

# Native Plants Colorado Resources

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## BENEFITS OF NATIVE PLANTS

- Native Plants for Birds National Audubon Society animated Video <https://youtu.be/IANNOm3rg1Q>
- [Wild Ones Presents Nature's Best Hope by Dr. Doug Tallamy](#) (1 hour video) on the ecological relationships between native plants and insects, and how you can convert your yard.

## COLORADO NATIVE PLANT INFORMATION

The following resources help you identify Colorado native plants.

- [Native Plants for Birds](#) Handout
- [Native Plants for Pollinators](#) Handout
- [Colorado Native Plant Society \(CONPS\) Plant lists](#) for landscaping
- Audubon Rockies [Wildlife Friendly Native Plants](#)
- Colorado State University [Native Plant Master Resource List](#)
- National Audubon's [Plants for Birds Database](#). Search by your zip code (no email address required to see the list) to find native plants in your area and the types of birds they are likely to attract.
- [Colorado Noxious Weed ID](#), Colorado Department of Agriculture

### Colorado Native Plant Society Garden Guides

(from 2021 Landscaping with Colorado Native Plants Conference)

- [Front Range & Foothills](#)
- [Mountains 7,500' and Above](#)
- [Prairie and Plains](#)
- [South Eastern Colorado](#)
- [Western Slope – Below 7,000'](#)

**Audubon Rockies Bird-Friendly Garden Designs** <https://rockies.audubon.org/habitat-hero/resources/garden-designs>

## NATIVE PLANT SOURCES

When shopping for Colorado native plants, always use the scientific or botanical name. Common names vary from region to region and nursery to nursery and are sometimes used for non-native plants of a different species. Example: the North American *Linum lewisii* could be called Lewis flax, blue flax, or prairie flax, and there is a similar European species that is also called blue flax or prairie flax.

### Plant Sourcing Lists:

- CSU Extension Office in Clear Creek County Sources of Colorado Native Plants (2018) <https://extension.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/sources-native-plants.pdf>
- Colorado Native Plant Society Native Plant Vendor List (2021) <https://conps.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/CoNPS-Native-Plant-Vendors-12.pdf>
- Denver Audubon Where to Find Colorado Native Plants & Services <https://denveraudubon.org/where-to-find-co-native-plants/>
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### Plant Sales, Nurseries, and Garden Centers

- [High Plains Environmental Center](#) (Loveland)
- [High County Gardens](#) (online sales and shipping only) Has a Habitat Hero pre-planned garden
- [Colorado Native Plant Society](#) (online sale with pickup in Denver, Golden, Colorado Springs. Spring/summer 2021 sale) <https://conps.org/2021-spring-plant-sale/#!form/2021SpringPlantSale>
- [Douglas County Conservation District Native Plant Sale](#) (online sale with pickup in Castle Rock. Early spring sale)
- [Harlequin Gardens](#) (Boulder) – Best selection of Colorado natives, also guaranteed organic and neonicotinoid pesticide free.
- [Tagawa Gardens](#) (Centennial/Parker)
- [Echter's Garden Center](#) (Arvada)
- [Creekside Gardens](#) (Littleton)
- [Highlands Garden Center](#) (Centennial) carries some native plant selections

### Landscape Designers

- [All Beings Ecoscapes](#) – can include Audubon Rockies Habitat Hero certification as part of the design
- [Earth Love Gardens](#) – includes Audubon Rockies Habitat Hero certification as part of the design
- [Cedar Hill Design](#) – ask for Colorado native plant design
- [Norris Design](#) – ask for designers who have expertise in Colorado native plant design
- [Roots to Deep Waters](#)
- [Pears to Perennials](#) eco friendly Landscapes
- [The Green Fuse](#)

### Ecosystem-friendly Lawn & Garden Maintenance

Keeping wildlife needs in mind while taking care of your yard...

- [Pears to Perennials](#)
- [The Green Fuse](#)

## CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

Share your native plant garden with neighbors and passers-by with signage in your yard and by promoting native plants with family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and everyone you meet.

- [Audubon Rockies Habitat Hero Program](#)
- [Colorado Native Plant Society Certified Native Plant Garden](#)
- [National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat](#)