Easy Plants for the Front Range

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Easy to grow plants

This guide provides a small portion of “easy to grow” plants for the Front Range. Recommended plants are those which thrive in the front range cultural conditions such as low precipitation and dry, rocky soils. For additional recommendations see Western Best Practices for planting and installation recommendations. All plants listed meet the following criteria:

• Available at locally owned nurseries
• Provide multi-season interest (flower, fall color, winter interest, habitat for wildlife & pollinators)
• Minimal maintenance required
• Xeric plants (require less than 2" of water per month)
• Best in full to part sun exposure
• Perennials and shrubs (come back every year)
Yarrow
*Achillea* sp.
Leadplant
*Amorpha canescens*
Leadplant (dwarf)
*Amorpha nana*
Sunset Hyssop
Agastache rupestris
DENVER GOLD® Columbine
Aquilegia chrysantha DENVER GOLD®
Chocolate Flower
*Berlandiera lyrata*
‘Blonde Ambition’ Blue Grama Grass

*Bouteloua gracilis* ‘Blonde Ambition’
Winecups
*Callirhoe involucrata*
Curly Leaf Sea Kale
*Crambe maritima*
Fernbush
*Chamaebatiaria millefolium*
Baby Blue Rabbitbrush (dwarf)
*Chrysothamnus nauseosus* var. *nauseous*
CORAL CANYON® Twinspur
*Diascia integerrima* CORAL CANYON®
ORANGE CARPET® Hummingbird Trumpet
Epilobium canum ssp. garrettii ORANGE CARPET®
Golden Storksbill
Erodium chrysanthum
Sulphur Flower Buckwheat KANNAH CREEK®
Eriogonum umbellatum var. aureum KANNAH CREEK®
Apache Plume
*Fallugia paradoxa*
Maximilian’s Sunflower
*Helianthus maximiliani*
Blue Oat Grass

*Helictotrichon sempervirens*
Red Yucca
Hesperaloe parviflora
Regal Torchlily
*Kniphofia caulescens*
Dwarf English Lavender WEE ONE®
Lavandula angustifolia WEE ONE®
KINTZLEY’S GHOST® Honeysuckle Vine

*Lonicera reticulata* KINTZLEY’S GHOST®
SILVER BLADE® Evening Primrose
*Oenothera macrocarpa ssp. incana* SILVER BLADE®
Pineleaf Penstemon
*Penstemon pinifolius*
Rocky Mountain Penstemon
Penstemon strictus
PAWNEE BUTTES® Sandcherry
*Prunus pumila var. besseyi* PAWNEE BUTTES®
Sumac
*Rhus sp.*
Silver Sage
Salvia argentea
Little Bluestem
*Schizachryium scoparium*
Sedum
*Sedum* sp.
Creeping Thyme
*Thymus* sp.
MINI MAN™ Viburnum
Viburnum burejaeticum MINI MAN™
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