

Low-Water Landscape Plants for the Colorado Plateau



Degrees North Latitude: 37
Average Elevation: 4,100 Feet
Average Annual Rainfall: 6 Inches

Three essentials for successful plants:

1. Heavy mulching mixed with soil
2. Drip irrigation
3. Drought tolerant plants

Trees

Pine

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| Aleppo Pine | Pinus halepensis |
| Eldarica Pine | Pinus eldarica |
| Japanese Black Pine | Pinus thunbergiana |
| Pinyon Pine | Pinus Edulis |

Ash

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| Arizona Ash | *Fraxinus velutina |
| Modesto Ash | Fraxinus velutina "Modesto" |
| Rio Grande Ash | Fraxinus velutina "Rio Grande" |
| Raywood Ash | Fraxinus Oxycarpa/Raywood |

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| Arizona Cypress | Cupressus arizonica |
| Bradford Pear | Pyrus calleryona "Bradford" |
| Mimosa Tree | Albria Julibrissin |
| Rocky Mountain Maple | Acer glabrum |
| Shademaster Honeylocust | Gleditsia triacanthos inermis "Shade Master" |
| Western Redbud | *Cercis occidentalis |

** Plants may require lead time for seasonal growing.*

Shrubs

Yuccas

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| Pendulas Yucca | Yucca pendula | Indiginous - Native |
| Red Yucca | *Yucca angustissima | |
| Soap Tree Yucca | Yucca filamentosa | |
| Whipple Yucca | Yucca elata, also "Our Lords Candle" | |

Junipers

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| Blue Chip Juniper | Juniperus horizontalis "Blue Chip" |
| Blue Pacific Juniper | Juniperus conferta "Blue Pacific" |
| Blue Rug Juniper | Juniperus horizontalis "Wiltonii" |
| Buffalo Juniper | Juniperus sabina "Buffalo" |
| Tam Juniper | Juniperus conferta "Tam" |
| Shore Juniper | Juniperus sabina "Shore" |

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| Bear Berry Cotoneaster | Cotoneaster dammeri |
| Bright Bead Cotoneaster | Cotoneaster glaucophyllus |
| Lowfat Cotoneaster | Cotoneaster "Lowfat" |
| Gold Drop Shrubby Cinquefoil | Potentilla fruitcassa "Farreri" |
| Katherine Shrubby Cinquefoil | Potentilla fruitcassa "Katherine Dykes" |
| Blue Mist Spirea | Caryopteris clandonensis |
| Butterfly Bush | Buddleia davidii |
| Crepe Myrtle | Lagerstoemia Indica |
| Firecracker | * Penstemon eatonii |
| Flowering Quince | Chaenomeles lagenaria |
| Green Santolina | Santolina virens |
| Halls Honeysuckle | Lonicera Japonica |
| Heavenly Bamboo | Nadina domestica |
| Indian Hawthorn | Raphiollepis indica |
| Lavender Cotton | Santolina chamaecyparissus |
| Limber Pine | Pinus flexilus |
| Mountain Mahogany | *Cercocarpus montanus |
| Parry's Penstemon | *Penstemon parryi |
| Pyracantha | Pyracantha koldzumii "Red Elf" |
| Hesperaloe parrifolia | *Rhus trilobata |
| Piestawa Bush | Juniperus sabina "tamariscifolia" |

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Perimeter Area

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| Apache Plume | <i>Fallugia paradoxa</i> | |
| Buffalo Berry | <i>Sheperdia argentia</i> | |
| Cliff Rose | <i>Cowania mexicana</i> | Indiginous - Native |
| Fern Bush | <i>Chamaebatiaria millefollium</i> | |
| Four Wing Saltbush | <i>Atriplex canescens</i> | Indiginous - Native |
| Mormon Tea | <i>Ephedra viridis</i> | Indiginous - Native |
| Sand Sage | <i>Artemesia filafolia</i> | Indiginous - Native |

Reseeding Forage

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Reseeding Grasses

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| Blue Grama | <i>Bouteloua gracilis</i> | |
| Sideoats Grama | <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> | |
| Galetta Grass | <i>Hilaria jamesii</i> | |
| Indian Rice Grass | <i>Oryzopsis hymenoides</i> | |
| Sand Dropseed | <i>Sporobolus cryptandrus</i> | |

Reseeding Forbs

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| Desert Globemallow | <i>Sphaeralcea parvifolia</i> or <i>ambigua</i> | Indiginous - Native |
| Indian Paintbrush | <i>Castilleja chromosa</i> (early) | |
| Sand Verbena | <i>Abronia villosa</i> | Indiginous - Native |
| White Evening Primrose | <i>Oenothera pallida</i> | |

Low-Water Sun-Exposed Grasses

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| Buffalo Grass | <i>Grasses Greatus Plainus</i> | |
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