

Water-Wise Plant List

This water-wise plant list is a collaborative effort by experts from municipalities and water providers along the Front Range. We have taken aesthetics, performance, required maintenance and water use into consideration to create what we believe is a list of some of the best plants available. This list is intended as a resource for those exploring water-wise landscape options and a starting point for organizations looking to create their own lists. We recognize the existence of other lists that also serve as excellent resources. It is not our intention to compete with or replace those.

Trees

BOTANIC NAME	COMMON NAME
Acer ginnala	Amur Maple
Acer negundo 'Sensation'	Sensation Boxelder
Acer saccharum 'Caddo'	Caddo Maple
Acer tataricum 'Hot Wings'	Hot Wings Tartarian Maple
Acer tataricum 'Pattern Perfect'	Pattern Perfect Tartarian Maple
Catalpa speciosa	Western Catalpa
Celtis occidentalis 'Chicagoland'	Hackberry
Corylus colurna	Turkish Filbert
Crataegus ambigua	Russian Hawthorn
Crataegus crus-galli inermis	Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn
Crataegus douglassii	River Hawthorn
Crataegus phaenopyrum	Washington Hawthorn
Crataegus virdis 'Winter King'	Winter King Hawthorn
Gleditsia triacanthos inermis 'Shademaster'	Shademaster Honeylocust
Gleditsia triacanthos inermis 'Skyline'	Skyline Honeylocust
Gleditsia triacanthos inermis 'Sunburst'	Sunburst Honeylocust
Gymnocladus dioicus 'Espresso'	Seedless Kentucky Coffeetree
Juniperus scopularum	Rocky Mountain Juniper
Koelreuteria paniculata	Panicked Goldenraintree
Pinus aristata	Bristlecone Pine
Pinus balfouriana	Foxtail Pine
Pinus bungeana	Lacebark Pine
Pinus cembroides edulis	Pinyon Pine
Pinus edulis	Pinyon Pine
Pinus flexilis 'Vanderwolf's Pyramid'	Vanderwolf's Limber Pine
Pinus heldreichii	Bosnian Pine
Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine
Pinus ponderosa	Ponderosa Pine

Trees (cont.)

BOTANIC NAME	COMMON NAME
<i>Pinus strobiformis</i>	Southwestern White Pine
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Scotch Pine
<i>Pyrus calleryana</i> 'Redspire'	Redspire Pear
<i>Quercus alba</i>	White Oak
<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	Swamp White Oak
<i>Quercus buckleyi</i>	Texas Oak
<i>Quercus gambelii</i>	Gambel Oak
<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	Bur Oak
<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> 'Clemons' x <i>robur</i>	Heritage Oak
<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>	Chinkapin Oak
<i>Quercus robur</i>	English Oak
<i>Quercus robur</i> 'Fastigiata'	Columnar English Oak
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Northern red Oak
<i>Syringa reticulata</i>	Japanese Tree Lilac

Shrubs

BOTANIC NAME	COMMON NAME
<i>Acer tataricum</i> 'GarAnn'	Hot Wings Maple
<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i> 'Regent'	Regent Serviceberry
<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	Leadplant
<i>Arctostaphylos uva ursi</i> 'Massachusetts'	Massachusetts Manzanita
<i>Arctostaphylos x coloradoensis</i> "Panchito"	Panchito Manzanita
<i>Arctostaphylos x coloradoensis</i> 'Chieftain'	Chieftain Manzanita
<i>Arctostaphylos x coloradoensis</i> 'Mock Bearberry'	Mock Bearberry
<i>Artemesia tridentata</i>	Tall Western Sage
<i>Berberis koreana</i>	Korean Barberry
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i> 'Crimson Pygmy'	Crimson pygmy barberry
<i>Buddleia alternifolia</i>	Alternate Leaf Butterfly Bush
<i>Buddleja davidii</i> (all cultivars)	Butterfly Bush
<i>Caragana arborescens</i>	Siberian Peashrub
<i>Caryopteris x clandonensis</i> var.	Blue Mist Spirea
<i>Cercocarpus intricatus</i>	Little Leaf Mountain Mahogany
<i>Chamaebatiaria millefolium</i>	Fernbush
<i>Cotinus coggygria</i> 'Royal Purple'	Purple Smoketree
<i>Daphne burkwoodii</i>	Carol Mackie
<i>Ephedra equisetina</i>	Bluestem Joint Fir

Shrubs (cont.)

BOTANIC NAME	COMMON NAME
<i>Ericameria nauseosa</i> ssp. <i>nauseosa</i> var. <i>nauseosa</i>	Baby Blue Rabbitbrush
<i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>	Apache Plume
<i>Forestiera neomexicana</i>	New Mexico Privet
<i>Frangula</i> 'Columnaris'	Tall Hedge Buckthorn
<i>Genista lydia</i>	Lydia Broom
<i>Hesperaloe parviflora</i>	Texas Red Yucca
<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i>	Spreading Juniper ('Blue Chip', 'Wiltonii', 'Youngstown')
<i>Juniperus sabina</i>	Savin Juniper ('Arcadia', 'Buffalo', 'Tamariscifolia')
<i>Lonicera reticulata</i>	Kintzley's Ghost® Honeysuckle
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	Oregon Grape Holly
<i>Mahonia repens</i>	Creeping Grape Holly
<i>Perovskia atriplicifolia</i>	Russian Sage
<i>Philadelphus x virginalis</i> 'Dwf. Minn. Snowflake'	Dwarf Minnesota Snowflake Mockorange
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> 'Seaward'	Summer Wine Ninebark
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> 'Center Glow'	Center Glow Ninebark
<i>Picea pungens</i> 'Mesa Verde'	Mesa Verde Spruce
<i>Picea pungens</i> 'Waldbrunn'	Waldbrunn Spruce
<i>Pinus mugo</i> 'Valley Cushion'	Valley Cushion Mugo Pine
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i> 'Albyn prostrata'	Albyn prostrate scotch Pine
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i> 'Hillside creeper'	Hillside Creeper Pine
<i>Prunus besseyi</i>	Western Sand Cherry
<i>Prunus besseyi</i> 'Pawnee Buttes'®	Pawnee Buttes® Sand Cherry
<i>Prunus tomentosa</i>	Nanking Cherry
<i>Rhus aromatica</i> 'Gro-Low'	Gro-Low Sumac
<i>Rhus trilobata</i> 'Bailtiger'	Tiger Eyes® Staghorn Sumac
<i>Ribes alpinum</i>	Alpine Current
<i>Spiraea japonica</i> 'Anthony Waterer'	Anthony Waterer Spiraea
<i>Syringa meyeri</i> 'Palibin'	Dwarf Korean Lilac
<i>Viburnum lantana</i> 'Mohican'	Mohican Viburnum
<i>Viburnum trilobum</i> 'Bailey Compact'	Compact American Cranberrybush
<i>Yucca baccata</i>	Banana Yucca

Perennials

BOTANIC NAME	COMMON NAME
Achillea 'Moonshine'	Moonshine Yarrow
Agastache cana	Sonoran Sunset Hyssop
Agastache rupestris	Sunset Hyssop
Antennaria parvifolia	Pussytoes
Aquilegia coerulea	Rocky Mountain Columbine
Aquilegia chrysantha	Denver Gold Columbine
Artemisia 'Powis Castle'	Powis Castle Sage
Artemisia frigida	Fringed Sage
Artemisia ludoviciana 'Valerie Finnis'	Prairie Sage
Asclepias tuberosa	Butterfly Milk Weed
Aster novi-belgii	New York Aster varieties
Aurinia saxatilis	Basket of Gold
Baptisia australis	False Indigo
Berlandiera lyrata	Chocolate Flower
Callirhoe involucrata	Prairie Winecups
Centaurea montana	Bachelor Button
Centranthus ruber	Valerian
Cerastium tomentosum	Snow-in-Summer
Ceratostigma plumbaginoides	Plumbago
Coreopsis lanceolata	Lanceleaf Coreopsis
Delosperma 'John Proffit'	Table Mountain® Ice Plant
Echinacea paradoxa	Yellow Coneflower
Echinacea tenesseeensis	Tennessee Purple Coneflower
Echinops ritro	Globe Thistle
Echium amoenum	Red Feathers
Zauschneria canum garrettii Orange Carpet®	Orange Carpet® Hummingbird Trumpet
Eriogonum umbellatum var. aureum 'Psdowns'	Kannah Creek® Buckwheat
Eryngium planum 'Blaukappe'	Blue Cap Sea Holly
Gaillardia aristata	Blanket Flower
Gallium odoratum	Sweet Woodruff
Gazania linearis 'Colorado Gold'	Colorado Gold Gazania
Geranium sanguineum	Bloody Cranesbill
Hemerocallis spp.	Daylily
Hymenoxys scaposa	Perky Sue
Iris spp.	Iris species
Kniphofia caulescens/uvaria	Regal Torchlily
Lavandula angustifolia 'Munstead'	English Lavender

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BOTANIC NAME	COMMON NAME
Liatris spp.	Gayfeather
Linum narbonense	Blue Flax
Nepeta 'Psfike'	Little Trudy® Catmint
Oenothera caespitosa	White Evening Primrose
Osteospermum 'Avalanche'	Avalanche White Sun Daisy
Papaver orientale	Oriental Poppy
Penstemon pinifolius	Pineleaf Penstemon
Penstemon rostriflorus	Bridges' Penstemon
Penstemon strictus	Rocky Mountain Penstemon
Pericaria affinis	Himalayan Border Jewel
Pulsatilla vulgaris	Pasque Flower
Ratibida columnifera/pinnata	Gray-headed Prairie Coneflower
Rudbeckia fulgida	Black-Eyed Susan
Salvia daghestanica	Platinum® Sage
Salvia darcy	Mexican Sage
Salvia pachyphylla	Mojave Sage
Saponaria ocymoides	Soapwort
Scrophularia macrantha	Red Birds in a Tree
Sedum kamtschaticum var. ellacombeanum	Orange Stonecrop
Sedum rupestre 'Angelina'	Angelina Stonecrop
Sedum spectabile 'Indian Chief'	Indian Chief Sedum
Sempervirens spp.	Hens and Chicks
Solidago 'Golden Baby'	Golden Baby Goldenrod
Stachys byzantina	Lamb's Ear
Symphotrichum novae-angliae	New England Aster
Tanacetum densum amani	Partridge Feather
Veronica liwanensis	Turkish Speedwell
Zinnia grandiflora	Prairie Zinnia

Ornamental Grasses

BOTANIC NAME	COMMON NAME
Andropogon gerardii	Big Bluestem
Bouteloua gracilis 'Blonde Ambition'	Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass
Calamagrostis acutiflora	Feather Reed Grass
Calamagrostis brachytricha	Korean Feather Reed Grass
Chasmanthium latifolium	Northern Sea Oats

Ornamental Grasses (cont.)

BOTANIC NAME	COMMON NAME
<i>Festuca idahoensis</i> 'Siskiyou Blue'	Siskiyou Blue' Idaho fescue
<i>Helictotrichon sempervirens</i>	Blue Avena Grass
<i>Imperata cylindrica</i> 'Red Baron'	Red Baron Japanese Blood Grass
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Adagio'	Compact Maiden Grass
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Gracillimus'	Maiden Grass
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Zebrinus'	Zebra Grass
<i>Muhlenbergia reverchonii</i>	Undaunted Ruby Muhly
<i>Nassella tenuissima</i>	Mexican Feathergrass
<i>Panicum virgatum</i> 'Heavy metal'	Heavy Metal Switchgrass
<i>Panicum virgatum</i> 'Prairie Sky'	Prairie Sky Switchgrass
<i>Panicum virgatum</i> 'Shenandoah'	Shenandoah Switchgrass
<i>Pennisetum alopecuroides</i>	Fountain Grass
<i>Saccharum ravennae</i>	Hardy Pampas grass
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> 'Blaze'	Blaze Little Bluestem
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> 'The Blues'	The Blues Little Bluestem
<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Indiangrass
<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i> 'Indian Steel'	Indian Steel Indiangrass
<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Prairie Dropseed
<i>Sporobolus wrightii</i>	Giant Sacaton

Turf-type Grasses

BOTANIC NAME	COMMON NAME
<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	Sideoats Grama
<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i> 'Alma', 'Hatchita'	Blue Grama Grass varieties
<i>Buchloe dactyloides</i> 'Prestige'	Prestige Buffalograss
<i>Cynodon</i> 'PWIN04S'	Dog Tuff™
<i>Festuca arundinacea</i>	Tall Fescue
<i>Festuca ovina</i>	Sheep Fescue
<i>Festuca trachyphylla</i>	Hard Fescue
<i>Pascopyrum smithii</i>	Western Wheatgrass
<i>Psathyrostachys juncea</i> 'Bozoisky II'	Russian Wildrye



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