



FRONT RANGE

NATIVE PLANTS NO COLORADO GARDEN SHOULD BE WITHOUT

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PLANT	HEIGHT	BLOOM TIME	BLOOM COLOR	COMMENTS/ECO BENEFIT
FORBS				
Pulsatilla patens Pasqueflower	To 1.5'	Early spring	Purple	One of the first natives to flower in spring, even under snow. Beautiful feathery fruiting heads follow flowering.
Eriogonum umbellatum Sulphur buckwheat	To 1'	May-Oct	Yellow	Attractive to native specialists and bumblebees. Larval host.
Penstemon eatonii Firecracker penstemon	2-3'	Mar-Aug	Red	Prefers afternoon shade. Attractive to native bees, hummingbirds
Oenothera caespitosa White-tufted evening primrose	To 1'	Mar-Sept	White	Larval host for white-lined sphinx moth. Attractive and nesting materials for native bees. Tough as nails and blooms and blooms!
Sphaeralcea munroana Munro's globemallow	To 3'	Mar-Aug	Orange	A long-blooming beautiful star. Larval host. Supports specialist native bees.
Asclepias tuberosa Butterfly milkweed	1-2'	May-Sept	Orange	Vivid orange flowers and upright habit. Goes where it wants. Larval host for monarch + other butterflies/moths. Native/bumblebee nest/forage
Amorpha canescens Leadplant	To 3'	Jun-Jul	Purple	Fixes nitrogen in the soil. Larval host plant. Valuable to native bees and bumblebees.
Artemisia frigida Fringed sage	To 1.5'	Jun-Oct	Yellow	Host plant for Indian paintbrush. Feathery silver foliage and tiny yellow flowers. Plays well with asters, liatris and native grasses for prairie feel. Lovely sage fragrance. Native bee forage/nest material.
Symphotrichum ericoides Heath aster	To 3'	Jul-Nov	White to pink	Larval host. Bees abounding!
Salvia azurea Blue or Pitcher sage	To 5'	Ju;-Nov	Blue	Prefers part shade. Larval host plant and native/bumblebee magnet.

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Solidago multiradiata Rocky Mt goldenrod	To 2'	Jul-Oct	Yellow	Larval host for Damoetas checkerspot. Attractive to butterflies and native bees.
SHRUBS				
Symphiocarpus occidentalis Western snowberry	3-5'	Jun-Aug	White to pink	Tolerates shade well. Will sucker. Lovely white berries. Valuable for native specialists and bumblebees as well as larval host.
Yucca glauca Soapweed or Plains yucca	3-4'	Jun-Aug	White	Flowering stalk to 4 ½ ft. Larval host for yucca moth. Provides nesting material for native bees and is attractive to butterflies. Provides food and nesting for birds. Beautiful creamy white flowers.
Scrophularia macrantha Red Birds in a Tree	3-4'	Jun-Oct	Red	This one plays a starring role! Regional native from NM. Bright red bird-shaped blooms all summer long. Pair with Pitcher sage. Does well with afternoon shade. Hummingbird attractant.
Prunus besseyi PO11S Pawnee Buttes sandcherry	1-1.5' H 4-6' W	Late spring- early summer	White	Nativar from Plant Select. Sprawling fragrant and beautiful. Beautiful mahogany red fall foliage.
Fallugia paradoxa Apache plume	3-6'	May-Nov	White	Can be a bit scrappy so might be best in the back row of the chorus. Beautiful feathery pink seed heads follow white flowers. Important forage for nectar insects. Nest material + cover for birds, wildlife.
GRASSES				
Deschampsia caespitosa Tufted hairgrass	To 5' with flowers	June	Gold	A rare western native grass that tolerates or prefers shade. Cool season grass. Larval host for umber skipper.
Eragrostis spectabilis Purple love grass	1-2'	Aug-Oct	Purple	Bloom stalks create hazy purple cloud. Deer resistant. Larval host for Zabulon skipper. Seeds attractive to birds. Warm season grass.
Sporobolus airoides Alkali sacaton	2-5'	Jun-Nov	Reddish-gold	A star of the grass chorus line! Provides nest material/structure for native bees. Can tolerate some shade. Warm season grass.

NATIVE PLANT: A plant species that occurs naturally in Colorado ecosystems and was present prior to European settlement

NATIVAR: Selections of native plants with desirable qualities that are often branded (e.g. Plant Select)

REGIONAL NATIVE: Native to neighboring states in the shortgrass prairie/intermountain west (e.g. NM, UT, KS)

FOR MORE INFO SEE THE NATIVE LANDSCAPING TOOLKIT AT WILD ONES FRONT RANGE CHAPTER WEBSITE:

<https://frontrange.wildones.org/toolkit-main-outline/>