

Ken Caryl Ranch Preferred Plants List.... **By Sherry Farrell, KCRMD Horticulturist**

In the fall of 2004 we were asked by one of the big wholesale nurseries to participate in a survey they were conducting of regionally preferred plants. As I was compiling the list of plants most commonly used here at Ken-Caryl Ranch, some of us put our heads together and decided it would be a good idea to make the list available to Ranch residents through our website. So what follows is not, by any means, a complete list of every plant we use here, but the ones that keep cropping up. They're the ones that are always successful, my standbys.

Nothing has high water requirements once established. All are regionally appropriate. Nothing is exotic or hard to find. All can be purchased at our local nurseries and garden centers.

Happy Gardening!

PERENNIALS

Achillea Hybrids 'Moonshine'

Common name: Moonshine Yarrow

Sulfur yellow flower heads with silver foliage. The deer and bunnies do not like this one.

Size: 24" x 18"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: June – October

Agastache cana

Common name: Double Bubblemint

Pink trumpets on upright spikes. Hummingbirds love it. It has a great fragrance and seems to be deer proof. Succumbs easily to root rot if over watered.

Size: 24" x 26"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: August – September

Agastache rupestris

Common Name: Sunset Hyssop

Purple and orange trumpet-like flowers with fragrant, gray-green foliage. Hummingbirds love this one.

Size: 24" x 36"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: July – September

Drought tolerant

Artemisia 'Powis Castle'

Common Name: Powis Castle

Finely cut silver foliage with insignificant flower heads. Great fragrance when touched and after a nice rain. Non-spreading mounds.

Size: 2' - 3'

Exposure: Full sun

Drought tolerant

Artemisia 'Silver Brocade'

Common Name: Perennial Dusty Miller Sage

Spreading with low mounds of white foliage. The deer and bunnies don't seem to care for this one. Grow it for the foliage and remove the flowers as they detract from the overall appearance.

Size: 16" x 20"

Exposure: Full sun

Drought tolerant

Artemisia 'Limelight'

Common Name: Limelight Sage

Can reach 4' tall with a spread of 3 feet. Spreads by rhizomes, can become invasive. Grown for its chartreuse and yellow, sharply-serrated foliage. It features a raceme of tiny cream colored flowers from late summer into fall.

Size: 4' x 3'

Exposure: Full sun
Drought tolerant

Aster frikartii 'Monch'

Common Name: Monch Summer Aster

Lots of long lasting lavender–blue flowers with bright yellow centers. Has a nice smell when flowers are dried.

Size: 2-3' x 2-3'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: July – August

Aster Hybrids 'Lady in Black'

Common Name: Lady in Black Aster

Small shiny, dark purple foliage covers 3' tall stems, joined in mid-September by a covering of tiny, white flowers with bright pink centers.

Size: 3'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: Mid-September – first frost

Aster Hybrids 'Purple Dome'

Common Name: Purple Dome Aster

Deep purple flowers. Heavy bloomer. Best of all, mildew resistant.

Size: 18" - 24"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: August – September

Boltonia asteroides 'Snowbank'

Common Name: Starflower

You'll want to give this one lots of room to grow. Thousands of tiny white flowers cover the large open plant.

Size: 48" x 60"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: August – October

Drought tolerant

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Common Name: Poppy Mallow or Winecups

Magenta cupped flowers, long blooming, sprawling plants, eastern Colorado native.

Size: 4" – 6"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: June – August

Drought tolerant

Centranthus ruber

Common Name: Jupiter's Beard

Fragrant clusters of star shaped pink flowers with gray-green foliage. Makes upright clumps and reseeds freely.

Size: 18" – 36"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: June – August

Drought tolerant

Centranthus ruber 'Albus'

Common Name: White Jupiter's Beard

Fragrant clusters of white star shaped flowers with gray-green foliage. Makes upright clumps and reseeds freely.

Size: 18" – 36"

Exposure: Full sun does well in drier conditions

Flowering: June – August

Drought tolerant

Coreopsis verticillata 'Moonbeam'

Common Name: Moonbeam Coreopsis

Very long bloomer with small pale yellow daisy like flowers. Tiny black seedheads are still attractive after bloom is finished.

Size: 18" – 24"

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Flowering: June – September

Coreopsis verticillata 'Zagreb'

Common Name: Zagreb Coreopsis

A long blooming, bushy mound with small bright gold daisy-like flowers.

Size: 18" – 24"

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Flowering: June – September

Diascia integerrima 'Coral Canyon'

Common Name: Coral Canyon Twinspur

A cloud of salmon-pink flowers, this one does well in heat and poor soil. It's great for edging a garden or in containers.

Size: 15"

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Flowering: June – September

Gaura lindheimeri 'The Bride'

Common Name: Whirling Butterflies

Hundreds of small butterfly-like flowers that bloom all summer. When a nice breeze comes up they dance in the wind.

Size: 36" – 42"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: June – September

Helenium 'Moerheim Beauty'

Common Name: Helen's Flower

This is a great cutting flower for those of us who like to bring the garden inside. It blooms burnt-red with a velvety red-brown center. Better yet, the deer do not seem to like this one.

Size: 36" – 48"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: August - October

Helianthus maximiliana 'Santa Fe'

Common Name: Santa Fe Sunflower

Bold, dark green leaves adorn stout, branched stems rising from a woody crown, ending in stacks of bright yellow flowers that appear in late summer. The birds love the seeds in the fall.

Size: 6' – 10'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: August - September

Drought tolerant

Heliopsis helianthoides 'Summer Sun'

Common Name: False Sunflower

An excellent cutting flower and, as far as we know, the deer and bunnies do not like to nibble on this one. It has golden daisy-like flowers on erect branches. Foliage is very deep green and roughly hairy with coarsely toothed margins.

Size: 36" – 42"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: July - October

Drought tolerant

Hemerocallis 'Stella De Oro'

Common Name: Dwarf Gold Daylily

Great plant for the perennial border or as ground cover, with its grass-like foliage giving rise to open trumpets of eye-popping gold. Blooms all summer.

Size: 12" – 14"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: July – September

Heuchera 'Coral Cloud'

Common Name: Coral Bells

This plant has nice mounded green foliage and can be planted for foliage alone. The nice added bonus is the coral pink flowers.

Size: 10" x 22"

Exposure: Full sun to shade

Flowering: June – September with deadheading

Heuchera 'Chocolate Ruffles'

Common Name: Chocolate Ruffles

The chocolate-colored ruffled foliage of this plant enjoys more shade than sun. Stiff purple spikes support large clusters of delicate white flowers.

Size: 10" x 30"

Exposure: Part shade

Flowering: June – September with deadheading

Lavandula angustifolia 'Hidcote'

Common Name: Lavender

The great scent of this plant makes you want to brush it with your hand every time you walk by. The lavender-blue flowers on tight spikes thrust above aromatic gray foliage, creating a compact clump well suited for the perennial border. Better yet, the deer and bunnies don't like this plant.

Size: 12" – 15"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: June - August

Drought tolerant

Leucanthemum 'Becky'

Common Name: Shasta daisy

Larger blooms than the rest of the daisies and sturdy stems that do not need staking, the deer do not seem to appreciate the taste of this fun flower.

Size: 36" – 48"

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Flowering: June – August with deadheading

Drought tolerant

Lysimachia nummularia 'Aurea'

Common Name: Golden Moneywort

Bright yellow flowers on a fast spreading mat with small, golden, round leaves shaped like small coins on a string. Needs some shade; it will scorch in full sun.

Size: 1" – 3"

Exposure: Part sun to full shade

Flowering: June – July

Monarda 'Jacob Cline'

Common Name: Bee Balm

This one is for the hummingbirds. Bright red, shaggy flowers, most mildew resistant of the red Bee Balms, it has nice mint scented foliage.

Size: 40" - 48"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: July – August

Monarda 'Marshall's Delight'

Common Name: Bee Balm

The beautifully colored pink shaggy flowers on this mid-summer bloomer are mildew resistant and also attract butterflies. It has mint scented foliage. Tolerates or thrives in wetter soil.

Size: 30" – 36"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: July – August

Nepeta 'Blue Wonder'

Common Name: Catmint

Don't be fooled by the name of this aromatic herb. With a long blooming season, it attracts butterflies, not cats. With its gray-green foliage, used as an edger or filler in the border, needs deadheading for a longer bloom.

Size: 12" – 15"

Exposure: Full sun to part shade
Flowering: June – frost with deadheading
Drought tolerant

Nepeta ‘Dawn to dusk’

Common Name: Catmint

One of the more upright Nepetas, blooms light pink. It’s great as an edger or fills in a border nicely.

Size: 24” – 36”

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: June – Frost with deadheading

Drought tolerant

Origanum laevigatum ‘Herrenhausen’

Common Name: Purple Oregano

A great plant you can grow without much effort. It likes gravelly soil and is very drought tolerant. Herrenhausen has purple foliage that produces an abundance of small pink blossoms with purple bracts in late summer to fall.

Size: 18” - 24”

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: July - frost

Drought tolerant

Origanum ‘Hopley’s Blue’

Common Name: Oregano

Plants can grow to 2’ tall and produce strong pink to mauve flowers with large bracts.

Size: Up to 2’

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: July - frost

Drought tolerant

Penstemon barbatus

Common Name: Scarlet Bugler Penstemon

Loose spires of tubular red flowers on tall, thin stalks. Basal foliage is grayish-green and somewhat evergreen.

Size: 24” – 36”

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: June - July

Drought tolerant

Penstemon digitalis ‘Husker’s Red

Common Name: Husker’s Red Penstemon

Deep burgundy foliage, small white flowers with a pink blush.

Size: 30” - 36”

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: May - June

Drought tolerant

Penstemon x mexicale ‘Pikes Peak Purple’

Common Name: Pikes Peak Purple Penstemon

Clumps of fine, dark green foliage with purple trumpet shaped flowers. Flowers prolifically over a long time.

Size: 24” – 30”

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: June - frost

Drought tolerant

Penstemon x mexicale ‘Red Rocks’

Common Name: Red Rocks Penstemon

Similar to “Pikes Peak Purple”, except the flowers are bright rose colored.

Size: 24” - 30”

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: June - frost

Drought tolerant

Penstemon pinifolius

Common Name: Pineleaf Penstemon

Shrubby, spreading stems with short, needle-like leaves form a backdrop for the many bright red, tubular blossoms that cover the plant in early to mid-summer. Evergreen.

Size: 8" – 15"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: June - July

Drought tolerant

Penstemon strictus

Common Name: Rocky Mountain Penstemon

Brilliant blue flowers form open spikes with lighter blue to lavender throats, native to Colorado.

Size: 24" – 30"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: May - June

Drought tolerant

Phlomis russeliana

Common Name: Hardy Jerusalem Sage

Stems supporting unusual whorls of soft yellow flowers thrust from rosettes of large, fuzzy olive green leaves.

Size: 2" – 3"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: June

Drought tolerant

Ratibida columnifera

Common Name: Yellow Prairie Coneflower

Clump consisting of finely dissected leaves. Small flowers with a prominent center cone.

Size: 18" – 24"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: July - September

Drought tolerant

Ratibida columnifera var. pulcherrima

Common Name: Red Prairie Coneflower

It has a lacy textured mass of bright green foliage with wiry stems. Dark red, drooping petals circle a dark cone-shaped center. These plants perform in any reasonable soil.

Size: 18" – 24"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: July - October

Drought tolerant

Rudbeckia fulgida 'Goldsturm'

Common Name: Black Eyed Susan

Dazzling golden daisies with a dark eye. Floriferous and a long bloomer. This one is a great border plant.

Size: 24" - 28"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: August - October

Rudbeckia triloba

Common Name: Three Leaved Coneflower

This is a great plant, a very prolific bloomer with clusters of small, golden daisies with a black center. It is biennial, reseeds.

Size: 24" – 28"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: August - October

Drought tolerant

Salvia nemorosa 'May Night'

Common Name: Sage

This plant can put on a show-stopping display of color for everyone except the deer who just keep on walking. It's a woody perennial with erect branches, covered with rough gray-green leaves, topped by deep purple flowering spikes.

Size: 15" - 18"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: May – October with deadheading

Drought tolerant

Salvia verticillata 'Purple Rain'

Common Name: Purple Sage

Loose mounds with long arching plumes of purple flowers. Attracts hummingbirds, not deer.

Size: 24" – 30"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: June - August

Drought tolerant

Sedum 'Autumn Joy'

Common Name: Autumn Joy Sedum

Fleshy, blue-green leaves in an upright clump. Dark pink flowers change to bronze in the fall. Deer sometimes find the flowers on this plant tasty.

Size: 16" – 24"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: August - September

Drought Tolerant

Sedum kamtschaticum

Common Name: Yellow Flowering Sedum

Bright yellow stars top sprawling mats of tiny dark green scalloped leaves, does very well in drier conditions.

Size: 4" - 6"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: July – August

Drought tolerant

Sedum 'Matrona'

Common Name: Matrona Stonecrop

The growth habit on this one is similar to 'Autumn Joy' but blooms earlier. Gray-green leaves are edged pink. Pale pink flower clusters top dark burgundy stems.

Size: 18" - 24"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: August - September

Drought tolerant

Sedum spurium

Common Name: Dragon's Blood Sedum

Fast spreading mats of evergreen foliage. Easy care, tolerates everything except wet feet and dark corners.

Size: 4' - 6'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: July - August

Drought tolerant

Solidago sphacelata 'Golden Fleece'

Common Name: Dwarf Goldenrod

With profuse, sturdy, arching, golden-yellow flower stems, it's quite different from other Goldenrod.

Size: 15" - 24"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: August - September

Drought tolerant

Solidago rugosa 'Fireworks'

Common Name: Goldenrod

The golden yellow flowers arch gracefully downward like glittering tails from an exploding skyrocket. This one is very easy to grow.

Size: 18" – 24"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: August - September

Drought tolerant

Tanacetum niveum

Common Name: Snow Daisy or Showy Daisy

Lacy, silver, fragrant foliage becomes covered with a mass of tiny white daisies creating a beautiful mound of frothy white blossoms that appear in late spring and last for well over a month. This one does well in all types of soils but will rot with too much moisture.

Size: 18" - 24"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: May - June

Drought tolerant

Viola Corsica

Common Name: Corsican Violet

Dark purple-blue flowers hang over a low growing tuft of rich green foliage. Reseeding enables this little beauty to meander freely through the garden. Not invasive.

Size: 6" – 8"

Exposure: Part sun – shade

Flowering: All season except the hottest weeks of summer, including a good part of winter.

Zauschneria californica

Common Name: California Fuchsia

This one is great up front and on the edge of the border. You'll have everyone asking "What is it?" Rigid stems with grayish-green leaves create a broad clump showered with bright red, trumpet-like flowers. Noted for attracting hummingbirds.

Size: 18" - 24"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: August to frost

Drought tolerant

Zauschneria garrettii 'Orange Carpet'

Common Name: Orange Carpet Hummingbird Trumpet

Small, gray-green mound that explodes with reddish-orange trumpet flowers in late summer. Great in a rock garden and as the name indicates, hummingbirds love it.

Size: 4" – 12"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: August - frost

Drought tolerant

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

Calamagrostis acutiflora 'Karl Foerster'

Common Name: Karl Foerster Feather Reed Grass

This grass makes a bold statement in the garden with narrow leaves and an upright habit. Flowers emerge in early summer and are feathery with a slight purple cast, changing to long lasting, buff seedheads. Tolerates heavy clay.

Size: 3' - 4'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: Early Summer

Drought tolerant

Erianthus ravennae

Common Name: Hardy Plume Grass

Bold upright arching habit to 4' - 5'. Silvery white plumes shoot through the foliage to give it ultimate height. Give this one plenty of room to grow.

Size: 10' – 15'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: Late August – September Seedheads on tall, sturdy stems persist all winter.

Helictrotrichon sempervirens

Common Name: Blue Avena Grass

Blue-gray clumps with an arching habit. Feathery seedheads stand well above the foliage and hold into the winter. This is a slow growing grass.

Size: 2' -3'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: May

Miscanthus sinensis 'Adagio'

Common Name: Maiden Grass

A great dwarf maiden grass. Narrow, arching green foliage. Silky seedheads emerge pink and then turn white.

Size: 4' - 6'

Exposure: Full sun

Varying bloom time

Miscanthus sinensis 'Arabesque'

Common Name: Maiden Grass

This grass has narrow foliage and is a good choice for smaller gardens. The flowers are salmon-white.

Size: 2' - 3'

Exposure: Full sun

Varying bloom time

Miscanthus sinensis 'Gracillimus'

Common Name: Maiden Grass

This is one of the older selections, with narrow green foliage and silvery seedheads. The leaves of mature specimens are less than 1/2" across. Copper-red blooms, more wide spreading than most.

Size: 6' - 8'

Exposure: Full sun

Varying bloom time

Miscanthus sinensis 'Morning Light'

Common Name: Maiden Grass

Compact growing habit, similar to Gracillimus, but smaller. Very thin green leaves with white stripes on the margins and down the center. One of the most refined and elegant of all Miscanthus. Especially effective near water or in a container.

Size: 4' - 5'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: October

Miscanthus sinensis 'Sarabande'

Common Name: Maiden Grass

Similar to "Gracillimus" but with finer leaf and texture. Inflorescence turns golden- copper.

Size: 4' - 6'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: August

Miscanthus sinensis 'Variegatus'

Common Name: Maiden Grass

This grass has a fountain-like habit. Wide green blades with creamy white vertical stripes. Strong accent plant, also effective in containers. Requires adequate moisture.

Size: 4' - 7'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: September

Panicum virgatum 'Heavy Metal'

Common Name: Heavy Metal Switch Grass

An outstanding, long living grass, its airy seedheads give it lots of character in the garden. The foliage turns amber yellow in the fall, then beige in the winter.

Size: 4' - 5'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: July

Drought tolerant

Panicum virgatum 'Rostrahlbusch'

Common Name: Red Switch Grass

Green foliage with outstanding burgundy-red fall foliage. Upright growth habit. Starts coloring in late July.

Size: 3' – 4'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: Late July

Drought tolerant

Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah'

Common Name: Shenandoah Switch Grass

Unmatched by any perennial grass for fall color. Leaves are green in early summer but start coloring in July.

Size: 3' – 4'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: July

Drought tolerant

Pennisetum 'Hameln'

Common Name: Dwarf Fountain Grass

This is a popular cultivar because of its compact size. The flowers are silvery white in late summer and fall. Its clump form turns from bright green to fall gold to winter buff.

Size: 2' – 3'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: August

Pennisetum 'Orientale'

Common Name: Fountain Grass

This is the showiest of all the fountain grasses. Foxtail-like flowers wave a foot above gray-green foliage and are exceptionally striking. Very effective when backlit. Stays showy all winter.

Size: 12" – 24"

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: Late June - October

Sorghastrum nutans 'Sioux Blue'

Common Name: Blue Indian Grass

Has wonderful blue-gray foliage that turns to yellow in late fall. Upright growing habit, very showy.

Size: 5' - 6'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: Late summer

Very Drought tolerant

DECIDUOUS TREES

Acer ginnala

Common Name: Amur Maple

Irregular shaped multistem tree, medium green foliage. Colorful and showy seed in late summer. Fall color is variable, depends on the individual tree and can range from light yellow to red.

Size: 20' x 15'

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Drought tolerant

Acer tataricum

Common Name: Tatarian Maple

This is a small tree with an irregular growth habit. Dark green foliage turns yellow and red in the fall. Very showy red fruit in late summer to fall. Does well in drier conditions and likes higher elevations as well as the plains.

Size: 25' x 20'

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Drought tolerant

Aesculus glabra

Common Name: Ohio Buckeye

A rounded tree with large, coarse, dark green, palmately compound leaves. Prickly fruit encloses a shiny non-edible buckeye. Bold texture and whitish bark create striking winter interest. Does well in drier conditions. Beautiful gold fall color.

Size: 30' x 25'

Exposure: Full sun

Drought tolerant

Amelanchier 'Autumn Brilliance'

Common Name: Serviceberry

This tree has a rounded form. Small bluish-green leaves turn flaming fall colors of red and orange. White flowers in spring followed by edible and delicious, purplish-black fruit. Light gray bark is showy during winter.

Size: 20' x 15'

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Catalpa speciosa

Common Name: Western Catalpa

This tree is great with its heart shaped leaves, and narrow crown. It has fragrant flowers in early summer and foot long seed pods. Does well in drier conditions

Size: 50' x 20'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: June

Drought tolerant

Celtis occidentalis

Common Name: Hackberry

Can grow at higher elevations. Similar in appearance to the American Elm with light green foliage. Rough, warty bark. Tolerant of drought, alkaline soils, wind and pollution. A deep rooted tree.

Size: 50' x 30'

Exposure: Full sun

Drought tolerant

Crataegus ambigua

Common Name: Russian Hawthorn

This tree does well in dry conditions and at higher elevations. Rounded irregular form with showy white flowers and small red fruit in fall that last through the winter. The handsome, dark green foliage is deeply lobed turning brilliant gold in fall to provide a dazzling back drop for the persistent fruit. Thorns.

Size: 20' x 20'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: May - June

Drought tolerant

Crataegus crus-galli var. inermis

Common Name: Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn

Another one that does well in higher and drier conditions. It has a dense compact rounded habit. Green foliage turns purplish-red in the fall. White flowers are followed by deep red ornamental fruit. This hawthorn is a thornless one.

Size: 25' x 25'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: Spring

Drought tolerant

Crataegus phaenopyrum

Common Name: Washington Hawthorn

Broad oval form. Flower clusters after all other Hawthorns have bloomed. Bright red fruit last through winter. Glossy, deep green foliage turns gorgeous shades of orange, red and purple in fall, has small thorns.

Size: 25' x 20'

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Flowering: May – June

Fraxinus Americana ‘Autumn Purple’

Common Name: American Ash

This is a seedless Ash. Grows in a rounded form, deep green foliage turns reddish purple in the fall. The most known tree in our area for red fall color. A splendid large shade tree.

Size: 45’ x 40’

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Fraxinus mandshurica ‘Mancana’

Common Name: Mancana Ash

This tree tolerates the wetter soils, but also can do well in drier conditions. It grows with a dense upright, oval crown. Seedless variety. Skinny dark green leaves, turning yellow in the fall.

Size: 50’ x 25’

Exposure: Full sun

Drought tolerant

Fraxinus pennsylvanica ‘Patmore’

Common Name: Green Ash

Symmetrically shaped, oval tree with glossy, dark green foliage. Clear yellow fall color.

Seedless. Extremely hardy. Discovered in Alberta, Canada. Excellent street tree.

Size: 45’ x 35’

Exposure: Full sun

Drought tolerant

Malus ‘Brandywine’

Common Name: Brandywine Crabapple

A rounded to vase-shaped tree with candelabra-like branches. Shallowly lobed leaves are green with a reddish-tint, turning maroon in fall. Fragrant, double flower are rose-pink during spring.

Large, yellow fruit matures in late summer.

Size: 20’ x 20’

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: Late May

Drought tolerant

Malus ‘Radiant’

Common Name: Radiant Crabapple

Deep red buds open to single flowers in spring. A multitude of fruit matures in late summer.

Leaves are oblong-oval, emerging purplish becoming bronze-green through the fall. Slender branches form a dense, rounded canopy.

Size: 25’ x 20’

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: May

Drought tolerant

Malus ‘Spring Snow’

Common Name: Spring Snow Crabapple

An upright oval to rounded form. Bright green, shiny foliage emerges in spring followed by lovely, single, white flowers which smother the tree. Fruit rarely develops. This crabapple is widely used because of its beautiful, clean look and low maintenance requirements.

Size: 25’ x 15’

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: Late April

Drought tolerant

Prunus padus

Common Name: Mayday Tree

Slender, nodding clusters of single flowers with an almond fragrance appear in spring producing glossy fruit ripening in summer. Oval green leaves turn yellow and orange in fall. Branching structure creates a pyramidal to rounded outline.

Size: 40’ x 20’

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: Spring

Prunus padus 'Purpurea'

Common Name: Summer Glow Mayday Tree

A round form, the new foliage emerges green then turns reddish purple. It has white flowers in 3 - 6" long pendulous clusters in early May. Fruit is black and quickly eaten by the birds. Slightly less suckering. Leaves emerge very early. A very hardy tree.

Size: 40' x 20'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: Spring

Prunus nigra 'Princess Kay'

Common Name: Princess Kay Plum

Double white flowers in spring. Red fruit in August. Interesting black bark.

Size: 15' x 10'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: April-May

Pyrus calleryana 'Chanticleer'

Common Name: Chanticleer Pear

Formal, upright tree with a narrow growth habit, good for street planting. Glossy green foliage with outstanding red to purple fall color. White flowers in early spring. Growth stops earlier giving it greater hardiness than other cultivars.

Size: 35' x 15'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: May

Tilia americana 'Redmond'

Common Name: American Linden

A broad pyramidal tree with spreading branches. Large, heart-shaped, deep green leaves fade to yellow in fall. Loose hanging cluster of small, flowers with a sweet fragrance appear in summer followed by dangling, rounded fruit.

Size: 45' x 25'

Exposure: Full sun

Tilia cordata 'Greenspire'

Common Name: Littleleaf Linden

Slender, upturned branches create a dense, uniform crown with a conical outline. Small rounded, to heart-shaped leaves are green turning to yellow in the fall. Tiny flowers in loose hanging clusters appearing in summer are aromatic.

Size: 40' x 30'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: Early summer

Evergreen Trees**Abies concolor**

Common Name: White Fir

Horizontally tiered branches with smooth gray bark and soft, flat, bluish-green needles create an elegant, pyramidal crown with a symmetrical outline. Long, oval cones are pale green with a purplish cast maturing to brown. This tree requires well drained, moist soil.

Size: 50' x 30'

Exposure: Full sun

Picea pungens

Common Name: Colorado Spruce

The Colorado state tree. Dense when young, it forms a straight, symmetrical specimen. Short stiff needles range in color from green to blue to silver-blue. Prefers well drained, moist soils, but is adaptable to drier sites.

Size: 60' x 35'

Exposure: Full sun

Pinus cembroides var. edulis

Common Name: Pinion Pine

This evergreen likes it high and dry. It is a native to the Rocky Mountain region. A dense, bushy pine with short, grayish-green needles. Within the small, rounded cones are pinion nuts.

Size: 30' x 10'
Exposure: Full sun

Pinus nigra

Common Name: Austrian Pine

A broad, pyramidal to oval evergreen with thick, plated, dark brown bark and wide spreading branches. Moderately long needles are dark, shiny green. Cones conical and glossy yellowish-brown.

Size: 60' x 30'
Exposure: Full sun

Native to the Rocky Mountain region and grows well in drier conditions.

Pinus ponderosa

Common Name: Ponderosa Pine

A native tree, long slender, light green, often yellowish needles are loosely arranged on open, spreading branches to form a large pyramidal crown. Thick plated bark is cinnamon red to dark brown. Broad, ovoid cones are shiny, reddish-brown, and prickly.

Size: 80' x 30'
Exposure: Full sun

Drought tolerant

Pinus strobiformis

Common Name: Southwestern White Pine

The most striking and picturesque pine in the western U.S. It possesses the beauty of Eastern White Pine and the hardiness of Limber Pine. Blue-green needles in bundles of five and silvery-gray bark. Dense, upright, layered habit. Large ornamental cones. Does well at higher elevations and drier conditions.

Size: 80' x 40'
Exposure: Full sun

Drought tolerant

Pinus sylvestris

Common Name: Scotch Pine

Short needles range in color from light green to blue-green. Striking orange-brown flaking bark. Fast growing with an open effect. Requires more care than other pines but is well worth the effort.

Size: 60' x 30'
Exposure: Full sun

Picea pungens 'Fat Albert'

Common Name: Fat Albert Spruce

Symmetrical, pyramidal form becoming broad with age. Very uniform. Silver-blue color. Moist rich soils are preferred for optimum performance, but can be very adaptable. A fairly low-maintenance spruce.

Size: 15' x 7'
Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Pinus leucodermis 'Bosnian'

Common Name: Bosnian Pine

A beautiful slow-growing pine from central and eastern Europe. Pyramidal tree with long, dark green needles. Resembles a compact Austrian Pine. Does well in drier conditions.

Size: 25' x 12'
Exposure: Full to part sun

Drought tolerant

Pinus mugo 'Big Tuna'

Common Name: Big Tuna Mugo

This is a very hardy plant that can withstand almost any conditions. Fairly slow growing. Deep green color, sturdy, dense, upright habit, bold texture. Will become more dense if pruned on a yearly basis.

Size: 8' x 5'
Exposure: Full to part sun

Drought tolerant

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Mahonia aquifolium 'Compacta'

Common Name: Compact Oregon Grape Holly

A very compact plant, upright, suckering habit. Lustrous, holly-like, green leaves turn reddish in autumn. Showy yellow flower clusters in spring followed by blue berries.

Size: 3' x 3'

Exposure: Full sun to shade

Flowering: Spring

Mahonia repens

Common Name: Creeping Oregon Grape Holly

A Colorado Native tolerates dry, shady conditions. Blue-green leaves with rich purple color in winter. Yellow flower clusters in early spring followed by blue, edible berries in mid-summer.

Slow to establish.

Size: 12" x 12"

Exposure: Full sun to shade

Flowering: Spring

Drought tolerant

Hesperaloe parviflora

Common Name: Red Flowering Yucca

An evergreen plant with sword-like leaves forms a central rosette. Stunning, fluorescent red bells on a four foot stalk in summer.

Size: 2' x 2'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: July - frost

Drought tolerant

DECIDUOUS SHRUBS

Amorpha canescens

Common Name: Leadplant

Erect, slightly arching stems with an open, spreading habit. Loosely arranged leaves are comprised of small oval gray-green leaflets. Long spike-like cluster of blue-purple flowers form on branch ends mid- to late-summer. A Colorado native.

Size: 3' x 3'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: July

Drought tolerant

Aronia arbutifolia 'Brillantissima'

Common Name: Red Chokeberry

It has an upright habit. Lustrous dark green foliage is showy all spring and summer. Good floral display. Brilliant red fall color rivals that of a burning bush. Bright red fruit lasts through the winter.

Size: 8' x 4'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: May

Berberis mentorensis

Common Name: Mentor Barberry

An upright rounded shrub with prickly thorns. Good rich green foliage that turns shades of red to orange and yellow in fall. The deer do not like this plant.

Size: 5' x 5'

Exposure: Full to part sun

Drought tolerant

Berberis thunbergii 'Atropurpurea'

Common Name: Red Leaf Japanese Barberry

Useful in many situations and widely planted. Must have full sun and good drainage. Rounded growing habit, purplish-red leaves and berries that last into winter. Grows well at higher elevations, deer proof.

Size: 5' x 5'

Exposure: Full sun

Berberis thunbergii 'Rose Glow'

Common Name: Rose Glow Barberry

Small, rounded growing habit. Red-purple leaves mottled with pink on new growth. Very showy. Must have full sun and good drainage.

Size: 4' x 3'

Exposure: Full sun

Buddleia davidii 'Black Knight'

Common Name: Butterfly Bush

Nice fragrant, mid-summer flower spikes. Attracts butterflies, bees and hummingbirds. Flowers on new wood. Does best if cut back to the ground in the spring. Black Knight has dark purple flowering spikes. The deer do not like this one.

Size: 6' x 6'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: July - August

Buddleia davidii 'White Bouquet'

Common Name: Butterfly Bush

Pure white, fragrant flowers in mid-summer on flowering spikes. Attracts butterflies, bees and hummingbirds. Flowers on new wood. Does best if cut back to the ground in spring.

Size: 6' x 6'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: July - August

Caryopteris clandonensis 'Dark Knight'

Common Name: Blue Mist Spirea

Showy cluster of deep blue-purple flowers in late-summer tops gray-green foliage. Both foliage and seedheads turn a handsome cream color and are showy all winter. Prune to the base in spring, as it flowers on new wood. This plant can take higher elevations and likes to be dry.

Size: 5' x 4'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: August - September

Drought tolerant

Chamaebatiaria millefolium

Common Name: Fernbush

Fern-like grayish-green leaves along erect, downy stems combine with loose, pyramidal clusters of small white flowers during mid- to late-spring creating a rounded, aromatic shrub with evergreen characteristics.

Size: 5' x 6'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: July

Drought tolerant

Cotoneaster apiculatus

Common Name: Cranberry Cotoneaster

Stiff arching branches form a broad, loose mound with small, rounded, dark green leaves. Single white to waxy pink flowers in late spring are followed by small reddish-orange, apple-like berries into winter. Maroon fall color.

Size: 3' x 6'

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Flowering: June

Cotoneaster lucidus

Common Name: Peking Cotoneaster

This plant likes high elevations and dry soils are its friend as well. The slender upright branches with deep green foliage turn rich colors of purple, orange and red in fall. Pink blooms followed by black berries last through winter. Use as a screen or hedge.

Size: 8' x 8'

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Flowering: June

Drought tolerant

Cytisus scoparius 'Moonlight'

Common Name: Broom

A rounded shrub with slender, nodding green branches and peppered with small, narrow, bright green leaves. High-lighted by profuse creamy-yellow flowers in late-spring to early-summer. Evergreen.

Size: 5' x 4'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: May

Drought tolerant

Fallugia paradoxa

Common Name: Apache Plume

A native to the Rocky Mountain area but the deer and bunnies do not seem to like the taste. White rose-like flowers and fuzzy pink seedheads appear all summer. Good accent or in mass for dry sunny locations, great for erosion control.

Size: 5' x 5'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: From early-summer until frost

Very drought tolerant

Hypericum 'Sunburst'

Common Name: St. Johnswort

Mounded form. Blue-green foliage. Masses of large, bright yellow fragrant flowers all summer and fall. Use in perennial borders or ground cover. Particularly effective massed. Cut back in spring.

Size: 3' x 3'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: July - October

Drought tolerant

Perovskia atriplicifolia

Common Name: Russian Sage

Misty lavender flower spikes cover the ends of the branches mid- to late-summer. Slender, downy white stems bear fragrant, finely cut, grayish-green leaves. Forms an erect, airy shrub. Does well at high elevations and on dry slopes.

Size: 5' x 4'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: August - October

Drought tolerant

Physocarpus opulifolius 'Dart's Gold'

Common Name: Dart's Gold Ninebark

An open shrub with peeling bark on stout stems decked with bright green-yellow foliage. It presents small, white flowers in loose, umbrella-like clusters during late-spring. Gold foliage shrivels to rust in late-fall and persists into winter.

Size: 4' x 4'

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Flowering: May

Drought tolerant

Physocarpus opulifolius 'Diablo'

Common Name: Purple Leaf Ninebark

Intense, reddish-purple foliage on upright arching branches contracts nicely with the clusters of creamy white flowers. Grow in full sun for best foliage color. Can be cut for use in arrangements.

Size: 8' x 8'

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Flowering: May

Drought tolerant

Rhamnus frangula 'Asplenifolia'

Common Name: Fern-leaf Buckthorn

Upright open, aristocratic shrub with narrow, fine leaves. Plant has a delicate, fern-like appearance. A slow grower produces pea-sized red fruit ripening to black in late summer.

Brilliant gold fall color.

Size: 12' x 8'

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Rhus aromatica 'Gro-Low'

Common Name: Fragrant Sumac

A compact, rounded shrub with fragrant, dark green foliage that turns scarlet-orange in fall. Small yellow flowers and rounded red fruit. Good groundcover, massed or on slopes.

Size: 3' x 6'

Exposure: Full sun

Very drought tolerant

Rhus trilobata

Common Name: Threeleaf Sumac

A native shrub found all over Colorado. Rounded habit. Identifiable by the strong smell of its bark when bruised. Clusters of flowers appear before the leaves. Good glossy green foliage turns red in fall. Showy red fruit. Good groundcover, slope stabilized or massed.

Size: 6' x 5'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: Early May

Drought tolerant

Rhus typhina 'Laciniata'

Common Name: Cutleaf Sumac

Small tree or shrub with fuzzy stems and compound foliage. Fall color is quite showy in shades of red, gold and orange. Yellow flowers follow by fuzzy red fruit in fall. Suckers profusely.

Size: 10' x 8'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: Insignificant flowers in early May

Drought tolerant

Rosa Meidiland 'Coral'

Common Name: Coral Meidiland Rose

A single deep coral bloom with white center. Red hips, free flowering and carefree, this rose delivers on the promise to be the ideal landscape plant.

Size: 3' x 4'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: From June to frost

Rosa Meidiland 'Pink'

Common Name: Pink Meidiland Rose

Also a free flowering, carefree rose, single pink blooms followed by red hips. One of the heaviest flowering types.

Size: 3' x 3'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: From June to frost

Rosa Meidiland 'Scarlet'

Common Name: Scarlet Meidiland Rose

A very vivid double scarlet flower, a free flowering carefree rose. Great in landscapes, or gardens.

Size: 3' x 5'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: From June to frost

Rosa 'Carefree Delight'

Common Name: Carefree Delight Shrub Rose

Shrub roses add more color to the landscape than any other shrub available to us. Care generally consists of a spring pruning to live wood. Single flowers with a delightful play of color from vivid carmine pink to light pink with a white eye. Prolific blooms. Small hips.

Size: 3' x 4'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: From June to frost

Rosa 'Gourmet Popcorn'

Common Name: Gourmet Popcorn Shrub Rose

Bright white, rounded buds give these plants its name. Flowers open pure white with showy yellow anthers. Flowering begins in early June and lasts to the first hard frost of fall.

Size: 3' x 4'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: From June to frost

Rosa glauca

Common Name: Red Leaf Rose

Reddish-purple leaves composed of waxy rounded leaflets adorn slender, reddish-brown branches that are relatively thornless. An open shrub casting single, pink flowers in early summer followed by dark red, marble-sized fruit persisting through the winter. Provides outstanding winter interest.

Size: 6' x 7'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: June

Rosa rugosa

Common Name: Rugosa Rose

Very hardy rose. Blooms all summer with deep rose pink flowers. Fall brings a spectacular display of orange to scarlet leaves and large orange or red fruit which persist all winter. Provides outstanding winter interest.

Size: 6' x 5'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: June to frost

Drought tolerant

Rosa rugosa 'Grootendorst Red'

Common Name: Grootendorst Rose

Bright red with fringed petals blooms continuously all summer.

Size: 5' x 5'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: June to frost

Drought tolerant

Rosa rugosa hybrid 'Linda Campbell'

Common Name: Linda Campbell Rose

This variety has been bred from Rosa rugosa and contains many of its desirable characteristics. Very hardy and vigorous with the typical dark green foliage and the beautiful hips. Deep crimson red blooms repeat prolifically all summer.

Size: 5' x 5'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: June to frost

Drought tolerant

Rosa rugosa hybrid 'Therese Bugnet'

Common Name: Therese Bugnet Rose

A mauve-pink double bloomer, with great fall color. It has great hardiness and vigor with dark green foliage and beautiful hips.

Size: 5' x 5'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: July to frost

Spiraea 'Goldflame'

Common Name: Goldflame Spirea

A finely branched, globular shrub highlighted by tight clusters of small, pink flowers. Slender, ovate leaves range from red and copper as they unfold to light greenish-yellow when mature and finally coppery orange in fall. Summer bloomer.

Size: 4' x 4'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: August

Viburnum lantana 'Mohican'

Common Name: Mohican Viburnum

A compact selection. Clusters of white flowers in late spring followed by clusters of fruit coloring from yellow to red to black. It has dull dark green foliage, and a rounded coarse form. Use in border, screen or accent.

Size: 8' x 8'

Exposure: Full sun

Flowering: May

Drought tolerant

Viburnum lantana 'Wayfaringtree'

Common Name: Wayfaringtree

Upright, shrub with flat heads of white flowers and deep green leaves. Bright red fruit that changes to black in the fall.

Size: 15' x 8'

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Flowering: May