summer	Sun	4+	One inch flowers bloom in profuse clusters
Aurinia saxatile	Basket-of-gold	6-18" x 6-12"	Yellow/sp	Sun	4+	Must be pruned regularly or will become rangy
Baptisia australis	Blue False Indigo	3-5' x same	Blue/lt sp	Sun	4+	Use flowers, foliage and seedpods in arrangements
Bergenia cordifolia	Heartleaf Bergenia	12" x 12-15"	Pink or white	Shade/pt sh	4+	Bold, glossy foliage. Moist to somewhat dry soil
Berlandiera lyrata	Chocolate flower	15 x 18"	Lt yellow	Sun	4+	Chocolate scent
Brunnera macrophylla	Siberian Bugloss	18-24"x12-18"	Sky blue/lt sp	Filtered sh	4+	Adapts to dry conditions once established, prefers moisture

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<i>Calamintha grandiflora</i>	Beautiful Mint	12-24"x10-15"	Pink/summer	Sun/pt sun	5+	More water in sun, drier in shade
<i>Callirhoe involucrata</i>	Poppy Mallow	6-12" x 1-3'	Reddish purple	Sun	4+	Long lived
<i>Calytophus hartwegi lavandulaefolius</i>	Sun Drops	15 x 18"	Yellow	Sun	5+	Profusion of blooms
<i>Calytophus serrulatus</i>	Dwarf Sundrops	6" x 10"	Yellow/lt spring	Sun	4+	Heavy bloomer
<i>Campanula portenschlagiana</i>	Dalnatian Bellflower	5-10" x 12-15"	Blue/sp-summer	Lt shade	4+	Low water once established
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	Bluebell	To 24" x	Blue/summer	Sun/pt sun	1+	Self seeds, remove older plants and enjoy the new
<i>Catananche caerulea</i>	Cupids Dart	24" x 12"	Lav blue/summer	Sun	5+	Grasslike foliage with flowers on 8-12" stems
<i>Centaurea montana</i>	Cornflower	2-3' x 2-3'	Blue	Sun	3-8	Sprawls in too much shade
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Jupiter's Beard	2-3' x 30"	Red/summer	Sun/pt s	4+	Drought tolerant, bushy, invasive
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Red Valerian	2-3 x 18-24"	Reddish/lt sp	Sun/pt sun	3+	Deadhead to impede self seeding
<i>Cerastium tomentosum</i>	Snow-in summer	4-8"x18"	Small white	Sun	3-7	Spreads rapidly-short lived due to rotting
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Chicory	2 x 3' H	Blue	sun	4-8	Can be very aggressive
<i>Coreopsis 'Moonbeam' verticillata</i>	Threadleaf	2-3'x2'	Yellow/gold	Sun	3-8	Seems to prefer more moisture. Divide every 2-3 years
<i>Coreopsis grandiflora</i>	Sunray	24" x 18"	Gold/yellow	sun	3+	Blooms all summer. Spread by self-seeding
<i>Coronilla varia</i>	Crown Vetch	18-24x48"	Pink/summer	Sun	4+	Not for small garden. Good erosion control
<i>Dianthus barbatus</i>	Sweet William	10" – 20"	Pink, red, white	sun	3-9	Dense clusters, vigorous. Spicy sent
<i>Dianthus plumarius</i>	Cottage Pink	9-18	White or pinkish	Sun		Bloom heavily in spring, sporadically rest of summer
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Purple Coneflower	2-4'	Pink, wh or purple	Sun/lt sh	4+	Plants become floppy if soil too fertile
<i>Epimedium alpinum</i>	Alpine Epimedium	10"	Red and Yellow	Sun/pt sh	4+	Tolerates drought conditions
<i>Erigeron speciosus</i>	Daisy (Fleabane)	1 – 7' H	Violet	sun	2-8	Can be very aggressive
<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i>	Sulphur Flower	6-12"x1-2'	Yellow/summer	Sun	3+	Needs pruning to keep compact. Very drought tolerant
<i>Eryngium bourgatii</i>	Sea Holly	24"	Blue/late sum	Sun	3+	Silvery gray leaves, marked in white
<i>Erysimum perofskianum</i>	Blister-cress	24"	Yellow or Orange	Sun	3+	Often sold as <i>Cheiranthus allionii</i>
<i>Euphorbia epithymoides</i>	Cushion Spurge	12"	Yellow-grn bracts	Sun	5+	Greenish flowers overpowered by bracts, fall color
<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>	Mrytle Euphorbia	3-6"x18"	Greenish bracts	Sun	5+	Small flowers. Round, fleshy blue-green leaves
<i>Filipendula vulgaris</i>	Dropwort	2-3'	White/summer	Sun/pt sh	4+	Basal growing fern-like leaves
<i>Gaillardia aristata</i>	Blanket flower	2-3' x 2-3'	Yellow w/red	Sun	3+	Reseeds. Deadheading required to prolong bloom season
<i>Gaillardia grandiflora</i> "Goblin"	Blanket flower	12" x 15"	Red-yel/sum	Sun	3+	Easy to grow, extra water & occasional deadheading produce more flowers
<i>Geranium sanguineum</i>	Blood-red Cranesbill	12-18x24"	Purple to pale pk	Sun/pt sun	4+	Deeply lobed leaves turn red in fall
<i>Geum reptans</i>	Avens	6-8"	Yellow or orange	Sun/pt sun	5+	1 ½" flowers on 12" stems
<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	Sunrose	6-12"x12-18"	Multi	Sun	5-7	Good drainage-likes rocky dry alkaline conditions
<i>Helianthus maximiliani</i>	Maximilian's Sunflower	2-8' x 36"	Yellow	Sun	4+	Can crowd out neighbors, water makes it taller
<i>Hemerocallis</i> species	Daylily	Varies	Varies	Sun	4+	Moderately drought tolerant. Beautiful display of flowers
<i>Hesperoloe pavilfora</i>	Texas Red Yucca	5' x 36" w	Red flowers	Sun/prt s	5+	Very drought tolerant
<i>Heuchera sanguinea</i>	Coralbells	12-18"x12-15"	Pink, white	Sun/pt sun	4+	Moist to somewhat dry soil

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Hymenoxys scaposa	Thrift-leaf Perky Sue	5" x 8"	Yellow	Sun	4+	Vigorous reseeder
Hyssopus officinalis	Hyssop	2-3'	Blue	Sun	3+	A common plant in herb gardens
Iberis sempervirens	Candytuft	8-10"	White/spring	Sun	4+	Neat plant for paths, rock gardens or edging
Iris hybrids	Bearded Iris	Varies	Varies	Sun	4+	Iris borer can become problem
Kniphofia uvaria	Torch Lily	2-4'	Red & Yellow	Sun	5+	Water while blooming
Lamium maculatum	Spotted Dead Nettle	8-12" x 24"	Pink, white	Part/full sh	4+	Prefers moisture, but adapts to dry conditions
Lavandula species	Lavender	10x16" to 24x?	White & lav's	Sun	5+	Attracts butterflies
Leontopodium alpinum	Edelweiss	4-12"	Showy bracts	Sun	4+	Gray and wooly leaves
Lewisia	Bitterroot	4-8" x 5-10"	Various	Sun	4-7	Good rock garden plant
Liatris punctata	Gayfeather	6-24" x 12-18"	Pink-lav/sum	Sun	3+	Slow to establish. L. spicata requires more water
Limonium latifolium	Sea Lavender	18-30"	Lav, pink or white	Sun	4+	In bloom it looks like a delicate cloud of flowers
Linum flavum "Compactum"	Yellow Flax	10 x 15"	Yellow/summer	Sun/pt sun	4+	Reseeds if blooms not cut back
Linum perenne "Lewisii"	Blue Flax	18" x 18"	Blue	Sun/pt sun	3+	Favorite of gardens & meadows. Reseeds
Liriope spicata	Creeping Lily-turf	8-10x18"	Wh, blue or purple	Pt shade/sh	5+	Grass-like foliage. Use as groundcover or in border
Lobularia maritima	Sweet allysum	3-6"x2'	Wh/cr/lav/rose/pur	Sun/pt sh		Self sows readily-excellent filler
Lychnis chalconica	Maltese Cross	2 + 4'	Scarlet & White	Sun	2+	Pretty flowers – red or white-a strong red for the garden
Monarda fistulosa	Wild Bergamot	3-4'	Lilac to purple	Sun/pt sh	4+	Plants spread quickly
Narcissus spp	Daffodil/Jonquil	14"x1	Yellow/gold/white	Sun/pt sh	5+	Root/bulb rot-deer resistant
Nepeta x "Six Hills Grant"	Giant Catmint	36" x 30"	Violet-blue/lt sp	Sun/pt sun	4+	Tough, long lived, reliable bloomer
Nepeta x faassenii	Catmint	18" x 30"	Lav-blue/sum	Sun/pt sun	4+	Adapts to wet or dry soils. Fast growing
Oenothera missouriensis	Missouri Evening Primrose	10" x 36"	Yellow	Sun	4+	Long blooming
Oenothera speciosus "Rosea"	Showy Pink Evening Primrose	10" x 18"	Pink/summer	Sun	5+	Spreads rapidly
Opuntia humifusa	Prickly Pear	12"	Yellow/early sum	Sun	5+	Be careful of the spines
Papaver orientale	Poppy	2-4' x 2'	Red/or/pink/white	Sun	3-7	Long lived-top root challenge to transplanting
Parthenocissus quinquefolia	Virginia Creeper	Spread 50-70'		Sun/pt sun	3+	Can crowd out other plants. Seeds spread easily. Difficult to remov
Penstemon caespitosus	"Claude Barr" mat penstemon	1 x 15"	Deep blue/early s	Sun/pt sun	4+	Vigorous, good for rock garden cover
Penstemon species	Beardstongue	Varies	Varies	Sun	2+	Some do well in wet sites
Penstemon strictus	Penstemon (Prairie)	24 x 30" H	Blue	Sun		Deep blue flowers
Perovoskia atriplicifolia	Russian Sage	3-5' x 3-4'	Lav-blue/sum	Sun	4+	Attracts butterflies and bees
Perovskia atriplifolia "Filagran"	Cutleaf Russion sage	3' x 3'	Lav-blue/sum	Sun	4+	Spreads below ground
Phlox subulata	Creeping phlox/Moss phlox	4-6"	Pink/blue/white	Sun	3-9	Spring color for rock gardens and edgings
Polygonum affine	Himalayan Fleeceflower	6-10" x 30+"	Pink/lt summer	Sun/pt sun	4+	Use in rock gardens, ground cover, borders
Pulsatilla vulgaris	Pasqueflower	9-12" x 6-10"	Red-purple/spr	Sun/pt sun	4+	Early spring flowers, showy seed heads
Ratibida columnifera	Coneflower	3 x 4' 5"	Yellow/red	Sun	3+	Columna flower heads – 1 ½ - 3 inches – few petals
Rudbeckia spp	Gloriosa Daisy	Varies	Yellow/gold	Sun	2-6	Reliable bloomer-good seed heads in fall

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Salvia nemerosa	Meadow sage	18 x 18"	Purple/lit sp	Sun	4+	Flowers from midsummer and onward
Salvia officinalis	Garden sage	18-24"x12-18'	Violet-blue	Sun	4+	Several cultivars available
Salvia picheri "Grandiflora"	Pitcher's Blue Sage	48" x 24"	Blue/violet	Sun	4+	Great butterfly plant
Santolina chamaecyparissus	Gray Santolina	18 x 36"	Yellow	Sun	5+	Aromatic silver gray foliage
Santolina chamaecyparissus	Lavender Cotton	12-18"x12-18"	Yellow/summer	Sun	4+	Gray foliage, can be used as ground cover
Saponaria ocyimides	Soapwort	8" x 2'	Pink - spring	Sun	2+	Likes sandy soil
Scutellaria resinosa	Prairie skullcap	10 x 10"	Lavender/lit sp	Sun	4+	With a little extra water & deadheading will bloom off/on thru fall
Sedum "Ruby Glow"	Rosy glow	8" x 15"	Ruby-red/lit sum	Sun	3+	Fine plant for matching with other late blooming plants
Sedum spectabile	Showy stonecrop	18-24"x10-15"	Pink, red, white	Sun/pt sun	3+	Moderately drought tolerant
Sempervivum species	Hens and Chicks	2-4" x 6-12"	Various	Sun/pt sun	4+	Container, rock gardens. Does best in gravelly soil
Sphaeralcea incana	Orange Globe Mallow	3-4' x 24"	Orange/mid sum	Sun	4+	Will thrive in deep clay. Very drought tolerant
Stachys lanata	Lamb's Ear	18 x 36"	Lilac	Sun	4+	Woolly white foliage
Stachys lanata	Lamb's Ear	12-18" x 1-3'"	Lavender/sum	Sun/pt sun	4+	Reseeds vigorously if not deadheaded. Flowerless variety available
Stanleya pinnata	Prince's Plume	4-5' x 2-5'	Gold-yellow	Sun	4+	Good for naturalized settings. Very drought tolerant
Talinum calycinum	Flame Flower	8" x 5"	1" Magenta	Sun	5+	1" magenta blooms on wiry, wispy stems. Very drought tolerant
Tanacetum densum	Partridge Feather	6-8" x 8-12"	Yellow	Sun	5+	Interesting foliage. Can get out of bounds fast
Tanacetum niveum	White Bouquet Tansy	18 x 30"	White daily	Sun	4+	Daisy family. "Tansy" related to chrysanthemum & artemisia
Tanacetum vulgare "Crispum"	Fernleaf Tansy	18 x 28"	Seldom	Sun/pt s	4+	Deep emerald green foliage
Tatibida columnifera	Mexican Hat	15-24" x 18"	Mahogany-red	Sun	4+	Also "Yellow" variety
Teucrium chamaedrys	Wall Germander	10-24"	Pink or purplish	Sun/pt sh	5+	Needs winter protection
Thymus vulgaris	English Culinary Thyme	12" x 15"	Lav-pk/ea sum	Sun	4+	Fragrant gray-green leaves. Easy grown
Thymus vulgaris "orange balsam"	Culinary Thyme	6-8" x 15"	Pale pink	Sun	4+	Hint of citrus. Rambling orange tinged stems
Veronica cinerea	Gray speedwell	6" x 18"	Blue/lit sp	Sun	5+	Vigorous grower
Zauschneria arizonica	Hummingbird Trumpet	12-24" x 2-4'	Scarlet/fall	Sun	5+	Readily reseeds. Invasive
Zinnia grandiflora	Rocky Mountain Zinnia	6-8 x 10+"	Yellow/sum	Sun	4+	Deer resistant. Use in shortgrass meadows, ground cover, borders

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