

TOP PLANT SELECTIONS FOR THE WATERWISE LOW MAINTENANCE GARDEN



➤ PERENNIAL FORBS

- *Aquilegia sp.* - **Columbines** - Including varieties like Denver Gold and Remembrance from Plant Select®, a lovely plant that offers a wide variety of colors and blooms throughout the year.
- *Echinacea tennesseensis* - **Tennessee Purple Coneflower** offers flowers throughout summer and can tolerate part shade, another selection from Plant Select®.
- *Penstemon pinifolius* - **Pineleaf Penstemon** - Another lovely selection from Plant Select® that requires little to no maintenance.
- *Pulsatilla patens* - **Pasque Flower** - All varieties are rather lovely and offer floral and textural interest and zero maintenance.
- *Veronica liwanensis* - **Turkish Veronica** is a lovely groundcover from Plant Select® that blooms april-june and can tolerate part shade.

➤ GRASS/SEDGES

- *Calamagrostis brachytricha* - **Korean Feather Reed** - Plant Select® grass that can take part shade, low-med water, beautiful plumes in summer, cut back once a year.
- *Festuca idahoensis* - **Blue or Idaho Fescue** - Little to no maintenance as this grass does not need to be cut back, low-med water and lovely winter interest.
- *Panicum virgatum* - **Switchgrass** - Slow growing rhizomatous grass, holds structure in winter and should be cut back in spring.
- *Schizachyrium scoparium* - **Little Bluestem 'Standing Ovation'** - Very low water native grass from Plant Select® with fall color, cut back in spring.
- *Sporobolus heterolepis* - **Prairie Dropseed** - Long-lived native grass requiring low water and to be cut back once a year in spring.

➤ TREES

- *Acer grandidentatum* - **Bigtooth Maple** - Relatively slow growing native maple requiring minimal water or pruning, hardy variety with spectacular fall color.
- *Crataegus ambigua* - **Russian Hawthorn** - This tree from Plant Select® is hardy and compact, requires minimal water and is easy to prune when necessary.

- *Gleditsia tricanthos var. inermis* - **Honeylocust** - Hardy, low water, leaves are small so no need to rake up in the fall.
- *Juniperus scopulorum* - **'Woodward' Rocky Mtn. Juniper** - Literally no maintenance required, very low water, columnar from Plant Select®.
- *Prunus sp.* - **'Sucker Punch' Chokecherry** - Fast-growing shade tree, no suckers, interesting purple leaves, a native selection from Plant Select®.

➤ SHRUBS

- *Fallugia paradoxa* - **Apache Plume** - No maintenance required if given appropriate space, fuzzy pink seed heads, low-water Plant Select®.
- *Pinus monophylla 'Blue Jazz'* - **Dwarf Pinyon Pine** - No maintenance required, very low-water after establishing roots, another selection from Plant Select®.
- *Ribes aureum* - **Golden Currant** - Little to no pruning required, native, edible, bright yellow flowers in spring.
- *Rosa rubrifolia* - **Redleaf Rose** - Plant Select® rose, no pruning required unlike most roses, lower-water, purple leaves, pink flowers, beautiful hips for winter interest.
- *Viburnum lantana* - **'Mohican' Viburnum** - No pruning required, slow growing, semi-evergreen so makes a great screening plant with nice winter interest.

➤ BULBS

- *Chionodoxa sp.* - **Glory of the Snow** - This is a lovely hardy bulb that comes in multiple colors and blooms in the spring and will naturalize amongst other plants.
- *Crocus sp.* - A lovely bulb available in both spring and fall blooming forms and offers early and late blooms during the chilly months of spring and fall.
- *Iris reticulata* - Available in many colors this plant offers lovely spring color and deer resistance. It will also naturalize and will need to be divided every few years.
- *Narcissus sp.* - **Daffodil** - Available in many colors and deer resistance, this plant adds lovely swaths of color early in the year.
- *Tulipa sp.* - **Tulip** - Available in many colors and varieties, these plants are lovely especially planted in groups with other spring blooming bulbs to give early season color.

➤ DRY SHADE

- *Anemone × hybrida* - **Anemone or Windflower** - A lovely long living and naturalizing perennial available in tons of varieties. Tuberous and not tuberous varieties, some bloom in spring and others in fall and lovely planted alongside a variety of bulbs.

- ***Berberis repens* (*Mahonia repens*) - Creeping Oregon Grape Holly** - Formerly known as *Mahonia*, *Berberis repens* is a native Colorado broadleaf evergreen shrub that offers yellow flowers in spring, blue berries in summer and deep red purple fall color.
- ***Galium odoratum* - Sweet Woodruff or Sweet Bedstraw** - A low groundcover with whorled leaves and sweet smelling white flowers in spring, a gentle natured plant, easy to manage and will not overcrowd other plants.
- ***Heuchera sp.* - Coral Bells** - Comes in many colors and cultivars and is a lovely addition to any garden, best plant in groups for more of an impact and most varieties tolerate sun and shade.
- ***Jamesia americana* - Waxflower** - Native to Colorado, a Plant Select® shrub introduction that can be planted in shade and in high elevations.