

A Short List of Front Range Native Wildflowers and Grasses

Common Name	Scientific Name	Size	Water	Exposure	Flower Color	Bloom Time	Notes:
Pussytoes	Antennaria parvifolia	2"-6" tall; spreads 8"-12"	Low	Sun	Pink	Early Summer	Xeric ground cover with furry light pinkish to white flowers in groups that resemble cat's paws.
Rocky Mountain Columbine	Aquilegia coerulea	18"-24" tall	Medium	Filtered Shade to Shade	Blue with white center	Late Spring to Early Summer	Colorado's state flower.
Chocolate Flower	Berlandiera lyrata	1'-2' tall	Low	Sun	Yellow	Summer to Fall	Daisy like flowers with chocolate fragrance!
Sideoats Grama Grass	Bouteloua curtipendula	8"-24" tall	Low	Sun		Late Summer	Spreading tufts of light bluish-green leaves. Warm season grass.
Buffalo Grass	Bouteloua dactyloides	4"-6" tall	Very Low	Sun		Summer	Warm season grass, forms a blue-green turf, very drought tolerant.
Blue Grama Grass	Bouteloua gracilis	1'-2' tall	Very Low	Sun		Summer to Fall	Colorado's state grass. Clump grass with one-sided flowers resembling eyelashes.
Prairie Winecups	Callirhoe involucrata	6"-12" tall; spreads 2'-3'	Low	Sun	Magenta	Early Summer to Fall	Trailing stems with rich green leaves, great for cascading down slopes.
Purple Prairie Clover	Dalea purpurea	2'-3' tall	Low	Sun	Purple	Summer	Clumps of slender leaves with bright purple flowers in cylindrical heads at the top of stems.
Showy Fleabane	Erigeron speciosus	18"-24" tall; spreads 18"-24"	Low	Sun	White	Late Spring to Mid Summer	Compact mounds of grayish-green foliage with many small, white daisies.
Sulphur Flower	Eriogonum umbellatum	6"-12" tall; spreads 12"-24"	Very Low	Sun	Yellow	Early to Mid Summer	Dark green foliage provides a ground cover year round. Sulphur-yellow flowers form umbrella-like clusters.
Blanket Flower	Gaillardia aristata	18"-24" tall	Low	Sun	Yellow with red centers	Mid Summer	Colorful yellow and red daisy-like flowers with fuzzy grayish-green leaves.
Scarlet Gilia	Ipomopsis aggregata	6"-24" tall	Low	Sun	Scarlet Red	Late Spring to Early Fall	Upright stalks of loose spikes of red trumpet-like flowers. Biennial.
Gayfeather	Liatris punctata	12"-18" tall	Low	Sun	Lavender	Summer	Fuzzy, lavender flowers in tight, upright spikes.
Showy Four O'Clock	Mirabilis multiflora	1'-3' tall; spreads 2'-4'	Very Low	Sun	Purplish-Red	Mid to Late Summer	Wide spreading mound of thick bluish-green leaves covered with large magenta flowers.
Bee Balm	Monarda fistulosa	2'-3' tall	Low	Sun	Lavender	Mid Summer	Rounded clusters of curved, lavender flowers with fragrant leaves. Butterflies love it!
White Evening Primrose	Oenothera caespitosa	6"-12" tall; spreads 12"-18"	Very Low	Sun	White	Early to Late Summer	Thick, dark green leaves form rosette with broad, pure white flowers.
Rocky Mountain Penstemon	Penstemon strictus	18"-24" tall	Low	Sun to Filtered Shade	Blue	Early to Mid Summer	Open stalks of brilliant midnight blue flowers.
Prairie Coneflower	Ratibida columnifera	18"-24" tall	Very Low	Sun	Yellow	Early to Late Summer	Linear, bright green leaves with sombrero-like yellow flowers.
Indian Grass	Sorghastrum nutans	3'-5' tall	Low	Sun		Late Summer to Fall	Steel blue leaves in 2'-3' clumps. Autumn leaf color ranges from yellow to bronze.
Yucca	Yucca glauca	2'-4' tall	Very Low	Sun	White	Mid to Late Summer	Stiff, narrow, sword-like leaves with a dark, bluish-green color.