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Picture	Scientific Name/ Common Name	Exposure	Moisture VL=Very Low L=Low M=Moderate H=High	When in Bloom	Height	Comments
	Agastache Hyssop (All Species)	Full Sun	L	Summer/ Fall	12-40"	Native; Comes in a variety of colors; Attracts Hummingbirds and butterflies; Very pleasant smell; Must have well-draining soil. Plant Select®
	Aquilegia colorado Violet and White Columbine	Part Shade	M	Spring/ Summer	13-20"	Attractive clumps of delicate foliage with sprays of colorful, nodding flowers; Plants prefer moist, well-drained soil. Plant Select®
	Artemisia Versicolor 'Sea Foam' Curly Sage	Full Sun	VL-L	N/A	10-16"	Great for xeric gardens as a ground cover; blue-silver in color; grows in wispy mounds with foamy spires. Likes well-draining soil. Plant Select®
	Aster lateriflorus Calico Aster	Part Shade	M	Late Summer/ Fall	20-30"	Native; Delicate light pink flowers; Good for woodland settings; Prefers moist rich organic soil.
	Berlandiera lyrata Chocolate Flower	Full Sun	L	Summer	12-18"	Intoxicating chocolate scent; Yellow daisy-like blossoms with a maroon center and silver grey leaves; Well-draining soil. Plant Select®
	Brunnera macrophylla 'Jack Frost' Siberian bugloss	Shade/ Part Shade	M/H	Spring/ Early Summer	18-18"	Blue forget-me-not like blossoms are held in clusters several inches above the brilliant frosty silver leaves; Must have moist soil; No afternoon sun.
	Callirhoe involucrate Purple Poppy Mallow Wine Cups	Full sun	L	Summer/F all	5-10"	Spreading ground cover; Prolific bloomer with cupped purple flowers and dark green scalloped leaves; Does well in clay soils. Plant Select®
	Calylophus serrulatus Plains Yellow Primrose	Full Sun	L	Summer	12-15"	Native; Prolific bloomer with bright yellow flowers; Low, shrubby, with lancet leaves; Needs very well drained soil.

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	Coriopsis verticillata 'Zagreb' Threadleaf Coriopsis	Full Sun	L-M	Spring/ Summer	12-18"	Prolific bloomer with tons of bright yellow flowers; Delicate thread like foliage; Tolerant of heat, humidity and drought; Prefers well drained soil.
	Delosperma (All Species) Ice Plant	Full Sun	VL	Spring/ Summer	2"	Succulent groundcover from Africa; Spreads up to 2 ft.; Blooms in a variety of colors; Great for rock gardens; Needs well-draining soil.
	Diascia intergerrima 'Coral Canyon' [®] Hardy Twinspur	Sun/ Part Shade	L/M	Summer	12-18"	Beautiful salmon pink flowers on delicate stems; Native to South Africa; Plant with cool greys and blues for contrast; Tolerates most soils. Plant Select[®]
	Eryngium planum 'Blaukappe' Sea Holly	Full Sun/ Part Shade	L/M	Summer	24-36"	Neon blue flowers glow in the garden; plant with bright yellows; Tolerant of hot, dry sites, and soils high in salts. Plant Select[®]
	Gallardia grandiflora 'Arizona Sun' Blanket Flower	Full Sun	L	Summer	10"	Stunning Yellow and Red flowers; Plant in well-drained infertile soils for best results; Deadhead for continuous bloom.
	Gallium odoratum Sweet Woodruff	Part Shade/ Shade	L/M	Late Spring	6"	Woodland ground cover; Tiny white flowers on green spikes; Does well under the shade of trees; Spreads readily.
	Geranium 'Gerwat' Rozanne Cranesbill	Full Sun/ Part Shade	M/H	Spring/ Summer	10"	Delicate purple flowers; Low mounding habit; Plants may be cut or sheared back to rejuvenate, and shape; Prefers moist, organic soils.
	Hosta 'Patriot'	Shade	M/H	Summer	12-18"	Large variegated leaves; Lilac colored flowers on tall spikes; Does best in rich, moist, organic soils in light, sun-dappled shade.
	Imomopsis aggregata Skyrocket	Part Shade	Low	Fall	20-34"	Native to Colorado; Grows wild in mountains and meadows; Delicate red trumpets opening into stars; Sandy, loamy soil.

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	Lamprocapnos spectabilis Bleeding Heart	Shade/ part shade	M/H	Spring/ Summer	24-30"	An old fashioned garden classic; Plant in a sheltered shady spot; Lovely cascading heart shaped flowers; Moist fertile soil.
	Monarda didyma Bee Balm	Sun/ Part Shade	M/H	Summer	24-36"	Native; Large red, round clumps of flowers; Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds; great for wild gardens; Enjoys moist hummus rich soil, but can tolerate clay.
	Origanum libanoticum Hopflower oregano	Full Sun	L/M	Summer/ Fall	10-12"	Hundreds of paper lantern like bracts with tiny pink flowers; Great in rock gardens; Plant where it can cascade over a stone or edge; Prefers well-draining soils. Plant Select®
	Penstemon strictus Rocky mountain Penstemon	Part Shade	L	Summer	20-30"	Native; Two lobes of tubular dark purple flowers; Dark green lance leaves; prefers dry, light, well-drained soils.
	Rudbeckia hirta Denver Daisy™	Sun/ Part Shade	M	Summer/ Fall	22-26"	Introduced for Denver's 150 th anniversary; Large yellow daisies with maroon centers; prolific bloomer, keep deadheaded; Likes moist well-draining soil. Staff favorite. Plant Select®
	Rutibida coulumnifera Mexican Hat	Full Sun	L/M	Summer/ Fall	22-28"	Native; Sombrero like flowers are red and orange or yellow; Important flower for native bee populations; Tolerant of most soils.
	Sedum rupestre 'Angelina' Stonecrop	Full Sun	VL	N/A	4-6"	Lime green succulent leaves turn amber in the fall; Tall flower spikes with yellow flowers. Great in Rock gardens and containers.;Tolerates most soils.
	Sempervivum 'Dream Catcher' Hens & Chicks	Full Sun/ Part Shade	VL	Summer	4-8"	Succulent rosettes; Blooms with a spike in the center, Gives off 'Chicks' that can be transplanted into nooks and crannies in the rock garden; Sandy soils.