



## ***NATIVE PLANT DEMONSTRATION GARDEN AT EKAR FARM***

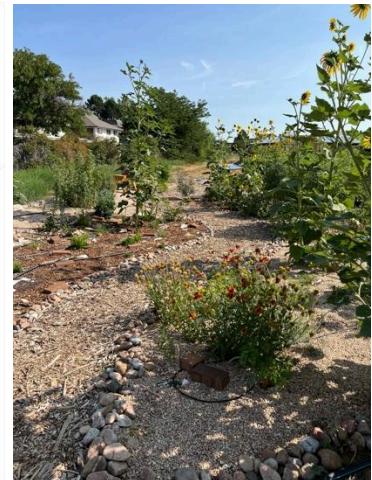
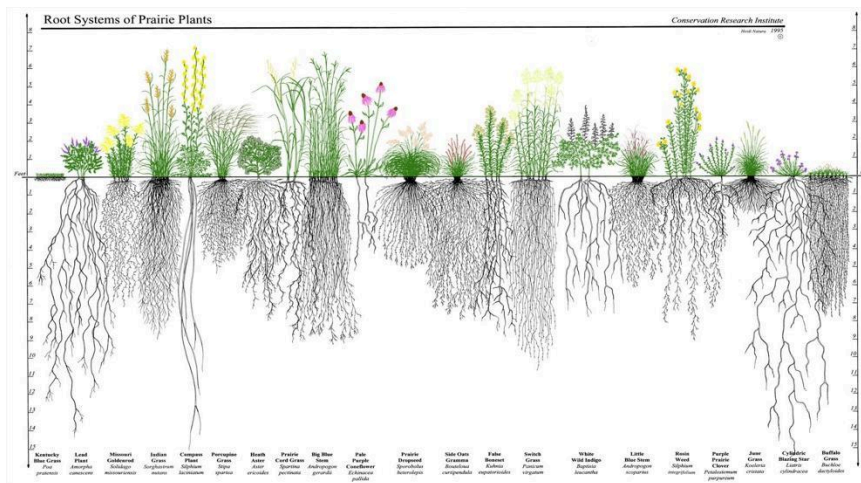
Beginning in 2020 Wild Ones Front Range Chapter has collaborated with Ekar Farm to design and install a 900 ft<sup>2</sup> demonstration garden to showcase Coloradoscaping with native plants. Ekar Farm provides space and water for irrigation and WOFR has designed, installed and maintained plants. The garden shows how native plants can be used to create a beautiful sustainable landscape.

## **WHY COLORADOSCAPE WITH NATIVE PLANTS?**

### **Our native butterflies, moths and birds depend on native plants for food**

- Songbirds rely on caterpillars to feed their young
- Many moths and butterflies depend on specific native host plants to feed their young
- Non-native turf and other exotic nursery plants are often not edible to our native pollinators and songbirds

**Native plants create healthy soils and deep root systems that sequester lots of carbon, helping to combat climate change and retain water in the soil**



**Coloradoscaping with native plants saves water, fertilizer and labor because they are adapted to Colorado's harsh weather and clay soils**

*Replacing non-native turf with native pollinator habitat can reduce irrigation water needs by as much as 70%!*

# PLANT LIST FOR EKAR FARM NATIVE PLANT DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

## TREES/SHRUBS

|                                    |                        |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Amelanchier alnifolia              | Serviceberry           |
| Amorpha canescens                  | Leadplant              |
| Chamaebatiaria millefolium         | Fernbush               |
| *Crataegus ambigua                 | Russian hawthorne      |
| Ericameria nauseosus var. nauseosa | Dwarf blue rabbitbrush |
| Fallugia paradoxa                  | Apache plume           |
| Juniperus scopularum               | Rocky Mountain juniper |
| Prunus virginiana                  | Chokecherry            |
| Quercus gambelii                   | Gambel oak             |
| Rosa nutkana                       | Nootka rose            |
| Rhus trilobata                     | Three-lobed sumac      |
| *Xanthoceras sorbifolium           | Yellowhorn             |

## FORBS

|                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Achillea lanulosa      | Western yarrow        |
| Amorpha nan            | Dwarf leadplant       |
| Amsonia jonesii        | Jones bluestar        |
| Antennaria neglecta    | Pussytoes             |
| Aquilegia chrysantha   | Golden columbine      |
| Asclepias sullivantii  | Prairie milkweed      |
| Asclepias tuberosa     | Butterfly milkweed    |
| Berlandiera lyrata     | Chocolate flower      |
| Dalea purpurea         | Purple prairie clover |
| Engelmannia perstenia  | Engelmann's daisy     |
| Erigeron compositus    | Cutleaf daisy         |
| Eriogonum umbellatum   | Sulphur buckwheat     |
| Gaillardia aristata    | Blanket flower        |
| Geum triflorum         | Prairie smoke         |
| Helianthus maximiliani | Maximillian sunflower |
| Liatris ligulistylis   | Meadow blazing star   |
| Lupinus argentea       | Silvery lupine        |
| Mirabilis multiflora   | Desert four o'clock   |
| Monarda fistulosa      | Bee balm              |
| Opuntia rhodantha      | Snowball prickly pear |
| Penstemon palmeri      | Palmer's penstemon    |
| Penstemon rostriflorus | Bridge's penstemon    |
| Penstemon strictus     | Rocky Mt penstemon    |
| Penstemon virens       | Blue mist penstemon   |
| Ratibida columnifera   | Prairie coneflower    |
| Solidago rigida        | Goldenrod             |
| Sphaeralcea coccinea   | Cowboy's delight      |
| Sphaeralcea munroana   | Munro's globemallow   |
| Symphotrichum leave    | Smooth aster          |
| Viola petatifida       | Prairie violet        |
| Verbena stricta        | Hoary vervain         |

## GRASSES

|                         |                                 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Acnatherum hymenoides   | Indian rice grass (cool season) |
| Bouteloua gracilis      | Blue grama                      |
| Deschampsia caespitosa  | Tufted hairgrass (cool season)  |
| Koeleria macranthera    | June grass (cool season)        |
| Schyzachirium scoparium | Little bluestem                 |
| Sporobolus airoides     | Alkali sacaton                  |

\*Not a western native or native cultivar