

**Althea or Rose of Sharon**  
*Hibiscus syriacus*



Small tree or large shrub

Multi-trunked, but can be trained to a single trunk or hedge trimmed. Large white, pink or lavender flowers with darker contrasting throats. Summer blooming until frost. Prefers full sun and heat.

3 Low once established

**Apache Plume**  
*Fallugia paradoxa*



Large shrub  
Xeric Plant

Native to the southwest; needs little care. White flowers from spring to fall with rosy pink feathery seed heads. Requires gritty well-drained soil. Full sun.

1 Very Low

**Austrian Black Pine**  
*Pinus nigra*



Large tree

Pyramidal form with evergreen needles. Bears pinecones. Slow to moderate growth. Individuals are decorative or use as a screen or windbreak. Tolerant of urban conditions. High temperature and wind adaptability.

3 Low once established

**Autumn Sage**

*Salvia gregii*



Small Shrub

This native to southwest Texas is a cold-tender deciduous shrub at our latitude. Red blooms from late spring to fall. Prefers moderate water but tolerant of some drought. Full sun to part shade.

5 Medium

**Beargrass**

*Nolina microcarpa*



Medium  
Xeric Plant

Native to the southwest. Tough grass-like evergreen leaves forming a clump and sending up tall flower stalks bearing creamy white blooms. Hardy in the xeric landscape. Full sun.

1 Very Low

**Blue Avena or Blue Oatgrass**

*Helictotrichon semper*



Ornamental  
Grass

Narrow blue-gray leaves form a graceful fountain-shaped clump. Fine textured straw colored flower stems grow above the foliage. Best in rich well-drained soils. Semi-evergreen. Trim back or remove dead

5 Medium

			leaves. Cold hardy. Full sun to part shade.	
<b>Blue Fescue</b> <i>Festuca ovina glauca</i>		Ornamental Grass	<p>Small bunch grass with very fine blue leaf blades. Flowers in spikes. Centers can die out after several years. Cold hardy. Full sun.</p>	5 Medium
<b>Blue Mist</b> <i>Caryopteris clandonensis</i>		Medium Shrub	<p>Silvery leaved deciduous medium sized shrub. Deep violet blooms late summer and fall. Cold tolerant, Prefer good drainage. Full sun to part shade.</p>	2 Low
<b>Boxwood "Winter Gem"</b> <i>Buxus micriphylla japon</i>		Medium Shrub	<p>Compact evergreen with small shiny Light to medium green leaves. Used most often as a border or hedge. Can be left natural or clipped to a shape. Winter hardy, tolerant of some heat and poor soils, but not extreme sun exposure.</p>	5 Medium

**Buffalo Juniper**  
*Juniperus sabina* spp.



Groundcover  
Shrub

Spreading evergreen with soft green scaly foliage. Tolerant of a wide range of soil conditions, but needs good drainage. Cold hardy. Full sun to part shade.

2 Low

**Burr Oak**  
*Quercus macrocarpa*



Large Tree

Deciduous Shade Tree Large deeply-cut lobed leaves. Acorns are have interesting large fringed caps. Full Sun.

5 Medium

**Butterfly Bush**  
*Buddleia davidii*



Medium to  
Large Shrub

Fast-growing coarse textured Shrub. Arching spikes of small flowers attract butterflies in summer. Good to prune back heavily in early spring. Needs good drainage and regular watering.

5 Medium

**Catmint**  
*Nepeta faassenii*



Perennial  
Flower

Flowering plant with soft silvery gray aromatic foliage and spikes of lavender blue flowers. It blooms

5 Medium

mid spring to early summer. It is related to catnip and your cat may roll in it. Hybrid does not reseed. Hardy, Full sun to part shade.

**Chamisa**

*Chrysothamnus nauseosus*



Large Shrub  
Xeric Plant

Native to high desert and the Rockies. The whitish stems bear small narrow leaves and fluffy clusters of bright yellow flowers. Needs very little attention, good for natural plantings, revegetation. Full sun.

1 Very Low

**Chinese Pistache**

*Pistache chinensis*



Large tree

Deciduous shade tree with beautiful orange to red fall color. Slow to moderate growth. Can handle alkaline soils, wide temperature range and watering regimens. Full sun.

3 Low once established

**Colorado Blue Spruce**

*Picea pungens*



Medium to Large Tree

Evergreen native to the Rocky Mountains. Stiff pyramidal shape can vary in proportions dependent on variety. Does best with cold winters and well-drained soils. Full sun to light shade.

4 Low to Medium

**Crabapple (Flowering)**

*Malus spp.*



Medium Tree

Ornamental flowering tree. Lavish white, pink or red flowers in spring. Does bear small fruit. Varieties vary in their disease-resistance. Not all are heat tolerant. Full Sun.

6 Medium to High

**Crape Myrtle**

*Lagerstroemia indica*



Small Tree

Usually multi-trunked deciduous. Attractive bark. Profuse summer flowers of pink, lavender or red. Nice fall color. Prune in winter or early spring. Full sun.

5 Medium

**Desert Willow**  
*Chilopsis linearis*



Small Tree

Multi-trunked form can be pruned to have interesting character. Deciduous leaves, Long bloom period of pink to maroon flowers. Persistent seed pods. Full sun.

3 Low once established

**Elaeagnus or Silverberry**  
*Elaeagnus pungens*



Large Shrub

Evergreen with naturally sprawling form can be pruned to be smaller and denser. Interesting olive green leaves with rough silver 'dust', branches have rusty color. Tough plant can handle exposure to heat and wind. Full sun to part shade.

5 Medium

**Fernbush**  
*Chamaebatiaria millefolium*



Medium to Large Shrub

Semievergreen native to the Rockies with soft ferny foliage. Small white flowers in clusters midsummer. Cold hardy. Needs good drainage. Full sun.

2 Low

**Forestiera or New Mexico Olive**  
*Forestiera neomexicana*



Small Tree

Native shrubby tree with small light green leaves. Can be pruned to be a focal point or left natural for excellent screening. Birds love the small fruits born by the female trees. Full Sun.

4 Low to Medium

**Gambel's Oak**  
*Quercus gambelii*



Tree

Native oak with classical lobed leaves. Form varies from small Multi-trunked to large single-trunk tree. Deciduous. Fall acorns. Can spread from roots. Adaptable to wide range of soil and moisture levels. Hardy. Full sun.

4 Low to Medium

**Grayleaf Cotoneaster**  
*Cotoneaster buxifolius*






Small Shrub

Evergreen shrub with small gray-green leaves on stiff attractive dark reddish brown stems. Small white flowers cover the plant in spring giving way to bright red berries

5 Medium



			that hang on into winter. Full sun to part shade. Not cold-hardy at higher elevations.	
<b>Indian Blanketflower</b> <i>Gaillardia</i>		Perennial Flower	Native composite flowers with colorful Red centers surrounded by yellow. Do well in the hot sun and poor soils with good drainage.	4 Low to Medium
<b>Indian Hawthorn</b> <i>Raphiolepis indica</i>		Small to Large Shrub	Broadleaf evergreen. Size from 2' to 6' dependent on variety. White to pink flowers most profuse in spring. Prefers full sun to part shade.	5 Medium
<b>Karl Foerster Reed Grass</b> <i>Calamagrostis acutiflora</i>		Ornamental Grass	More erect arching clump of foliage with very upright golden flower stalks often used in dried flower arrangements. Adapatable, cold hardy. Full sun to part shade.	5 Medium

**Knock-out Rose***Rosa spp.*Medium  
Shrub

Compact shrub rose Deciduous, varieties found with red, pink, or yellow flowers which bloom from spring to fall. Disease-resistant and hardy. Full sun.

4 Low to  
Medium**Lavender (English)***Lavandula angustifolia*

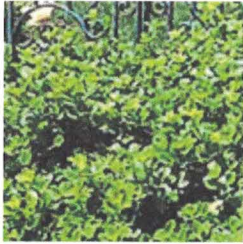


Shrub

Evergreen varieties with gray green to soft green foliage and violet blue flowers. Very fragrant. More cold hardy than other lavenders, but still tend to be short-lived. Need very good drainage. Full sun to light shade from west sun.

4 Low to  
Medium**Maidengrass***Miscanthus sinensis*Ornamental  
Grass

One of the larger ornamental clumping grasses with attractive flower plumes rising above the foliage. Cold hardy. Cut back old foliage before new growth in spring. Dividing every few years

5 Medium

			increases plant vigor. Full sun to part shade.	
<b>Manhattan Euonymus</b> <i>Euonymus kiautschovicus</i>		Large shrub	Evergreen although the dark glossy green leaves may be lost when the temperature drops below zero °F. Useful as a screen or background shrub. Full to part sun.	5 Medium
<b>Mugho Pine</b> <i>Pinus mugo mugo</i>		Medium shrub	Slow growing evergreen shrub forms a symmetrical mound. Prefers good drainage. Cold and wind tolerant. Full sun.	4 Low to Medium
<b>Nandina or Heavenly Bamboo</b> <i>Nandina domestica spp.</i>		Small to Large shrub	Evergreen with light, fine-textured stems and leaves reminiscent of bamboo. New growth pink to bronze turning light green. In fall and winter it can change to reds and purple. Sprays of creamy white flowers in	5 Medium

late spring can produce red berries (requires two plants). Prefers rich soil and some shade from hottest sun.

**Ocotillo**  
*Fouquieria splendens*



Medium  
Xeric Plant

Desert native of the Southwest. Clump of grooved thorny stems with occasional small green leaves. Bright orange clusters of flowers appear in hot weather, but not dependable. Not cold hardy at all. Full sun.

1 Very Low

**Palm Yucca**  
*Yucca faxoniana*



Large  
Xeric Plant

Tall trunk-forming yucca with sharp pointed leaves up to 2 1/2" wide. The dead leaves persist folding down to cover the trunk. Central flower stalk with large white blooms. Not cold-hardy at higher elevations.

1 Very Low

**Pineleaf Penstemon**  
*Penstemon pinifolius*



Perennial  
Flower

Native to southern New Mexico with needle-like bright green leaves and Red flowers thru summer. Small size. Good in borders, rock gardens, as ground cover. Attracts hummingbirds. Adaptable to many conditions, but needs good drainage. Cold hardy. Full sun to part shade.

4 Low to  
Medium

**Piñon**  
*Pinus edulis*



Medium  
Tree

Native evergreen pine with pyramidal shape as a young tree develops character with age. Pinon nuts are edible. Needs full sun and good drainage to thrive. Susceptible to "pine beetle" attack when stressed.

4 Low to  
Medium

**Potentilla**  
*Potentilla fruticosa*



Small Shrub

Deciduous native to mountain meadows that flowers from late spring to early fall. Cold hardy, tolerant of poor soils, heat and drought. Do best in well-drained soil with moderate water supplied. Full sun to part shade.

5 Medium

**Prickly Pear**  
*Opuntia spp.*



Medium  
Xeric Plant

Widespread with many species including "Beavertail" types as well as Cholla. Their hardiness varies greatly. Flowers are large, some are shades of yellow while others are pink to red. All bear sharp spines or bristles. Full sun.

2 Low

**Purple Leaf Plum**  
*Prunus cerastifera*



Medium tree

Ornamental shade tree. Profuse pink blooms in spring followed by dark purple leaves. Cold hardy. Full Sun.

5 Medium

**Purple-leaf  
Wintercreeper**  
*Euonymus "Coloratus"*



Groundcover  
Shrub

Broadleaf  
evergreen  
groundcover with  
sprawling  
branches. Leaves  
green in summer  
turn purple in fall  
and winter. Better  
in full sun better  
than ivy, but also  
grows well in  
shade. Hardy.

5 Medium

**Red Pygmy Barberry**  
*Berberis thunbergii* spp.



Small Shrub

Slender arching  
spiny stems with  
small finely  
textured rich red  
leaves. Very cold  
hardy. Prefers  
moderate water  
and full sun for  
best leaf color.

5 Medium

**Red Tip Photinia**  
*Photinia fraseri*



Large Shrub

Evergreen with  
young emerging  
red leaves turning  
dark green with  
age. Fast growth  
and large leaves  
make it suitable as  
a screen plant,  
informal hedge.  
Can be pruned to  
tree form or  
espaliered. Full  
sun.

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**Red Yucca**  
*Hesperaloe parviflora*

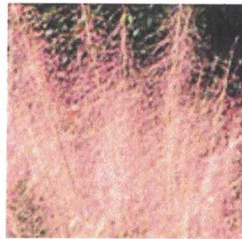


Medium  
Xeric Plant

Native to Texas and southern New Mexico. Narrow pointed evergreen leaves and tall flower stalks bearing many red blooms. from late spring to early fall. Very heat tolerant. Requires little water, but blooms better with some added water during hottest weather.

2 Low

**Regal Mist Grass**  
*Muhlenbergia capillaris*



Ornamental  
Grass

Green mounding foliage with a summer show of fine rosy red sprays of flowers spreading across the top of the clump. Cutting back in late winter encourages new spring growth. Full sun.

5 Medium

**Rocky Mountain Juniper**  
*Juniperus scopulorum*






Small to  
Medium  
Tree

Native evergreen has several varieties cultivated for the landscape. Some are quite blue while others may be bright green. All are dense and

2 Low



			conical to columnar in form. Prefer full sun.	
<b>Scotch Broom or Moonlight Broom</b> <i>Cytisus scoparius</i>		Medium to Large Shrub	Green cane-like stems with small leaves. Many varieties having different colors of blooms. Hardy and wind-tolerant. Also adaptable to infertile soils, but prefer some added acid in alkaline conditions. Full sun.	5 Medium
<b>Smoketree</b> <i>Cotinus coggygria</i>		Small Tree	Broad urn-shaped form at maturity, usually multi-stemmed. As the blooms age they send out a profusion of pink fuzzy stalks. Prefer poor rocky soils with good drainage. Full Sun.	4 Low to Medium
<b>Sotol</b> <i>Dasyilirion wheeleri</i>		Medium Xeric Plant	Native desert plant. Tough evergreen leaves with toothed edges forms a ball-shaped clump. Can develop a trunk of	1 Very Low

dried dead leaves with age.  
Produces a tall spike of white flowers. Needs full sun, not cold-hardy.

**Spanish Broom**  
*Spartium junceum*

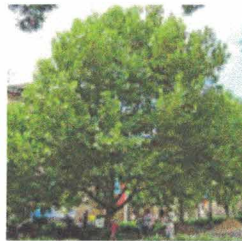


Large Shrub

Many green almost leafless stems bloom with bright yellow pea-like flowers. Fragrant. Can be pruned to fill out. Best in poor rocky soil. Good bank cover. Can become overgrown.

5 Medium

**Sycamore**  
*Platanus acerfolia*



Large Tree

Deciduous shade tree with large trunk and branches. Older bark peels off revealing smooth bark below. Leaves are large and lobed. Brown spherical seed clusters drop in fall. Full Sun.

7 High


**Tam Juniper**  
*Juniperus sabina* spp.



Groundcover Shrub

Spreading evergreen with dense blue-green scaly foliage. Tolerant of a wide

2 Low

			range of soil types, but need good drainage. Cold hardy. Some problems with pests. Full sun to part shade.	
<b>Thornless Hawthorn</b> <i>Crataegus crus-galli inermis</i>		Small to Medium Tree	Graceful Multi-trunk with small shiny dark green leaves which show off the bright red fall berries. Turns orange to red in fall. Hardy and tolerant of poor soils. Full Sun.	5 Medium
<b>Threadgrass or Mexican Feather Grass</b> <i>Nassella tenuisima</i>		Ornamental Grass	Native bunch grass with the finest leaves is very active in the slightest breeze. Flower stems arch outward with light sivery green awns that last into winter. Can reseed easily. Cold hardy. Full sun.	2 Low
<b>Three-leaf Sumac</b> <i>Rhus trilobata</i>		Medium Shrub	Deciduous native with clumping form. Bright green leaves turn crimson in winter. Interesting winter form. Red berries	2 Low

enjoyed by wildlife and good for jellies. Tolerates cold and wind, poor soils, and some drought. Full sun.

**Valley Cottonwood**  
*Populus var. wislizenii*



Large Tree

Native variety developing massive contorted trunk and branches. Bright shiny light green triangular leaves to about 4" across turn bright golden yellow in fall. Used as a lawn tree in a large setting. Full sun.

7 High

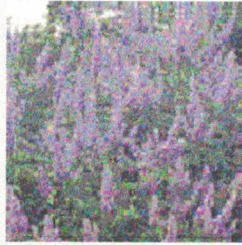
**Vinca or Periwinkle**  
*Vinca minor*



Groundcover  
Perennial

Trailing evergreen with stems that root where they touch the soil. Lavender-blue flowers occur in early spring. Adaptable to a variety of soils. Can be planted under trees. Not as invasive as the larger Vinca Major. Cold hardy, prefers shade.

5 Medium

**Vitex***Vitex agnus-castus*

Small tree or large shrub

Broad spreading multi-trunked form with deciduous leaves. Spikes of lavender blooms have best color in full sun. Tolerant of heat and many soil types. Full sun. Susceptible to winter freezing.

5 Medium

**Washington Hawthorn***Crataegus phaenopyrum*

Small to Medium Tree

Graceful multi-stemmed tree with year-round interest. Covered with white flowers in spring, glossy lobed leaves turn bright orange to red in fall. Red berries persist well into winter. Hardy and tolerant of poor soils. Full Sun.

5 Medium

**Whirling Butterflies***Gaura lindheimeri*

Perennial Flower

Native to Texas with open airy growth. Flower stalks have many 1" white flowers loved by butterflies. Blooms from spring to fall. Hardy, long-lived. Some drought-

4 Low to Medium

**Winter Jasmine**  
*Jasminum nudiflorum*



Groundcover

tolerance. Full sun.

Long slender arching green stems form mound up to 4' high or cascade down over terrace walls. Good for bank cover and naturalizing. Bright yellow flowers appear in late winter or early spring. Very cold hardy. Full to part sun.

2 Low

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