



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 (<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>)	Serviceberry (<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>)
Paper Birch (<i>Betula papyrifera</i>)	Aspen (<i>Populus tremuloides</i>)
Russian Olive (<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>)	Silver Buffaloberry (<i>Shepherdia argentea</i>)
Silver Maple (<i>Acer saccharinum</i>)	Bigtooth Maple (<i>Acer grandidentatum</i>)
Cockspur Hawthorne (<i>Crataegus crus-galli</i>)	Common hoptree (<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>)
Cranberrybush Viburnum (<i>Viburnum opulus</i>)	Chokecherry (<i>Prunus virginiana</i>)
Smokebush (<i>Cotinus coggygria</i>)	Gambel Oak (<i>Quercus gambelii</i>)

Plant:

SHRUBS

Instead of:

Russian Sage (<i>Perovskia atriplicifolia</i>)	Leadplant (<i>Amorpha canescens</i>)
Lilac (<i>Syringa vulgaris</i>)	Rockspirea (<i>Holodiscus dumosus</i>)
Wintercreeper (<i>Euonymus fortunei</i>)	Grape Holly (<i>Mahonia repens</i>)
Barberry (<i>Berberis thunbergia</i>)	Three leaf sumac (<i>Rhus trilobata</i>)
Bumald Spiraea (<i>Spiraea x bumalda</i>)	Apache plume (<i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>)
Forsythia (<i>Forsythia x intermedia</i>)	Golden Currant (<i>Ribes aureum</i>)
Butterfly bush (<i>Buddleja davidii</i>)	Fernbush (<i>Chamaebatiaria</i>)
Boxwood (<i>Buxus sp.</i>)	Smith's buckhorn (<i>Rhamnus smithii</i>)
Shrub Rose (<i>Rosa sp.</i>)	Stansbury's cliffrose (<i>Cowania stansburiana</i>)
Shrub Rose (<i>Rosa sp.</i>)	Boulder Raspberry (<i>Rubus deliciosus</i>)
Blue Mist Spirea (<i>Caryopteris x clandonensis</i>)	Desert 4 O'Clock (<i>Mirabilis multiflora</i>)
Burning Bush (<i>Euonymus alatus</i>)	Red-osier dogwood (<i>Cornus sericea</i>)
Columnar Buckthorn (<i>Rhamnus frangula</i>)	Rocky Mountain Maple (<i>Acer glabrum</i>)

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PERENNIALS

Instead of:

Periwinkle (<i>Vinca minor</i>)	Long-leaf Phlox (<i>Phlox longifolia</i>)
Tickseed (<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i>)	Chocolate flower (<i>Berlandiera lyrata</i>)
Chives (<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i>)	Nodding onion (<i>Allium cernuum</i>)
Mums (<i>Chrysanthemum morifolium</i>)	Baby Blue Rabbitbrush (<i>Chrysothamnus nauseosus</i>)
Silvermound (<i>Artemisia schmidtiana</i>)	Fringed Sage (<i>Artemisia frigida</i>)
May Night Salvia (<i>Salvia nemorosa</i>)	Front Range Beardtongue (<i>Penstemon virens</i>)
Zinneas (<i>Zinnea sp.</i>)	Blanketflower (<i>Gaillardia aristata</i>)
Crocus (<i>Crocus sp.</i>)	Pasque Flower (<i>Pulsatilla patens</i>)
Oregano (<i>Origanum vulgare</i>)	Beebalm (<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>)
Delphinium (<i>Delphinium grandiflorum</i>)	Rocky Mountain Penstemon (<i>Penstemon strictus</i>)
Garden Phlox (<i>Phlox paniculata</i>)	Rocky Mountain Beeplant (<i>Cleome serrulata</i>)
Daylily (<i>Hemerocallis sp.</i>)	Desert Prince's Plume (<i>Stanleya pinnata</i>)

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GRASSES

Instead of:

Blue Avena Grass (<i>Helictotrichon sempervirens</i>)	Yucca (<i>Yucca glauca</i>)
Miscanthus (<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i>)	Indiangrass (<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>)
Karl Foerster (<i>Calamagrostis x acutiflora</i>)	Little Bluestem (<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>)

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