



# Native Plants

## Overview

Our Colorado environment is home to some amazing native plant species. Natives are typically low water options, resistant to local diseases, and perfect for our native soil. Many provide year-round interest in the garden and also attract local birds, wildlife, and important pollinators. Using native plants in your landscape adds diversity and encourages the local ecosystem. They can be blended seamlessly with non-native plants, depending on the plants water and sun needs.

## Growing Tips

- Many native plants need well-draining soil which is not particularly common in northern Colorado. We recommend having your soil tested for nutrient content, salt content, and organic matter before any major planting project. Basic at-home test kits are available at Fort Collins Nursery and Colorado State University provides soil testing lab kits and a complete analysis for a small fee. Once you have a better understanding of your soil conditions, you can amend the soil to meet your plants' specific needs. Keep in mind, many native plants thrive in nutrient-poor soil with low organic matter, so don't get carried away adding compost just yet!
- It is important to remember that just because a plant has low water requirements, it does not mean they have no water requirements. Native plants may need relatively consistent water over the first several years until they develop well established root systems.
- Native plants are adapted to our lean soils and do not generally need regular fertilizing.
- Different native varieties may have specific growing requirements. Ask a Fort Collins Nursery representative to help find the perfect native options to match your landscape needs.

## Plant Recommendations

**Perennials:** Rocky Mountain Columbine, Tall Goldenrod; Blue Flax; Chocolate Flower; Native Bee Balm

**Shrubs:** American Plum; Apache Plume; Pawnee Buttes Sandcherry Fernbush; Rabbit Brush.

**Trees:** Cottonwood (available as cottonless); Colorado Blue Spruce; Pinyon Pine; Quaking Aspen; Rocky Mountain Juniper



## Resources

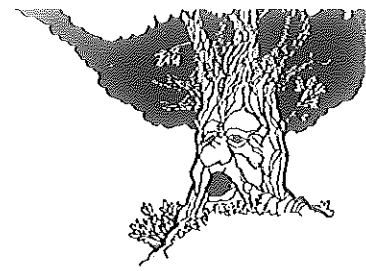
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## NATIVE PLANT LIST

The following is a list of plants carried by Fort Collins Nursery that are native to the Rocky Mountain region. This is a diverse area from desert to foothills to high mountains and the plant life varies with the environment. Our inventory changes constantly and not all plants are available all of the time. In addition, new varieties including natives are being added to our inventory regularly.

<b>PLANT TYPE</b>	<b>COMMON NAME</b>	<b>BOTANIC NAME</b>	
<b>Trees, Deciduous</b>	Alder, Thin-Leaf	<i>Alnus tenuifolia</i>	
	Ash, Green	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	
	Aspen, Quaking	<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	
	Cottonwood, Lanceleaf	<i>Populus x acuminata</i>	
	Cottonwood, Narrowleaf	<i>Populus angustifolia</i>	
	Cottonwood, Plains	<i>Populus sargentii</i>	
	Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	
	Maple, Bigtooth	<i>Acer grandidentatum</i>	
	Maple, Rocky Mountain	<i>Acer glabrum</i>	
	Oak, Gambel	<i>Quercus gambelli</i>	
	<b>Trees, Evergreen</b>	Fir, Subalpine	<i>Abies lasiocarpa</i>
		Fir, White	<i>Abies concolor</i>
		Juniper, Rocky Mountain (Red Cedar)	<i>Juniperus scopulorum</i>
Pine, Bristlecone		<i>Pinus aristata</i>	
Pine, Limber		<i>Pinus flexilis</i>	
Pine, Pinyon		<i>Pinus edulis</i>	
Pine, Ponderosa		<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	
Spruce, Colorado		<i>Picea pungens</i>	
<b>Shrubs</b>		Apache Plume	<i>Falugia paradoxa</i>
		Buffaloberry, Silver	<i>Shepherdia argentea</i>
	Chokecherry	<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	
	Cliffrose	<i>Cowania mexicana</i>	
	Currant, Golden	<i>Ribes aureum</i>	
	Currant, Wax	<i>Ribes cereum</i>	
	Dogwood, Red Twig	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	
	Juniper, Common (Effusa)	<i>Juniperus communis</i>	
	Leadplant	<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	
	Maple, Rocky Mountain	<i>Acer glabrum</i>	
	Mockorange	<i>Philadelphus microphyllus</i>	
	Mountain Mahogany	<i>Cercocarpus montanus</i>	
	Mountain Mahogany, Curl-Leaf	<i>Cercocarpus ledifolius</i>	
	Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	
	Plum, American (Wild)	<i>Prunus americana</i>	
	Privet, New Mexican	<i>Forestiera neomexicana</i>	
	Rabbitbrush	<i>Chrysothamnus nauseosus</i>	
Raspberry, Boulder	<i>Rubus deliciosus</i>		
Rose, Wood's	<i>Rosa woodsii</i>		
Sage, Fringed	<i>Artemisia frigida</i>		
Sage, Sand (Thread-Leaved)	<i>Artemisia filifolia</i>		

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Shrubs (cont'd)	Sage, Silver	<i>Artemisia cana</i>
	Sage, Tall Western	<i>Artemisia tridentata</i>
	Sage, Three-Parted	<i>Artemisia tripartita</i>
	Saltbush, Four-Winged	<i>Atriplex canescens</i>
	Sandcherry, Western	<i>Prunus besseyi</i>
	Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>
	Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>
	Spirea, Rock	<i>Holodiscus dumosus</i>
	Sumac, Rocky Mountain Smooth	<i>Rhus glabra cismontana</i>
	Sumac, Three-Leaf	<i>Rhus trilobata</i>
	Waxflower	<i>Jamesia americana</i>
	Yucca	<i>Yucca glauca</i>
	Shrubs, Broadleaf Evergreen	Creeping Grape Holly
Kinnikinnik		<i>Arctostaphylos nevadensis</i>
		<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>
Mountain Mahogany, Curl-Leaf		<i>Cercocarpus ledifolius</i>
Grasses	Yucca	<i>Yucca glauca</i>
	Bluestem, Big	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i> 'Pawnee'
	Bluestem, Little	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>
Vines	Cattail	<i>Typha latifolia</i>
	Englemann Ivy (Virginia Creeper)	<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>
	Native Hop Vine	<i>Humulus americanus</i>
Perennials	Western Virgin's Bower	<i>Clematis lingusticifolia</i>
	Anemone, Red Globe	<i>Anemone multifida</i> var. <i>globosa</i>
	Bee Balm, Native Lavendar	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>
	Black-Eyed Susan (Gloriosa Daisy)	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>
		<i>Rudbeckia triloba</i>
	Blue-Eyed Grass	<i>Sisyrinchium montanum</i>
	Broom Snakeweed	<i>Gutierrezia sarothrae</i>
	Butterfly Weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>
	Cactus, Brittle	<i>Opuntia fragilis</i>
	Cactus, Prickly-Pear	<i>Opuntia compressa</i>
	Chocolate Flower	<i>Berlandiera lyrata</i>
	Columbine, Dwarf	<i>Aquilegia saximontana</i>
	Columbine, Golden	<i>Aquilegia chrysantha</i>
	Columbine, Rocky Mountain	<i>Aquilegia caerulea</i>
	Columbine, Western Red	<i>Aquilegia elegantula</i>
	Coneflower, Prairie	<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>
	Daisy, Easter	<i>Townsendia exscapa</i>
	Evening-Primrose, White	<i>Oenothera caespitosa</i>
	Fern, Lady	<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>
	Fern, Male	<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>
	Fiesta Daisy, Native (Blanket Flower)	<i>Gaillardia aristata</i>
	Fireweed	<i>Epilobium angustifolium</i>
	Flax, Wild Blue	<i>Linum lewisii</i>
	Fleabane	<i>Erigeron compositus</i>
	Four-O'Clock, Showy	<i>Mirabilis multiflora</i>
	Gayfeather, Blazing Star	<i>Liatris punctata</i>
	Gilia, Scarlet	<i>Silene aggregata</i>
Golden Banner	<i>Thermopsis montana</i>	

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Perennials (Cont'd)	Golden Eye	<i>Viguiera multiflora</i>
	Harebells	<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>
	Horehound, Common	<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>
	Iris, Rocky Mountain (Wild)	<i>Iris missouriensis</i>
	Jacob's Ladder	<i>Polemonium caeruleum</i>
	Locoweed, Lambert's	<i>Oxytropis lambertii</i>
	Lupine, Native Blue	<i>Lupinus perennis</i>
	Pasque Flower	<i>Pulsatilla patens spp multiflora</i>
	Penstemon, Blue Mist	<i>Penstemon virens</i>
	Penstemon, Firecracker	<i>Penstemon eatonii</i>
	Penstemon, Mat	<i>Penstemon caespitosus</i>
	Penstemon, Rocky Mountain	<i>Penstemon strictus</i>
	Penstemon, Scarlet	<i>Penstemon barbatus</i>
	Poppy Mallow	<i>Callirhoe involucrata</i>
	Potentilla, Silver	<i>Potentilla hippiana</i>
	Prince's Plume	<i>Stanleya pinnata</i>
	Pussytoes	<i>Antennaria parvifolia</i>
	Spiderwort, Native Blue	<i>Tradescantia occidentalis</i>
	Strawberry, Wild	<i>Fragaria americana</i>
	Wallflower, Western	<i>Erysimum asperum</i>
Yarrow, Native	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	
Zinnia, Rocky Mountain	<i>Zinnia grandiflora</i>	