

## ***The Lowdown on Low Water Plants***

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<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Botanical Name</b>
<b>DECIDUOUS TREES</b>	
Bigtooth Maple	<i>Acer grandidentatum</i>
Tatarian Maple	<i>Acer tataricum</i>
Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier x grandiflora</i> 'Autumn Brilliance'
Northern Catalpa	<i>Catalpa speciosa</i>
Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>
Russian Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus ambigua</i>
Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus crus-gali inermis</i>
New Mexico Privet	<i>Forestiera neomexicana</i>
Imperial Honeylocust	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos inermis</i> 'Imperial'
Kentucky Coffeetree	<i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i>
Goldenrain Tree	<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>
Wafer Ash	<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>
Gamble Oak	<i>Quercus gambelii</i>
Burr Oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>
Chinquapin Oak	<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>
Shumard Red Oak	<i>Quercus shumardii</i>
Wavyleaf Oak	<i>Quercus undulata</i>
Peking Lilac	<i>Syringa pekinensis</i>
<b>EVERGREEN TREES</b>	
Spartan Juniper	<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> 'Spartan'
Cologreen Juniper	<i>Juniperus scopulorum</i> 'Cologreen'
Wichita Blue Juniper	<i>Juniperus scopulorum</i> 'Wichita Blue'
Woodward Columnar	<i>Juniperus scopulorum</i> 'Woodward'
Colorado Blue Spruce	<i>Picea pungens</i>
Baker's Blue Spruce	<i>Picea pungens</i> 'Bakeri'
Fat Albert Blue Spruce	<i>Picea pungens</i> 'Fat Albert'
Columnar Blue Spruce	<i>Picea pungens</i> 'Iseli Fastigiata'
Montgomery Blue Spruce	<i>Picea pungens</i> 'Montgomery'
Weeping Blue Spruce	<i>Picea pungens</i> 'Pendula'
Bristlecone Pine	<i>Pinus aristata</i>
Pinion Pine	<i>Pinus edulis</i>
Limber Pine	<i>Pinus flexilis</i>
Damfino Dwarf Limber Pine	<i>Pinus flexilis</i> 'Damfino'
Glenmore Dwarf Limber Pine	<i>Pinus flexilis</i> 'Glenmore Dwarf'
Ponderosa Pine	<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>
Dwarf Ponderosa Pine	<i>Pinus ponderosa</i> 'Mary Ann Heacock'
Southwestern White Pine	<i>Pinus strobiformis</i>
Scotch Pine	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
<b>DECIDUOUS SHRUBS</b>	
Saskatoon Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>
Dwarf Leadplant	<i>Amorpha nana</i>
Siberian Peashrub	<i>Caragana arborescens</i>
Tidy Peashrub	<i>Caragana microphylla</i> 'Tidy'
Pygmy Peashrub	<i>Caragana pygmaea</i>
Fernbush	<i>Chamaebatiaria millefolium</i>
Carol Mackie Daphne	<i>Daphne x burkwoodii</i> 'Carol Mackie'
Apache Plume	<i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>
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Rock Spirea	<i>Holodiscus dumosus</i>

Waxflower  
Mountain Ninebark  
Summer Wine Ninebark  
Prairie Snow Potentilla  
Pawnee Buttes Sandcherry  
Fernleaf Buckthorn  
Gro-Low Sumac  
Staghorn Sumac  
Creeping Three-Leaf Sumac  
Gwen's Buffalo Currant  
Alleghany Viburnum  
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Yellowhorn

### EVERGREEN SHRUBS

Icee Blue Juniper  
Blueberry Delight Juniper  
Buffalo Juniper  
Tam Juniper  
Desert Holly

### BROADLEAVED EVERGREEN SHRUBS

Panchito Manzanita  
Hairy Mountain Mahogany  
Curl-Leaf Mountain Mahogany  
Bluestem Joint Fir  
Banana Yucca  
Red Yucca

### VINES

Trumpet Vine  
Sweet Autumn Clematis  
Trumpet Honeysuckle  
Virginia Creeper  
Silver Lace Vine

### GRASSES

Big Bluestem Prairie Grass  
Korean Feather Reed Grass  
Karl Foerster Feather Reed Grass  
Overdam Feather Reed Grass  
Northern Sea Oats  
Blue Fescue Grass  
Blue Avena Grass  
Maiden Hair Grass  
Dallas Blues Switchgrass  
Heavy Metal Switch Grass  
Northwind Switch Grass  
Hameln Fountain Grass  
Karley Rose Grass  
Blaze Little Bluestem Grass  
The Blues Little Bluestem Grass  
Alkali Sacaton Grass  
Prairie Dropseed Grass  
Giant Sacaton Grass  
Mexican Feather Grass

### PERENNIALS

Serbian Yarrow

Jamesia americana  
Physocarpus monogynus  
Physocarpus opulifolius 'Seward'  
Potentilla fruticosa 'Davurica'  
Prunus besseyi 'Pawnee Buttes'  
Rhamnus frangula 'Asplenifolia'  
Rhus aromatica  
Rhus thyphina  
Rhus trilobata 'Autumn Amber'  
Ribes aureum 'Gwen's Buffalo'  
Viburnum x rhytidophylloides  
Viburnum x rhytidophylloides 'Alleghany'  
Xanthocercus sorbifolium

Juniper horizontalis 'Monber'  
Juniperus communis var. depressa 'AmiDak'  
Juniperus sabina 'Buffalo'  
Juniperus sabina 'Tam'  
Mahonia fremontii

Arctostaphylos x coloradoensis 'Panchito'  
Cercocarpus breviflorus  
Cercocarpus ledifolius  
Ephedra equisetina  
Yucca baccata  
Yucca parvifolia

Campsis radicans  
Clematis terniflora  
Lonicera sempervirens  
Parthenocissus quinquefolia  
Polygonum aubertii

Andropogon gerardii  
Calamagrostis brachytricha  
Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Karl Foerster'  
Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Overdam'  
Chasmanthium latifolium  
Festuca spp.  
Helictotrichon sempervirens  
Miscanthus spp.  
Panicum virgatum 'Dallas Blues'  
Panicum virgatum 'Heavy Metal'  
Panicum virgatum 'Northwind'  
Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Hameln'  
Pennisetum orientale 'Karley Rose'  
Schizachyrium scoparium 'Blaze'  
Schizachyrium scoparium 'The Blues'  
Sporobolus airoides  
Sporobolus heterolepis  
Sporobolus wrightii  
Stipa tenuissima

Achillea serbica

Sonoran Sunset Hyssop  
Sunset Hyssop  
Mount Atlas Daisy  
Orange Butterfly Weed  
Chocolate Flower  
Jack Frost Brunnera  
Thousand Flowered Aster  
Purple Poppy Mallow  
Leadwort/Hardy Plumbago  
Ice Plant  
Bleeding Heart  
Purple Coneflower  
Blue Glow Globe Thistle  
Kannah Creek Sulphur Flower  
Blanket Flowers  
Sweet Woodruff  
Daylilies  
Coral Bells  
Variegated Sweet Iris (white)  
Variegated Sweet Iris (yellow)  
Spotted Dead Nettles  
Lavender  
Floristan White Gayfeather  
Desert Four-O'Clock  
Silver Blade Evening Primrose  
Ozark Sundrops/Missouri Evening Primrose  
Electric Blue Penstemon  
Palmer's Penstemon  
Yellow Pineleaf Penstemon  
Rocky Mountain Penstemon  
Pike's Peak Purple Penstemon  
Red Rocks Penstemon  
Russian Sage  
Balloon Flowers  
Pasque Flower  
Prairie Coneflower/Mexican Hat  
Caradonna Blue Sage  
Red Birds in a Tree  
Autumn Fire Sedum  
Turkish Veronica  
Orange Carpet Hummingbird Trumpet  
Prairie Zinnia/Rocky Mountain Zinnia

## **BULBS**

Nodding Onion  
Hair Ornamental Onion  
Schubertii Ornamental Onion  
Reticulated Iris  
Species Tulips

Agastache cana 'Sonoran Sunset'  
Agastache rupestris  
Anacyclus depressus  
Asclepias tuberosa  
Berlandiera lyrata  
Brunnera macrophylla 'Jack Frost'  
Calamintha nepeta spp. Nepeta  
Callirhoe involucrata  
Ceratostigma plumbaginoides  
Delosperma spp.  
Dicentra spectabilis  
Echinacea purpurea  
Echinops bannaticus 'Blue Glow'  
Eriogonum umbellatum 'Kannah Creek'  
Gaillardia spp.  
Galium odoratum  
Hemerocallis spp.  
Heuchera spp.  
Iris pallida 'Variegata'  
Iris pumila 'Argentea'  
Lamium spp.  
Lavandula spp.  
Liatris spicata 'Floristan White'  
Mirabilis multiflora  
Oenothera macrocarpa v. incana 'Silver Blade'  
Oenothera missouriensis  
Penstemon heterophyllus 'Electric Blue'  
Penstemon palmeri  
Penstemon pinifolius 'Mersea Yellow'  
Penstemon strictus  
Penstemon x mexicale 'Pike's Peak Purple'  
Penstemon x mexicale 'Red Rocks'  
Perovskia atriplicifolia  
Platycodon spp.  
Pulsatilla vulgaris  
Ratibida columnifera 'Mexican Hat'  
Salvia nemorosa 'Caradonna'  
Scrophularia macrantha  
Sedum 'Autumn Fire'  
Veronica lewanensis  
Zauschneria garrettii 'Orange Carpet'  
Zinnia grandiflora

Allium cernuum  
Allium 'Hair'  
Allium schubertii  
Iris reticulata  
Tulipa clusiana 'Lady Jane'; Tulipa tarda

## Resources:

### Sources of Information:

Colorado State University Cooperative Extension Offices: [www.ext.colostate.edu/pubs.html](http://www.ext.colostate.edu/pubs.html)

Colorado Master Gardener Garden Notes: <http://cmg.colostate.edu/>

Colorado Native Plant Society: [www.conps.org/](http://www.conps.org/)

Denver Water: [www.denverwater.org](http://www.denverwater.org)

City of Fort Collins Utilities:

<http://www.fcgov.com/utilities/residential/conserves/water-efficiency/xeriscape>

Plant Select: [www.plantselect.org](http://www.plantselect.org)

Gardening Questions? Larimer County Master Gardeners: (970) 497-6000

### Public Xeriscape Demonstration Gardens:

- Centennial Gardens (by Elitch Gardens)  
1101 Little Raven Street  
Denver, CO
- Denver Botanical Gardens  
909 York Street  
Denver, CO
- Ft. Collins Xeriscape Demonstration Garden  
300 Laporte Ave.  
Ft. Collins, CO
- Gardens at Kendrick Lake Park  
East of Kendrick Lake Park  
9351 W. Jewell Ave.  
Lakewood, CO
- Gardens on Spring Creek  
2145 Centre Ave,  
Ft. Collins, CO
- Jeff Peterson Xeriscape Garden  
Northeast corner of First St. and Washington Ave.  
Loveland, CO
- NCWCD – Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District  
220 Water Ave.  
Berthoud, CO

### Books:

- *Cutting Edge Gardening in the Intermountain West*, Marcia Tatroe
- *Durable Plants for the Garden: A Plant Select Guide*, Plant Select
- *High & Dry: Gardening with Cold-Hardy Dryland Plants*, Robert Nold
- *Passionate Gardening: Good Advice for Challenging Climates*, Lauren Springer
- *Plants for Natural Gardens*, by Judith Phillips, Museum of New Mexico, 1995
- *Natural by Design*, by Judith Phillips, Museum of New Mexico Press, 1995
- *The Xeriscape Flower Gardener*, Jim Knopf
- *The Undaunted Garden: Planting for Weather-Resilient Beauty*, Lauren Springer
- *Waterwise Landscaping with Trees, Shrubs & Vines*, Jim Knopf
- *Xeriscape Handbook*, Gayle Weinstein
- *Xeriscape Plant Guide*, David Winger, ed.
- *Xeriscape Colorado: The complete Guide*, Connie Lockhart Ellefson and David Winger