



Plant This Not That

Native Plants for Colorado's Front Range

For pictures and descriptions of these plants go to frontrange.wildones.org, and look in our Native Plant Landscaping Toolkit, under Native Plant Selection.



TREES

Instead of:

- Callery Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*)
- Paper Birch (*Betula papyrifera*)
- Russian Olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*)
- Silver Maple (*Acer saccharinum*).....
- Cockspur Hawthorne (*Crataegus crus-galli*).....
- Cranberrybush Viburnum (*Viburnum opulus*)
- Smokebush (*Cotinus coggygria*)

Plant:

- Serviceberry (*Amelanchier alnifolia*)
- Aspen (*Populus tremuloides*)
- Silver Buffaloberry (*Shepherdia argentea*)
- Bigtooth Maple (*Acer grandidentatum*)
- Common hoptree (*Ptelea trifoliata*)
- Chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*)
- Gambel Oak (*Quercus gambelii*)

SHRUBS

Instead of:

- Russian Sage (*Perovskia atriplicifolia*)
- Lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*)
- Wintercreeper (*Euonymus fortunei*)
- Barberry (*Berberis thunbergia*)
- Bumald Spiraea (*Spiraea x bumalda*)
- Forsythia (*Forsythia x intermedia*)
- Butterfly bush (*Buddleja davidii*)
- Boxwood (*Buxus sp.*)
- Shrub Rose (*Rosa sp.*)
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- Blue Mist Spirea (*Caryopteris x clandonensis*)
- Burning Bush (*Euonymus alatus*)
- Columnar Buckthorn (*Rhamnus frangula*).....

Plant:

- Leadplant (*Amorpha canescens*)
- Rockspirea (*Holodiscus dumosus*)
- Grape Holly (*Mahonia repens*)
- Three leaf sumac (*Rhus trilobata*)
- Apache plume (*Fallugia paradoxa*)
- Golden Currant (*Ribes aureum*)
- Fernbush (*Chamaebatiaria*)
- Smith's buckhorn (*Rhamnus smithii*)
- Stansbury's cliffrose (*Cowania stansburiana*)
- Boulder Raspberry (*Rubus deliciosus*)
- Desert 4 O'Clock (*Mirabilis multiflora*)
- Red-osier dogwood (*Cornus sericea*)
- Rocky Mountain Maple (*Acer glabrum*)

PERENNIALS

Instead of:

- Periwinkle (*Vinca minor*)
- Tickseed (*Coreopsis verticillata*)
- Chives (*Allium schoenoprasum*)
- Mums (*Chrysanthemum morifolium*)
- Silvermound (*Artemisia schmidtiana*)
- May Night Salvia (*Salvia nemorosa*)
- Zinneas (*Zinnea sp.*)
- Crocus (*Crocus sp.*).....
- Oregano (*Origanum vulgare*)
- Delphinium (*Delphinium grandiflorum*)
- Garden Phlox (*Phlox paniculata*)
- Daylily (*Hemerocallis sp.*)

Plant:

- Long-leaf Phlox (*Phlox longifolia*)
- Chocolate flower (*Berlandiera lyrata*)
- Nodding onion (*Allium cernuum*)
- Baby Blue Rabbitbrush (*Chrysothamum nauseosus*)
- Fringed Sage (*Artemisia frigida*)
- Front Range Beardtongue (*Penstemon virens*)
- Blanketflower (*Gaillardia aristata*)
- Pasque Flower (*Pulsatilla patens*)
- Beebalm (*Monarda fistulosa*)
- Rocky Mountain Penstemon (*Penstemon strictus*)
- Rocky Mountain Beeplant (*Cleome serrulata*)
- Desert Prince's Plume (*Stanleya pinnata*)

GRASSES

Instead of:

- Blue Avena Grass (*Helictotrichon sempervirens*)....
- Miscanthus (*Miscanthus sinensis*)
- Karl Foerster (*Calamagrostis x acutiflora*)

Plant:

- Yucca (*Yucca glauca*)
- Indiangrass (*Sorghastrum nutans*)
- Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)

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