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As we approach our 30th year in business, Granite Seed is pleased to present the newest edition of our well-known seed catalog. Considered the industry-standard manual by many land managers and practitioners, this new catalog is an expression of our continued commitment to exceptional customer service.

Inside you will find information for approximately 800 species, varieties and source identified native collections. There is also information about quality control, terminology of the seed trade, changes in botanical taxonomy, erosion control products, planting aids and much more.

New for this edition...

- Descriptions of nearly 200 new species, varieties and source identified selections.
- Revised and expanded plant summaries from the most current scientific information available.
- Recent developments in cover crops for restoring soil health and function.
- Product descriptions for the latest erosion control and planting aid technologies.

This catalog is intended as a technical reference guide for numerous types of seeding projects and will be useful for many years to come. Granite Seed's highly trained staff of seed and erosion experts is available to address any questions and assist with your revegetation and erosion control needs.

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THE GREAT SAND DUNES NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE.

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FRONT COVER: MALE GREATER SAGE-GROUSE ON A BLACK  
SAGEBRUSH (*ARTEMISIA NOVA*) MATING LEK DURING SPRING IN UTAH.  
BACK COVER: FEMALE GREATER SAGE-GROUSE. ©MIA MCPHERSON

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# About

## Granite Seed & Erosion Control

**Granite Seed & Erosion Control, along with our affiliate companies, specialize in supplying seed and erosion control products for native restoration, reclamation, turf, landscape, agricultural, pasture and range projects. We are dedicated to providing:**

- **Exceptional quality**
- **Extensive seed selection**
- **Full line of erosion control products**
- **Competitive and fair pricing**
- **Fast and accurate service**
- **Professional technical support**

### QUALITY

Granite Seed realizes that our reputation is only as good as our quality. Our wildland collection specialists and affiliate seed production farms at L&H Seeds (WA) and Bruce Seed Farm (MT) all approach seed quality with the same attitude and we maintain a very strict seed testing and storage program. In order to offer our customers the best quality, we start with only the best produced seeds before thorough cleaning and testing to ensure a high germination rate and purity.

### COMMITMENT TO PERFORMANCE

Granite Seed is committed to a best-in-class approach to quality, price, product selection, performance and customer service. We value the loyalty of satisfied customers and you can count on us to make customer satisfaction our highest priority. We have the most reliable processing equipment available in the industry, with custom designed computer software to keep track of testing and inventory to ensure that your seed orders are accurately prepared and blended. Our high quality and timely service is a result of our well trained people, computer system, internal logistics, mixing equipment and prime shipping locations.

### GUARANTEE

Granite Seed Company guarantees its seed to be of the promised quality when it is shipped and true to

name as specified. Should seed prove to be other than labeled, liability shall be limited to replacement or refund of the purchase price. Fulfillment of all orders is contingent upon availability and/or conditions beyond our control. Seed may be reserved in advance to help guarantee availability. Seeds are carefully handled and bagged to preserve the quality of the material. Our liability ceases once seed is on board the public carrier or your vehicle.

### SERVICE & TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Granite Seed's educated, experienced and dedicated seed and erosion control specialists are all focused on bringing you the service and products you need to be effective in your work. When you have questions, expect prompt and accurate answers, and when you need seed we move quickly to assemble your custom mixes and get the product on the road.

### SELECTION & DIVERSITY

Granite Seed maintains the most extensive inventory of seed products available from any one source. Our seed inventory is comprised of a diverse assortment of adapted local ecotypes and named varieties, including hundreds of hand collected native grasses, forbs and shrubs. Our unique vertically-integrated business model combines our own extensive production farms and native seed collection efforts with procurement

from third-party vendors, ultimately ensuring availability of seed that is appropriate for your location and project. When your project site includes steep slopes, unstable soils or channels, we complement our seed offering with a complete selection of erosion control materials, from temporary biodegradable products to long-term or permanent stabilizers.

### GRANITSEED.COM

The Granite Seed website is designed to help you plan all your seeding and erosion control projects. There you will find additional in-depth information for every species, erosion control product and planting aid. Our website has other useful tools to assist you, such as:

- Additional species photos
- Plant varietal release notices
- Planting guides for wildflowers, new turf installations and turfgrass revitalization

- Guidelines on seed testing, labeling, site-adapted seed, Pure Live Seed (PLS) and seed certification
- Product information sheets, photos, installation guides and certificates of compliance

You can also use our online Project Planner form to describe the objectives and site characteristics of your next project. Our seed and erosion control professionals will analyze the information and recommend the best seed and materials for the project. Or if you prefer, call us to discuss the specifics of your seeding and erosion control project.

### SHIPPING LOCATIONS & LOCAL PICKUP

Granite Seed's numerous distribution locations—including our seed production farms and warehouse facilities at Bruce Seed Farm (MT) and L&H Seeds (WA)—place us at major crossroads for rapid shipping throughout the western and central U.S. Shipments from our facilities reach most destinations within one

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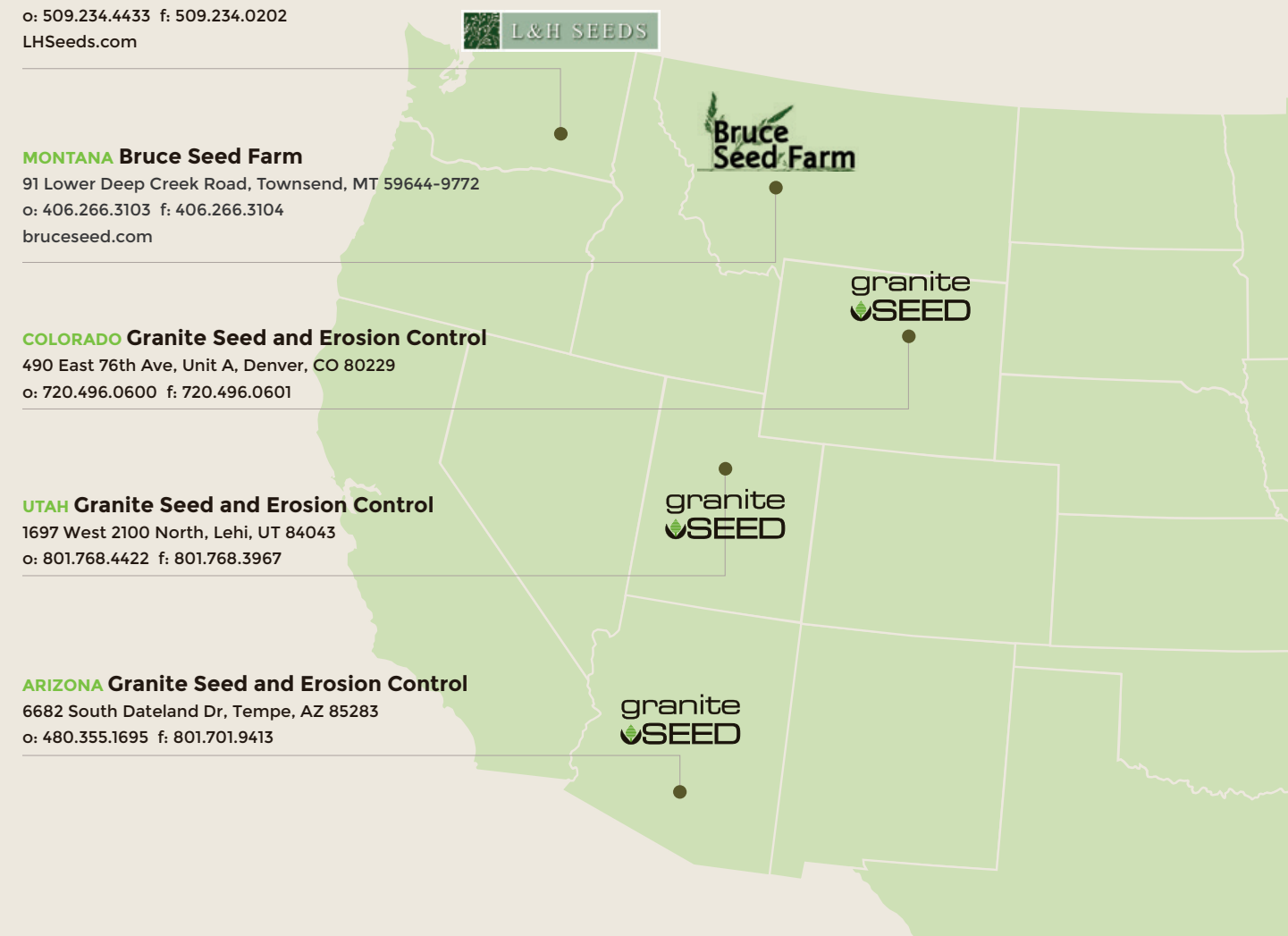
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to two days, and our in-house freight specialists are always working to find you the best freight carrier transit times and rates. Shipping to North American locations beyond the western U.S. is also prompt. You are also welcome to schedule your order for local pickup.

#### CUSTOM MIXING

Custom seed blending is Granite Seed's specialty. Whether your project requires one or multiple custom blends, we will gladly custom mix seed to your project's specifications.

#### TERMS

Net-30 day payment terms are available upon approved credit, unless other arrangements have been made in advance. Granite Seed accepts all major credit cards. Custom seed mixes cannot be cancelled after the seed is mixed and custom mixes are not returnable. Granite Seed may accept seed for refund (less a

restocking fee) at its discretion. Complete *Terms and Conditions of Sale* are printed on our credit application form and on every invoice.

#### HOURS

Normal business hours are 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday. Granite Seed is closed for major U.S. holidays.



GRANITE SEED'S UTAH OFFICE AND WAREHOUSE.

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# Quality, Guidelines & Services

**At Granite Seed & Erosion Control our reputation is only as good as the quality of our product. Understanding how seed quality is determined will help you with the seed specifications for your next revegetation project and result in greater confidence in your purchase.**

#### SEED TESTING & LABELING

Granite Seed's internal quality control program ensures that seed is accurately labeled and properly stored. All of our seed is tested for purity and germination by independent state-certified seed labs using the procedures sanctioned by the Association of Official Seed Analysts (AOSA). The date and results of the test are reported on your seed tag, showing the purity (percentage of the labeled species by weight), other crop, weed, inert material, dormant or hard seed, as well as the percentage of viable or germinable seed.

Never purchase seed that has not been tested for purity, weed and crop content and germination percentage.

#### CERTIFIED SEED

The seed certification system promotes the production and purchase of seed of known genetic purity and varietal identity. Only farm produced, named varieties such as 'Rosana' Western wheatgrass (*Pascopyrum smithii*) and 'Lodorm' Green needlegrass (*Nassella viridula*) can be certified.

In each state the authorized certification agency inspects the field and regulates the planting, production, harvesting and cleaning of each lot of certified seed. Only after the lot passes each phase of inspection, including high laboratory quality standards which meet state and federal seed law requirements, does a bag of seed receive an official state-certified blue tag.

Certification guarantees that the seed has the same genetic potential to perform as did the original breeder seed. For instance, when purchasing certified 'Schwendimar' Thickspike wheatgrass (*Elymus lanceolatus ssp. lanceolatus*) you are sure to have plants that have the same genetic composition as the breeder seed that was originally released. However, if you buy uncertified 'Schwendimar' the degree to which you can expect plants that resemble actual 'Schwendimar' depends upon the trustworthiness of the seed dealer and the grower.



All of our hand collected and harvested seeds undergo a complex process of drying, cleaning and laboratory testing in order to ensure a high quality product. The pure grass seed in the bag is the desired end product. The material in the bucket is the unwanted seed and chaff which was separated and removed during the cleaning process.  
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**SOURCE IDENTIFIED SEED**

Recent interest in site-specific seed harvests prompted the seed industry to request assistance from the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA) in developing a reasonable and reliable method for verifying native seed harvest locations. AOSCA developed an approved seed certification class for wildland seed collections called Source Identified, which enables certifying agencies to verify the origin and ecotype of a given wildland seed harvest.



Seed production field of Firecracker penstemon (*Penstemon eatonii*) at L&H Seeds in southeastern Washington. ©L&H Seeds

Seed that is harvested following the approved guidelines and procedures for the Source Identified class can ultimately receive a certified seed yellow tag which indicates that the location of the seed harvest was verified by the certification agency.

**SITE ADAPTED SEED**

To increase the chances for successful revegetation it is important to plant seed adapted to the conditions of the project site. At Granite Seed, we make it our goal to match the ecological conditions of your site with seed that is properly adapted to it. If you are not certain which species and varieties to use, our seed experts can assist you in making appropriate seed selections.

**CHANGES TO BOTANICAL NAMES**

Since the common names of plant species often vary from region to region, it is always advisable to order seed using the botanical or scientific names. However, as advances in plant genetics reveal relationships between species that were previously unknown, some historically accepted scientific names have changed. This catalog provides species name indexing and cross-referencing to help you find the familiar names for the species you are looking for. Former names are cross-referenced in the text as well as in the *Old Botanical Names Index* near the back of the catalog.

**PURE LIVE SEED**

Pure Live Seed (PLS) is a measurement most often used by the seed industry to describe the percentage of live, viable seed in a particular lot of seed. Specifically, PLS indicates the total amount of seed capable of germination. PLS is calculated once a seed lot has been tested for purity and viability by an independent state-certified seed lab. Purity represents the percentage of seed weight that is the labeled species, excluding the inert, chaff, weed seed and other crop seed. Viable seed is the total percentage of germinable seed (germination + dormant + hard). PLS is obtained by multiplying the purity by the total viable seed:

$$\% \text{ PLS} = \frac{\% \text{ purity} \times \% \text{ total germination}}{100}$$

PLS gives buyers a way to compare the quality and value of different seed lots of the same species. Sometimes inexpensive bulk seed has a low PLS percentage, but in fact costs more on the basis of pure viable seed than a higher priced bulk seed lot with a higher PLS percentage. Consider the following example where the bulk, or scale weight, cost of two lots of the same species is significantly different:

	<u>LOT A</u>	<u>LOT B</u>
Bulk cost per pound	\$1.00	\$1.50
% Purity	75	95
% Germination	60	80
% PLS	45	76

At first glance, Lot A appears to be a better buy because it only costs \$1.00 per bulk pound, whereas Lot B costs \$1.50 per bulk pound. However, as indicated by the lower % PLS, the quality of Lot A is poorer than Lot B. In order to compare the value, calculate the cost per PLS pound by dividing the bulk cost by the % PLS:

$$\text{PLS Cost} = \frac{\text{Bulk Cost} \times 100}{\% \text{ PLS}}$$

Using this formula, Lot A costs \$2.22 per PLS pound, while Lot B costs only \$1.97 per PLS pound. Therefore, Lot B is a better value. Furthermore, since Lot B has a higher PLS percentage, it is not necessary to plant as much bulk material as would be required by using Lot A. Knowing the price per PLS pound is the only way to determine the best value in comparing two different lots of seed. To get the best value for money spent on seed, we recommend ordering seed in PLS pounds.

**APPLICATION RATES**

Pure Live Seed (PLS) percentage is used to calculate how much seed to apply within an area and makes seed ordering more precise. The typical PLS pounds per acre seeding rate for all grass, forb, legume and cover crop species is given in the *Characteristic & Adaptation Tables* at the back of this catalog. Your sales representative at Granite Seed can help you calculate the exact number of pounds needed based on PLS percentage, taking into consideration the method of planting (i.e. more seed is required for broadcast application than for seed drill application), appropriate rates at which to include any shrub species, and the appropriate coverage of seeds per square foot.

**CUSTOM HARVEST & PRODUCTION**

When project specifications require site-specific native seed or call for species which are not ordinarily available, a custom wildland collection may be the solution. Granite Seed frequently organizes on-site hand collections and custom seed grow-outs. Seed may be collected for immediate use or increased by one of our seed production farms at Bruce Seed Farm (MT) or L&H Seeds (WA).



Mountain brome (*Bromus marginatus*) being swathed for seed harvest at L&H Seeds in southeastern Washington. ©L&H Seeds

Bear in mind that relying on a site-specific collection for enough seed to fulfill a project is often risky because of the unpredictability of native seed production from year to year. Many factors affect wildland seed collection: Is the stand of the desired species large enough? Is the stand free from noxious weeds? Is there a good seed crop in the year of harvest? When a custom collection is required allow ample time to address such concerns, as well as for site scouting, organization and implementation. Additionally, both custom collections and subsequent farm production may require multiple growing seasons to successfully



Swathed windrows of native grass await seed combining at Bruce Seed Farm in Townsend, Montana. ©Gord Pearse/Bruce Seed Farm

produce a large enough quantity of seed for use on a future project.

If you do not have enough lead-time to implement a native collection, selecting seed adapted to your project site is the best solution. Granite Seed stocks the most diverse inventory of seed accessions from every corner of the West. We are extremely likely to have seed adapted for your project and we believe you will be satisfied with the results. Our seed experts can assist you with making seed selection decisions throughout the planning and duration of your project.

**SEED AVAILABILITY**

Granite Seed makes a concerted effort to stock every species listed in this catalog. We determine our inventories based on typical usages. However, situations sometimes occur—a devastating fire year increasing demand, or poor crop production due to uncharacteristic weather—which may cause us to run out of some seeds before their new harvest becomes available. To ensure the seed your project requires is available, call us as soon as you know your needs. In the case that the seed required is not available at the start time of your project, our seed experts can help you select an appropriate substitute.

**CONSULTING SERVICES**

As part of Granite Seed's commitment to customer support, our seed and erosion control experts are available to consult with you on your revegetation projects. When you purchase from Granite Seed, our experts are also available to you for complimentary guidance with designing seed mixtures and erosion control product specifications. Call, email or use our online Project Planner form at graniteseed.com to get started.

# Erosion Control & Planting Aids

**New innovations in soil stabilization and vegetation establishment technologies are giving land managers and restoration specialists improved tools to increase the success of new seedings. These products are designed to prevent soil loss, sedimentation and water quality issues on disturbed soils; others are intended to increase vegetation establishment across difficult landscapes.**

Granite Seed represents the leading manufacturers in the erosion control and planting aid industry. This section is intended to provide a brief overview of the types of products available for your next seeding and erosion control project.

For more specific information and specifications for any of these products, including installation guidelines, visit our website or contact our expert sales staff.

## HYDRAULIC MULCH

Mulches designed for hydraulic or aerial application are made from wood fiber, recycled paper or straw. Basic hydraulic mulches are intended for short-term soil



In hydraulic applications the hydromulch slurry may contain a variety of planting aids along with the seed, including fertilizer, mycorrhizal inoculant or tackifier. ©Ryan Timoney/Granite Seed Company

protection on moderate slopes ( $\leq 3:1$ ) and are blended with seed, fertilizer or other planting aides in a one-step application, or applied over the top of seed and/or fertilizer in a two-step application.

In addition to their usefulness as soil stabilizers for erosion control, hydraulic mulches hold seed in place while simultaneously capturing and retaining critical moisture during germination and establishment, thus increasing seedling survival. Additionally, they provide a visual marker to the hydraulic tank operator to ensure that seed is thoroughly and evenly distributed. Tackifier may be added to a hydraulic mulch to help “glue” it to the site while also reducing or eliminating clogs in tank hoses during application.

## Wood Fiber Mulch

High quality virgin wood fiber mulch products are made from processed wood, often as a byproduct of manufacturing. Long wood fibers intertwine to form a rigid bond. When used in conjunction with a high quality tackifier, these wood fibers offer excellent protection from wind and water erosion.

## Recycled Paper Mulch

Hydraulic paper mulch products have the advantage of being easy to apply and quick to decompose. When used with a high quality tackifier they offer good

short-term soil protection on relatively flat areas with quickly emerging vegetation, particularly in hydraulically applied lawn and turfgrass applications.

## Straw Mulch

Straw mulch fibers are easy to apply, provide good coverage and soil protection on moderate to relatively flat slopes with quickly emerging vegetation, and they decompose quickly. Available with or without included tackifiers for high performance applications.

## BONDED FIBER MATRIX

Bonded Fiber Matrix (BFM) is a broad term for high-performance hydraulic or aerial applied mulches more specifically classified as Engineered Fiber Matrix (EFM) and Flexible Growth Medium (FGM). These products are for use on steep slopes ( $\geq 3:1$ ), slopes particularly vulnerable to surface erosion, and on irregular surfaces unsuited for erosion control blankets. EFM/FGM may be blended with seed, fertilizer or other planting aides



Bonded Fiber Matrix (BFM) is applied as a liquid slurry, forming a strong and durable mat of interlocking fibers to prevent soil erosion while still allowing plants to germinate and establish. ©Granite Seed Company courtesy of Profile Products



QuickGuard® Sterile Triticale establishing through the interlocking fibers of a hydraulically applied Bonded Fiber Matrix (BFM). Additional QuickGuard information on page 13. ©Don Bermant/Granite Seed

in a one-step application, or applied over the top of seed and/or fertilizer in a two-step application.

EFM/FGM are designed to mix and apply easily when wet, remain strong and insoluble once dry and reduce soil erosion by deflecting the velocity of raindrops while still allowing water to filter through. When properly applied with continuous surface contact, EFM/FGM protect soil surfaces from overland water flow and rill erosion from repeated rain events. EFM/FGM can be applied prior to the rainy season or late in the year and are formulated to endure the harsh conditions of heavy rains and snow.

EFM/FGM products are made up of strong and durable interlocking fibers held together by water resistant bonding agents that withstand repeated exposure to moisture without dissolving or losing their adhesive quality. Upon drying, a porous and breathable water-absorbent protective mat is formed, securing soils and seed until vegetation has established.

FGM is differentiated from EFM technology by the inclusion of crimped interlocking man-made fibers to enhance the overall erosion control performance, strength and longevity. Both EFM and FGM biodegrade completely into natural organic compounds, which are beneficial to plant life. They are safe for use in riparian zones and watersheds.

## TACKIFIER

Organic and inorganic tackifiers are adhesives for “gluing” hydraulic mulch, blown straw or dust to the soil surface. Tackifiers also functionally improve the uniformity and suspension of the mulch and seed slurry, acting as a lubricant to provide a smooth flow during hydraulic application, potentially reducing or eliminating clogs in tank hoses during application and ensuring seed is thoroughly and evenly distributed.

## Organic Tackifier

Natural plant-based tackifiers are typically derived from guar (cluster beans), plantago (psyllium) or miscellaneous plant starches (polysaccharide-based). They are water soluble and thus shorter-lived than inorganic tackifiers and are typically more widely used than inorganic tackifiers.

### Inorganic Tackifier

Nontoxic and biodegradable polyacrylamides (PAM) and acrylic copolymer tackifiers last longer than organic tackifiers, especially when exposed to wet conditions. PAM-based tackifiers have the added benefit of reducing soil hydrophobicity (water repellency) following an intensely hot wildfire.



Pipeline reclamation along a steep hillside using both erosion control blankets and a hydraulically applied Bonded Fiber Matrix (BFM). ©Ryan Timoney/Granite Seed

### EROSION CONTROL BLANKETS

Erosion control blankets stabilize soils while seedlings take root. Applications for erosion control blankets and mats range from gradual to steep slopes, and low to high velocity water flow channels. Erosion control blankets are available for both short-term biodegradable applications and long-term soil stabilization.

Installation of erosion control blankets is most effective where the soil surface has been properly prepared to provide a smooth surface. Blankets are available with single or double netting for increased durability. Netting comes in natural biodegradable fibers or synthetic photodegradable materials.

Natural netting offers complete biodegradability and independently woven strands to reduce the risk of

tenting and wildlife endangerment. Synthetic netting is made with a photodegradable UV stabilized polypropylene that has a longer functional lifespan than natural biodegradable netting.

### Straw Blankets

Straw blankets are made with certified weed-free straw (rice or wheat) and are recommended for mild to moderate slopes and areas requiring short-term protection.

### Excelsior Blankets

Curled aspen wood fiber blankets are used for short to long-term stabilizations and in some channel applications. These blankets are available in several styles and densities.

### Coir Blankets

Coconut husk fiber blankets are the most durable and long-lived. Use on steep slopes and in moderate velocity channels. Functional for 24 months or more.



Straw blanket with photodegradable netting. Also available with natural biodegradable netting. ©American Excelsior Company



Excelsior blanket (aspen fibers) with photodegradable netting. Also available with natural biodegradable netting. ©American Excelsior Company



Coir blanket (coconut husk fibers) with photodegradable netting. Also available with natural biodegradable netting. ©American Excelsior Company

### Straw/Coir Blankets

Blended straw and coir blankets provide effective erosion control on steeper slopes and low velocity channels. Functional for approximately 18 months.

### TURF REINFORCEMENT MATS

Turf Reinforcement Mats (TRM) may be used instead of rock or concrete linings in high velocity water channels where a long-term to permanent erosion solution with a vegetated end result is desired. TRM is available in synthetic, excelsior (aspen wood fiber) or coconut materials.

### Synthetic TRM

These products are made of recycled synthetic fibers and installed under a layer of backfilled soil to provide permanent stability in channels and high runoff areas. Synthetic TRM does not interfere with soil percolation and water absorption, while providing high tensile strength against the action of fast moving water and a firm anchor for plant roots. These products provide twice the erosion protection of unreinforced vegetation.

### Coir Netting & Mats

Woven coir fiber (coconut husk) netting and mats are made in various densities for control of steep slopes and high velocity flow channels. High tensile strength and naturally resistant to mold and rot for 4 to 8 years. Subtle appearance and complete biodegradability make these desirable wherever natural aesthetics are important.



Grass seedlings growing up through synthetic Turf Reinforcement Mat (TRM) made of 100% recycled post-consumer fibers. Use to provide permanent structural root system support on vegetated slopes and in water flow channels. ©American Excelsior Company

### WATTLES (Fiber/Sediment Logs)

Flexible straw, excelsior, coir or compost tubes which are used to reduce the length of a slope, slow water velocity, capture sediments and promote vegetation establishment. On shorelines, channel shoulders, streams and riverbanks, wattles dissipate the impact of flowing water and wave action and can serve as a planting medium for shoreline rehabilitation and reclamation. In construction sites, wattles are also used as a silt fence replacement along sidewalks and construction perimeters to prevent sediment from washing into gutters. In low flow channels, wattles are used as a straw bale replacement to reduce water velocity and trap sediment. Unlike silt fence that must be removed following vegetation establishment, wattles can be left onsite to slowly biodegrade. Wattles will vegetate in permanent applications.

Wattle casing is typically made from photodegradable UV stabilized polypropylene netting, biodegradable burlap, or occasionally non-degradable and reusable tubular mesh.

### Straw Wattles

Certified weed free straw (rice or wheat) will biodegrade and vegetate faster than wattles made of other materials. Standard diameter is 9 inches, but also comes in 12 or 20 inch diameters.

### Excelsior Wattles

These wattles are filled with curled aspen wood fibers for use on high velocity flow slopes and have a functional lifespan of up to two years. Standard diameter is 9 inches, but also comes in 12 or 20 inch diameters.





Permeable wattles installed over erosion control blankets in order to slow surface runoff. May also be installed on bare soil.

### Coir Wattles

Extremely durable coconut husk fibers are long-lived and reusable. Standard diameter is 9 inches, but can be custom produced in 12 or 20 inch diameters.

### Compost Wattles

Compost filled reusable tubular mesh wattles biofilter water runoff from pollutants such as hydrocarbons, heavy metals, bacteria and nutrients. Standard diameter is 8 inches; also comes in 12, 18, 24 and 32 inch diameters.

Also available are reusable and movable sediment logs containing recycled rubber material or rock (filled onsite), intended for long-term and permanent sediment control solutions.



Excelsior fiber erosion control blocks used in a shoreline application with live willow stakes, pictured on the day of installation and three months later. Exterior casing is light in color compared to darker coir logs that can warm water temperatures, which can be detrimental to fish and other aquatic organisms. Functional for 3+ years, but designed to begin biodegrading during the first year as sediment and seed settle into the interior matrix. Also use in other applications such as a replacement for silt fence or for channel filter stations. ©American Excelsior Company

### EROSION CONTROL BLOCKS

US-made excelsior fiber blocks (aspen wood) are a cost effective alternative to logs made from imported coir fiber (coconut husk). Use for shoreline and streambank stabilization and other applications with low water velocity and wave action, including sediment control and filtration in channels, around inlets and outlets, or in applications needing a damming effect; also as a silt fence replacement around job site perimeters and along slopes in place of wattles. Flat, rectangular base provides good soil contact and may also be installed over erosion control blankets and Turf Reinforcement Mats (TRM).

### SILT FENCE

Geotextile filter fabric supported by wooden posts is installed as a temporary sediment barrier to slow and divert water, allowing it to pond such that soil particles may settle.

### STAKES & STAPLES

Steel staples, biodegradable staples and wooden stakes are used for anchoring erosion control blankets, Turf Reinforcement Mats (TRM), erosion control blocks and wattles of all diameters.

### GABION BASKETS

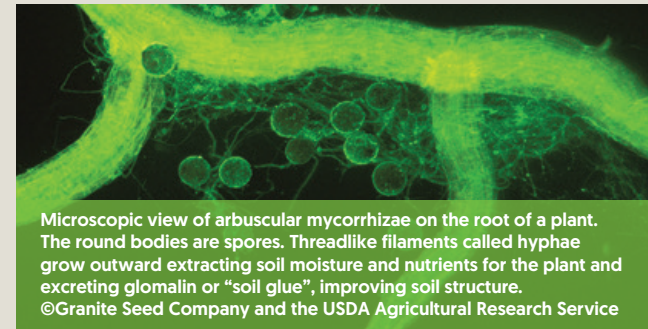
Gabion baskets are engineered steel cages that are assembled and filled with stones directly on a project site. Used for hardscaped retaining walls, channel liners, hydraulic control structures, slope erosion protection and various architectural applications. Sand, soil and seed may be added to the rock matrix in order to vegetate gabion structures.

### BIOTIC SOIL AMENDMENTS

Topsoil alternatives are designed to quickly improve soils lacking in organic matter, nutrients and biological activity. Includes an abundant source of naturally derived and renewable organic matter, along with other soil building components such as biochar, humic substances and soil mycorrhizae, to help establish and sustain new vegetation. Hydraulically apply to sites and slopes where topsoil placement is impractical.

### MYCORRHIZAL INOCULUM

Mycorrhizal fungi are necessary soil components of a natural functioning ecosystem, forming symbiotic



Microscopic view of arbuscular mycorrhizae on the root of a plant. The round bodies are spores. Threadlike filaments called hyphae grow outward extracting soil moisture and nutrients for the plant and excreting glomalin or "soil glue", improving soil structure. ©Granite Seed Company and the USDA Agricultural Research Service

relationships with over 85% of terrestrial plants worldwide. Attaching themselves to plant roots, mycorrhizae provide a significant benefit to plant establishment and persistence, increasing its vigor, nutrient uptake, disease resistance and overall performance. Construction activities which remove natural vegetation and/or dig up inorganic mineral subsoils, often deplete or eliminate the mycorrhizal fungi population of a site.

Mycorrhizal inoculum is a soil amendment which facilitates the return of native mycorrhizal fungi to depleted sites and is particularly effective on shallow or nutrient poor soils. Inoculum includes spores, mycelium and mycorrhizal root fragments of one or more species of mycorrhiza (genus *Glomus*) and is available in a variety of regional suites (Desert, Basin and High Plains) for site-specific applications.

Mycorrhizal inoculum is housed in a dry granular carrier and is able to be applied hydraulically within a wet hydromulch slurry, or broadcast dry with seed spreading equipment. Inoculum should be applied just prior to, or in the same application as seeding.

See the *Characteristic & Adaptation Tables* on page 107 for the mycorrhizal dependency of every plant species described within this catalog.

### ORGANIC FERTILIZER

Slow-release, 100% organic N-P-K fertilizers are designed to build the organic matter (humus) of a soil and reestablish the conditions for a healthy balance of beneficial soil microorganisms. In contrast to mineral or synthetic fertilizers which only supply plants with nutrients for growth, an organic composted fertilizer has the ability to reduce thatch buildup, prevent soil compaction and restore the biological processes which are essential for long-term soil development and optimum plant growth.

Additionally, the nitrogen release of traditional mineral fertilizers is very rapid and puts new seedlings and existing vegetation at risk of nitrogen-burn. Quick spikes in nitrogen availability also attract flushes of weeds, rather than supporting the slower-establishing perennial vegetation. Traditional mineral fertilizers are also unsuited for use in watersheds and other sites with potential to contaminate water sources. In contrast, slow-release 100% organic fertilizers release nutrients evenly and continuously throughout the growing season and are safe for use in watersheds and near waterways.

### HUMATES

Naturally occurring humic substances play a crucial role in soil fertility and plant nutrition. Plants grown on soils containing sufficient humates are less subject to environmental stresses, are healthier, produce higher yields and have greater nutritional quality. Humic soil amendments bind to soil nutrients, creating humate-nutrient compounds which are available for plant roots to absorb. Humates also improve soil structure and water holding capacity by breaking down clays, while also reducing sodium and buffering pH extremes. Humates also provide a valuable carbon-rich food source for beneficial soil organisms, including mycorrhizal fungi.

### BIOCHAR

Naturally occurring soil charcoal from historic wildfires is an important component of productive and resilient soils. Wildland soils where fire has been excluded or where deficient subsoils have been exhumed during construction activities, likely contain low to non-existent amounts of natural biochar. Man-made biochar is a highly porous, highly stable soil amendment made from plant matter that has been burned with a restricted flow of oxygen until the material reaches the charcoal stage. Soils amended with biochar have increased nutrient and water retention, leaving more nutrients available for plant uptake, while also absorbing contaminants and buffering pH extremes. Biochar is also a valuable carbon-rich food source for beneficial soil organisms, including mycorrhizal fungi.

**COVER CROPS**

Seeding with fast germinating vegetation is often the best tool to stabilize soils. Cover crops have the advantage of establishing quickly, thereby reducing wind and water erosion while also protecting young seedlings from drying winds and temperature extremes. Additionally, they restore soil health and function, protect perennial seedlings during establishment and provide valuable forage for livestock, wildlife and pollinators.

Native restoration and reclamation projects warranting the use of a cover crop often require different characteristics than typical cover crops provide. Sterile cover crops have been developed as a more appropriate tool for wildland situations where fast germination and non-reseeding traits are highly valued, preventing the cover crop species from persisting beyond the establishment year and competing with native species.



Quick germination, strong upright growth and sterility make QuickGuard ideal when timing is critical for erosion control. Also pictured on page 8. ©Granite Seed Company

**QUICKGUARD STERILE TRITICALE**

QuickGuard® Sterile Triticale is one of the best reclamation and native restoration cover crops available: a non-reseeding annual which is hardy and durable, but not persistent or invasive. QuickGuard® develops a dense fibrous root system and upright growth habit to stabilize soils while allowing desirable perennial species to establish. Adaptable to either spring or fall planting, it is cold tolerant with good winter survival, as well as drought tolerant. Studies conducted by the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences show QuickGuard® performs better than dryland Wheat (*Triticum aestivum*) on a wide range of soil conditions, including dry and sandy soils, infertile soils, acid and alkaline soils, cold

soils and mineral deficient or high boron soils. Find more information on QuickGuard® Sterile Triticale on page 86.

For a complete list of other available cover crops see the *Cover Crops & Annual Forages* section beginning on page 81.



Corn grit or rice hulls are often added to seed blends being applied with a seed drill, helping to ensure continuous seed flow as well as uniform mixing and distribution. ©Damon Winter/L&H Seeds

**RICE HULLS & CORN GRIT**

Applying seed with a seed drill is a common method of planting. When drilling seed mixtures that include numerous species, differences in the seed sizes and weights can cause the mix to separate, leading to uneven distribution on the landscape. Lightweight and fluffy seeds may also bridge within the mechanics of the seed drill.

Adding rice hulls or corn cob grit to a diverse seed mixture provides an inexpensive and biodegradable inert carrier to improve seed flow, preventing the light and fluffy seeds from bridging within the mechanics of the drill and ensuring uniform distribution of the different seeds across the landscape.

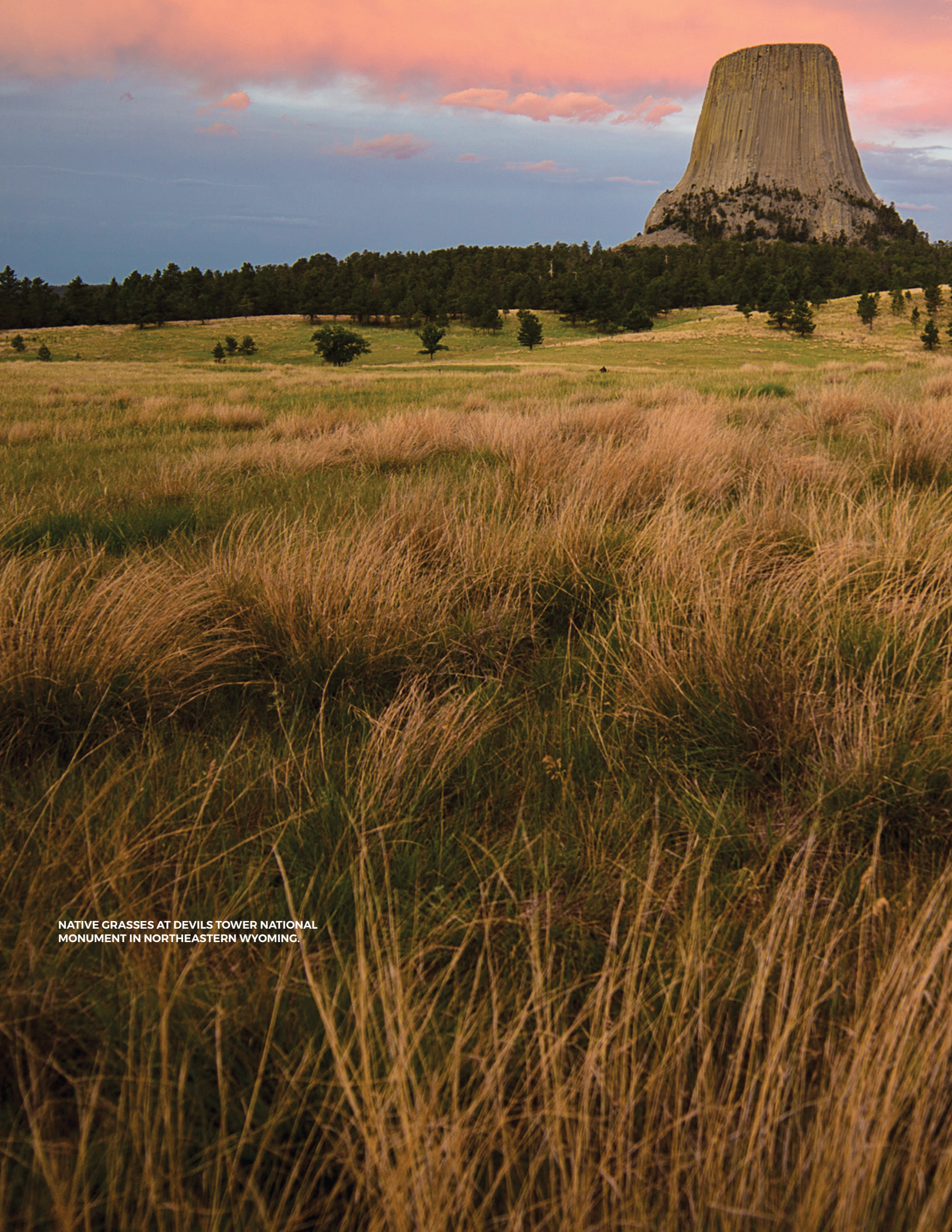
Contact your sales representative for guidance in calculating the amount of rice hulls or corn grit to add to your particular mix.

**BROADCAST SPREADERS**

Various types of broadcast seed spreaders are available for hilly, uneven or wet terrain, or ground that may be too small, remote or otherwise unsuited for drilled or hydraulic seed application.



DESERT FLOWERS BLOOMING AT BARTLETT LAKE IN THE TONTO NATIONAL FOREST, ARIZONA.



NATIVE GRASSES AT DEVILS TOWER NATIONAL MONUMENT IN NORTHEASTERN WYOMING.

# Grasses & Grasslikes

**grass** / gras / noun:

1. vegetation consisting of typically short plants with long narrow leaves, growing wild or cultivated on lawns and pasture, and as a fodder crop.
2. the mainly herbaceous plant that constitutes grass, which has jointed stems and spikes of small, wind-pollinated flowers.

**grasslike** / gras-lahyk / noun:

1. vegetation consisting of a wide variety of plants with long, narrow leaves which may resemble grasses, including sedges, rushes, bulrushes, cattails and other narrow-leaved species.

Grasses are the primary vegetation of many western landscapes, anchoring soils, housing forbs and shrubs, and sustaining herbivores and wildlife with both food and cover. Granite Seed offers the largest selection of both field-produced and wildland-harvested native and naturalized grasses in the Western U.S. We take special care to stock numerous varieties and site-adapted seeds. Whether for native restoration, reclamation, pasture or landscaping, we can supply any size project and location. We frequently carry new species, local collections and varieties. If you don't find what you need listed here, please contact us.

**Streaker**

Fine-leaved, cold-hardy variety. Primarily used for hay and pasture in mountain meadows. Establishes easily from seed. [Released 1982, origin: Europe]

**Agrostis scabra, Rough bentgrass (Ticklegrass)**

Cool season, short-lived, perennial bunchgrass with a fibrous root system, occasionally with stolons. Adapted to a wide variety of habitats from streambanks to sagebrush communities.

Tolerates low pH and acidic soils and periodic flooding. Palatable in the spring prior to flowering. Easily established and highly successful pioneer species.

**Agrostis stolonifera, \* Creeping bentgrass**

Formerly *A. palustris*. Cool season, stoloniferous, perennial sometimes with short rhizomes. Grows well in moist sites and tolerates acidic conditions well. Widely adapted.

Most often used for lawns, putting greens and erosion control. [See *Turfgrass & Turf Blends*.]

**Alopecurus arundinaceus, \* Creeping meadow foxtail**

Cool season, long-lived, perennial sod-former adapted to wet or periodically wet soils such as meadows, waterways and ranges in the subalpine zone. Strongly rhizomatous.

Withstands periodic flooding for up to 45 days. High forage producer compared to other grasses adapted to wet soils. More productive than Meadow foxtail [*A. pratensis*]. Tolerates acidic and saline soils and is palatable and nutritious. Frequently used as pasture grass on wet meadows. Varieties:

**Garrison**

Establishes and persists on soils from sands to poorly drained clays. High moisture tolerance and dense, vigorous rhizomes make it excellent for streambank and shoreline erosion. Tolerant of moderate salinity and some alkalinity. Withstands heavy grazing pressure and is extremely winter-hardy, even at high elevations. Excellent forage quality throughout its growing season. Grazing animals prefer it to Reed canarygrass [*Phalaris arundinacea*]. [Released 1963, origin: McLean County, ND, from former USSR]. *Pictured on page 17.*

**Alopecurus pratensis, \* Meadow foxtail**

Cool season, perennial bunchgrass sometimes producing short rhizomes. Adapted to wet, poorly drained sites and is tolerant of acidic and salty soils. Nutritious and palatable. Useful

for irrigated pastures and range at higher elevations or wet sites. Less productive than Creeping meadow foxtail [*Alopecurus arundinaceus*].

**Andropogon gerardii, Big bluestem**

Warm season, long-lived, perennial, bunchy sod-former occurs on a wide range of sites but thrives on well-drained soils. Rhizomes spread slowly. Tall, averaging 5-8 ft. in height,

occasionally reaching 12 ft. Tolerates slightly acidic and saline soils. Withstands periodic flooding and high water tables. Co-dominant species with Indiangrass [*Sorghastrum nutans*] in the tallgrass prairie ecosystem; minor component of some mixed-grass prairie sites. Excellent palatability and highly productive. *Pictured on page 17.* Varieties:

**Agropyron desertorum, \* Standard crested wheatgrass**

Comparable to Crested wheatgrass [*A. cristatum*] but is slightly more cold, shade and moisture tolerant. Also plants are later maturing and slightly more productive. Varieties:

**Hycrest**

Hybrid cross between *A. cristatum* and *A. desertorum*. Taller, more robust than parental species. High forage yield, quick to develop. [Released 1974, source of ecotype: Central Asia, former USSR]

**Hycrest II**

Improved seedling establishment and stand persistence under dryland conditions. Increased drought tolerance. [Released 2008, origin: Hycrest variety]

**Nordan**

Good seedling vigor and forage producing abilities. Seed heads narrow and dense with short awns. [Released 1953, origin: Central Asia, former USSR]

**Agropyron fragile, \* Siberian wheatgrass**

Formerly *A. sibiricum*. Cool season, perennial bunchgrass similar to Standard crested wheatgrass [*A. desertorum*] but is more drought tolerant, better adapted to saline soils,

later maturing, more palatable and performs better on lighter textured soils. Extremely cold tolerant. Seedling vigor can be lower than other crested cultivars. Varieties:

**Stabilizer**

Excellent seedling establishment, persistence, seed production and pubescence. Low growing and reduced leaf matter or forage yield. Recommended for roadsides, low maintenance cover, and as a grass component in green strips and firebreaks. [Released 2011, origin: Kazakhstan]

**Vavilov**

Good seedling vigor and seed yield. Once established, tolerates longer drought periods than many other crested types. [Released 1994, origin: former USSR & Turkey]

**Vavilov II**

Greater seedling establishment and stand persistence during drought, especially on sandy soils. [Released 2008, origin: Vavilov variety]

**Agrostis capillaris, \* Colonial bentgrass**

Formerly *A. tenuis*. Cool season, tufted, perennial bunchgrass with a vigorous root system, sometimes with stolons or short rhizomes. Adapted to moist or moderately wet

sites. Tolerates acidic and nutritionally poor soils. Nutritious and highly palatable. Commonly used as turfgrass. [See *Turfgrass & Turf Blends*.]

**Agrostis gigantea, \* Redtop**

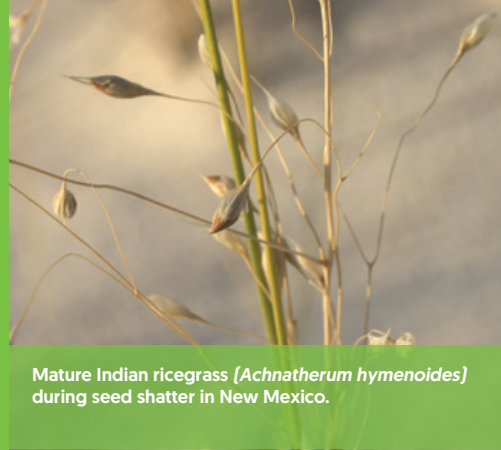
Formerly *A. alba*. Cool season, rhizomatous, sod-forming perennial with a vigorous fibrous root system. Adapted to moist or moderately wet sites. Tolerates acidic and nutritionally poor soils, as well as periodic flooding. Palatable and nutritious to livestock and wildlife. Used as pasture and hay. Varieties:



Big bluestem [*Andropogon gerardii*] during pollination. ©David Schwaegler



'Garrison' Creeping meadow foxtail [*Alopecurus arundinaceus*]. ©Gord Pearce/Bruce Seed Farm



Mature Indian ricegrass [*Achnatherum hymenoides*] during seed shatter in New Mexico.

**Achnatherum hymenoides, Indian ricegrass**

Formerly *Oryzopsis hymenoides*. Densely tufted, cool season, perennial bunchgrass, adapted to deep, well-drained soils. Tolerant of weakly saline and sodic soils. Very drought

tolerant and winter hardy. Valuable for stabilizing sandy soils susceptible to wind erosion. Excellent for native restoration, rangeland improvement and disturbance reclamation. Often slow to germinate but good seedling vigor. Sometimes occurs as a dominant species. Forage is highly palatable and nutritious to livestock and wildlife. Seeds are sought by birds and small mammals. *Pictured on page 17.* Varieties:

**Nezpar**

Consistently good establishment. Survives in areas with as low as 6 in. annual precipitation. Outperforms Paloma in the northern U.S. in yield and stand survival. [Released 1978, origin: Idaho County, ID]

**Paloma**

Used in the southern half of the species range. Long lived, good regrowth and spring recovery. Some resistance to root rot damage. [Released 1974, origin: Pueblo County, CO]

**Rimrock**

Cold hardy and better adapted to northern latitudes than Nezpar. Prodigious seed producer. Similar in establishment and vegetation characteristics to Nezpar and Paloma. [Released 1996, origin: Yellowstone County]

**Star Lake**

Small-seeded variety intended for use on wildlands and mined lands in the Colorado Plateau and Arizona-New Mexico Plateau ecoregions. Excellent germination. [Released 2004, origin: McKinley County, NM]

**White River**

High germination rates and seed yield. Intended for wildland restoration, mineland rehabilitation, and mountain rangelands in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. [Released 2006, origin: Rio Blanco County, CO]

**Achnatherum lettermanii, Letterman's needlegrass**

Formerly *Stipa lettermanii*. Cool season, perennial bunchgrass that occurs across a wide range of elevations from 5,000-11,700 ft. One of the most cold hardy of the needlegrasses.

Excellent for revegetation of upper elevation sites. Remains green throughout most of the growing season. Has been used in mine reclamation.

**Achnatherum speciosum, Desert needlegrass**

Formerly *Stipa speciosa*. Tall, cool season, perennial bunchgrass found commonly in dry, rocky or sandy areas of the sagebrush deserts, canyons, or pinyon-juniper woodlands. Very

drought hardy with an attractive, plummy appearance. Recommended for revegetation or landscaping.

**Achnatherum thurberianum, Thurber's needlegrass**

Cool season, perennial bunchgrass common in semiarid regions from southern Idaho to the Columbia Basin. Can be a dominant species, though slow to establish. Good for use in

disturbed mine reclamation. Excellent spring forage prior to awn development; moderate quality later in the season following seed shatter. Inherently low seed yielding species. May hybridize with Indian ricegrass [*A. hymenoides*] to form *Achnatherum x bloomeri*. Varieties:

**Princeton**

Higher seed yield potential than other accessions. [Released 2016, origin: Harney County, OR]

**Agropyron cristatum, \* Crested wheatgrass**

Cool season, long-lived, perennial bunchgrass that can be weakly rhizomatous. Extremely drought and cold tolerant. Adapted to a wide range of sites but is most productive on well-

drained, medium textured soils. Good palatability to livestock when green. Introduced extensively throughout the West. Varieties:

**Ephraim**

Rhizomatous growth habit. Well suited for soil stabilization. [Released 1983, origin: Ankara, Turkey]

**Fairway**

Shorter and finer-stemmed than other types; capable of forming sod in dryland areas. [Released 1927, origin: Siberia]

**Kirk**

Tall, coarse growth habit with regrowth better than all other varieties (except Nordan). Excellent seedling vigor. Top yielding variety in the northern latitudes. [Released 1987, origin: Europe, including Finland]

**Roadcrest**

Lower growth, finer leaf texture and increased sod formation. Developed for roadside use and low maintenance turf areas. [Released 1998, origin: Iran & Turkey]

**Bison**

Northern variety, flowers much earlier than other cultivars. Good leafiness, high plant vigor, high seed yields and good winter hardiness. Shorter than other varieties. [Released 1989, origin: Oliver County, ND]

**Bonilla**

Demonstrates outstanding winter hardiness, persistence and seed yield. Forage production exceeds Bison and is comparable to Champ and Kaw. [Released 2010, origin: ND, SD & MN]

**Champ**

Hybrid cross with Sand bluestem [*A. hallii*]. Moderately late-maturing, leafy, highly productive, with light green to glaucous gray foliage. Performs well on both sandy and fine textured soils. Early maturing. [Released 1963, origin: NE & IA]

**Kaw**

High yielding, medium-late maturing. Strong seed producer with some resistance to rust. [Released 1950, origin: Flint Hills, KS]

**Pawnee**

Tall variety producing long dark green leaves. Typical of the central prairie types. [Released 1963, origin: Pawnee County, NE]

**Rountree**

High yielding, late-maturing, resists lodging and rust. [Released 1983, origin: Monona County, IA]

***Andropogon hallii*, Sand bluestem**

Similar to Big bluestem [*A. gerardii*] but is more strongly rhizomatous and drought tolerant; occurs on sandier sites. Tall, averaging 3-6 ft. in height. Grows in colonies. Excellent palatability

and productive warm season perennial grass. Useful for controlling erosion of sand dunes and other blowout areas.

Varieties:

**Chet**

Crossed with Big bluestem [*A. gerardii*]. Medium statured variety recommended for reclamation, soil stabilization, pasture, hayland and forage production systems. [Released 2004, origin: OK]

**Garden**

Vigorous tall leafy type with good seed yields. Adapted to sandy sites, particularly in Nebraska and South Dakota. Better stand longevity than Goldstrike. [Released 1960, origin: Garden County, NE]

**Goldstrike**

Plants are variable in height. Characterized by its unique gold colored inflorescence at maturity. [Released 1973, origin: northern Sandhills of NE & western OK]

**Woodward**

Leafy variety with good forage production; medium-tall. [Released 1955, origin: Woodward County, KS & Curry County, NM]

***Aristida purpurea* var. *purpurea*, Purple threeawn**

Warm season, drought tolerant, perennial bunchgrass occurring on well-drained soils along roadsides, flats, benches and mesas. Provides good forage before going to seed. Starts growth in early spring and again in late

summer. Establishes easily and rapidly; invades disturbed sites. Useful perennial grass for the the hot deserts of the southwest. Problematic seed for drill application; broadcast or hydroseeding application is strongly recommended. *Pictured on page 20.*

***Beckmannia syzigachne*, American sloughgrass**

Cool season, robust annual or short-lived perennial that may develop short rhizomes. Commonly occurs on wet sites such as ponds, swamps, ditch banks, shallow marshes and

sloughs. Prefers clay soils; tolerant of saline soils. Shallow-rooted and able to colonize denuded wetland soils, making it excellent for riparian reclamation. Seeds are eaten by migratory birds. Palatable and frequently used for hay or grazing. *Pictured on page 20.*

***Bolboschoenus maritimus*, Alkali bulrush**

Formerly *Scirpus maritimus*. Cool season, rhizomatous, perennial grasslike occurring in wet alkaline or saline soils in meadows, marshes or near waterways. Valuable for

providing cover for waterfowl and shore birds. Recommended for reclamation of mud flats, bogs or other areas adjacent to shallow or stagnant water.

***Bothriochloa barbinodis*, Cane beardgrass**

Formerly *Andropogon barbinodis*. Warm season, drought tolerant, native perennial bunchgrass found on open rangelands and rocky slopes. Prefers coarse, well-drained soils

but grows on finer soils below 4,000 ft. elevation. Provides good forage when green but tends to become unpalatable when mature. Good for roadside plantings. Varieties:

**Saltillo**

Vigorous and hardy type with good drought and cold tolerance. Valuable for forage and erosion control on rangelands, abandoned croplands and road cuts. [Released 2001, origin: Coahuila, MEX]

***Bothriochloa ischaemum*\*****Old-world bluestem (Yellow bluestem)**

Warm season, long-lived, perennial bunchgrass that occurs on a wide variety of sites but prefers medium to fine textured soils. Highly productive and nutritious, often planted in pure

stands for hay production. Also used in pasture and range blends. Varieties:

**Plains**

Productive, persistent and highly palatable. Use in pasture or conservation seedings throughout the short grass plains and into the Southwest. [Released 1970, origin: numerous Middle Eastern countries]

**WW Iron Master**

Later maturing and darker green leaf color than WW Spar. Less indeterminate flowering habit than other cultivars. Valuable for forage and soil stabilization on iron-deficient, calcareous soils with high pH. [Released 1987, origin: Afghanistan]

**WW Spar**

Winter-hardy, persistent and more drought tolerant than earlier releases. Greens up early and produces abundant forage even under low moisture conditions. [Released 1982, origin: Pakistan]



Purple threeawn [*Aristida purpurea* var. *purpurea*]. Credit: Patrick J. Alexander, hosted by the USDA-NRCS PLANTS Database



American sloughgrass [*Beckmannia syzigachne*]. Credit: Sheri Hagwood, hosted by the USDA-NRCS PLANTS Database



Sideoats grama [*Bouteloua curtipendula*].

***Bouteloua aristidoides*, Needle grama**

Warm season, annual grass often abundant following summer rains. Common in the higher deserts of Arizona, southern California and northern Mexico from 3,000-5,500 ft. elevation.

Prefers dry, open mesas or hillsides and is recommended for site stabilization or erosion control.

***Bouteloua barbata*, Sixweeks grama**

Warm season, drought tolerant, annual bunchgrass. Found predominantly on dry sites including, mesas, rocky and sandy hillsides, steep slopes, gravelly and sandy washes, and

disturbed ground in desert communities. Following sufficient summer rain it grows rapidly, sets seed and dies within 6-8 weeks of germination. Also found on some plains grasslands in Oklahoma and Montana. Often mistaken for Rothrock's grama [*B. rothrockii*].

***Bouteloua curtipendula*, Sideoats grama**

Warm season, moderately drought tolerant, perennial grass. Weakly rhizomatous bunchy sod-former adapted to many sites but performing best on calcareous, moderately

alkaline, medium and fine-textured, well-drained soils. Germinates and establishes quickly compared to other warm season grasses. High palatability during spring and summer, less so after maturity. *Pictured on page 20.* Varieties:

**Butte**

Winter hardy, long-lived, late-maturing. Excellent seedling vigor. Adapted to areas with short growing seasons. [Released 1958, origin: Holt & Platte Counties, NE]

**El Reno**

Excellent forage production and vigor. Good disease resistance, fair winter hardiness. [Released 1944, origin: Canadian County, OK]

**Haskell**

Exceptional rhizome production and adaptability to southern plains areas with greater than 18 in. of precipitation. [Released 1983, origin: Haskell County, TX]

**Killdeer**

Fair seed production and disease resistance. Adapted to cold, semi-arid environments. Outstanding vigor and leafiness. [Released in 1960's, origin: Bowman & Dunn Counties, ND]

**Niner**

Without rhizomes [*ssp. caespitosa*]. Selected for drought tolerance, seedling vigor and herbage production. Adapted to

the southwest. Darker color than Vaughn. [Released 1984, origin: Socorro County, NM]

**Pierre**

Outstanding vigor, leafiness and disease resistance. Persistent in semiarid areas. Excellent winter hardiness. [Released 1961, origin: Stanley County, SD]

**Trailway**

Winter hardy, long-lived, late-maturing. Indeterminate; considerable variability in maturity. [Released 1958, origin: Holt County, NE]

**Vaughn**

Drought tolerant with excellent seedling vigor. Frequently used in Arizona, New Mexico and southern Colorado. [Released 1940, origin: Guadalupe County, NM]

***Bouteloua dactyloides*, Buffalograss**

Formerly *Buchloe dactyloides*. Short, warm season, perennial sod-former with vigorous stolons. Long-lived and widely adapted. Extremely palatable to livestock and wildlife

and tolerates grazing well. Slow to establish unless seed is treated with potassium nitrate. Used for reclamation, soil stabilization and turfgrass. [See *Turfgrass & Turf Blends*.] Varieties:

**Bison**

Similar to Texoka in appearance, adaptation, forage yield and quality. Intended for pasture and range, but can also be used to establish low maintenance turf. [Released 1990 origin: Texoka and Mesa varieties]

**Bowie**

Improved color, texture, density and growth habit. [Released 2001, origin: NE]

**Cody**

Original low maintenance turf type. Rapid establishment, winter hardy and low water requirement. Successfully establishes and thrives across the western U.S. [Released 1995, origin: NE]

**Plains**

Taller, denser and darker color than Texoka; superior forage producer. Fast establishing. Intended for pasture and range plantings, but can also be used to establish a low maintenance turf. [Released 1992, origin: Texoka variety and selections in Baca County, CO & Clay County, NE]

**Texoka**

Good forage producer and often used to establish low-maintenance turf. Excellent seed producer. [Released 1974, origin: Ellis & Osborne Counties, KS & Dickens County, TX]

**Bromar**

Tall, leafy and late-maturing. Yields abundant forage and heavy seed. Used in mixtures throughout the western U.S. on upland or montane sites. [Released 1946, origin: Whitman County, WA]


**Garnet**

Good longevity, ease of establishment and productivity of both forage and seed. Exhibits better overall vigor and longevity than Bromar. Very winter hardy. Resistant to head smut. [Released 2000, origin: Powell County, MT]


**UP Cold Springs**

Source Identified selection originating on the Uncompahgre Plateau in western Colorado, averaging 16-18 in. annual precipitation.

**Calamagrostis canadensis, Bluejoint reedgrass**

 Cool season, sod-forming, native perennial found on wetland and riparian sites. Performs well at low to high elevations. May become dominant in the northern extent of its range, including mainland Alaska. Good forage producer and highly palatable when young, but poor palatability when mature. Excellent for rehabilitating wet mineral or decomposed organic soils in cold environments. *Pictured on page 21.*


**Calamovilfa longifolia, Prairie sandreed**

 Tall, warm season, rhizomatous, sod-forming perennial occurring on well-drained sites, especially deep sands. Drought tolerant once established; intolerant of high water tables. Moderately palatable to livestock and wildlife, though somewhat coarse and woody. Due to its abundance and forage yield it is considered to be vital to many grazing programs within its native range. Useful in stabilizing sandy soils, dunes and other blowout areas. Varieties:


**Goshen**

Drought hardy and mildly rhizomatous. Leafy type and excellent seed producer. Late maturing. Use for stabilization and revegetation of sandy sites. Good forage value for livestock and big game in early spring, late fall and winter. [Released 1976, origin: Goshen County, WY]

**Carex aquatilis, Water sedge**

 Cool season, strongly rhizomatous, native grasslike perennial. Occurs in shallow water, wet or swampy soils from mid to high elevations. Excellent for wetland habitat restoration. Excellent palatability to both livestock and wildlife. Good forage producer; often a significant component of meadow hay. Important species in riparian restoration.

**Carex athrostachya, Slenderbeak sedge**

 Cool season, densely bunched, native perennial grasslike. Common on disturbed sites and often abundant in wetlands and seasonally wet areas such as meadows, marshes, pond and lake margins, usually colonizing below the high water line. Occurs from lowlands to moderate mountain elevations. Useful for wetland and riparian restoration.


**Paddock**

Slightly more resistant to silver top than Regar. Similar pasture and hay yields to Fleet and Regar; seed yields are slightly lower than Fleet. Good vigor and winter hardiness. [Released 1987, origin: Krasnador, former USSR]


**Regar**

Seeds germinate and establish quickly. Very winter hardy and produces abundant forage. [Released 1966, origin: Turkey]


**Bromus carinatus, California brome**

 Cool season, perennial bunchgrass sometimes acting as an annual or biennial. Occurs below 11,000 ft. elevation in open areas and woods in a wide variety of climates. Common in the Pacific Coast region, often occurring with Mountain brome [*B. marginatus*] and reportedly hybridizing with it.

**Bromus ciliatus, Fringed brome**

 Cool season, perennial bunchgrass found on a wide variety of habitats and sites. Widely distributed through much of the U.S. Adapted to riparian habitats and moist areas that may become seasonally dry, and tolerant of poorly drained soils. Highly palatable summer forage for livestock and wildlife with good potential as a revegetation species. Useful in mine reclamation; observed to have naturally established on coal mine tailings.

**Bromus inermis,\* Smooth brome**

 Cool season, moderately drought tolerant, long-lived sod-former. Vigorous rhizomes adapted to deep soils. Productive, starting growth in early spring, ripening by early summer and producing abundant late summer and fall regrowth. Highly palatable to livestock when green, fair palatability to wildlife. Varieties:

**Carlton**

Leafy, high yielding forage variety used for hay and pasture. Candidate for mine reclamation having demonstrated a tolerance to industrial soils. Considered to be best suited to the northern U.S. and Canada. High seed yields. [Released 1961, origin: Saskatchewan, CAN]


**Lincoln**

Aggressive, develops strong rhizomes and forms sod. Easy establishing with good seedling vigor. Considered to be best suited to the central and southern half of the U.S. [Released 1942, origin: CA, originally from Hungary]

**Manchar**

Mild sod-former, does not become sod-bound as quickly as Lincoln. Maintains good balance with legumes. Used throughout the West and central and northern latitudes of the U.S. [Released 1943, origin: Manchuria, China]

**Bromus marginatus, Mountain brome**

 Cool season, short-lived, perennial bunchgrass adapted to a wide spectrum of relatively moist soils including thin, infertile sites. Intolerant of high water tables. Establishes quickly and easily on disturbed sites. Common on foothills and mountain valleys and has good shade tolerance. Performs well at elevations up to 10,500 ft. Good palatability to livestock and excellent wildlife forage. *Pictured on pages 6 & 21.* Varieties:

Bluejoint reedgrass [*Calamagrostis canadensis*]. Credit: Robert H. Mohlenbrock, hosted by the USDA-NRCS PLANTS Database

Native Mountain brome [*Bromus marginatus*] left, versus forage-type Meadow brome [*B. biebersteinii*] right. ©Damon Winter/L&H Seeds

Blue grama [*Bouteloua gracilis*].

**Bouteloua eriopoda, Black grama**

Warm season, drought tolerant, stoloniferous perennial adapted to well-drained sandy and gravelly soils. Long-lived and considered the climax type of Southwest desert rangelands.

Important forage grass over much of its range. Highly palatable but will not tolerate heavy grazing pressure. Varieties:

**Nogal**

Intermediate between upright and decumbent types. High forage producer with good seedling vigor and disease resistance. Low seed yields. [Released 1971, origin: Socorro County, NM]

**Bouteloua gracilis, Blue grama**

Warm season, drought tolerant, perennial sod-former. Adapted to a broad spectrum of soils, but thrives on medium textured, well-drained sites. Highest drought tolerance of the

major Great Plains grasses. Grows in bunches in the southern U.S., but is a sod-former in the mixed-grass and shortgrass plains, at higher elevations or when frequently watered or closely grazed. Highly palatable and nutritious year round. Also used as a low maintenance turfgrass. [See *Turfgrass & Turf Blends.*] *Pictured on page 21.* Varieties:

**Alma**

Large seed size and high seedling vigor. Can be seeded deeper than other varieties. [Released 1991, origin: Hachita & Lovington varieties]

**Bad River**

Drought and cold tolerant type adapted to northern latitudes. Establishes easily and provides excellent quality forage for summer grazing. Sod-former with excellent seedling vigor and leafiness. [Released 1997, origin: Haakon County, SD]

**Bird's Eye**

Source Identified selection originating from Fremont County, WY, averaging 5-7 in. annual precipitation.

**Hachita**

Palatable with good forage value into fall and winter. Excellent drought tolerance and ability to withstand grazing. Also use for low maintenance turf. [Released 1980, origin: Hidalgo County, NM]

**Lovington**

Widely adapted to eastern New Mexico, southeastern Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma and areas where annual precipitation is 12 in. or more. Excellent seedling vigor. [Released 1963, origin: Lea County, NM]

**Bouteloua rothrockii, Rothrock's grama**

Warm season, drought tolerant, perennial bunchgrass occurring on dry rocky hillsides and medium to coarse soils throughout the southwest deserts. Short-lived and useful for

reclamation in the hot deserts of the southwest. Moderately palatable but less nutritious than other gramas.

**Bromopsis biebersteinii,**

**see Bromus biebersteinii (Meadow brome)**

**Bromus anomalus, Nodding brome**

Cool season, short-lived, native perennial bunchgrass. Drought tolerant, adapted to coarse textured soils. Medium to high palatability to livestock and wildlife.

Competitive in disturbed areas due to its high seedling vigor.

**Bromus biebersteinii,\* Meadow brome**

Formerly *Bromopsis biebersteinii*. Cool season, perennial open sod-former with short rhizomes. Adapted to most sites where water is adequate but performs best on moderately

deep, well-drained moist soils. Long-lived and very winter hardy. Primarily used as a pasture component in grass and grass-legume mixtures. Spring green-up is 2-3 weeks earlier than other common pasture grasses. Excellent year-round forage. Use in dryland pastures in areas receiving greater than 14 in. of annual precipitation. *Pictured on page 21.* Varieties:

**Cache**

Enhanced seedling establishment and increased yields on both irrigated and semi-irrigated pastures in the western U.S. Improved forage production under drought. [Released 2004, origin: Regar, Fleet and Paddock varieties]

**Fleet**

Similar characteristics and pasture yields to Regar but slightly more resistant to silver top; also higher seed yields. [Released 1987, origin: Regar variety & Eurasian sources]

**High West**

Developed from populations with increased crude protein content and forage yield. Use on both irrigated and semi-irrigated hayfields and pastures in the western U.S. [Released 2017]

**MacBeth**

Similar in forage production to Fleet, Paddock and Regar, but with significantly higher seed yields. [Released 2001, origin: MT]

**Carex bebbii, Bebb's sedge**

Cool season, tufted, native perennial grasslike. Occurs in wet meadows, streambanks, ditchways and saturated soils from low to mid elevations. May mimic an annual by maturing and flowering in its first growing season. Increases with disturbance. Good palatability to livestock and wildlife. Useful for wetland and riparian restoration.

**Carex microptera, Smallwing sedge**

Cool season, bunched, native perennial grasslike. Occurs in wet meadows, saturated soils and streambanks from 5,000-10,000 ft. in elevation. Slow to establish. Low forage value and intolerant of shade. Accumulates lead in its foliage when seeded in soils with high heavy-metal concentrations, such as mine tailings. Use for riparian restoration and reclamation. ditchways and saturated soils from low to mid elevations. May mimic an annual by maturing and flowering in its first growing season. Increases with disturbance. Good palatability to livestock and wildlife. Useful for wetland and riparian restoration.

**Carex nebrascensis, Nebraska sedge**

Cool season, rhizomatous, sod-forming perennial grasslike. Occurs in wet and often alkaline soils. Widespread and important riparian and wetland species, more xeric than other sedges, able to thrive in dry sites as long as its roots remain wet; up to 9,500 ft. elevation. Good palatability to livestock and extremely valuable for providing forage and cover for waterfowl. Excellent for riparian reclamation. *Pictured on page 24.*

**Carex obnupta, Slough sedge**

Cool season, sod-forming, native perennial grasslike common to the Pacific Coast region. Deep rhizomes and tough leaves with sharp edges. Often a dominant species in marshes, wet meadows, riverbanks, coastal dunes and salt marshes. Confined to lower elevations. Useful for wetland and riparian restoration. Provides valuable feed and nesting for waterfowl.

**Carex pellita, Woolly sedge**

Formerly *C. lanuginosa*. Cool season, rhizomatous, native perennial grasslike. Occurs in marshy wetland areas, moist prairies and sites that can dry during the summer. Presence may indicate historical disturbance. Moderate to high palatability to livestock and wildlife and seeds are consumed by numerous birds. Useful for riparian and wetland reclamation.

**Carex praegracilis, Clustered field sedge (Blackcreeper sedge)**

Cool season, native perennial grasslike with aggressive black rhizomes. Occurs in seasonally moist wetland areas and prairies, from low elevations up to 10,000 ft. Adapted to fine, medium and coarse alkaline and serpentine soils. Highly palatable to livestock and wildlife and tolerant of grazing and trampling. Useful for riparian and wetland reclamation. Occasionally used as a low maintenance lawn, requiring little mowing and irrigation and able to withstand foot traffic.

**Carex simulata, Analogue sedge**

Cool season, rhizomatous, native perennial grasslike common in many western states. Occurs in saturated soils of wet meadows and springs, from foothills to moderate elevations up to 9,000 ft. Often found on gentle slopes below seeps and on flat areas next to streams, sometimes in dense stands. Tolerates partial shade. Well-adapted to soils rich in organic matter but also to fine-textured saturated mineral soils. Useful for wetland and riparian restoration.

**Carex stipata, Awlfruit sedge**

Cool season, tall, native perennial grasslike. Grows in dense clumps. Widely distributed across the northern latitudes of the U.S. Adapted to seasonally flooded wetlands, marsh edges and sites with still or slow moving water, usually in full sun. Excellent seed producer; floating seeds are a visible food source for waterfowl. Useful in habitat restoration, wetland projects and detention basins. *Pictured on page 24.*

**Carex utriculata, Beaked sedge**

Formerly *C. rostrata*. Cool season, strongly rhizomatous, native perennial grasslike. Forms large, dense stands in shallow water or wet soils around waterways and sometimes in wet meadows, from low to moderately high elevations. Common throughout its range. Moderately palatable but provides good wildlife habitat. Useful for wetland and riparian restoration.

**Carex vulpinoidea, Fox sedge**

Cool season, tall, native perennial grasslike. Grows in clumps in moist to wet meadows and marshes, and along edges of standing water in swamps, swales, lowland forests and wet ditches. Widely distributed and common species across much of the U.S. Pioneer species following land disturbance. May be aggressive in some wetland habitats.

**Cynodon dactylon,\* Bermudagrass**

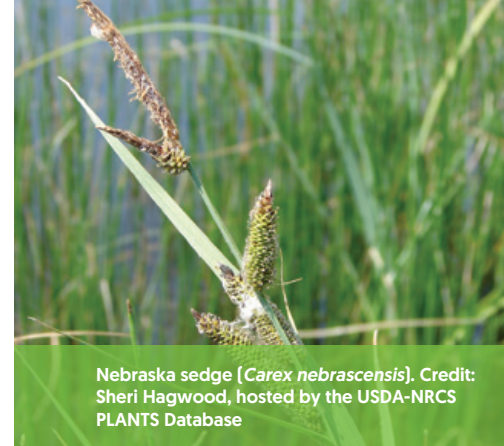
Warm season, long-lived, perennial that spreads from rhizomes and stolons forming dense patches. Adapted to a wide variety of sites, including saline soils. Widely used for erosion control and as highly palatable forage for livestock, but may be an aggressive invader. Listed as noxious in some states. Used also as a turfgrass in the south. (See *Turfgrass & Turf Blends.*)

**Dactylis glomerata,\* Orchardgrass**

Cool season, long-lived, perennial sod-former found on a wide variety of sites, including acidic soils but not adapted to saline soils. Highly productive and palatable to livestock and wildlife. Predominantly used as a forage grass for pasture and hay production, though at times is used for erosion control on disturbed sites. Compatible in mixes with legumes and other forage grasses. Varieties:

**Crown Royale**

High yielding, high quality, long-lived variety with excellent seedling vigor. Tillers better than other varieties so there is less clumping. Rust resistant. Quick to recover after grazing or mowing. Shade and drought tolerant. Late-maturing.



Nebraska sedge [*Carex nebrascensis*]. Credit: Sheri Hagwood, hosted by the USDA-NRCS PLANTS Database



Awlfruit sedge [*Carex stipata*]. ©Damon Winter/L&H Seeds



Inland saltgrass [*Distichlis spicata*]. Credit: Sheri Hagwood, hosted by the USDA-NRCS PLANTS Database

**Latar**

Leafy, late-maturing variety which produces quality forage high in digestibility due to its low lignin content. Grows best on well-drained, medium textured soils. [Released 1957, origin: former USSR]

**Paiute**

Dryland type often used as a forage crop for arid rangelands. Persists on sites with only 12 in. of annual precipitation, producing highly palatable feed. Begins growing early and remains green longer than many other varieties. [Released 1983, origin: Ankara, Turkey]

**Pennlate**

High yielding with excellent disease resistance and great forage quality. Quick recovery after cutting and some drought tolerance. Somewhat winter hardy. Late maturing. [Released 1957, origin: Europe]

**Persist**

Higher yields than most other varieties. Establishes easily and has excellent seedling vigor. Long-lived and persistent, withstanding years of grazing or haying and requiring less reseeding. Heat and drought tolerant; cold hardy.

**Potomac**

Vigorous growth, rust resistance, leafiness and superior persistence. Cold tolerant. Commonly seeded into irrigated pastures throughout the U.S. and Canada. Medium maturing. [Released 1954, origin: Europe]

**Profile**

High yielding irrigated or dryland type. Selected for vigor, heat and drought tolerance, leafiness, winter hardiness and disease resistance. Deep rooted. Highly palatable. Early maturing.

**Tekapo**

Uniquely low set crown and dense prostrate growth habit allow it to be grazed to near ground level; well-suited for sheep and horse grazing. Produces dense stands which persist even under hard, continuous grazing. Winter hardy. Medium maturing.

**Danthonia californica, California oatgrass**

Cool season, perennial bunchgrass found on a variety of soil types. Slow to establish; long-lived. Broadly adapted through the Pacific Coast; up to 7,200 ft. elevation. May be dominant in shrublands, grasslands and seasonally flooded wetlands. Moderate drought tolerance. Good for revegetation and wildlife habitat. Good forage.

**Deschampsia cespitosa, Tufted hairgrass**

Cool season, densely tufted, perennial bunchgrass. One of the most widely distributed grasses on earth and a larval food plant for several butterflies and host for numerous insects. Adapted to soil textures from fine to coarse and soil pH as low as 3.5. Useful for acidic soil reclamation where precipitation is adequate. Low salinity tolerance. Most common on moist sites from sea level up to 14,000 ft. elevation, but may occur on drier sites at its upper limit. Palatable to both livestock and wildlife. Use in woodlands, seasonally wet meadows and for stabilizing disturbed riparian sites. Varieties:

**Nortran**

Cold tolerant and well adapted to northern latitudes, including Alaska and Canada. Also used in lower latitudes of the species range. Excellent for low maintenance groundcover. [Released 1986, origin: Iceland & various sites in AK]

**Deschampsia elongata, Slender hairgrass**

Cool season, fine-textured, fast-growing, native bunchgrass. Acts as a biennial or short-lived perennial. Useful nurse crop for slower establishing species along waterways, coastal prairies and moist forests, but also occurs in drier habitats from sea level to alpine zones. Fair to good palatability for livestock and wildlife.

**Digitaria californica, Arizona cottontop**

Formerly *Trichachne californica*. Warm season, very drought tolerant, perennial bunchgrass adapted to deep well-drained soils. Rarely found in pure stands. Will repeatedly go to seed throughout the growing season when moisture remains available. Attractive white cotton-like seed heads make it useful as an ornamental. Extremely palatable to livestock and useful for improving rangelands.

**Loetta**

Selected for overall vigorous growth, seed production, forage production and ability to reseed itself. Establishes easily. Adapted to a wide range of soils, from clay to sandy loams. [Released 1999, origin: Santa Rita Experimental Range, AZ]

**Distichlis spicata, Inland saltgrass**

Formerly *D. stricta*. Warm season, strongly rhizomatous, sod-forming monoecious perennial. Found on wet sites but is also common in the flats and basins of the arid West up to elevations of 6,000 ft., where it is one of the most drought tolerant grasses. Also survives coastal areas periodically

***Elymus lanceolatus* ssp. *lanceolatus*, Thickspike wheatgrass**

Formerly *Agropyron dasystachyum*. Cool season, strongly rhizomatous, sod-forming drought tolerant perennial. Long-lived and similar appearance to Western wheatgrass (*Pascopyrum smithii*) but ripens three weeks earlier. Adapted to a wide range of sites but prefers well-drained medium to sandy textured soils. Palatability generally good year-round for livestock and wildlife. Varieties:

**Bannock**

Composite from accessions in several western states. Long-lived, leafy variety with moderate sod-producing qualities. Able to grow in some clayey soils. Rapid establishment and high forage production. [Released 1995, origin: OR, WA & ID]

**Bannock II**

Greater seedling establishment than previous releases, including Sodar (Streambank wheatgrass, *E. lanceolatus* ssp. *psammophilus*). Better seed producer than Bannock, Critana and Sodar. [Released 2015, origin: Bannock & Schwendimar varieties]

**Critana**

Developed for strong sodding ability on dry sites. Strong seedling vigor; great for site stabilization including sand dunes. [Released 1971, origin: Hill County, MT]

**Schwendimar**

Adapted west of the Rocky Mountains on sites receiving as low as 8 in. annual precipitation; especially on coarse soils. [Released 1994, origin: Wasco County, OR]

***Elymus lanceolatus* ssp. *psammophilus*, Streambank wheatgrass**

Formerly *Agropyron riparium*. Cool season, drought tolerant, strongly rhizomatous sod-forming perennial, similar and closely related to Thickspike wheatgrass (*E. lanceolatus* ssp. *lanceolatus*), but occupies slightly wetter sites and is more productive in slightly heavier soils; less palatable. Varieties:

**Sodar**

Excellent drought tolerance, strongly rhizomatous grass with excellent seedling vigor. Competitive with weeds in dryland conditions. Used for revegetation, erosion control and for low maintenance turf. [Released 1954, origin: Grant County, OR]

***Elymus multisetus*, Big squirreltail**

Formerly *Sitanion jubatum*. Perennial, cool season, native bunchgrass often found on rocky or brushy hillsides and open dry woods and plains. Similar to Bottlebrush squirreltail (*E. elymoides*) but grows in slightly more mesic areas. Prefers well-drained soils. Provides fair forage in the spring. Useful for quick stabilization.

***Elymus trachycaulus* ssp. *trachycaulus*, Slender wheatgrass**

Formerly *Agropyron trachycaulum*. Cool season, short-lived, perennial bunchgrass with short rhizomes. Adapted to a wide range of sites and is moderately drought tolerant; saline tolerant. Establishes easily and quickly on sites up to 12,000 ft. elevation. Good palatability to both livestock and wildlife. Useful where quick, native perennial cover is desired. Varieties:

**Turkey Lake**

Released to make available material originating from the greater Twin Falls, ID area. [Released 2015, origin: Gooding County, ID]

**Wapiti**

Collected at an elevation of 7,800 ft. Intended for erosion control, native forage and various conservation applications. [Released 2005, origin: Rio Blanco County, CO]

***Elymus glaucus*, Blue wildrye**

Cool season, tufted, perennial bunchgrass which is highly desirable for use in erosion control seedings. Commonly found thriving in moist meadows, woodlands or forests at mid elevations throughout its range. Shade tolerant. Attractive, blue green foliage adds value to commercial landscaping projects where slope or site stabilization is needed. Short-lived but readily reseeds itself. *Pictured on page 25.* Varieties:

**Arlington**

Excellent seed vigor and seed yield with higher disease tolerance. Use for quick establishing, long-term cover. [Released 1995, origin: Snohomish County, WA]

**Elkton**

Slightly taller in stem height and more persistent than Arlington; initiates spring regrowth and seed maturity earlier. Excellent forage biomass producer. Use for quick establishing, long-term cover. [Released 1997, origin: Douglas County, OR]

**Union Flat**

Collected from the Palouse Hills region at an elevation 1,800 ft. Rapid emergence and growth rate. Better seed producer than other cultivars. [Released 2008, origin: Whitman County, WA]

**White Pass**

Collected in the Cascade Mountains at an elevation of 4,440 ft. Intended for critical area stabilization and upland wildlife habitat plantings. Rapid emergence, large basal size and high biomass production. [Released 2010, origin: Yakima County, WA]

***Elymus hoffmannii*, \*RS Hybrid wheatgrass**

Cool season, long-lived, weakly rhizomatous, sod-forming perennial. Very drought tolerant. Hybrid cross combining the palatability of Bluebunch wheatgrass (*Pseudoroegneria spicata* ssp. *spicata*) with the productive and vigorous growth of Quackgrass (*Elytrigia repens*), but without aggressive spreading. Adapted to most soils including moderately saline sites. Highly productive, nutritious and palatable. Recovers quickly from grazing, haying. Useful on both irrigated and non-irrigated pasture and range sites. Varieties:

**AC Saltlander**

Salt tolerance equal to Tall wheatgrass (*Thinopyrum ponticum*). Adapted to and remains highly palatable when occurring in saline soils. [Released 2006, origin: NewHy variety]

**NewHy**

Similar salinity tolerance to Tall wheatgrass (*Thinopyrum ponticum*), but better palatability and nutritional value. Persistent. [Released 1989]



Blue wildrye (*Elymus glaucus*) in a seed production field at L&H Seeds in southeastern Washington. ©L&H Seeds



Bottlebrush squirreltail (*Elymus elymoides*). ©L&H Seeds

***Elymus elymoides*, Bottlebrush squirreltail**

Formerly *Sitanion hystrix*. Cool season, short-lived, perennial native bunchgrass found on both deep and shallow soils. Very drought tolerant. Easy to establish and often behaves as a pioneer species on disturbed sites. Extremely fire tolerant. Grows in a wide range of habitats from shadscale communities to alpine tundra. Provides good winter and spring forage to grazing animals. Especially useful for revegetation of drastically disturbed sites. *Pictured on page 25.* Varieties:

**Antelope Creek**

Adapted specifically for the western Blue Mountains and slopes and foothills of the eastern Cascades of central Oregon. High seed yield relative to other accessions collected in central Oregon. [Released 2009, origin: Wasco County, OR]

**CRNG**

Source Identified selection from Crooked River National Grasslands in Jefferson County, OR averaging 10-14 in. annual precipitation.

**Fish Creek**

Originated in the Snake River Plain. Rapid seedling emergence and the latest heading-out date compared to other populations. Primarily used in restoration mixes. [Released 2003, origin: Blaine County, ID]

**Pleasant Valley**

High seed yields and adapted to the eastern Blue Mountains of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. [Released 2010, origin: Baker County, OR]

**Pueblo**

Collected at an elevation of 7,200 ft. in shallow, gravelly soils. Intended for erosion control, native forage and various conservation applications. [Released 2005, origin: Pueblo County, CO]

**Rattlesnake**

Originates in the Snake River Plain, selected for biomass, number of seedheads and height. [Released 2007, origin: Elmore County, ID]

**Toe Jam Creek**

Greater seed mass and seedling vigor than earlier releases. Less robust awn making the seed more amenable to de-bearding, resulting in less damage from conditioning compared to earlier releases. [Released 2003, origin: Elko County, NV]

flooded by sea water; intolerant of prolonged inundation. Moderately palatable but remains green when other grasses are dry during drought. Useful for revegetating unusually alkaline and saline soils. *Pictured on page 24.*

***Eleocharis palustris*, Creeping spikerush**

Cool season, strongly rhizomatous, native perennial occurring in wet meadows, marshes and waterways, from sea level up to more than 10,000 ft. elevation. Pioneer species spreads rapidly in neutral, alkaline or saline soils. Tolerant of inundated or seasonal flooding, but also periods of drought. Able to fix nitrogen. Use for quick stabilization in riparian and wetlands, native forage and wildlife food and nesting cover.

***Elymus canadensis*, Canada wildrye**

Cool season, short-lived, tall perennial bunchgrass adapted to moist or periodically moist, well-drained sites, including sandy drainages or banks. Good spring palatability, but poor tolerance to grazing. Fast establishing, vigorous seedlings provide quick initial cover for erosion control applications. Good for stabilizing sandy, blown-out soils. Also use for native range improvement or shaded riparian areas. *Pictured on page 25.* Varieties:

**Helena Valley**

Source Identified selection from Lewis and Clark County, MT averaging 12-13 in. annual precipitation.

**Mandan**

Shorter, finer, softer leaved and leafier variety than common types. Also more tolerant of grazing. [Released 1946, origin: Morton County, ND]

***Elymus dahuricus*, \*Dahurian wildrye**

Cool season, short-lived, perennial bunchgrass. Excellent forage, with nutritional quality and palatability for livestock similar to Altai wildrye (*Leymus angustus*). Establishes rapidly and has quick recovery after cutting or grazing. Used in grass mixtures to increase production in young, slow to establish grass stands. Varieties:

**James**

Recommended for increasing initial forage yields in long term pastures or as short rotation pasture or hay. [Released 1989, origin: Saskatchewan, CAN, originally from China]



Canada wildrye (*Elymus canadensis*) at Lake in the Hills Fen State Nature Preserve, Illinois. ©David Schwaegler



**Copperhead**

Superior emergence, survival and biomass production on acid and heavy-metal impacted soils. Excellent for mine reclamation or other contaminated areas such as sediment ponds. [Released 2007, origin: Beaverhead County, MT]

**FirstStrike**

Good persistence and seedling vigor in response to drought during the establishment year. Taller than San Luis, shorter than Pryor. Germinates earlier than Pryor. [Released 2006, origin: CO & WY]

**Pryor**

Consistently rates superior to other varieties in seedling vigor, salt and drought tolerance, forage and seed production and stand longevity. Tolerates periodic flooding and extended drought. Matures 2-3 weeks earlier than other types. [Released 1988, origin: Carbon County, MT]

**Revenue**

Good for saline soils and short rotations. Establishes easily; saline tolerant. Good forage quality and forage and seed yields. [Released 1970, origin: Saskatchewan, CAN]

**San Luis**

Rapid establishment, good emergence, and spreading by seed and tillers. Excellent for soil stabilization. Longer-lived; persists 5-10 years. [Released 1984, origin: Rio Grande County, CO]

***Elymus virginicus*, Virginia wildrye**

Cool season, tall, perennial bunchgrass adapted to moist, fertile, heavier soils along stream banks or in open habitats. Establishes well from seed. Good forage producer, palatable in the fall and spring. Useful in native restoration and as a pasture grass. Good seed producer.

***Elymus wawawaiensis*, Snake River wheatgrass**

Cool season, long-lived, perennial bunchgrass formerly thought to be a regional type of Bluebunch wheatgrass [*Pseudoroegneria spicata* ssp. *spicata*]. Similar to Bluebunch wheatgrass in appearance, growth characteristics and adaptation, but more drought tolerant, resulting in it often being used in place of Bluebunch throughout the western U.S., though its natural distribution is limited to Idaho, Washington and Oregon. Palatable to livestock and wildlife, especially in the spring. Heavy spring grazing is detrimental to vigor and longevity. Varieties:

**Discovery**

Enhanced stand establishment of rangeland seedlings. Seedlings are more persistent during summer drought than those of Secar. Higher dry-matter and seed yields than Secar. [Released 2008, origin: Asotin & Whitman Counties, WA & Idaho County, ID] Pictured on page 28.

**Secar**

Originally considered to be a Bluebunch wheatgrass. Low-elevation dryland ecotype with excellent drought tolerance and longevity. Matures early and produces numerous fine stems and leaves. [Released 1980, origin: Nez Perce County, ID]

***Eragrostis curvula*,\* Weeping lovegrass**

Warm season, perennial bunchgrass with an extensive fibrous root system. Occurs on a wide range of soils with adequate moisture. May be aggressive without proper management. Produces abundant forage with good palatability to livestock. Varieties:

**Ermelo**

Leafier and more palatable than naturalized types. Remains green under moisture and temperature stress. Regrows quickly after grazing. [Released after 1944, origin: South Africa]

***Eragrostis intermedia*, Plains lovegrass**

Warm season, drought tolerant, tufted perennial bunchgrass with a deep root system. Adapted to a wide range of sites but performs best on deep, well-drained sandy soils. Occurs throughout the southwest on upland sites where moisture is adequate. Highly palatable to both livestock and wildlife.

***Eragrostis lehmanniana*,\* Lehmann lovegrass**

Warm season, drought tolerant, rhizomatous bunchy sod-former with an extensive fibrous root system. Prodigious seed producer occurring on a wide variety of sites. Provides good palatability to livestock and wildlife. May be aggressive and difficult to control.

***Eragrostis lehmanniana* x *E. trichophora*,\* Cochise lovegrass**

Warm season, drought tolerant perennial bunchgrass up to 4 ft. tall. Adapted to well-drained soils. More productive at higher elevations. Establishes more easily, yields more forage and persists better than Lehmann lovegrass [*E. lehmanniana*] on identical sites.

***Eragrostis trichodes*, Sand lovegrass**

Warm season, tall perennial bunchgrass with a dense, deep fibrous root system. Adapted to deep sandy sites but may occur on heavier soils. Extremely palatable to livestock but unable to withstand continuous close grazing. Useful for stabilizing sandy areas or improving rangelands. Varieties:

**Bend**

Easily established, uniform in maturity, relatively disease free, produces good seed crops. Suited to sandy sites throughout its adapted range. [Released 1971, origin: Arkansas River Basin of KS & OK]

**Nebraska 27**

Relatively long-lived, palatable, winter-hardy. Adapted to a wide variety of soils. Highly nutritious for livestock. [Released 1949, origin: Holt County, NE]

***Festuca arizonica*, Arizona fescue**

Cool season, drought tolerant perennial bunchgrass with a coarse, dense fibrous root system. Most commonly found on thin, heavy soils but also occurs on deeper, coarser sites, often in association with Ponderosa pine communities. Provides good palatability to livestock and wildlife. Useful for controlling soil erosion and improving rangelands. Varieties:



\*'Discovery' Snake River wheatgrass (*Elymus wawawaiensis*). ©Damon Winter/L&H Seeds



\*'Redondo' Arizona fescue (*Festuca arizonica*) ©Gord Pearce/Bruce Seed Farm



Idaho fescue (*Festuca idahoensis*) in a seed production field at L&H Seeds in southeastern Washington. ©L&H Seeds

**Redondo**

Exceptional seedling vigor and extensive fibrous root system. Good establisher. Useful for reclamation throughout its adapted range. [Released 1973, origin: Los Alamos County, NM] Pictured on page 28.

***Festuca arundinacea*,\* Tall fescue**

Cool season, densely tufted, perennial bunchgrass with a deep fibrous root system. Occurs in all soil textures on deep soils. Tolerates wet, poorly drained, saline sites. Moderately drought-tolerant. Good palatability to livestock and big game. Extremely important to use endophyte-free strains when intended as forage. Used for pasture, hay, silage, soil erosion and as a turfgrass. [See *Turfgrass & Turf Blends*] Varieties:

**Fawn**

High crude protein content, high seed yield and low self-fertility. Matures early, good spring vigor and consistently produces high seed yields. [Released 1964, origin: Europe]

**Kentucky 31 (K-31)**

Deep rooted, tolerant of alkaline and acidic soils and drought tolerant. Once heavily used as a forage or hay crop, it is now less preferred due to newer endophyte-free varieties. [Released after 1931, origin: Menifee County, KY, originally from Europe]

**Rustler**

Large soft leaves are extremely palatable. High forage yields with improved resistance to common grass diseases. Tolerant of cold, drought and heat, as well as poor draining soils and a wide range of pH levels.

***Festuca arvernensis*,\* Blue fescue**

Formerly *F. ovina glauca*. Cool season, short to medium height, perennial bunchgrass adapted to a wide range of soils. Attractive light-blue color, often used as a landscape ornamental. Tolerant of drought, poor soils and road salt. Used in wildland situations, in wildflower plantings and as a turfgrass. [See *Turfgrass & Turf Blends*]

***Festuca brevipila*,\* Hard fescue**

Formerly *F. longifolia*. Densely tufted, cool season, long-lived perennial bunchgrass with a massive fibrous, shallow root system. Adapted to a wide range of soil conditions except for standing wet or strongly alkaline sites. Establishment is slow but persistent with mature stands being competitive. Good palatability to livestock and excellent for wildlife. Different varieties for either erosion control or turfgrass. [See *Turfgrass & Turf Blends*] Varieties:

**Durar**

Tall, densely tufted with a tremendous root system, drought resistant and good seed yields. Performs well in rainfall zones of 14-30 in. More drought resistant than Chewings fescue [*F. rubra fallax*]; less than Sheep fescue [*F. ovina*] and Idaho fescue [*F. idahoensis*]. Primarily used to stabilize roadsides, ditch banks, recreation areas and as a cover crop in orchards and vineyards. [Released 1949, origin: Europe]

***Festuca campestris*, Rough fescue**

Formerly *F. scabrella*. Cool season, native bunchgrass that produces thick mats of sheaths and culm bases. Occurs in prairies and open woods up to 6,500 ft. elevation. Prefers dry, deep sandy loam soils but can establish on a wide variety of soil types. Excellent forage for livestock and wildlife.

***Festuca idahoensis*, Idaho fescue**

Cool season, drought-tolerant, perennial bunchgrass. Adapted to deep, fertile, heavy soils but will occur on thin well-drained coarse sites. Seedlings are weakly competitive but once established mature stands are strongly competitive. Good palatability to livestock and wildlife. Pictured on page 28. Varieties:

**CTUIR**

Source Identified selection from the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Umatilla County, OR averaging 12-17 in. annual precipitation.

**Joseph**

Developed from 13 clones. Taller, more uniform and achieves greater basal density than Nezpurs. [Released 1983, origin: northwestern states of U.S. & CAN]

**Nezpurs**

Developed from 90 clones. High seed producer with good seedling vigor and germination. More plant variability than Joseph. [Released 1983, origin: northwestern states of U.S. & CAN]

**Winchester**

Source Identified selection from Lewis County, ID averaging 18 in. annual precipitation.

***Festuca occidentalis*, Western fescue**

Cool season, short-lived, perennial bunchgrass closely related to Idaho fescue [*F. idahoensis*]. Drought tolerant, shallow rooted species that often occurs on dry to moist well-drained woodlands, rocky slopes and along stream banks. Quick and reliable germinator with excellent erosion control potential. Good palatability but low productivity; fair seed producer.

***Festuca ovina*,\* Sheep fescue**

Cool season, long-lived, perennial bunchgrass similar to Hard fescue (*F. brevipila*) but more drought tolerant and with a more extensive root system. Adapted to various soil types;

tolerant of weakly saline to alkaline and acidic sites. Sometimes misclassified as a native due to its widespread and longstanding naturalization. Primarily used as groundcover and soil stabilizer on erosion control projects such as roadsides and recreation areas. Tolerance to moderate equipment traffic makes it useful in vineyards, orchards and equipment yards. Often included in wildflower seedings and sometimes as a low maintenance turfgrass or ornamental. Attractive blue-green color. The most drought tolerant and water efficient of all the cool season turfgrasses. [See *Turfgrass & Turf Blends*] Varieties:

**Azay**

Leaf blades are very fine, low growth habit and moderately dark-blue green color which it maintains during periods of drought stress and cold weather. Thrives in acidic, infertile and droughty soils. Shade tolerant. Use as a low maintenance turfgrass, ground cover, erosion control and wildflower mixes.

**Azure**

Leaf blades are very fine, low growth habit and deep blue-teal color which intensifies under heat and drought stress. Tolerant of infertile soils and shade. Very slow growing, reducing landscape maintenance. Primarily used for turf areas or in wildflower mixtures.

**Covar**

Short aggressive competitor that forms attractive drought tolerant cover. Blue-green color. Survives with as little as 10 in. of annual precipitation; winter hardy. Slow to establish but extremely persistent once it becomes rooted. More drought tolerant than all other fescues. Used for erosion control, reclamation, low maintenance turf or as an ornamental. [Released 1977, origin: Konya, Turkey]

***Festuca ovina glauca*,  
see *Festuca arvernensis* (Blue fescue)*****Festuca pratensis*,\* Meadow fescue**

Cool season, loosely tufted, short-lived perennial bunchgrass adapted to cool moist or humid regions. Extremely palatable and productive, but may be slow to establish.

Useful in pasture blends, riparian areas and for erosion control.

***Festuca roemerii*, Roemer's fescue**

Native, cool season, long-lived perennial bunchgrass. Occurs in full sun to partial shade on moderately dry to moist meadows and grassy openings in the Pacific Coastal states.

Excellent for habitat improvement and restoration within its native range. Slow to establish. May be confused with non-native Creeping red fescue (*F. rubra*). Varieties:

**Puget**

Genetically diverse selection from seven naturally occurring populations. Moderate visible variation among plants, comprising pale blue, green or purple tinged foliage. Ideal for native habitat restoration of upland prairies, grassy meadows and oak savannas. [Released 2012, origin: South Puget Sound, WA]

***Festuca rubra*,\* Creeping red fescue**

Introduced, cool season, long-lived, perennial sod-former adapted to cool, shady areas. Adapted to a wide range of sites and soils, including low fertility soils. Somewhat alkaline

and saline tolerant. Moderate palatability. Used for stabilizing waterways, slopes and banks. Also for turfgrass or a low statured, shade tolerant cover crop in orchards. [See *Turfgrass & Turf Blends*]

***Festuca rubra*, Native red fescue**

Cool season, perennial sod-former found in dry to wet habitats in various soil types from sea level up to 11,000 ft. elevation. Native type primarily suited to the Pacific Coastal states.

Higher drought tolerance than non-native Creeping red fescue (*F. rubra*). Appearance varies with habitat. Use for habitat restoration or as a rugged, native lawn.

***Festuca rubra* spp. *fallax*,\* Chewings fescue**

Formerly *F. rubra commutata*. Cool season, long-lived, perennial bunchgrass adapted to cool shady areas. Not alkaline tolerant.

Moderate palatability. Similar to non-native Red fescue (*F. rubra*) but more erect growth habit, may segregate into patches over time and has better heat tolerance. Used for erosion control and turfgrass. [See *Turfgrass & Turf Blends*]

***Festuca saximontana*, Rocky Mountain fescue**

Cool season, long-lived, perennial bunchgrass similar in appearance to Arizona fescue (*F. arizonica*), though somewhat smaller and less densely tufted. Found on mesic to dry

meadows and forest openings. Excellent palatability to livestock and big game, but low productivity. Establishes easily in tough conditions. Use for revegetating sandy or gravelly soils at mid to high elevations.

***Festuca* spp. x *Lolium* spp.,\* Festulolium**

Perennial, cool season, hybrid cross between ryegrass [Annual or Perennial] and fescue [typically Meadow or Tall]. Combines the fast establishment, extended productivity and high

palatability of ryegrass with the disease resistance, persistence and summer stress tolerance of fescue. Result is a high-quality, hardy grass able to extend the summer growing season of irrigated hay fields and pastures. Best used in blends with other grasses and legumes. Varieties:

**Duo**

High yield and high quality tetraploid forage used for hay, grazing, silage or green chop. Persists longer than most ryegrasses without quality loss.

**Johnstone**

Often misclassified as a Tall fescue (*F. arundinacea*) although it was derived from a cross between tall fescue and annual and perennial ryegrasses before the name Festulolium was termed. Low alkaloid and endophyte content. [Released: 1983, origin: Europe]



Fowl mannagrass (*Glyceria striata*). ©David Schwaegler



Needle and thread [*Hesperostipa comata* ssp. *comata*]. ©Damon Winter/L&H Seeds



Common rush (*Juncus effusus*). Credit: The Wild Garden, nwplants.com

***Glyceria grandis*, American mannagrass**

Cool season, rhizomatous, native perennial that occurs in wetlands, streambanks, marshes and ditches. Requires wet to moist soils; withstands periods of submersion. Grows rapidly.

Important wetland food and habitat source for waterfowl, muskrats and deer throughout its range.

***Glyceria occidentalis*, Western mannagrass**

Cool season, tall, native perennial sod-former occurring in shallow water or wet soils. Found in freshwater marshes and wet prairies. Grows rapidly. Use in habitat restoration, streambank

erosion control and detention ponds that are wet year round. Valuable cover and food waterfowl, muskrats and small mammals.

***Glyceria striata*, Fowl mannagrass**

Cool season, rhizomatous perennial occurs along slow streams; spreads rapidly. Often associated with aspen or coniferous woods and willow thickets up to 11,500 ft. elevation.

Prefers areas where seasonal flooding occurs. Excellent for streambank stabilization, habitat and food for waterfowl and small mammals. Found in every state except Hawaii. Pictured on page 30.

***Hesperostipa comata* ssp. *comata*, Needle and thread**

Formerly *Stipa comata*. Cool season, short-lived, perennial bunchgrass adapted to coarse, well-drained soils. Very drought tolerant, typically occurring on sites receiving less than

16 in. annual precipitation. Widely distributed throughout numerous ecotypes and plant communities. Provides good spring forage, but after maturity the sharp needle-like awn may injure grazing animals. Extensively used for revegetating drastically disturbed sites and sandy blowout areas. Pictured on page 30.

***Hesperostipa neomexicana*, New Mexico feathergrass**

Formerly *Stipa neomexicana*. Cool season, very drought tolerant, short-lived, perennial bunchgrass adapted to deep, well-drained soils in dry upland desert shrub and pinyon-

juniper communities. Similar to Needle and thread (*H. comata* ssp. *comata*) but with much longer, hairy awns; may occur on slightly heavier soils.

***Heteropogon contortus*, Tanglehead**

Warm season, drought tolerant, native perennial bunchgrass occurring on rocky slopes and sandy plains from 1,000-5,000 ft. elevation in the semiarid desert grasslands of the Southwest. Vegetative growth begins in late spring; flowers August to October. Short lived but reseeds itself easily.

***Hilaria belangeri*, Curly mesquite**

Highly drought tolerant, warm season, stoloniferous perennial bunchgrass. Prefers medium to fine textured soils, but will establish on a wide range of soil textures. Able to form dense sod, creating large patches within semiarid desert shrublands. Resembles Buffalograss (*Bouteloua dactyloides*) but found in hotter, more arid environments. Flowers August to November. Does not tolerate shade.

***Hordeum brachyantherum*, Meadow barley**

Cool season, tufted, perennial bunchgrass is moderately alkaline and saline tolerant, and broadly adapted to various soils types. Best adapted to moist sites and tolerant of periods of shallow standing water, but is also summer-drought tolerant. Typically medium-lived but short-lived on drier sites. Excellent seedling vigor and quick growth. Important species to riparian areas, wetlands, meadows, forest openings, salt marshes and ocean beaches from sea level up to 11,000 ft. elevation. Rarely dominates, eventually yielding to longer-lived, more persistent species. Useful as a quick cover and nurse crop in habitat restoration mixes. Palatable to herbivores in the spring and can be used in dryland pasture at high elevations. Varieties:

**Jackson-Frazier**

Source Identified selection from the Jackson-Frazier Wetland nature preserve in Benton County, OR which receives an average of 43 in. annual precipitation. Taller [24-54 in.] than typical descriptions of the species [15-40 in.]. Good seedling vigor and genetic diversity. May exhibit disease resistance to head smut and ergot. [Released 2008]

***Juncus balticus*, Baltic rush**

Cool season, sod-forming, riparian native perennial grasslike. Occurs from deserts to subalpine zones, on saline or alkaline soils. Widely distributed, often found as a

community dominant. Excellent for rehabilitating wetland and riparian ecosystems as well as some seasonally dry sites. Able to fix nitrogen. Used by a wide range of mammals and birds for food and habitat.

**Leymus salinus, Salina wildrye**

Tall cool season, densely tufted, native bunchgrass occasionally with short rhizomes. Adapted to upland rangelands and some semi-desert and mountain sites, sometimes as a dominant species. Moderately tolerant of alkaline environments. High forage producer, but unpalatable after early spring. Good soil stabilizer.

**Leymus triticoides, Beardless wildrye (Creeping wildrye)**

Formerly *Elymus triticoides*. Cool season, long-lived, loose sod-forming perennial with an extensive root system. Adapted to a wide variety of soils as long as they are subirrigated, wet or occur in precipitation zones receiving more than 7 in. annually. Extremely saline tolerant, useful for improving saline rangelands and waterfowl areas. Good palatability.

**Lolium perenne,\* Perennial ryegrass**

Cool season, short-lived, perennial bunchgrass adapted to a wide variety of sites where moisture is adequate. Establishes quickly and easily. Excellent palatability for use in pasture and range improvement blends; also extensively bred as a turf. Tetraploid types are more vigorous, digestible, less stemmy, have excellent regrowth and should be used for pasture and hay. Diploid types have finer leaf blades, tiller more aggressively and are developed as turf. Popular choice for winter over-seeding of dormant warm season Bermudagrass [*Cynodon dactylon*] lawns in the south and southwest. [See *Turfgrass & Turf Blends*] Varieties:

**Albion**

Superior for pasture, hay and silage. Excellent performance in areas that experience drought or high humidity. Notable drought tolerance for a ryegrass.

**Linn**

Commonly used for erosion control, naturalized areas and basic pasture; unsatisfactory turf. Productive early in the growing season. [Released 1961, origin: New Zealand, originally from Europe]

**Oro Verde**

Superior pasture, hay and silage. Tolerant of cold climates and drought conditions. Establishes easily; improved persistence.

**Lolium perenne ssp. multiflorum,\* Annual ryegrass**

Formerly *L. multiflorum*. Cool season, annual bunchgrass adapted to many sites where adequate water is available. Establishes quickly and easily. Highly palatable to livestock and wildlife. Excellent for temporary pasture or for early spring growth in a perennial pasture mix. Use in erosion control blends for quick, temporary cover. Also used for winter over-seeding of dormant warm season Bermudagrass [*Cynodon dactylon*] lawns in the south and southwest. Varieties:

**Ed**

High forage yields, even after extended periods below freezing. Improved crown rust resistance.

**Gulf**

Developed as winter forage for livestock. High forage production and seed yield. Resistant to rust. Susceptible to winter kill. [Released 1958, origin: Uruguay]

**Crooked River**

Source Identified selection from the Crooked River National Grassland in Jefferson County, OR averaging 10-14 in. annual precipitation.

**CTUIR**

Source Identified selection from the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Umatilla County, OR averaging 12-17 in. annual precipitation.

**Magnar**

Robust and productive, often reaching heights over 8 ft. Cold hardy, long-lived and drought tolerant. Survives on alkaline sites and with moderately high water tables. [Released 1979, origin: Saskatchewan, CAN]

**NBR**

Source Identified selection from the Northern Basin and Range ecoregion in Malheur County, OR averaging 8-11 in. annual precipitation.

**Trailhead**

Drought tolerant strain superior to earlier cultivars in productivity and stand longevity under dry, hot conditions. Survives in areas receiving as little as 6 in. of annual precipitation. [Released 1991, origin: Musselshell County, MT]

**Trailhead II**

Increased total seedling establishment over Trailhead, Continental and Magnar. Seedling emergence rate also faster than Trailhead; occasionally taller at maturity. [Released 2016, origin: Trailhead variety]

**Leymus multicaulis,\* Manystem wildrye**

Introduced, cool season, sod-forming perennial grass. Spreads by underground stems and by seed, often forming distinct clumps. Primarily used for soil stabilization and reclamation of wet, saline soils. Moderately palatable to wildlife and livestock, especially in the early spring before it becomes coarse. Varieties:

**Shoshone**

Originally thought to be a variety of native Beardless wildrye [*L. triticoides*]. Released without selection because of its ability to produce good forage on wet, saline-alkaline soils. Used for pastures or stabilization throughout the West. [Released 1980, origin: Eurasia]

**Leymus racemosus ssp. racemosus,\* Mammoth wildrye**

Formerly *Elymus giganteus*. Tall cool season, rhizomatous perennial sod-former occurring on coarse textured, well-drained sites. Poor forage value but outstanding for erosion control on dunes and other blowout areas. Varieties:

**Volga**

Tall creeping variety, which is coarse and essentially non-palatable to livestock. Provides a vigorous, permanent cover for sand dunes. [Released 1949, origin: Volga region, former USSR]



Great basin wildrye [*Leymus cinereus*] during flowering and pollination. ©Damon Winter/L&H Seeds



Green sprangletop [*Leptochloa dubia*]. Credit: Patrick J. Alexander, hosted by the USDANRCS PLANTS Database



Prairie junegrass [*Koeleria macrantha*] in a seed production field at L&H Seeds in southeastern Washington. ©L&H Seeds

**Juncus effusus, Common rush (Soft rush)**

Cool season, tall, rhizomatous, native perennial grasslike. Provides shoreline protection with its dense fibrous root system. Generally occurs in fresh water to brackish marshes, swamps, ditches and moist seasonal wetlands. Tolerance to low pH and heavy metals allow it to survive in polluted conditions. Depended upon by a wide range of mammals and birds for food and habitat. Pictured on page 30.

**Juncus ensifolius, Swordleaf rush (Daggerleaf rush)**

Cool season, short, native perennial grasslike growing in rhizomatous clumps. Found in riparian areas, wetlands, wet meadows and streambanks; rarely in standing water. Depended upon by numerous small mammals and birds for food and habitat.

**Juncus tenuis, Poverty rush (Path rush)**

Cool season, rhizomatous, perennial native grasslike occurring in moist soils following disturbance or compaction. Adapted to soils from heavy clays to well-drained gravels. Widely distributed from low to mid elevations, on soils with winter saturation and dry summer conditions. Excellent for reclamation of riparian communities. Nest material and food for upland birds; cover for some mammals.

**Juncus torreyi, Torrey's rush**

Cool season, saline and alkaline tolerant, rhizomatous grasslike perennial; up to 3 ft. tall. Prefers saturated soils, but will also stand periods of drought. Tolerant of slightly acid to alkaline soils. Widespread, occurring up to 9,000 ft. in elevation. Useful for restoring wetland and riparian areas. Provides cover and food for wildlife.

**Koeleria macrantha, Prairie junegrass**

Formerly *K. cristata*. Cool season, drought tolerant, medium-lived perennial bunchgrass adapted to moderately or well-drained soils. Cold and heat tolerant. Widely distributed; occurs in numerous native plant communities on rangelands, meadows, plains and open forestlands; up to 11,500 ft. elevation. Starts growth very early in spring and provides excellent early season forage for livestock and wildlife. Establishes easily and is a good choice for revegetating severely disturbed areas. Often used in native restoration as well as revegetating mined lands, heavy use areas and other disturbed soil surfaces. Pictured on page 31. Varieties:

**Umatilla**

Source Identified selection from the Umatilla County, OR which receives an average of 12-17 in. annual precipitation.

**UP Sims Mesa**

Source Identified selection from the Uncompahgre Plateau in western Colorado averaging 16-18 in. annual precipitation.

**Leptochloa dubia, Green sprangletop**

Warm season, short-lived, native perennial bunchgrass. Drought tolerant, adapted to a wide variety of arid southwestern sites. Intolerant of poorly drained soils or high water tables. Establishes quickly and easily, behaving as a pioneer species. Provides good palatability and early spring forage to livestock and wildlife on open rangelands; occasionally cut for hay. Pictured on page 31.

**Leymus angustus,\* Altai wildrye**

Formerly *Elymus angustus*. Robust, cool season, long-lived, perennial bunchgrass with short creeping rhizomes. Well adapted to loam and clay soils, drought tolerant and extremely salt and alkaline resistant. Excellent winter hardiness. Root system may extend to 14 ft. below the surface, making it useful for soil stabilization. Excellent forage, especially in winter when plants stand above the snow surface available for grazing. Nearly as productive as Tall wheatgrass [*Thinopyrum ponticum*] on saline soils. Varieties:

**Mustang**

Produces significantly more forage than previous releases and as well as Magnar and Trailhead varieties of Great Basin wildrye [*L. cinereus*]. Greater persistence than earlier releases. [Released 2005, origin: China]

**Leymus cinereus, Great Basin wildrye**

Formerly *Elymus cinereus*. Robust and very tall [4-8 ft.], cool season, perennial bunchgrass. Very drought tolerant but also withstands periodic flooding. Occurs from dry sage communities to wet meadows, up to 9,800 ft. elevation. Deep fibrous root system helps it thrive on sub-irrigated sites. Alkaline and saline tolerant. Excellent soil binder. Provides outstanding wind cover, nesting habitat and winter feed for herbivores and wildlife above snow level. Pictured on page 31. Varieties:

**Continental**

Rapid stand establishment is similar or superior to Trailhead and Magnar. Excellent seed yield. [Released 2009, origin: Magnar & Trailhead varieties]

**Arriba**

Rapid seedling establishment with aggressive rhizomes. Produces dense medium height forage. Superior seed yielder. [Released 1973, origin: Kit Carson County, CO]

**Barton**

Native collection from a clayey site. Strongly rhizomatous and leafy intermediate growth type, occurring between the northern and southern varieties. Superior forage and seed yields. [Released 1970, origin: Barton County, KS]

**Recovery**

Establishes quicker and has greater seedling vigor than previous releases. Stands remain vigorous even 4-6 years after establishment. Especially useful on military land and arid rangelands having repeat disturbance or wildfire. Forage yields similar to other varieties. [Released 2009, origin: Rosana variety and collections from central CO]

**Rodan**

Moderately rhizomatous, thin-leaved plant producing good forage yields. Well suited for pasture or revegetation. Good disease resistance. Seed yield is comparable to Rosana except with a short awn. [Released 1983, origin: Morton County, ND]

**Rosana**

Strongly rhizomatous native collection with excellent seedling vigor. Equal in forage yields to other varieties. Low seed dormancy aids in ease of establishment. [Released 1972, origin: Rosebud County, MT]

***Paspalum vaginatum*,\* Seashore paspalum**

Warm season, prostrate perennial sod-former comparable to Bermudagrass [*Cynodon dactylon*]. Deeply rooted, dense and rapid-growing from stolons and rhizomes. Adapted

to a wide variety of soils and sites, including coastal marshes. Tolerant of extreme salinity, allowing for irrigation with poor quality water. Also grows in fresh water. Survives both standing water and dry periods. Used as livestock forage, erosion control, wetland restoration, coastal sites and as high quality turfgrass in landscapes and golf courses. [See *Turfgrass and Turf Blends*]

***Phalaris arundinacea*, Reed canarygrass**

Large and robust, cool season, perennial rhizomatous sod-former. Adapted to poorly drained wetland areas; long-lived. Prodigious forage producer, medium palatability when

actively growing, otherwise only poor to fair. Provides cover for wetland wildlife species. Competitive and aggressive on adapted sites. Useful for revegetating riparian areas. Though native, it should be planted with some caution in pastures and wet sites due to its extreme aggressiveness.

***Phleum alpinum*, Alpine timothy**

Short, cool season, perennial native bunchgrass sometimes forming a sod. Occurs at high elevations in northern latitudes from 4,000-12,500 ft. Prefers mountain meadows,

bogs and streambanks in well-drained to poorly drained soils. Provides good forage that stays green throughout the summer and late season. Used to revegetate roadsides, ski slopes and mines.

soil erosion, land reclamation and range improvement. Some use in bioenergy production due to its ability to yield high amounts of biomass on marginal quality ground. Varieties:

**Alamo**

Adapted to the southern half of Texas. Produces superior forage and flowers 1-2 months after Blackwell. [Released 1978, origin: Live Oak County, TX]

**Blackwell**

Upland type, leafy and medium in height. Good resistance to disease. Widely adapted in north Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Kansas. [Released 1944, origin: Kay County, OK]

**Dacotah**

Cold hardy northern variety selected for high vigor, seed yield, leafiness and drought tolerance. Shorter and much faster maturing than other varieties. [Released 1989, origin: Morton County, ND]

**Forestburg**

Superior winter hardiness, persistence and seed production. Earlier maturity than other varieties, except Dacotah. One of the best forage producers in northern latitudes. [Released 1987, origin: Sanborn County, SD]

**Kanlow**

Especially adapted to low wetland areas, tolerating submerged conditions for weeks. Also performs well on thin upland, droughty soils. [Released 1963, origin: Hughes County, OK]

**Nebraska 28**

Early-maturing strain representative of Nebraska Sandhill types. Leafy, achieves moderate heights and is non-uniform. Susceptible to rust in areas with longer growing seasons. [Released 1949, origin: Holt County, NE]

**Pathfinder**

Winter-hardy, leafy, late maturing. Produces good stands and forage yields. Rust resistant. [Released 1967, origin: NE & KS]

**Sunburst**

Superior seedling vigor and stand establishment; early maturing. Seed is approximately twice the size of other varieties. High forage yields and performs well in northern Great Plains. [Released 1983, origin: Yankton County, SD]

**Trailblazer**

Similar to Pathfinder but with superior forage digestibility. Recommended for the Central Great Plains and adjacent states. [Released 1984, origin: NE & KS]

***Pascopyrum smithii*, Western wheatgrass**

Formerly *Agropyron smithii*. Cool season, strongly rhizomatous, long-lived perennial. Widely adapted; saline-tolerant and moderately drought tolerant. Tolerant of some

flooding, heavy soils and cold. One of the best known and most common native grasses in North America, occurring in numerous types of native plant communities. May be replaced by Thickspike wheatgrass [*Elymus lanceolatus* ssp. *lanceolatus*] on coarser soils. Moderately palatable to livestock and wildlife. *Pictured on page 33.* Varieties:

rangeland or for prairie habitat restoration. Occasionally slow to germinate and establish. Seedlings are slow to develop, but mature plants are vigorous. Varieties:

**Cucharas**

Higher plant productivity, germinability and seed yields than Lodorm. Tolerant of grazing. [Released 2003, origin: Huerfano County, CO]

**Fowler**

Northern type intended for restoration and wildlife habitat enhancement. Shorter than Cucharas. [Released 2006, origin: southern Alberta, CAN]

**Lodorm**

Widely utilized. Low seed dormancy. [Released 1970, origin: Burleigh County, ND] *Pictured on page 33.*

***Panicum antidotale*,\* Blue panicgrass**

Robust, warm season, perennial bunchgrass which spreads by rhizomes and has an extensive fibrous root system. Prefers heavy, fertile, well-drained soils. Highly palatable to livestock. Useful for irrigated pastures and improving rangelands.

***Panicum coloratum*,\* Kleingrass**

Warm season, moderately drought and heat tolerant, perennial rhizomatous bunchgrass adapted to a wide range of sites; sometimes with stolons. Highly palatable and nutritious to

livestock. Frequently used as irrigated pasture and hay in the southwest.

***Panicum obtusum*, Vine mesquite**

Warm season, spreading perennial. Occurs abundantly in heavy soils or low-lying areas from 1,000-6,000 ft. elevation. Good soil binder due to strong stoloniferous growth habit.

Often found in dense stands along waterways, floodplains or depressions where water accumulates. Palatable to all livestock but utilized best when grazed early or when more palatable grasses are not present.

***Panicum virgatum*, Switchgrass**

Warm season, strongly rhizomatous, open sod-former found on a wide variety of sites where moisture is adequate; 3-5 ft. tall. Found on prairies, open oak and pine woodlands,

shores, riverbanks and brackish marshes. Abundant forage producer in warm-season pastures and as high quality hay. Highly palatable and nutritious to both livestock and wildlife. Seed is sought by birds and small mammals. Also useful for controlling

Timothy [*Phleum pratense*].Western wheatgrass [*Pascopyrum smithii*] during pollination. ©Damon Winter/L&H Seeds'Lodorm' Green needlegrass [*Nassella viridula*]. ©Gord Pearse/Bruce Seed Farm***Muhlenbergia asperifolia*, Scratchgrass**

Warm season, rhizomatous perennial occurring in dense spreading patches. Favors riparian or moist areas but also found on arid sites; fine to medium textured soils. Adapted to alkaline meadows, low flats, sandy washes, grassy slopes and salted roadsides up to 9,800 ft. Low palatability to livestock.

***Muhlenbergia montana*, Mountain muhly**

Warm season, perennial bunchgrass with a fibrous root system. Found on many sites but generally in ponderosa pine and grassland habitats from 2,600-11,200 ft. elevation.

Adapted to both dry and moist conditions but requires excellent drainage. Good palatability for livestock and wildlife while actively growing; palatability declines with maturity. Excellent seed producer.

***Muhlenbergia porteri*, Bush muhly**

Warm season, perennial bunchgrass forms a mass of growth resembling a shrub. Distinct purplish heads mature to a white, fluffy appearance. Occurs on sandy to coarse

textured soils of desert grass and shrublands, open hillsides and along drainages, up to 6,000 ft. elevation. Once occurred in extensive stands but now generally only found in shrub canopies; some shade tolerance. Good palatability and stays green throughout the year.

***Muhlenbergia wrightii*, Spike muhly**

Warm season, long-lived, perennial bunchgrass found in many sites but generally in the pinyon-juniper or pine-grassland types at 3,600-9,800 ft. elevation. Occurs on a variety

of soils but often found in gravelly prairies and on rocky slopes. Slow to establish but persistent. Good palatability to livestock and excellent for wildlife. Varieties:

**El Vado**

Good seedling vigor and forage production. Palatable throughout the year and an excellent soil binder. [Released 1973, origin: Rio Arriba County, NM]

***Nassella viridula*, Green needlegrass**

Formerly *Stipa viridula*. Cool season, long-lived, drought tolerant perennial bunchgrass with an extensive fibrous and deep root system. Important native species from the

Northern Great Plains to Arizona. Performs well on a wide variety of sites, thriving on medium and fine textured bottomland soils but also tolerant of coarser sites. Moderately palatable to livestock and wildlife year-round. Use for native pasture,

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tolerant. Highly palatable to livestock and wildlife. Early spring green-up, but later maturing than Sandberg bluegrass (*P. secunda ssp. sandbergii*). Useful as early season forage. Varieties:

#### Canbar

Excellent vigor, late spring growth and numerous basal leaves. Competitive with annual spring weeds. Use in revegetation mixes as an understory for larger bunchgrasses. [Released 1979, origin: Columbia County, WA]

#### *Poa secunda ssp. sandbergii*, Sandberg bluegrass



Formerly *P. sandbergii*. Short, cool season, drought tolerant perennial bunchgrass similar to Canby's bluegrass (*P. secunda ssp. canbyi*) but more drought tolerant. The most common

native bluegrass in the arid Western U.S. Occurs in dry sagebrush and mountain shrub communities, and occasionally on alpine sites. Early spring green-up. Important early spring forage species for animals. Varieties:

#### Hanford

Source Identified selection from Benton County, WA averaging 6-7 in. annual precipitation.

#### High Plains

From locations across the high plains of Wyoming. Good establishment, vigor and uniform seed maturation dates. Wide genetic base broadens its adaptation into neighboring states and the Pacific Northwest. [Released 2000, origin: Campbell, Natrona & Uinta Counties, WY]

#### Mountain Home

Drought tolerant, competitive and easy establishing. Useful for fire rehabilitation and habitat enhancement. Used in restoration of sagebrush-wheatgrass communities, especially in the Snake River Plain and the Northern Basin and Range. [Released 2011, origin: Owyhee County, ID]

#### Reliable

High genetic diversity, drought tolerance and excellent persistence, especially on frequently disturbed sites such as military training sites and areas prone to wildfire. [Released 2004, origin: U.S. Army Yakima Training Center, Yakima County, WA]

#### UP Colorado [Sims Mesa]

Source Identified selection from the Uncompahgre Plateau in western Colorado averaging 10-12 in. annual precipitation.

#### Vale

Source Identified selection from Malheur County, OR averaging 8-11 in. annual precipitation.

#### *Poa trivialis*,\* Rough bluegrass



Short, cool season, perennial stoloniferous sod-former. Primarily used as a turfgrass for winter overseeding on putting greens and dormant Bermudagrass (*Cynodon dactylon*)

lawns in the south. Tolerates wet, cool soils and shady areas. Can be cut closely soon after germination so golf courses are minimally interrupted. [See *Turfgrass and Turf Blends*]

#### *Psathyrostachys juncea*,\* Russian wildrye



Formerly *Elymus junceus*. Cool season, perennial bunchgrass with an extensive horizontal root system. Adapted to a wide range of soil textures and infertile soils; moderately

#### *Poa nevadensis*, Nevada bluegrass



Cool season, perennial bunchgrass matures early in the growing season. Very robust native bluegrass, second only to Big bluegrass (*Poa secunda ssp. ampla*). Develops extensive deep

penetrating, coarse, fibrous roots that make it drought tolerant and resistant to grazing and trampling. Grows in relatively moist areas in sagebrush communities including mountain foothills and meadows. Varieties:

#### Opportunity

Tall, robust and late maturing. Suited for elevations from 2,000-6,000 ft. within the 10-18 in. precipitation zone. Establishes well on contaminated mineland soils, characterized by high soil acidity and moderate to high levels of heavy metals. [Released 2007, origin: near Anaconda, MT]

#### *Poa palustris*, Fowl bluegrass



Cool season, weak sod-forming, perennial bunchgrass. Occurs in meadows and moist open marshes from low to medium elevations, mostly through northern latitudes or at higher

elevations. Palatable where moisture is adequate. Excellent seedling vigor; use for quick cover in habitat restoration and detention basins.

#### *Poa pratensis*,\* Kentucky bluegrass



Cool season, long-lived, dense sod-forming perennial with shallow fibrous root system and vigorous rhizomes. Adapted to most well-drained soils where moisture is adequate.

Resumes growth in early spring, matures in late summer with vigorous regrowth in fall. Highly palatable and nutritious to livestock and wildlife. Useful for pasture, land reclamation and extensively as turf. [See *Turfgrass and Turf Blends*] Varieties:

#### Ginger

Forage type with early spring green-up. Excellent yields and nutrition, especially for horses. Tolerant of close grazing. Competitive with pasture weeds. Very cold hardy with good disease resistance. [Released 1988, origin: Europe]

#### *Poa secunda ssp. ampla*, Big bluegrass



Formerly *P. ampla*. Robust, cool season, perennial bunchgrass with a shallow fibrous root system, sometimes spreading by short rhizomes. Occurs on a variety of sites but is

intolerant of poorly drained soils or high water tables; drought tolerant. The most robust of the native bluegrasses. Early spring green-up and excellent forage production. Found in sagebrush communities, meadows and openings in aspen stands. Excellent palatability to livestock and wildlife year-round. Seeds valued by birds and small mammals. Varieties:

#### Sherman

Large statured, at times growing over 3 ft. tall. Useful for revegetation of low to mid-elevation grass, shrub and forest communities. Extremely drought tolerant. [Released 1945, origin: Sherman County, OR] Pictured on page 35.

#### *Poa secunda ssp. canbyi*, Canby's bluegrass



Formerly *P. canbyi*. Short, cool season, perennial bunchgrass with extensive shallow fibrous root system. Adapted to both shallow and deep soils and all soil textures; drought



Muttongrass [*Poa fenderiana*] in a seed production field at L&H Seeds in southeastern Washington. ©L&H Seeds



'Sherman' Big bluegrass [*Poa secunda ssp. ampla*]. ©Damon Winter/L&H Seeds



Russian wildrye [*Psathyrostachys juncea*]. ©Brody Maughan/Bruce Seed Farm

#### *Phleum pratense*,\* Timothy



Cool season, short-lived, perennial bunchgrass adapted to deep, moderately moist sites. Shallow, fibrous root system prefers fine textured soils. Very winter hardy; not tolerant of alkaline conditions. Commonly used as irrigated pasture, silage or hay. Palatable and nutritious to wildlife and livestock; hay is considered to be premium horse feed. Excellent companion grass for planting with forage legumes as it is one of the grasses least competitive with legumes, especially Alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*), Birdsfoot trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*) or clovers. Pictured on page 33. Varieties:

#### Climax

Tall, fine-stemmed leafy variety. Rust resistant. Matures 7-10 days later than common timothy. Excellent fall regrowth. [Released 1947]

#### Tuukka

Leafier and better seedling vigor when compared to other varieties. Quick regrowth after cutting or grazing, even after a second cutting.

#### *Pleuraphis jamesii*, Galleta grass



Formerly *Hilaria jamesii*. Warm season, rhizomatous, bunchy sod-former found on a wide variety of well-drained soils, preferring neutral to moderately alkaline soils. Drought tolerant and slow to establish. Begins growth early, maturing in early summer. Widespread, occurring in various types of plant communities with annual precipitation sometimes as low as 5 in. Often a dominant or co-dominant throughout its range; 3,500-7,500 ft. elevation. Moderate palatability. Excellent for semi-desert rehabilitation, erosion control, mine reclamation and groundcover in heavy traffic areas. Desirable forage for livestock and also grazed by deer, antelope and desert bighorn sheep. Varieties:

#### Viva

Spreads by tough woody rhizomes but establishes easily from seed. Performs well with only 8 in. annual precipitation. Excellent cold tolerance at northern latitudes in spite of its southern origin. [Released 1979, origin: Guadalupe County, NM]

#### *Pleuraphis rigida*, Big galleta



Formerly *Hilaria rigida*. Warm season, strongly rhizomatous, perennial grows in large shrub-like clumps. Best on sandy or gravelly soils; poor on clays. More drought tolerant than

other *Pleuraphis* species. Greens-up quickly after spring rains and again in the fall when moisture is available. Found across large expanses of dunes in the Sonoran and Mojave Desert communities. Good reclamation species.

#### *Poa alpina*, Alpine bluegrass



Short, densely tufted, cool season perennial bunchgrass adapted to subalpine and alpine slopes and meadows. Wide variety of soils from clay to gravel. Leaves form a dense mat providing good soil cover. Good palatability for wildlife but does not produce a lot of forage. Useful for revegetating high elevation rangelands. Varieties:

#### AEC Glacier

For reclaiming disturbed mountainous, high elevation sites. Rapid growth and high seed yield. [Released 2002, origin: Alberta, CAN]

#### *Poa compressa*,\* Canada bluegrass



Short, cool season, bunchy sod forming, long-lived perennial. Able to grow in harsh sites including shallow infertile soils. Good palatability to livestock and wildlife. Useful for

land reclamation and improvement of poor sites where more palatable and productive species are unable to establish. Varieties:

#### Reubens

Early maturity and excellent adaptation to low moisture and low fertility conditions. [Released 1976, origin: Lewis County, ID]

#### Talon

Tall erect growth habit, dark color and thick stems. Use as a low maintenance turf or reclamation grass on poor quality soils. [Released 1995, origin: WA, OR & MI]

#### *Poa fenderiana*, Muttongrass



Cool season, deep-rooted, native perennial bunchgrass. Occasionally with short rhizomes. Grows on a wide range of soils ranging from 3,000-12,000 ft. elevation. One of the most

drought tolerant of the native bluegrasses. Starts growth in early spring and matures in June or July. Common on mesas, mountains, dry open woods, cold deserts and rocky hills. Excellent forage for livestock and wildlife. Pictured on page 35. Varieties:

#### UP Ruin Canyon

Source Identified selection from the Uncompahgre Plateau in western Colorado averaging 16-18 in. annual precipitation.

#### *Poa nervosa*, Wheeler bluegrass



Cool season, loosely tufted, perennial sod-former with short rhizomes. Adapted to moist meadows and open forests in the montane to subalpine zones. Easy to establish in post-fire revegetation. Moderately palatable to wildlife and livestock.

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saline and alkaline tolerant. Very drought tolerant, surviving with as little as 8 in. annual precipitation. Cold hardy. May be difficult to establish, but extremely competitive and long-lived thereafter. Starts growth in early spring, produces abundant green basal leave forage. Excellent palatability and can be grazed from late summer through winter, retaining its protein content even when cured. Tolerant of heavy grazing and regrows quickly. Most of the forage sits low in the basal leaves; unsuited for hay production. Use also for arid rangelands, dryland pasture, green strips and fuel breaks. *Pictured on page 35.* Varieties:

#### Bozoisky-Select

Good seedling vigor, stand establishment and forage yield. [Released 1984, origin: former USSR]

#### Bozoisky II

Selected for seedling vigor, seed mass, seed yield, vegetative vigor, forage production and response to drought. Equal to or greater seedling establishment than earlier varieties. Better seedling establishment than Bozoisky-Select. [Released 2006, origin: former USSR]

#### Swift

Good seedling emergence from deeper plantings. Resistance to leaf spot. [Released 1978, origin: former USSR]

#### Tom

Heavy seed weight, herbage yield and improved seedling emergence from deep planting. [Released 2002, origin: former USSR]

#### *Pseudoroegneria spicata* ssp. *inermis*, Beardless bluebunch wheatgrass



Formerly *Agropyron inermis*. Cool season, long-lived, drought tolerant, perennial bunchgrass adapted to a wide variety of sites but intolerant of poor drainage, high water

tables and spring flooding. An awnless-type Bluebunch wheatgrass [see also: Bluebunch wheatgrass, *P. spicata* ssp. *spicata*] which starts growth in early spring, has a relatively short life cycle but renews growth in early fall. Good palatability to livestock and wildlife. *Pictured on page 38.* Varieties:

#### Whitmar

Good seedling vigor, forage quality and seed production. Long-lived. [Released 1946, origin: Whitman County, WA]

#### *Pseudoroegneria spicata* ssp. *spicata*, Bluebunch wheatgrass



Formerly *Agropyron spicatum*. Cool season, drought tolerant, long-lived perennial bunchgrass widely distributed and adapted to most sites including thin, non-productive soils.

Extensive root system. Establishes quickly on a wide variety of soil textures, from rocky sites to clays. Intolerant of poor drainage and high water tables. Some tolerance to salinity. Cold hardy. Often a major component of native plant communities within its range. Generally good palatability to livestock and wildlife late into summer and fall. Stressed by overgrazing and repeated early season grazing. Preferred feed for elk, deer and antelope at peak times. Use for arid rangelands, erosion control and native habitat restoration. *Pictured on page 38.* Varieties:

#### Anatone

Rapid establishment, high forage production and the ability to survive and thrive in areas with at least 10 in. annual precipitation. [Released 2003, origin: Asotin County, WA]

#### Boardman

Source Identified selection from Morrow County, OR averaging 9 in. annual precipitation.

#### Columbia

Collected from a historical population adapted to the 6-8 in. annual precipitation of Washington's Columbia Basin. Originates from a drier climate zone than all former releases. [Released 2015, origin: Adams County, WA]

#### Goldar

Quick establishment, high forage production and good survivability in areas with at least 12 in. annual precipitation. [Released 1989, origin: Umatilla National Forest, Asotin County, WA]

#### P-7

Genetically diverse and widely adapted release for semiarid to mesic sites. Long-lived, drought tolerant and highly palatable. [Released 2001, origin: ID, NV, OR, UT, WA and British Columbia]

#### *Puccinellia distans*,\* Alkaligrass



Cool season, perennial sod-former with a vigorous and shallow fibrous root system. Adapted to moist or periodically moist, saline soils. Able to withstand intermittent flooding

and shallow water tables. Moderately palatable. Excellent for establishing cover on saline soils. Also used as a turfgrass. [See *Turfgrass and Turf Blends*] Varieties:

#### Fults II

One of the most salt tolerant turfgrasses available. Germinates quickly and produces dark green sod. Also used for roadsides or groundcover where high salt content exists. May become dominant in high salt areas. [Released 1979, origin: Boulder, CO]

#### *Puccinellia nuttalliana*, Nuttall's alkaligrass



Formerly *P. airoides*. Cool season, perennial sod-former found growing on moist alkaline sites and occasionally surviving in standing water. Valuable species to include in mixtures

for reseeding marshes, shorelines, alkali basins or other waterways. Population decreases with soil drying, soil compaction and heavy grazing.

#### *Schismus barbatus*,\* Mediterranean grass



Small, cool season, desert annual that inhabits deep well-drained soils. Starts growth in winter months, often covering the desert with a carpet of green. May inhibit growth of other

species by dominating available soil moisture. Useful for establishing cover and controlling erosion.

#### *Schizachyrium scoparium*, Little bluestem



Formerly *Andropogon scoparius*. Warm season, moderately drought tolerant, long-lived perennial bunchgrass with a deep fibrous root system. Adapted to a wide range of soils.

Exceptionally drought tolerant; persistent. Generally found on dry uplands but occasionally some wetter sites; intolerant of wetlands. Provides good palatability to livestock and wildlife. Use for



Beardless bluebunch wheatgrass [*Pseudoroegneria spicata* ssp. *inermis*] without the long awn typical of Bluebunch wheatgrass [*P. spicata* ssp. *spicata*]. ©Damon Winter/L&H Seeds



Hardstem bulrush [*Schoenoplectus acutus* var. *acutus*] during flowering. ©David Schwaegler



Indiangrass [*Sorghastrum nutans*] during flowering. ©David Schwaegler

pasture, range improvement, as a dominant component in tallgrass prairie restoration and for stabilizing a variety of soils, including sands. Varieties:

#### Aldous

Medium-late maturing, tall, leafy, vigorous type. More uniform than other varieties. Hardy and productive northern type. Rust resistant. [Released 1966, origin: Flint Hills Prairie, KS]

#### Badlands

From collections across ten different sites, including the Badlands of the Dakotas. Broad genetic base, early-maturing, good seed production and disease resistance. Variation in size, color and leaf width. [Released 1997, origin: ND & SD]

#### Blaze

Late-maturing, leafy, compact medium-tall plant. Named for its vivid red foliage after fall frost. [Released 1967, origin: NE & KS]

#### Camper

Moderately late-maturing, long-lived variety with broad genetic adaptation. Spreads by short rhizomes. [Released 1973, origin: NE & KS]

#### Cimarron

Good forage production and disease resistance. Produces forage and seed with as little as 12 in. annual precipitation. Good performer, except in high saline and alkaline soils. [Released 1979, origin: southwest KS & panhandle of OK]

#### Itasca

From numerous collections across native grasslands. Cold hardy and good seed production in northern latitudes. Early-maturing with outstanding vigor and abundant foliage; relatively short-statured. [Released 2001, origin: ND, SD & MN]

#### Pastura

Adapted to temperature and precipitation extremes. Uniform growth, good forage production and excellent seedling vigor. Adapted to the foothills and plains of central and eastern New Mexico and eastern Colorado. [Released 1963, origin: San Miguel County, NM]

#### *Schoenoplectus acutus* var. *acutus*, Hardstem bulrush



Formerly *Scirpus acutus*. Cool season, rhizomatous, sod-forming, native grasslike perennial. Occurs at lower elevations within its range in standing water or wet muddy soils surrounding waterways; alkaline tolerant. May become dominant in marshes and meadows, forming monocultures. Good for wetland and riparian restoration and for numerous bird and mammal species. *Pictured on page 38.*

#### *Schoenoplectus americanus*, Olney threesquare



Formerly *Scirpus americanus*. Cool season, rhizomatous, native grasslike perennial occurring in wet meadows, marshes and other low-lying sites. Tolerant of alkalinity but does not require it. Found at low to moderate elevations. May become dominant or co-dominant in slightly or moderately saline marshes bordering lakes or springs. Good for riparian reclamation. Roots and rhizomes are an important food source for geese and muskrats; nesting for numerous other species.

#### *Schoenoplectus pungens*, Common threesquare



Formerly *Scirpus pungens*. Cool season, rhizomatous, native grasslike perennial occurring on muddy shores and standing water of marshes, playas, ponds, streams and

lakes below 6,500 ft. elevation. Tolerates alkaline, saline and freshwater conditions. May survive seasonal drought. Good for wetland projects. Roots and rhizomes are an important food source for geese and muskrats; nesting for numerous other species.

#### *Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani*, Softstem bulrush



Formerly *Scirpus validus*. Cool season, rhizomatous, native grasslike perennial that prefers marshes and muddy shores of lakes and streams, wet prairies and marshes. Tolerant of alkaline soil conditions, although does not require it. Thrives in disturbed wetlands; may spread aggressively. Also found in more stable wetlands. Important source of food to many wetland birds and muskrats.

#### *Scirpus microcarpus*, Smallfruit bulrush



Cool season, strongly rhizomatous, native perennial. Common in year-round wet, sloughs, streambanks, marshes, ditches and wet clearings, from low to moderate elevations. Tolerant of fluctuating water levels and saturated soils, but not of long periods of flooding. Valuable food and nesting material for wildlife.

#### *Setaria vulpiseta*, Plains bristlegrass



Formerly *S. macrostachya*. Warm season, short-lived, perennial bunchgrass adapted to coarse, well-drained sites. Very drought tolerant. Highly palatable to livestock and wildlife. Useful for erosion control on shallow to deep soils and for improving wildlife habitat. Seeds provide valuable food for birds and small mammals.

***Thinopyrum intermedium*,\* Intermediate wheatgrass**

Formerly *Agropyron intermedium*. Cool season, perennial, robust, moderately drought tolerant sod-former, 2-4 ft. tall. Adapted to a wide variety of sites but does best on medium to fine textured soils. Excellent soil builder due to high levels of root production. Good palatability to livestock and wildlife, as well as nesting cover for birds and waterfowl. Use for conservation, pasture and hay. Grows well with Alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*). Varieties:

**Chief**

Short term pasture and hayfields remain productive under heavy pressure for up to five years; longer under moderate to light pressure. [Released 1961, origin: former USSR and Oahe variety]

**Clarke**

Pasture and hay production. Drought tolerant, excellent seed producer. Higher yielding and winter-hardy than Chief; comparable to Greenleaf (Pubescent wheatgrass, *T. intermedium* ssp. *barbulatum*). [Released 1980, origin: former USSR]

**Manifest**

Improved tillering compared to Oahe, making it better for grazing. Superior longevity to other varieties. High forage yield and increased persistence under grazed conditions. Recommended for hayland and pastures in grass or grass-legume mixtures. [Released 2007, origin: Russia]

**Oahe**

High seed and forage producer and good resistance to rust. Blue-green type with vigorous sod-forming capability. [Released 1945, origin: former USSR]

**Reliant**

Vigorous and winter hardy. Matures relatively late, weakly rhizomatous and is strongly resistant to leaf spot. Distinguished from other types by its upright growth habit. [Released 1991]

**Rush**

Good seedling emergence and vigor. Achieves greater stand density and height quicker than previous releases. Equal or higher forage production to Oahe. [Released 1994]

***Thinopyrum intermedium* ssp. *barbulatum*,\* Pubescent wheatgrass**

Formerly *Agropyron trichophorum*. Cool season, robust, drought tolerant, strongly rhizomatous, long-lived, sod-forming perennial grass. Similar to Intermediate wheatgrass [*T. intermedium*] but slightly more drought tolerant and winter hardy; also, tolerates lower soil fertility, higher alkalinity and higher elevations. Excellent soil builder due to high levels of root production. Good palatability to livestock and wildlife, as well as nesting cover for birds and waterfowl. Use for revegetation, pasture and hay. Grows well with Alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*). Varieties:

**Greenleaf**

Bright green foliage. Winter hardy with excellent seedling vigor. Some tolerance to saline soils. [Released 1966]

**Luna**

Dark green foliage. Adapted to warmer, lower elevation sites. Excellent seedling vigor. The most broadly adapted variety available. [Released 1963, origin: former USSR and Turkey]

***Sporobolus contractus*, Spike dropseed**

Tall, warm season, drought tolerant, perennial bunchgrass adapted to dry sandy or rocky soils. Provides fair palatability to livestock and wildlife. Reseeds itself readily following overgrazing or drought. Excellent species for stabilizing sandy soils with high erosion potential. Varieties:

**Cochise**

Naturally selected from 44 collections and has undergone minimal purposeful selection. Does not differ significantly in rate of spread, seed production or vigor from naturally occurring populations. Use for revegetation of denuded range sites, abandoned cropland and other critical areas. [Released 2005, origin: AZ, NV & NM]

***Sporobolus cryptandrus*, Sand dropseed**

Warm season, extremely drought tolerant, long-lived, perennial bunchgrass adapted to most soil textures but thrives on sandy sites. Fine, fibrous root system. Adapted to slightly acidic to slightly basic soils. Found on upland prairies and semi-desert sites from low elevations up to 8,000 ft. Palatable summer forage to livestock and wildlife, but may increase excessively when animals prefer it less than other species. Pioneers disturbed and water-stressed sites. Establishes easily and is widely used for native restoration, controlling erosion and to stabilize sandy soils and dunes. *Pictured on page 39.* Varieties:

**Asotin**

Source Identified selection from Asotin County, WA averaging 13-22 in. annual precipitation.

**UP Dolores**

Source Identified selection from the Uncompahgre Plateau in western Colorado, averaging 16-18 in. annual precipitation.

**Western**

Source Identified selection from Wheeler County, OR averaging 11-15 in. annual precipitation.

***Sporobolus giganteus*, Giant dropseed**

Tall, warm season, drought tolerant, perennial bunchgrass adapted to deep sands and sandy soils. Poor to moderately palatable. Especially useful for stabilizing sand dunes and other blowout areas.

***Sporobolus heterolepis*, Prairie dropseed**

Short to tall, warm season, drought tolerant, perennial bunchgrass with short rhizomes, adapted to well-drained fine to coarse textured soils. Important prairie restoration species; slow to establish but long-lived. Palatable to wildlife and livestock. Seeds eaten by songbirds. Also grown as an ornamental. *Pictured on page 39.*

***Sporobolus wrightii*, Big sacaton**

Warm season, drought tolerant, perennial bunchgrass adapted to various soil textures. Tolerant of alkaline and saline soils; also seasonal flooding. Found in semidesert grasslands, shrublands and wetland communities on rocky slopes, plateaus, mesas and floodplains at 2000-7000 ft. elevation. Often in pure stands of 3-8 ft. in height; excellent for trapping wind erosion. Valuable forage and cover for wildlife.

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Prairie cordgrass [*Spartina pectinata*] during flowering. ©David Schwaegler

Sand dropseed [*Sporobolus cryptandrus*].

Prairie dropseed [*Sporobolus heterolepis*] at Lake in the Hills Fen State Nature Preserve, Illinois. ©David Schwaegler

***Sorghastrum nutans*, Indiangrass**

Warm season, perennial, bunching sod-former, adapted to most soil textures where moisture is adequate. Tall, 3-6 ft. on average, occasionally reaching 8 ft. Slow to spread.

Tolerant of imperfectly drained soils and acid to alkaline conditions. Provides excellent forage for livestock and wildlife and good cover for birds and small mammals. Often used to improve native pasture and hay ground. Co-dominant species with Big bluestem [*Andropogon gerardii*] in the tallgrass prairie ecosystem. *Pictured on page 38.* Varieties:

**Cheyenne**

Good forage and seed producer adapted for range and pasture in Oklahoma and Texas. Widely used in New Mexico, western Kansas and eastern Colorado. [Released 1945, origin: Woodward County, OK]

**Chief**

Used for pasture and hayland production in northern latitudes of the U.S. and Canadian prairie. Productive under heavy grazing for up to five years; longer under light to moderate grazing. [Released 2008, origin: Holt and Oto varieties]

**Holt**

Moderately early-maturing, superior in leafiness and yield to other early-maturing strains. Finer leaves and stems than later-maturing, southern varieties. [Released 1960, origin: Holt County, NE]

**Nebraska 54**

Late-maturing, tall, leafy variety with high seed yields. Vigorous and productive. [Released 1957, origin: Jefferson County, NE]

**Osage**

Good leafiness, vigor, and rust resistance. Good seed producer. [Released 1966, origin: KS & OK]

**Scout**

Similar adaptation to Nebraska 54. Highest forage yields and digestibility of the varieties. [Released 2008, origin: Nebraska 54 variety]

**Tomahawk**

Early maturity and superior winter hardiness and persistence. One of the best forage producers at northern latitudes. High seed yield. [Released 1988, origin: Dickey & Marshall Counties, ND & Brown County, SD]

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***Spartina pectinata*, Prairie cordgrass**

Warm season, native, strongly rhizomatous, perennial with the ability to spread 5-10 ft. per year. Typically found on low, poorly drained soils along roadsides, ditches, streams and marshes. Stiff stems and vigorous rhizomes provide good shoreline cover; excellent erosion control species. Provides good cover for wildlife. *Pictured on page 39.*

**Red River**

Germplasm with a broad genetic base and good rhizome production. [Released 1998, origin: MN, ND & SD]

***Sporobolus airoides*, Alkali sacaton**

Warm season, perennial bunchgrass with an extensive fibrous root system. Performs best on deep, moist, fine textured soils but will persist on coarser soils on dry sites. Tolerant of a wide range of soil pH. Capable of thriving on both saline and non-saline sites, sometimes becoming abundant. Versatile, tolerant of both drought and water inundation once established. Recommended for seeding disturbed saline soils and as a soil binder. Palatable to livestock and wildlife and provides valuable cover and food for birds, jackrabbits and other small mammals. Tolerant of moderate grazing. Varieties:

**Salado**

Collected on an upland site with shallow soils. Adapted to moderately alkaline, light to heavy textured soils. Use for range improvement, mined land reclamations, highway revegetation and forage production on most arid lands in the West. [Released 1983, origin: Socorro County, NM]

**Vegas**

Naturally selected from nine distinct collections to develop a broad genetic base and adaptation to a wide range of conditions. Intended for restoration and rehabilitation of riparian areas, wildlife habitat improvement, disturbance restoration and increased diversity along the Virgin River and other locations in southern Nevada. [Released 2006, origin: southern NV]

***Sporobolus compositus*, Tall dropseed**

Perennial, warm season, bunchgrass that establishes quickly on open and disturbed sites. Useful for prairie restoration and preventing erosion. Drought tolerant and long-lived once established. Generally associated with sites that have low organic matter.



WILDFIRE IN NORTHCENTRAL OREGON CONSUMES A CHEATGRASS INFESTED STAND OF BASIN BIG SAGEBRUSH (*ARTEMISIA TRIDENTATA* SPP. *TRIDENTATA*) AND WESTERN JUNIPER (*JUNIPERUS OCCIDENTALIS*).

## Broken Cycle: Weeds and Wildfire

Sagebrush (*Artemisia* spp.) ecosystems are adapted to the natural cycles of wildfire necessary to reset and revitalize native plant communities. However, invasions of annual grass weeds have dramatically shortened historic average fire return intervals within some sagebrush systems from 60-110 years, down to 3-5 years at present.<sup>1</sup>

Cheatgrass is the primary weed culprit, spreading aggressively and producing substantial amounts of thick and continuous fine fuels which encourage frequent, high-intensity wildfires. With shorter amounts of time to recover between fires, slow-growing sagebrush is unable to reestablish and cheatgrass dominates indefinitely, setting the stage for a future of chronic, catastrophic wildfire. Large expanses of native western landscapes have already converted from healthy functioning sagebrush ecosystems—sustaining both people and hundreds of species of wildlife—to monocultures of relentless cheatgrass. Without intervening management in these areas, sagebrush and other native vegetation may never recover, putting the livelihoods of people and the habitat of critical wildlife populations at risk. [See also: *Icons of the West: Sagebrush and Sage-grouse.*, page 80.]

At Granite Seed we offer numerous native and naturalized grass species to quickly stabilize and begin to restore grassland and shrubland habitats after disturbances such as wildfire. The species in this catalog are those we stock regularly. If you require something not found here, just ask. Our team is happy to assist in your wildfire restoration and weed management projects.

<sup>1</sup> Whisenant, S.G. 1990. Changing fire frequencies on Idaho's Snake River Plains: ecological and management implications. In: Proceedings of the Symposium on Cheatgrass Invasion, Shrub Die-Off, and Other Aspects of Shrub Biology and Management. Forest Service General Technical Report INT-276, pages 4–10. Intermountain Research Station, Las Vegas, NV.



Tall wheatgrass [*Thinopyrum ponticum*].  
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Arrowgrass [*Triglochin maritima*] at Lake in the Hills Fen State Nature Preserve, Illinois. ©David Schwaegler



Sixweeks fescue [*Vulpia octoflora*] Credit: Sheri Hagwood, hosted by the USDA-NRCS PLANTS Database

### Manska

Improved vigor, resistance to leaf spot, high forage production and nutritional quality. Forage yield similar to Oahe (Intermediate wheatgrass, *T. intermedium*), but higher nutritive value. [Released 1992, origin: Mandan variety]

### *Thinopyrum ponticum*,\* Tall wheatgrass



Formerly *Agropyron elongatum* and *Elytrigia elongata*. Cool season, late maturing, coarse, productive perennial bunchgrass growing to 5 ft. or more. Extremely saline and alkaline

tolerant, able to establish on soils with pH of 10. Adapted to deep or shallow, well-drained and imperfectly drained soils; able to tolerate flooding and shallow water tables. Some drought tolerance. Generally good palatability year-round. Pictured on page 41. Varieties:

#### Alkar

Tall, high yielding forage producer adapted to wet, alkaline sites. Blue-green leaves. Very late maturing. Use for revegetation or pasture on saline and alkaline sites. [Released 1951, origin: former USSR]

#### Alkar XL

Significantly larger and more robust than any previous release. Increased biomass and improved nutritional quality, including increased crude protein and digestibility. Extra-large size and nutritional characteristics make it a potential candidate for bioenergy production. [Released: 2017]

#### Jose

Medium tall, high yielding forage producer adapted to warmer climates of the Southwest. Use for revegetation or pasture on saline and alkaline sites. [Released 1965, origin: Australia, originally from Eurasia]

### *Triglochin maritima*, Arrowgrass



Cool season, perennial grasslike species that occurs in saline and alkaline marshes, peat lands, plains and basins at low to middle elevations. Frequently grows with sedges and

grasses but is often overlooked because of its slight stature. Poisonous to livestock. Pictured on page 41.

### *Tripsacum dactyloides*, Eastern gamagrass



Robust, warm season, rhizomatous, perennial bunchgrass distantly related to field corn and reaching as high as 8 ft. tall. Widely adapted but prefers moist, fertile, non-saline soils.

Deep rooted soil stabilizer. Tolerates periodic flooding or drought. Abundant producer of highly palatable, nutritious forage during summer months. Use for native prairie or hay, grazing and silage;

vigorous regrowth. Valuable wildlife food and cover, especially for ground-dwelling birds. Varieties:

#### Pete

Widely adapted, leafy type. [Released 1988, origin: KS & OK]

### *Trisetum spicatum*, Spike trisetum



Cool season, long-lived, perennial bunchgrass found in meadows, streambanks, forest openings, subalpine meadows and alpine tundra. Prefers dry, well-drained, rocky areas;

occasionally moist sites. Extremely cold and fire tolerant. Low nutrient requirements; moderately tolerant of acidic and alkaline soils. Good soil builder and erosion control species. Important forage during the growing season and into late fall.

### *Typha latifolia*, Cattails



Cool season, tall, strongly rhizomatous, native perennial occurring in dense clusters in and around aquatic areas throughout North

America. Widely adapted and may become aggressive. Provides excellent cover for wildlife.

### *Vulpia microstachys*, Small fescue



Native, cool season, annual found in open grassland and prairie habitats, sometimes as a dominant species. Prefers thin, low-nutrient, serpentine, sandy soils; occasionally clays.

Fast-growing and opportunistic, commonly increases after fire and other disturbances. Recommended for reclamation and emergency short-term erosion control while perennial plants establish.

### *Vulpia octoflora*, Sixweeks fescue



Cool season, small, loosely tufted, native annual commonly found in open disturbed areas throughout the U.S. Drought tolerant and well-adapted to sand and loam soils. Useful as

a reclamation species in early seral stages. Poor palatability to livestock and wildlife. Pictured on page 41.

\*Introduced to North America.



# Wildflowers & Forbs

**wildflower** / wyld-flaur / noun:

1. a flower or the plant bearing it which grows freely without human intervention.
2. flowering plant that generally grows in fields, deserts and forests without deliberate cultivation.

**forb** / fawrb / noun:

1. a herbaceous flowering plant other than a grass.

Broadleaf plants greatly increase the species biodiversity of wild landscapes, providing essential food and habitat for beneficial insects, vital pollinators and all types of wildlife. Granite Seed provides a large and diverse selection of wildflower and forb species for native habitat restoration, reclamation, landscaping and beautification. We farm-produce and wildland-harvest many of the seeds offered here, ensuring reliable supplies of the highest quality wildflower seed for any project or location. We frequently carry new species, local collections and varieties. If you don't find what you need listed here, please contact us.

NUMEROUS SPRING WILDFLOWERS AMONG MOUNTAIN  
BIG SAGEBRUSH (*ARTEMISIA TRIDENTATA* SSP.  
*VASEYANA*) IN THE MOUNTAINS OF COLORADO.

***Astragalus filipes*, Basalt milkvetch**

Drought tolerant, long-lived perennial native legume with showy pale-yellow to creamy white flowers, blooming April to July. Widely distributed and abundant on western arid and semiarid sagebrush steppe and open woodland ecosystems, from northern Mexico to southern Canada, often occurring in large colonies; up to 9,000 ft. elevation. Prefers coarse to semi-coarse soils, commonly basalt derived. Some ability to develop new shoots from lateral roots. Good colonizer after fire and competes well with cheatgrass. Use for revegetation, reclamation and habitat restoration on sites with increased fire frequency. Nontoxic to livestock and wildlife. Provides food for sage-grouse during the brood-rearing stage. Excellent pollen and nectar source for pollinators, including numerous species of native bees. Pictured on page 45. Varieties:

**Dry River**

Source Identified selection from Deschutes County, OR averaging 9-12 in. annual precipitation.

**NBR-1**

Use for fire rehabilitation, restoration and wildlife and pollinator habitat enhancement. [Released 2008, origin: UT, ID, OR & CA.]

***Aurinia saxatilis*,\* Basket of gold**

Formerly *Alyssum saxatile*. Introduced mat-forming perennial with golden yellow flowers blooming spring and early summer. Low to moderate water use. Use as a groundcover in borders, rock gardens and wildflower mixtures. Attractive to bees, butterflies and birds.

***Bahioopsis parishii*, Parish goldeneye (Desert sunflower)**

Formerly *Viguiera deltoidea*. Drought tolerant, native perennial subshrub with yellow daisy-like flowers blooming February to June. Occurs on dry sandy desert subshrub communities in the Mojave and Sonoran Deserts; up to 5,000 ft. elevation. Use in desert restoration and xeric landscapes.

***Baileya multiradiata*, Desert marigold**

Drought tolerant, short-lived perennial native with daisy-like brilliant yellow flowers, blooming intermittently from March to November. Common in well-drained gravelly roadsides, plains, low washes, mesas and slopes of desert scrub and pinyon-juniper communities, sometimes in large patches; up to 7,000 ft. elevation. Attractive to bees, butterflies and other nectar-seeking insects. Pictured on page 48.

***Balsamorhiza macrophylla*, Cutleaf balsamroot**

Short to tall native perennial forb with large yellow sunflower-like blooms and an unpleasant turpentine odor, blooming May to August. Occurs on well-drained clay to gravel soils as a minor component of upper grassland and sagebrush steppe communities; 4,000 to 9,500 ft. elevation. Minimal tolerance to drought or flooded soils. Grazed lightly by ungulates in spring. Attracts a large number of native pollinators.

***Asclepias speciosa*, Showy milkweed**

Drought tolerant native rhizomatous perennial with rose-purple flowers, blooming May to September. Occurs in well-drained soils of open meadows, roadsides and ditchbanks; up to 10,000 ft. elevation. Usually 2-4 ft. tall. Robust species, tolerant of a variety of environments. Forms vigorous colonies, making it useful for stabilizing degraded or disturbed soils. May become weedy, displacing other vegetation. The most abundant milkweed species in the Great Plains and western U.S. Hybridizes with Common milkweed (*A. syriaca*). Excellent nectar for pollinators, attracting hummingbirds, butterflies, honeybees, native bees and various beneficial insects. Larval host of the Monarch butterfly. Pictured on page 64.

***Asclepias syriaca*, Common milkweed**

Drought tolerant native rhizomatous perennial with rose or occasionally white flowers, blooming May to October. Occurs in rich loamy soil to high clays and sands within prairies, forest margins, dunes, roadsides and ditchbanks; up to 5,500 ft. elevation. Highly variable height, from 2-6 ft. tall. Robust, tolerant of a variety of habitats. Vigorous colonizer useful for stabilizing degraded or disturbed soils. Hybridizes with Showy milkweed (*A. speciosa*). May become weedy, displacing other vegetation. Excellent nectar for pollinators, attracting hummingbirds, butterflies, honeybees, native bees and various beneficial insects. Larval host of the Monarch butterfly.

***Asclepias tuberosa*, Butterfly milkweed**

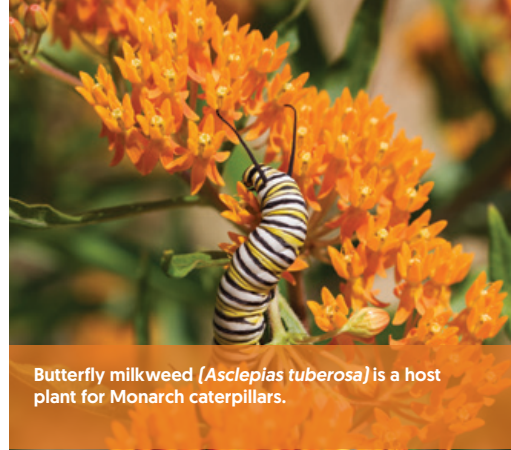
Moderately drought tolerant native rhizomatous perennial with showy brilliant orange-red flowers, blooming May to September. Adaptable to loam and clay soils but prefers mesic to dry, sandy or rocky soils within dry prairies and woodlands, colonizing open disturbed areas such as roadsides; up to 7,500 ft. elevation. Usually 12-30 in. tall. Perhaps the most showy of the milkweeds, and is an excellent ornamental for landscaping. Widely distributed, attracting butterflies, honeybees, native bees and pollinating insects throughout its range. Larval host of the Monarch butterfly. Pictured on page 45.

***Aster chilensis*, see *Symphotrichum chilense* (Pacific aster)*****Aster glaucodes*, see *Herrickia glauca* (Blueleaf aster)*****Aster laevis*, see *Symphotrichum laeve* (Smooth blue aster)*****Aster novae-angliae*, see *Symphotrichum novae-angliae* (New England aster)*****Astragalus canadensis*, Canadian milkvetch**

Medium to tall, rhizomatous short-lived perennial native legume with creamy greenish-white flowers, blooming June to September. Adapted to a wide range of well-drained soils, preferring wet meadows, forests, riverbanks and marshy sites; up to 9,000 ft. elevation. Useful for riparian restoration and erosion control; slow establishing. Pollinated by native bees and butterflies. Not tolerant of extreme cold.



Basalt milkvetch (*Astragalus filipes*) in a seed production field at L&H Seeds in southeastern Washington. ©L&H Seeds



Butterfly milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) is a host plant for Monarch caterpillars.



Western yarrow (*Achillea millefolium* var. *occidentalis*) in a seed production field at L&H Seeds in southeastern Washington. ©Damon Winter/L&H Seeds

***Abronia villosa*, Desert sand verbena**

Drought tolerant native annual with fragrant purple-pinkish flower clusters, blooming January to June. Creeps to form low dense patches trailing up to 3 ft. long, sometimes intermingled with other species. Found in open sandy desert and coastal locations and roadsides; up to 5,000 ft. elevation.

***Achillea millefolium*,\* White yarrow (Common yarrow)**

Introduced, drought tolerant rhizomatous perennial with flat clusters of small white flowers, blooming April to October. Feathery fernlike leaves are distinctly pungent. Widely used for erosion control or landscaping. Much taller, aggressive and weedy than native Western yarrow (*A. millefolium* var. *occidentalis*).

***Achillea millefolium* var. *occidentalis*, Western yarrow**

Formerly *A. lanulosa*. Rhizomatous native perennial forb with small flat flower clusters and fernlike leaves, blooming April to October. Extremely drought tolerant, though very common throughout the U.S. on wet or dry sites. Especially important in western sagebrush-Bluebunch wheatgrass (*Pseudoroegneria spicata* ssp. *spicata*) communities. Used on shrublands, prairies, mine reclamation and roadsides at all elevations; also as an ornamental and for pollinator habitat for native bees. Competitive with weeds. Smaller and much less aggressive than the introduced White yarrow (*A. millefolium*). Pictured on pages 45 and 61. Varieties:

**Columbia**

Source Identified selection from Sherman County and Gillman County, OR averaging 11-13 in. annual precipitation.

**Eagle**

Adapted to low elevation, semiarid sites with long, hot growing seasons. Easily established. Competitive with introduced grasses and annual weeds such as cheatgrass. May establish better on arid sites than other releases. [Released 2011, origin: Ada County, ID]

**Yakima**

Source Identified selection from Yakima County, WA averaging 6-11 in. annual precipitation. Good establishment and persistence on semiarid lands, especially locations prone to repeat disturbance such as wildfire. [Released 2004, origin: U.S. Army Yakima Training Center, Yakima County, WA]

***Aquilegia canadensis*, Eastern red columbine**

Native perennial forb with nodding red and yellow flowers, blooming April to July. Very adaptable, found in dry to mesic woodland sites or open gravelly shorelines and roadsides; up to 5,000 ft. elevation. Nectar is vital for migrating hummingbirds when few other plants are flowering. Resembles Western red columbine (*A. formosa*).

***Aquilegia coerulea*, Colorado blue columbine**

Native perennial forb with large blue and white nodding flowers, blooming June to September. Occurs on xeric to moist subalpine meadows, open woodlands and near mountain streams; 7,000 to 13,000 ft. elevation. Also use as a landscape ornamental for pollinator habitat. State flower of Colorado.

***Aquilegia formosa*, Western red columbine**

Native perennial forb with nodding red and yellow flowers, blooming April to September. Occurs in moist open woods and meadows from the coast to the subalpine; up to 11,000 ft. elevation. Nectar is used by hummingbirds and other pollinators. Resembles Eastern red columbine (*A. canadensis*).

***Argemone polyanthemos*, Crested pricklypoppy**

Formerly *A. platyceras*. Drought tolerant native annual, biennial or perennial with bright white or occasionally lavender flowers, blooming April to October. Covered in slender yellow prickles. Occurs in coarse to medium textured soils of prairies, foothills, roadsides and disturbed areas; up to 8,000 ft. elevation. Poisonous to livestock.

***Asclepias incarnata*, Swamp milkweed**

Native rhizomatous perennial with bright pink to reddish-violet flowers, blooming June to October. Occurs in moist habitats and wet soils in low fields, prairies, wet meadows, forest openings, swamps, marshes and along shorelines; up to 6,500 ft. elevation. Tolerant of occasional flooding but also able to grow in drier areas. Highly variable in height, ranging from 2-6 ft. tall. Establishes easily and is excellent for wetland and riparian restoration or as an ornamental, especially in wet, heavy clay soils. Excellent nectar for pollinators, attracting hummingbirds, butterflies, honeybees, native bees and various beneficial insects. Larval host of the Monarch butterfly.

\*Introduced to North America.

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**Balsamorhiza sagittata, Arrowleaf balsamroot**

Drought tolerant, long-lived perennial native with yellow sunflower-like flowers, blooming April to July. Deep, thick taproot is tolerant of fire, grazing, trampling and drought; seedlings

slow to establish. Prefers deep, fine to medium textured well-drained soils. Often found in large patches. Common in sagebrush communities as well as mountain shrub communities, woodlands and open forests; up to 10,000 ft. elevation. Thought to have potential for use in oil shale and mining reclamation. Valuable spring and summer forage for mule deer, elk, bighorn sheep and pronghorn. Attractive to native pollinators. Sage-grouse eat the young shoots and flower buds. *Pictured on page 48.*

**Bellis perennis,\* English lawn daisy**

Introduced spreading biennial with white to pink flowers blooming spring to fall; only 3-6 in. tall. Once considered a weed in traditional lawns, now often included in flowering

"ecolawns" or rugged naturalized lawns. Prefers moist, well-drained soils in full sun or part shade. Overseed existing lawns or apply when seeding a new lawn. Will not flower the first year. Also used as a groundcover or bedding plant.

**Camassia quamash, Camas**

Native bulbous perennial with light to deep blue flowers, blooming April to July. Grows in full sun to part shade in moist meadows, depressions, seasonal floodplains and prairies

that dry by early summer; up to 11,000 ft. elevation. Tolerant of heavy clay soils. Up to three years before first blooming season. Grazed by ungulates in spring. Attracts beneficial insects.

**Campanula rotundifolia, Harebell**

Native perennial with bell shaped blue flowers, blooming June to September. Occurs on dry shallow soils of sunny meadows, hillsides, valleys and rocky slopes of the temperate and

arctic zones across the northern hemisphere; up to 12,500 ft. elevation. Numerous small to mid-sized bee species feed on the nectar and pollen.

**Castilleja applegatei ssp. martinii, Wavyleaf Indian paintbrush**

Highly variable, drought tolerant native perennial with scarlet red or yellow bract flowers, blooming April to September. Occurs from valleys to foothills in dry open

greasewood, sagebrush, pine and oak woodlands; up to 12,000 ft. elevation. Root-parasitic on other plants. Attracts hummingbirds.

**Castilleja exserta ssp. exserta, Purple owl's clover (Exserted Indian paintbrush)**

Formerly *Orthocarpus purpurascens*. Drought tolerant, native annual root-parasite with bright rose-purple bract flowers, blooming March to June. Occurs on many soil types in large

masses along hillsides and in pastures; up to 5,000 ft. elevation. May form a stunning carpet across the desert floor in wet years. Attracts hummingbirds.

**Castilleja linariifolia, Wyoming Indian paintbrush**

Drought tolerant, native perennial root-parasite with showy bright red flower bracts, blooming June to October. Found on arid rocky grasslands, meadows, sagebrush scrub and

open woodland communities; 3,000 to 11,000 ft. elevation. Attracts hummingbirds. State flower of Wyoming.

**Castilleja minor, Lesser Indian paintbrush**

Formerly *C. exilis*. Native annual root-parasite with long red bract flowers, blooming April to October. Occurs in heavy soils of sunny wetlands, saline or alkaline meadows, wet

shores and seasonally moist sites with high water tables; up to 8,500 ft. elevation.

**Castilleja rhexiifolia, Splitleaf Indian paintbrush**

Native perennial root-parasite with deep rose-pink to magenta floral bracts, blooming June to September. Found on mesic to moist woodlands, meadows, streambanks and open

rocky slopes up to alpine mountain regions; 4,500 to 14,000 ft. elevation.

**Castilleja sulphurea, Sulphur Indian paintbrush**

Native perennial root-parasite with pale yellow floral bracts which is an uncommon color within the genus, blooming June to September. Commonly found in moist open

mountain meadows; up to 13,000 ft. elevation.

**Centaurea cyanus,\* Bachelor button (Cornflower)**

Introduced annual with blue flowers, blooming May to August. Easily established in full sun to part shade as part of wildflower mixes and flower gardens; well-drained sandy to clay

soils. Pollinated by flies, bees, butterflies and moths. *Pictured on page 101.*

**Chamaecrista fasciculata, Partridge pea**

Fairly drought tolerant, native annual legume with showy yellow flowers, blooming July to September. Common in poor soils of prairies, roadsides, waterways and disturbed areas;

thrives after wildfire. Establishes rapidly and volunteers easily. Often in dense stands, decreasing as other species establish. Palatable in wildlife food plots but poisonous to livestock when over-consumed. Valuable pollinator species for native bees and honeybees. *Pictured on page 48.*

**Chamerion angustifolium, Fireweed**

Formerly *Epilobium angustifolium*. Rhizomatous native perennial with deep rose-pink flowers on tall ascending green and reddish stems, blooming June to September. Widespread in

burned or logged forests, meadows, road cuts and waterways; up to 12,500 ft. elevation. Colonizer following wildfire or disturbance. Moderate moisture requirement; long-lived with full sunlight. Pollinated by native bees, moths and hummingbirds.

**Cheiranthus allionii,\* Wallflower**

Introduced annual with orange flowers, blooming spring to summer. Found along roadsides and meadows. Recommended for full sun landscaping blends in wildflower

meadows and gardens; low to moderate water requirement.



Desert marigold [*Baileya multiradiata*] at Christmas Tree Pass near Laughlin, Nevada. ©David Schwaegler



Arrowleaf balsamroot [*Balsamorhiza sagittata*] in the Columbia River Gorge, Oregon.



Partridge pea [*Chamaecrista fasciculata*] at Ayers Sand Prairie State Nature Preserve, Illinois. ©David Schwaegler

**Chrysanthemum maximum, see Leucanthemum maximum (Shasta daisy)****Clarkia amoena, Farewell-to-spring**

Common native annual with pale pink to deep red petals, often with a dark red spot in the center, blooming May to August. Occurs in well-drained to dry soils of meadows,

roadsides and woodland openings. Tolerant of alkaline soils, clays and seaside conditions. Use in wildflower meadows and gardens. Attracts bees and hummingbirds.

**Cleome lutea, see Peritoma lutea (Yellow beeplant)****Cleome serrulata, see Peritoma serrulata (Rocky Mountain beeplant)****Collinsia heterophylla, Chinese houses**

Distinct native annual with bicolored purple and speckled white petals, blooming February to June. Prefers fertile, well-drained, moist soils. Endemic to California. Occurs in forest

understories, meadows and wet areas; below 5,000 ft. elevation. Pioneer species after disturbances and wildfire. Use in habitat restoration and in shady gardens beyond its native range. Reseeds easily. The most favorite early-season pollen and nectar source of Blue orchard bees, an important native pollinator of almond orchards. Also a larval host plant for the Checkerspot butterfly and a pollen source for a variety of native bees.

**Consolida ajacis,\* Rocket larkspur**

Formerly *Delphinium ajacis*. Introduced annual with blue, pink or white flowers, blooming spring to fall. Adaptable to a wide range of conditions and soils; low to moderate water

use. Use in full to part sun wildflower gardens. Primarily pollinated by long-tongue bees.

**Coreopsis lanceolata, Lanceleaf coreopsis (Lanceleaf tickseed)**

Native rhizomatous perennial with solitary yellow daisy-like flowers on long stalks, blooming April to August. Occurs on sandy or rocky well-drained soils in prairies, meadows

and disturbed sites with poor soil. Tolerant of heat, humidity and drought. Able to form large colonies; establishes easily. Pollen and nectar source for honeybees, native bees and butterflies. Use for prairie restoration, roadsides, waste areas and wildflower gardens and borders.

**Coreopsis tinctoria, Plains coreopsis (Golden tickseed)**

Native annual with numerous yellow flowers with maroon centers, blooming May to October. Prefers moist, sandy or clay soils with poor drainage along roadsides, low fields,

meadows and disturbed sites. Readily reseeds itself. Pollinated by bees, butterflies and birds. Use for roadsides, prairie restoration, wildflower mixtures and gardens. State flower of Florida.

**Cosmos bipinnatus,\* Cosmos**

Introduced annual with showy red, pink and white flowers on tall stalks; bloom summer to fall. Establishes easily and quickly on infertile sandy soils; low water use. Use for landscaping and wildflower meadows. Attracts butterflies and honeybees.

**Cosmos sulphureus,\* Sulphur cosmos (Yellow cosmos)**

Introduced annual with bright sulphur orange flowers on tall stems; bloom summer to fall. Easily established, preferring coarse soils. Low water user. Use in beautification, wildflower

meadows and gardens. Attracts butterflies and honeybees.

**Crepis acuminata, Tapertip hawkbeard**

Drought tolerant native perennial with yellow flowers, blooming May to September. Occurs on dry well-drained soils in sagebrush and conifer communities up to 10,500 ft. elevations.

Good spring and summer forage for elk, deer and antelope. Sage-grouse chicks feed on the leaves and associated insects.

**Dalea candida, White prairie clover**

Formerly *Petalostemon candidus*. Native perennial non-toxic legume with white flowers, blooming June to October. Branched taproot. Found on well-drained coarse textured soils of

prairies, roadsides and wooded openings; up to 8,000 ft. elevation. Provides nutritious browse for antelope, deer, elk and sharp-tail grouse. Intolerant of overgrazing. Attracts numerous native bees and honeybees and is a food source for the larvae of the Reakirt's blue butterfly. Use for reclamation of disturbed soils, range renovation, prairie habitat restoration and roadside mixes. Varieties:

**Antelope**

Vigorous, high forage and seed producer. Plant for forage, range renovation and prairie restoration. [Released 2000, origin: Stark County, ND]

***Dalea ornata*,  
Western prairie clover (Blue Mountain prairie clover)**



Native, non-toxic perennial legume with light pink to purple flowers, blooming May to July. Occurs on soft clay and sandy soils of sagebrush steppe communities; up to 8,000 ft. elevation. Taprooted. Highly palatable to herbivores and many types of wildlife. Intolerant of overgrazing. Primarily insect pollinated, attracts both native and managed bees. Use for habitat restoration, beautification and roadsides. Similar to Searles' prairie clover (*D. searlsiae*). Varieties:

**Aridlands**

Source Identified selection from Wheeler County, OR averaging 11-14 in. annual precipitation.

**Majestic**

Represents the genetic diversity from the western Columbia Plateau and western Blue Mountain ecoregions. [Released 2011]

**Spectrum**

Represents the genetic diversity from the central and eastern Columbia Plateau, central and eastern Blue Mountains, Northern Basin and Range, and Snake River Plain ecoregions. [Released 2011]

***Dalea purpurea*, Purple prairie clover**



Formerly *Petalostemon purpureus*. Native, warm season non-toxic leguminous perennial with pink to purple flowers, blooming June to September. Deep woody, stout taproot.

Adapted to well-drained soils of hillsides, prairies and plains; up to 8,000 ft. elevation. Highly palatable browse to ungulates and many types of wildlife. Intolerant of overgrazing. Attracts numerous bees and is the larval host plant of the Southern dogface butterfly. Use for restoration, beautification, roadsides and habitat improvement. *Pictured on page 50.* Varieties:

**Bismark**

Superior vigor, foliage abundance and above average seed yield. Northern adaptation. [Released 2000, origin: Lyman County, SD]

**Kaneb**

Good vigor, height and stand development. [Released 1975, origin: Manhattan, KS]

***Dalea searlsiae*, Searles' prairie clover**



Native, non-toxic perennial legume with pink to purple flowers, blooming April to August. Occurs in sandy or gravelly soils of sagebrush, shrub steppe and woodland habitats; 3,000 to 8,000 ft. elevation. Primarily insect pollinated. Highly palatable browse to herbivores and many types of wildlife. Intolerant of overgrazing. Use for restoration, beautification, roadsides and habitat improvement. Similar to Western prairie clover (*D. ornata*). Varieties:

**Bonneville**

Represents the genetic diversity from northwestern Utah, taken from a considerably drier, lower elevation site than other releases; 7 in. annual precipitation. [Released 2015, origin: Tooele County, UT]

**Carmel**

Intended for the Colorado Plateau. Greater dry-matter yields, height, flowering and seed production than Bonneville. [Released 2015: Kane County, UT]

**Fanny**

Intended for Nevada and southwestern Utah. Greater dry-matter yields, height, flowering, seed production and seedling emergence than Bonneville. [Releases 2015, Lincoln County, NV]

***Desmanthus illinoensis*, Illinois bundleflower**



Native, semi-woody perennial legume with white globelike flower heads, blooming June to October. Occurs in well-drained soils of prairies, thickets, rocky slopes and open sites

throughout the plains and southeastern states. Good palatability to big game; seeds desirable for wild birds. Pollinated by native bees.

***Dianthus barbatus*,\* Sweet William**



Introduced biennial or short-lived perennial with dense clusters of white, pink and red disc-like flowers, blooming April to September. Prefers moist, well-drained soils in full sun. Use

for groundcover, borders and wildflower seedings. Pollinated by bees, butterflies and moths.

***Dianthus deltoides*,\* Maiden pinks**



Introduced perennial with deep pink to red flowers and a dark red ring around their center, blooming May to September. Occurs along open fields and roadsides. Use for easy maintenance groundcover on poor soils. Butterfly pollinated.

***Dieteria bigelovii* var. *bigelovii*, Plains aster**



Formerly *Machaeranthera bigelovii*. Native drought tolerant biennial with large showy purple flowers and yellow centers, blooming July to October. Found on dry open areas with

shallow or gravelly soils in the upper elevations of its range; 4,000 to 12,000 ft. elevation. Often occurs in large masses. Browsed throughout the season by deer and livestock. Attracts a variety of generalist bees, including honey and leafcutter bees.

***Dieteria canescens*, Hoary tansyaster**



Formerly *Machaeranthera canescens*. Native short-lived perennial with blue to purple flowers and yellow centers, blooming May to October. Early colonizer of degraded and

disturbed sites in various types of arid communities, from low valley rangelands to higher mountain elevations; up to 10,500 ft. elevation. Common to the eastern Pacific Northwest. Competitive with cheatgrass and knapweeds. Habitat for many birds and mammals. Insect associations important for sage-grouse chicks. Varieties:

**Amethyst**

Superior establishment and vigor. Excellent for wildlife habitat and pollinator improvement. [Released 2014, origin: Fremont County, ID]



Purple prairie clover (*Dalea purpurea*).



Purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*).  
©David Schwaegler



'Meriwether' Blanketflower (*Gaillardia aristata*) in a seed production field at L&H Seeds in southeastern Washington. ©Damon Winter/L&H Seeds

***Digitalis purpurea*,\* Foxglove**



Introduced biennial with tall spires of pink, purple and white tubular flowers heavily spotted on their inner surface, blooming May to August. Naturalized in open woodlands and disturbed sites. Use for wildflower gardens and tall borders. Flowers attract hummingbirds.

***Dimorphotheca sinuata*,\* African daisy**



Introduced annual with showy yellow, orange and cream flowers, blooming early spring and summer. Recommended for beautiful groundcover, garden borders or areas where quick cover is needed. Drought and heat tolerant; full sun. Attracts pollinator species.

***Dracopis amplexicaulis*, Claspng coneflower**



Formerly *Rudbeckia amplexicaulis*. Native annual with yellow flower petals and reddish maroon bases, blooming April to September. Naturally occurs in open bottomlands, roadsides, streambanks and prairies. Tolerant of heat, drought and various soils. Use in pollinator gardens and wildflower plantings. Attracts bees and butterflies.

***Echinacea angustifolia*, Blacksamson**



Long-lived native perennial with rose-purple flowers, blooming June to September. Prefers dry open rocky, sandy prairies and plains; up to 7,000 ft. elevation. Deep, woody taproot and low water user. Slow growing, taking up to three years to flower. Attractive to native bees, butterflies and hummingbirds.

***Echinacea pallida*, Pale purple coneflower**



Very tall native perennial with long lavender petals drooping from a dark orange center cone, blooming May to July. Found in well-drained soils of open prairies, grassy slopes, dry woodlands and roadsides. Tolerant of drought, heat, humidity and poor soils. Preferred nectar plant for numerous bees and butterflies.

***Echinacea purpurea*, Purple coneflower**



Tall native rhizomatous perennial with purple cone-shaped flowers, blooming May to September. Fairly drought tolerant, preferring open rocky prairies or woodlands on a wide range of soils. Use in wildflower blends and roadside mixtures, providing both erosion control and beautification. Attracts numerous bees and butterflies. *Pictured on pages 50 & 99.*

***Epilobium angustifolium*,  
see *Chamerion angustifolium* (Fireweed)**

***Erigeron speciosus*, Aspen fleabane (Aspen daisy)**



Native perennial with lavender to blue flowers and yellow centers, blooming June to September. Occurs on well-drained to clay soils in moist meadows, streambanks and openings of aspen, spruce and fir; up to 12,000 ft. elevation. Pollinated by native bees.

***Eriogonum heracleoides*,  
Wyeth buckwheat (Parsnipflower buckwheat)**



Native, drought tolerant perennial forb to subshrub with cream to yellow-pinkish umbel flower clusters, blooming May to August. Occurs on dry rocky soils of slopes and canyons in sagebrush and shrubland communities and mountain meadows; up to 10,000 ft. elevation. Flowers attract insects which are an important food source to sage-grouse.

***Eriogonum racemosum*, Redroot buckwheat**



Native drought tolerant perennial with numerous tight clusters of long-lasting white to pink tubular flowers, blooming June to October. Vivid fall colors after senescence. Distinctly tall and slender for a buckwheat. Common, occurring in openings of foothills, dry meadows, gravelly flats, steppe and shrublands; 4,000 to 10,000 ft. elevation. Often forms large patches or colonies. Host for various species of butterflies; attracts large numbers of native bees.

***Eriogonum umbellatum*, Sulphur flower buckwheat**



Native, drought tolerant, low-growing woody perennial forb to subshrub with tiny yellow flower clusters, blooming May to September. Tolerant of drought, salinity, carbonates and infertile soils; 6.5 to 9.0 pH range. Common on dry well-drained soils of rocky slopes, valley bottoms, sagebrush deserts or mountain meadows; up to 12,000 ft. elevation. Excellent species for native pollinators, including being a larval host and nectar source for the Lupine blue butterfly. Leaves and associated insects are an important food for sage-grouse chicks.

***Eriophyllum lanatum*,  
Oregon sunshine (Common woolly sunflower)**



Highly variable native annual, biennial or short to long-lived perennial with golden yellow flowers, blooming April to August. Excellent drought tolerance. Common and quick to establish, occurring in dry, rocky or sandy well-drained soils on

**Medicine Creek**

Large, late maturing ecotype intended for conservation, wildlife habitat, prairie restoration, landscaping hedges or in filter strips because of its ability to use excess water and nutrients. (Released 2000, origin: Hughes County, SD)

**Helianthus nuttallii, Nuttall's sunflower (Marsh sunflower)**

Tall, rhizomatous and tuberous native perennial with upright yellow flowers, blooming July to September. Common on moist to saturated soils of meadows and sloughs, forming large clumps; up to 9,000 ft. elevation. Occasionally on dry soils which experience seasonal flooding.

**Heliomeris multiflora, Showy goldeneye**

Formerly *Viguiera multiflora*. Tall native perennial forb to subshrub with golden yellow sunflower-like flowers, blooming May to October. Competitive; good seedling vigor.

Prefers well-drained soils on dry to moderately moist slopes and roadsides in sagebrush and woodland communities; 3,500-12,000 ft. elevation. Browsed by ungulates; birds and rodents eat the seeds. Attracts numerous native bees, butterflies and hummingbirds.

**Herrickia glauca, Blueleaf aster (Gray aster)**

Formerly *Aster glaucodes*. Drought tolerant, rhizomatous native perennial forb to subshrub with numerous pale lavender flowers, blooming July to October. Colonizes openings of arid salt desert shrub, sagebrush and woodland communities; 2,000 to 11,000 ft. elevation.

**Heterotheca villosa, Hairy goldenaster**

Drought tolerant, native perennial forb to subshrub with yellow flowers, blooming May to October. Common, occurring in sandy and rocky or calcareous soils of dry grasslands, desert shrublands and open forests. Useful for erosion control and pollinator habitat.

**Ipomopsis aggregata, Scarlet gilia (Skyrocket)**

Formerly *Gilia aggregata*. Biennial or short-lived native perennial with showy brilliant red, or occasionally pink tubular flowers, blooming May to September. Occurs on well-drained sandy or rocky deserts and subalpine meadows; up to 11,500 ft. Browsed by deer and elk prior to flowering. Pollinated by native bees, flies, moths and hummingbirds.

**Ipomopsis rubra, Standing cypress**

Native biennial with showy red tubular flowers marked with interior yellowish spots, blooming May to September. Occurs along riverbanks and open sandy areas; moderate drought tolerance. Use in hummingbird gardens and wildflower mixtures.

**Iris missouriensis, Rocky Mountain iris (Western blue flag)**

Native perennial evergreen forb spreading by tuberous rhizomes with showy large pale blue to blue-violet flowers and dark violet veins, blooming May to September. Occurs in wetlands and riparian areas of streambanks, moist meadows and forest openings; up to 11,500 ft. elevation. Use for restoration or in wet to saturated landscaping. Attracts insects and hummingbirds.

granite soils in sandy washes, canyon floors, gravel bars and roadsides; up to 8,000 ft. elevation. Short-lived but easily reseeds itself. *Pictured on page 51.*

**Glandularia pulchella,\* Moss verbena (South American mock vervain)**

Formerly *Verbena tenuisecta*. Introduced mounding perennial with purple flowers, blooming spring to fall. Use for low water groundcover and landscape borders; full sun to part shade. Attracts numerous pollinating insects.

**Hedysarum boreale, Utah sweetvetch (Northern sweetvetch)**

Widely distributed native drought tolerant perennial legume with colorful pink-purple pea-like flowers, blooming May to August. Occasionally rhizomatous. Occurs in the openings of semi-deserts, shrublands and woodland openings; 2,000 to 10,000 ft. elevation. Prefers well-drained loamy sites, but tolerant of sandy or clay soils. Highly palatable to ungulates. Use for habitat restoration, reclamation and roadsides. Provides habitat for sage-grouse and pollinators. *Pictured on page 51.* Varieties:

**CP-UP**

Source Identified selection from the Colorado Plateau-Uncompahgre Plateau of San Miguel County, CO averaging 16-19 in. annual precipitation.

**Timp**

High seedling vigor, establishment, adaptability, persistence, seed production and nitrogen fixing ability. Competes well with broadleaf weeds. (Released 1994, origin: Utah County, UT)

**Helianthella uniflora, Oneflowered helianthella**

Native perennial with tall stems ending in solitary yellow flowers, blooming June to August. Adapted to coarse shallow soils in shrub and woodland communities; 2,000 to 10,500 ft. elevation. Food source for native bees, birds, small mammals and deer. Use for habitat restoration.

**Helianthus annuus, Annual sunflower**

Fast growing, drought tolerant native annual with yellow flowers and large dark centers, blooming March to October. Smaller flower heads than commercial types used in food and oil production [See: *Cover Crops & Annual Forages*]. May reach up to 10 ft. in height. Prefers disturbed ground and waste areas such as abandoned fields, roadsides and gravel pits; up to 10,000 ft. elevation. Easily established, often forming large colonies; tolerant of clay soils. Seeds are winter food for many birds. Visited by butterflies and bees. State flower of Kansas.

**Helianthus maximiliani, Maximilian sunflower**

Aggressive, rhizomatous perennial native with showy yellow flowers, blooming from July to October. Forms dense colonies in moist heavy soils of mixed grass prairies and rocky upland sites; up to 5,000 ft. elevation. Food and habitat for numerous bees, insects, birds, small mammals and large game. Important late-season nectar source for migrating Monarch butterflies. *Pictured on page 51.* Varieties:



Maximilian sunflower (*Helianthus maximiliani*).



Utah sweetvetch (*Hedysarum boreale*) in a seed production field at L&H Seeds in southeastern Washington. ©Damon Winter/L&H Seeds



Gooding's verbena (*Glandularia goodingii*) in the Coconino National Forest near Sedona, Arizona. Credit: ©David Schwaegler

roadsides, bluffs, canyons, dry grasslands and forests. Attracts numerous pollinating flies, bees, moths and butterflies. Host plant for the Painted lady butterfly and nectar source for the Oregon-endangered Fender's blue butterfly. Use in native habitat restoration, roadsides and in landscaping borders.

**Eschscholzia caespitosa, Tufted poppy**

Drought tolerant native annual with bright yellow flowers, blooming March to June. Prefers medium to fine textured soils in the grasslands of California's Central Valley; up to 5,000 ft. elevation. Visited by native bumble bees.

**Eschscholzia californica, California poppy**

Drought tolerant native annual to perennial with cup-shaped orange flowers, blooming February to July. Occurs along foothills and open grassy slopes; up to 5,000 ft. Widely adapted species that establishes easily and readily reseeds. Use for habitat restoration, wildflower mixes, borders and roadsides. Important pollinator species for numerous bees and insects, especially bumble bees. State flower of California. *Pictured on page 101.*

**Eschscholzia californica ssp. mexicana, Mexican gold poppy**

Drought tolerant native perennial with bright yellow-orange flowers, blooming February to May. Endemic to the Sonoran Desert region. Easily recognized by carpeted patches on the coarse soils of desert hillsides following warm, wet winters; up to 4,000 ft. elevation. Close desert-relative of California poppy (*E. californica*), only smaller, more drought hardy and quicker to flower.

**Gaillardia aristata, Blanketflower**

Widely adapted, drought tolerant native perennial with yellow and red flowers, blooming April to September. Found in a variety of well-drained soils in grasslands, shrublands, open woodlands and mountain meadows; up to 10,000 ft. elevation. Tolerant of mild acidic to mild alkaline conditions. Establishes quickly and able to grow into large colonies, especially on disturbed sites. Fire resistant, increasing after wildfire. Competitive with weeds. Attracts numerous pollinating bees and butterflies; extensive bloom period. Foliage and associated insects are a food source for sage-grouse and sharp-tail grouse. Use in restoration, erosion control or beautification. Varieties:

**Meriwether**

First true North American native release. Ray petals are solid yellow without red interiors, differing from some commonly

known types. Use in habitat restoration, site reclamation or as an ornamental in low maintenance landscaping. (Released 2011, origin: MT & WY). *Pictured on page 50.*

**Gaillardia pulchella, Firewheel (Indian blanket)**

Heat and drought tolerant native annual with vibrant red and yellow daisy-like flowers, blooming March to October. Found on open sandy plains and roadsides in desert areas.

Widely adaptable and recommended for wildflower mixes or mass plantings. Good bee pollinator plant.

**Gazania rigens,\* Gazania (Treasure flower)**

Formerly *G. splendens*. Low growing, spreading introduced perennial with mixed flowers of red, yellow and orange, blooming spring to fall. Use as a groundcover for border areas, parking strips or to stabilize hillsides or roadsides. Low to moderate water requirement.

**Geranium viscosissimum, Sticky purple geranium**

Native perennial with pale lavender-pink to purple flowers, blooming May to August. Widely distributed in well-drained soils of forests and shrub steppe communities, occasionally moist meadows; 1,000 to 10,000 ft. elevation. Pollinated by flies, butterflies and native bees.

**Gilia capitata, Globe gilia**

Native drought tolerant annual with blue globe-shaped flowers atop tall stems, blooming March to July. Occurs in woodlands and prairies; up to 7,000 ft. elevation. Use for mass plantings, along borders and in full sun to full shade garden mixes. Attracts native bees, butterflies and hummingbirds.

**Gilia tricolor, Birds eyes**

Widely adaptable native annual with pale to deep blue-violet flowers with yellow throats and five pairs of purple spots at the base of each petal, blooming February to June.

Endemic to California; up to 4,500 ft. elevation. Also use for beautification mixes beyond its native range; full sun to part shade. Attracts bees.

**Glandularia goodingii, Gooding's verbena (Southwestern mock vervain)**

Formerly *Verbena goodingii*. Native mounding perennial with clusters of pink or lavender flowers, blooming February to October in response to desert precipitation.

Grows well on sandy or rocky sites, especially on limestone or

***Kallstroemia grandiflora*, Arizona poppy (Arizona caltrop)**

Sprawling summer native annual with golden orange-yellow flowers, blooming July to October after desert monsoons. Quick germination when moisture is available. Found along roadsides, sandy washes, mesas, disturbed areas and low spots, often in mass communities; up to 6,500 ft. elevation. Use in desert restoration and native gardens. Prolific seed producer; seeds eaten by birds. Visited by numerous bees, wasps, flies and butterflies.

***Layia platyglossa*, Coastal tidytips**

Drought tolerant native annual with circular yellow white tipped flowers, blooming February to June. Historically common on dry habitats from low coastal dunes to grassy meadows and the high desert; up to 7,000 ft. elevation. Widely adaptable, suited for mass plantings or full sun wildflower gardens; tolerates clay soils. Seeds are a favorite of many birds. Attractive to butterflies and native bees.

***Leptosiphon grandiflorus*, Mountain phlox (Large-flower linanthus)**

Formerly *Linanthus grandiflorus*. Low-growing annual native endemic to California with soft white and lilac flowers, blooming April to July. Widely adaptable, occurring in well-drained open prairies, shrub and woodland habitats, often in dense colonies when moisture is adequate; up to 4,000 ft. elevation. Use in restoration and wildflower blends.

***Lesquerella gordonii*, see *Physaria gordonii* (Gordon's bladderpod)*****Leucanthemum maximum*,\* Shasta daisy**

Formerly *Chrysanthemum maximum*. Introduced, rhizomatous short-lived perennial with large white daisy-like flowers, blooming May to August. Found in clumps along disturbed sites and roadsides. Use for low to moderately watered gardens or landscapes; full sun to part shade.

***Liatris punctata*, Dotted blazingstar (Dotted gayfeather)**

Very long-lived, drought tolerant native perennial with clusters of lavender-pink flowers along long stems, blooming July to October. Substantial taproot and rhizomatous lateral root system can reach 16 ft. deep and 5 ft. in spread. Occurs on well-drained sandy or rocky forest, sagebrush, grassland and prairie sites; up to 9,000 ft. elevation. Increases after disturbance. Use for restoration and as an ornamental. Fair to good browse for wild ungulates. Especially important late-season nectar source for native butterflies and moths.

***Liatris pycnostachya*, Thickspike blazingstar (Thickspike gayfeather)**

Tall, long-lived native perennial with clusters of pink-purple flowers along stems sometimes reaching 5 ft. tall, blooming June to October. Substantial taproot system can reach 5-15 ft. deep; also rhizomatous. Occurs on moist tallgrass prairies, often in thick patches. Use for prairie restoration and as an ornamental. Nectar important to many native pollinators, especially native butterflies and moths.

***Liatris spicata*, Dense blazingstar (Marsh gayfeather)**

Native rhizomatous perennial with clusters of rose-purple flowers on stems typically 2-4 ft. tall, blooming July to October. Occurs on low-lying moist prairie soils in meadows and fields and on the edges of marshes and bogs. Nectar important to many native bees, butterflies and moths. Similar appearance to Thickspike blazingstar [*L. pycnostachya*], but prefers wetter sites.

***Linanthus grandiflorus*, see *Leptosiphon grandiflorus* (Mountain phlox)*****Linaria maroccana*,\* Moroccan toadflax (Baby snapdragon)**

Drought tolerant introduced annual with mixed colors of pink, red, orange, yellow, lavender and white, blooming prolifically from early spring to summer. Widely adaptable and easy to establish. Used for full to part sun ornamental borders and garden mixtures.

***Linum grandiflorum*,\* Scarlet flax**

Introduced annual with brilliant scarlet flowers, replaced daily from early spring to fall. Widely adaptable, easily to establish and readily reseeds itself. Used for full to part sun ornamental borders and garden mixtures.

***Linum lewisii*, Lewis flax (Prairie flax)**

Short-lived, drought tolerant native perennial with light blue flowers that are replaced daily from April to August. Widely adapted, occurring on well-drained, infertile and disturbed soils of mixed grass prairies, shrublands, woodlands and forest openings; up to 12,000 ft. elevation. Cold hardy. Intolerant of poor drainage, flooded soils or high water tables. Use for habitat restoration, reclamation, roadsides and beautification. Also use in green strips and fuel breaks; semi-evergreen and fire resistant. Eaten by livestock and wild ungulates, especially deer and antelope. Birds eat the seeds in fall and winter. *Pictured on page 54 & 126.* Varieties:

**Columbia**

Source Identified selection from Sherman & Gillman Counties, OR averaging 11-13 in. annual precipitation. *Pictured on page 54.*

**Maple Grove**

Outstanding vigor, beauty and overall competitiveness with grasses. [Released 2003, origin: Maple Grove, UT]

***Linum perenne*,\* Blue flax**

Short-lived drought tolerant semi-evergreen perennial with deep blue flowers that are replaced daily from April to August. Widely adapted and naturalized throughout much of the U.S. on well-drained, infertile and disturbed soils. Intolerant of poor drainage, flooded soils or high water tables. Good seedling vigor. Use for reclamation, highways and beautification in xeriscaping and around cabins. Also use in green strips and fuel breaks; semi-evergreen and fire resistant. Eaten by livestock and wild ungulates. Birds eat the seeds in fall and winter. Varieties:

**Appar**

Outstanding vigor, beauty and overall competitiveness with grasses. Widely used for reclamation, highway roadsides and



Native 'Columbia' Lewis flax [*Linum lewisii*] in a seed production field at L&H Seeds in southeastern Washington. See also page 126. ©L&H Seeds



Fernleaf biscuitroot [*Lomatium dissectum*] at Payette National Forest near Council, Idaho. ©David Schwaegler



Arizona lupine [*Lupinus arizonicus*]. ©David Schwaegler

beautification. Originally released as native Lewis flax [*L. lewisii*], but later discovered to be an introduced, yet naturalized species. [Released 1980, origin: Black Hills, SD, originally Europe]

***Lobularia maritima*,\* Sweet alyssum**

Formerly *Alyssum maritimum*. Annual or short-lived perennial with clusters of small white flowers, blooming most of the growing season. Use as a low-growing, low maintenance groundcover or in well-drained, partially shaded wildflower gardens.

***Lomatium dissectum*, Fernleaf biscuitroot**

Very large, drought tolerant native perennial with inconspicuous yellow to brownish-purple flowers, blooming late March to August. Largest of the biscuitroots. Common on rocky semi-desert foothills, shrub-steppe and woodland openings; up to 11,000 ft. elevation. Early spring growth provides crucial forage and pollen for ungulates and pollinator species. Foliage and associated insects are vital spring food for sage-grouse hens and chicks. Biscuitroots are host plants for the Anise swallowtail butterfly and the rare Indra swallowtail butterfly. *Pictured on page 54.*

***Lomatium foeniculaceum*, Desert biscuitroot**

Low-growing, drought tolerant native perennial with inconspicuous yellow flowers, blooming late March to July. Common on rocky outcrops in foothills, grasslands, shrublands and woodland openings up to 11,000 ft. elevation. Crucial early spring pollen for pollinators. Foliage and associated insects are vital early spring food for sage-grouse hens and chicks. Biscuitroots are host plants for the Anise swallowtail butterfly and the rare Indra swallowtail butterfly.

***Lomatium grayi*, Gray's biscuitroot**

Medium-tall, somewhat drought tolerant native perennial with inconspicuous yellow flowers, blooming early March to July. Common on rocky outcrops in foothills, shrublands and woodland openings; up to 10,000 ft. elevation. Very early spring growth, similar to Bigseed biscuitroot [*L. macrocarpum*]. Seedling growth and vigor may be greater than Fernleaf biscuitroot [*L. dissectum*] and Nineleaf biscuitroot [*L. triternatum*]. Crucial early spring forage and pollen for ungulates and pollinators. Foliage and associated insects are vital early spring food for sage-grouse hens and chicks. Biscuitroots are host plants for the Anise swallowtail butterfly and the rare Indra swallowtail butterfly.

***Lomatium macrocarpum*, Bigseed biscuitroot**

Low-growing, drought tolerant native perennial with inconspicuous white flowers, blooming early March to July. Common on rocky outcrops in foothills, grasslands, shrublands and woodland openings up to 9,000 ft. elevation. Very early spring growth, similar to Gray's biscuitroot [*L. grayi*]. Crucial early spring pollen for pollinators. Foliage and associated insects are vital early spring food for sage-grouse hens and chicks. Biscuitroots are host plants for the Anise swallowtail butterfly and the rare Indra swallowtail butterfly.

***Lomatium nudicaule*, Barestem biscuitroot**

Large, somewhat drought tolerant native perennial with leafless stalks topped with inconspicuous yellow flowers, blooming early April to August. Found on rocky and sandy soils in foothills, shrublands and woodland openings up to 8,500 ft. elevation. Crucial early spring forage and pollen for ungulates and pollinators. Foliage and associated insects are vital early spring food for sage-grouse hens and chicks. Biscuitroots are host plants for the Anise swallowtail butterfly and the rare Indra swallowtail butterfly.

***Lomatium triternatum*, Nineleaf biscuitroot**

Large, somewhat drought tolerant native perennial with long linear leaf segments and inconspicuous yellow flowers, blooming early April to August. Found on rocky and sandy soils in foothills, shrublands and woodland openings up to 12,000 ft. elevation. Crucial early spring forage and pollen for ungulates and pollinators. Foliage and associated insects are vital early spring food for sage-grouse hens and chicks. Biscuitroots are host plants for the Anise swallowtail butterfly and the rare Indra swallowtail butterfly.

***Lupinus albicaulis*, Sicklekeel lupine**

Annual, biennial or short-lived perennial native legume with purple, yellow or white flowers, blooming April to August. Vigorous grower with a deep taproot, occurs on dry open slopes and recently disturbed sites, from lowlands to mountain habitats; up to 10,000 ft. elevation. Prefers well-drained sandy to coarse soils. Seeds are eaten by various birds. Important pollen source for bees and other pollinators. Poisonous to livestock.

**Mentzelia laevicaulis, Smoothstem blazingstar**

Drought tolerant native biennial or short-lived perennial with yellow star-like flowers, blooming June to September. Prefers sandy or gravelly soil on disturbed sites, road cuts and rocky slopes; up to 10,000 ft. elevation. Barbed hairs on leaves and seed capsules easily fasten to fur and clothing, likely as a mechanism of seed dispersal.

**Mentzelia lindleyi, Lindley's blazingstar**

Drought tolerant native annual with large bright yellow flowers and a red base, blooming May to June. Endemic to central California, from coastal scrub to foothill woodland habitats, up to 3,000 ft. elevation. Performs well in poor soils, especially on rocky or sandy open slopes of hillsides and road cuts. Used in restoration and as an ornamental.

**Mimulus guttatus, Monkeyflower**

Native showy yellow snapdragon-like flowers with red throat spots, blooming March to September. Considerable variability in form and lifespan throughout its range, occurring as both a fibrously rooted, small and spindly annual, or as a rhizomatous, robust and bushy perennial. Found on all types of riparian habitats including coastal meadows, intermittent desert streams and mountain seeps, sometimes aquatic; up to 13,000 ft. elevation. Occurs as scattered individual plants or in large patches. Pollinated by numerous types of insects, including various bumblebee species.

**Mirabilis multiflora, Colorado four o'clock**

Native drought tolerant shrub-like perennial with conspicuous purple-magenta bell-shaped flowers, blooming nocturnally April to October. Occurs on dry sandy and rocky areas of desert grasslands, shrublands and woodlands; up to 9,000 ft. elevation. Use in restoration and xeriscaping. Attracts night pollinators, including hawkmoths.

**Monarda citriodora, Lemon beebalm (Lemon mint)**

Tall native annual, biennial or perennial with fragrant foliage and white or pink-lavender flowers, often dotted purple, blooming May to September. Prefers alkaline soils and clay soil of prairies and roadsides with mesic to dry conditions; up to 10,000 ft. elevation. Use in prairie restoration or full sun landscaping. Important pollinator species for butterflies, bees and hummingbirds.

**Monarda fistulosa, Wild bergamot (Beebalm)**

Tall, rhizomatous native perennial with aromatic foliage and lilac to deep pink flowers, blooming June to September. Occurs on moist to dry roadsides, woods and meadows forming large colonies on a wide range of soil types; up to 9,000 ft. elevation. Use in prairie restoration or landscaping. Excellent for bumble bees, hummingbirds, butterflies, moths and various insects. Pictured on pages 55 & 61.

**Myosotis sylvatica,\* Forget-me-not**

Formerly *M. alpestris*. Small short-lived rhizomatous perennial with deep blue petals and yellow interior, blooming April to August. Prefers moist sites from the lowlands to the

**Lupinus sparsiflorus, Coulter's lupine (Desert lupine)**

Drought tolerant, native annual legume with pale blue to purple flowers and a yellow mark on the upper petal which turns red after pollination, blooming January to June. Prefers sandy soils of mesas, washes and roadsides, often carpeting the desert floor for miles; up to 6,000 ft. elevation. Occurs in the Mojave and Sonoran Deserts when rainfall is adequate; later in other regions. Absent in drought years. Used often in restoration and erosion control.

**Lupinus succulentus, Arroyo lupine (Hollowleaf annual lupine)**

Large native annual legume with deep violet-blue flowers and a white mark on the upper petal, blooming February to June. Tolerates heavier soils than most lupine species; more water tolerant. Occurs in many habitat types, often densely colonizing disturbed areas; up to 5,000 ft. elevation. Used often in restoration, erosion control and as an ornamental.

**Lupinus texensis, Texas bluebonnet**

Native, drought tolerant winter annual legume with dark blue white tipped flowers, blooming March to June where native. Widely adaptable but intolerant of poorly drained, clay soils. Occurs in meadows and fields. Used on roadsides and as an ornamental. State flower of Texas.

**Lychnis chalcedonica,\* Maltese cross**

Tall and hardy rhizomatous perennial with scarlet to orange-red flowers, blooming June to September. Popular ornamental in well-drained wildflower gardens; partial to full sun.

**Machaeranthera bigelovii var. bigelovii, see Dieteria bigelovii var. bigelovii (Plains aster)****Machaeranthera canescens, see Dieteria canescens (Hoary tansyaster)****Machaeranthera tanacetifolia, Prairie aster**

Formerly *Aster tanacetifolius*. Low spreading, drought tolerant native annual or biennial with bright violet daisy-like flowers, blooming May to October. Occurs on various habitats including, dry upland desert scrub, rocky hillsides and in open sandy prairies and woodlands; 1,000 to 8,000 ft. elevation. Use for restoration, revegetating disturbed areas, roadsides and in xeriscaping. Pictured on page 55.

**Malacothrix glabrata, Smooth desertdandelion**

Native annual forb with showy pale yellow flowers and occasionally a red center, blooming February to June. Occurs on coarse sandy soils in open washes and flats of shrublands and foothill woodlands; up to 6,500 ft. elevation. Occurs in large masses during wet years.

**Mentzelia albicaulis, Whitestem blazingstar**

Distinctly slender, drought tolerant native annual with small yellow flowers, blooming May to July. Occurs in well-drained, sandy to rocky soils of dry meadows, shrublands and woodlands, up to 7,000 ft. elevation. Sometimes prolific after wildfire.



Silver-spotted skipper butterfly on Wild bergamot [*Monarda fistulosa*] at Lyons Woods Forest Preserve, Illinois. ©David Schwaegler



Prairie aster [*Machaeranthera tanacetifolia*] in Capitol Reef National Park, Utah. ©David Schwaegler



Silky lupine [*Lupinus sericeus*] at Shafer Butte Recreation Area near Boise, Idaho. ©David Schwaegler

**Lupinus x alpestris, Mountain lupine (Great Basin lupine)**

Moderately drought tolerant, leguminous native perennial with blue-lavender flowers, blooming June to October. Occurs from foothills to the subalpine, in clearings, under trees and on moist exposed ridges; up to 11,000 ft. elevation. Seeds are eaten by various birds. Important pollen source for bees and other pollinators. Poisonous to livestock.

**Lupinus argenteus, Silvery lupine**

Drought tolerant, bushy leguminous native perennial with violet or whitish-blue flowers, blooming May to September. Widespread in its natural range in shrublands, grasslands and woodlands at mid to high elevations; up to 12,500 ft. Prefers well-drained soils. Aggressive colonizer after disturbance. Seeds are eaten by various birds. Important pollen source for bees and other pollinators. Poisonous to livestock.

**Lupinus arizonicus, Arizona lupine**

Drought tolerant, leguminous native annual with deep blue or purplish flowers, blooming January to May. Occurs on disturbed sandy washes, roadsides or open desert; up to 4,000 ft. elevation. May "super bloom" following a wet desert winter. Seeds are eaten by various birds. Important pollen source for bees and other pollinators. Pictured on page 54.

**Lupinus bicolor, Miniature lupine**

Short, drought tolerant leguminous native annual with bicolored flowers of blue and white, blooming March to July. Occurs in open sandy soils and grassy areas; up to 5,500 ft. elevation. Common in large patches among California poppy [*Eschscholzia californica*]; often after wildfire. Grows rapidly, useful for quick cover and beautification. Seeds are eaten by various birds. Important pollen source for bees and other pollinators.

**Lupinus caudatus, Tailcup lupine**

Drought tolerant, leguminous native perennial with deep violet-blue flowers, blooming May to September. Occurs in a variety of habitats including grasslands, sagebrush, shrublands and open forests; up to 11,500 ft. elevation. Prefers well-drained soils. Deep taproot allows it to survive and respond to wildfires. Seeds are eaten by various birds. Important pollen source for bees and other pollinators. One of the most poisonous lupine species to livestock.

**Lupinus perennis, Wild lupine (Sundial lupine)**

Native perennial legume with purplish-blue flowers, blooming March to July. Prefers well-drained sandy or gravelly soils along dry, open woods, fields and mixed grass prairies; tolerant of slightly acidic soils. Large deep taproot and rhizomatous. Thrives after disturbance such as wildfire. Used frequently in wildflower landscaping beyond its native range. Pollinated by numerous bees and flies. Visited by many species of butterfly, including being the sole larval host plant of the endangered Karner blue butterfly.

**Lupinus polyphyllus, Bigleaf lupine**

Native perennial legume with blue to purple flowers, blooming May to September. Highly variable characteristics; occasionally rhizomatous. Prefers moist sites such as wetlands, damp forests, wet meadows and streambanks but also tolerant of seasonally dry sites; up to 11,000 ft. elevation. Versatile and competitive, able to grow in acidic, nutrient-poor mineral soils. Nectar and pollen-rich flowers attract beneficial insects, hummingbirds and numerous bees.

**Lupinus rivularis, Riverbank lupine**

Native short-lived perennial or occasionally biennial legume with purple-blue to white flowers, blooming March to August. Prefers well-drained, sandy or gravelly soils on dunes and road cuts, as well as marshes, streams and wet meadows; up to 8,000 ft. elevation. Use for restoration and as a fast growing pioneer after disturbance on infertile soils. Provides pollen and nectar for native bees, butterflies and other beneficial insects. Varieties:

**Herdema**

Rapid establishment and growth; high seedling vigor and seed yields. Tolerant of disease and insect damage. Originally incorrectly released as a variety of Sicklekeel lupine [*L. albicaulis*]. (Released 1981, origin: Polk & Marion Counties, OR)

**Lupinus sericeus, Silky lupine**

Drought tolerant, native perennial legume with vivid blue flowers, blooming May to August. Adapted to a broad range of soil textures but most common on coarse, well-drained sites. Performs well in soils with low fertility; poor in acidic or saline soils. Occurs on dry grasslands, sagebrush deserts, shrublands and open woodlands, often on repeatedly disturbed sites; up to 11,000 ft. elevation. Eaten by deer, bighorn sheep, birds and small mammals. Poisonous to livestock, especially sheep. Attracts hummingbirds and numerous native bees; nectar source for honeybees. Pictured on page 55.

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alpine; up to 10,500 ft. elevation. Use in wildflower garden mixes and landscaping borders.

#### *Nemophila maculata*, Five spot



Trailing annual native flower with five white petals and a blue-purple spot at the tip of each, blooming March to July. Low to moderate water requirement; full sun to part shade. Endemic to California, occurring in open meadows, woodlands and roadsides; up to 8,000 ft. elevation. Early spring blooms are significant pollen and nectar sources for Blue orchard bees, an important native pollinator for almond orchards. Also use for wildflower gardens beyond its native range.

#### *Nemophila menziesii*, Baby blue eyes



Short trailing annual native with pale blue flowers and white centers, blooming prolifically February to June. Low to moderate water requirement; full sun to shade. Occurs on meadows, woodlands and desert washes up to 6,500 ft. elevation. Early spring blooms are significant pollen and nectar sources for Blue orchard bees, an important native pollinator for almond orchards. Also use for wildflower plantings beyond its native range.

#### *Oenothera biennis*, Common evening primrose



Robust native biennial with bright yellow fragrant flowers, blooming nocturnally June to October. Occurs in open woods, fields, floodplains, shores and disturbed areas; up to 4,000 ft. elevation. Seeds provide winter food for many birds. Visited by native bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and pollinated by hawkmoths at night. Use in full sun wildflower gardens with low to moderate moisture requirements. May escape wildflower gardens.

#### *Oenothera elata*, Hooker's evening primrose



Formerly *O. hookeri*. Tall native biennial or short-lived perennial with fragrant yellow flowers, blooming nocturnally April to November. One of the largest and showiest of the evening primroses. Occurs on open slopes, roadsides, moist lowlands and streams; up to 10,000 ft. elevation. Attracts night pollinators, including hawkmoths.

#### *Oenothera hookeri*, see *Oenothera elata* (Hooker's evening primrose)

#### *Oenothera lamarckiana*,\* Evening primrose



Tall annual with large showy yellow flowers that open in early evening, blooming July to September. Naturalized throughout much of the U.S. Tolerates high pH soils. Used in low to moderate water landscaping mixes.

#### *Oenothera macrocarpa*, Missouri evening primrose (Bigfruit evening primrose)



Formerly *O. missouriensis*. Drought tolerant, trailing native perennial with large fragrant canary yellow flowers, blooming nocturnally April to July. Common on dry open prairies, rocky hillsides, roadsides and disturbed areas; below 6,000 ft. elevation. Useful for erosion control or beautification. Attracts night pollinators such as hawkmoths.

#### *Oenothera missouriensis*, see *Oenothera macrocarpa* (Missouri evening primrose)

#### *Oenothera pallida*, Pale evening primrose



Rhizomatous native perennial with showy white flowers and yellow centers, blooming April to September. Drought tolerant, occurring on dry, sandy or gravelly soils and dunes in desert shrub and open woodland habitats; up to 9,000 ft. elevation. Useful for restoration, erosion control and beautification. Pollinated by hawkmoths and bees.

#### *Oenothera speciosa*, Showy evening primrose



Drought resistant, rhizomatous native perennial with pink to rose flowers and yellow centers with pink or red veins, blooming April to August. Grows upright or sprawling, spreading to form large colonies. Some populations bloom nocturnally. Occurs on open plains, grasslands, roadsides and degraded sites; up to 8,000 ft. elevation. Use for restoration, erosion control or showy groundcover. Pollinated by hawkmoths and bees.

#### *Oligoneuron rigidum*, Stiff goldenrod



Formerly *Solidago rigida*. Tall native perennial with flat-topped golden yellow flower clusters, blooming July to October. Deep-rooted, often occurring in patches on rocky or sandy sites in dry grass prairies, open woods and roadsides where deeper soils are present; up to 7,000 ft. elevation. Moderate water needs. Attracts numerous bees and pollinators, especially Monarch butterflies.

#### *Orthocarpus purpurascens*, see *Castilleja exserta* ssp. *exserta* (Purple owl's clover)

#### *Osmorhiza occidentalis*, Sweet anise (Western sweetroot)



Native perennial with tiny yellow or whitish umbel flowers, blooming June to August. Strong licorice odor. Occurs singly in dry aspen stands and conifer forests, and in large patches on moist sites and streambanks, generally in partial shade; up to 11,000 ft. elevation. Use in woodland and meadow restoration.

#### *Papaver nudicaule*, Iceland poppy (Arctic poppy)



Short-lived perennial with bright yellow-orange to orange-red flowers, blooming in spring. Native to the alpine regions of North America, occurring on exposed high elevation summits throughout the Rocky Mountains. Primarily used in landscaping mixes and wildflower gardens beyond its native range. Moderate moisture requirement.

#### *Papaver rhoeas*,\* Flanders poppy (Corn poppy)



Fast-growing annual with red flowers or mixed colors of white, orange, pink and red, blooming April to July. Low to moderate water needs; full sun to part shade. Use for wildflower gardens and mass plantings; easily reseeds itself with soil disturbance.

#### *Penstemon acuminatus*, Sharpleaf penstemon



Very drought tolerant, short-lived native perennial with blue to lavender flowers, blossoming April to July. Occurs in well-drained sandy soils of dunes and dry steppe



Sharpleaf penstemon [*Penstemon acuminatus*] in a seed production field at L&H Seeds in southeastern Washington. ©L&H Seeds



Palmer's penstemon [*Penstemon palmeri*].



Parry penstemon [*Penstemon parryi*] at Boyce Thompson Arboretum State Park in Superior, Arizona. ©David Schwaegler

habitats; up to 8,000 ft. elevation. Use for wildlife and bee pollinator habitat enhancement and restoration, roadside plantings and xeriscaping. *Pictured on page 58.*

#### *Penstemon angustifolius*, Narrowleaf penstemon (Broadbeard beardtongue)



Drought tolerant native perennial with pink or lavender to blue showy flowers, blooming May to July. Adapted to sandy and medium-textured soils on semi-desert grasslands, shrublands and dunes; 2,000-9,000 ft. elevation. Intolerant of clay soils. Use for habitat enhancement and restoration. Flowers visited by hummingbirds and numerous insects.

#### *Penstemon barbatus*, Beardlip penstemon



Tall native perennial with brilliant red tubular flowers, blooming June to October. Drought tolerant, preferring dry, rocky slopes, open woods, roadsides and disturbed areas; 2,000 to 11,000 ft. elevation. Use for restoration and erosion control mixes. Late-summer nectar is very attractive to migrating hummingbirds.

#### *Penstemon cyananthus*, Wasatch penstemon



Native perennial with deep blue to purple flowers blooming May to August. Low to moderate water requirement. Occurs on a wide range of habitats from midland sagebrush and grassland communities to alpine elevations; up to 12,000 ft. elevation. Common in its range, sometimes in large patches especially after disturbance.

#### *Penstemon cyaneus*, Blue penstemon



Native perennial subshrub with vivid blue flowers often saturated with pink, blooming May to August. Drought tolerant, occurring in well-drained coarse soils on open dry sagebrush steppe and high elevation meadows with a lingering winter snowpack; 2,000-10,000 ft. Use for habitat restoration, roadsides and xeriscaping. Fibrous root system is excellent for soil stabilization. Attracts numerous native bees and pollinators.

#### *Penstemon deustus* var. *deustus*, Hotrock penstemon (Scabland penstemon)



Short-lived native perennial with showy white tubular flowers, blooming May to August. Prefers well-drained dry rocky sites, including basalt flows, limestone outcrops and other volcanic soils; up to 9,500 ft. elevation. Very drought tolerant, occurring in open sagebrush, juniper and pinyon-juniper communities receiving as low as 8 in. annual precipitation. Attracts numerous native bees and other pollinator insects. Use for habitat

restoration, roadsides and xeriscaping.

#### *Penstemon eatonii*, Firecracker penstemon



Short-lived native perennial with scarlet red tubular flowers, blooming March to July. Drought tolerant, occurring on dry sagebrush, desert scrub and woodland communities; up to 11,000 ft. elevation. Use for restoration, pollinator enhancement and xeriscaping. Fibrous root system is excellent for soil stabilization. Attracts hummingbirds and other pollinators. *Pictured on page 5.* Varieties:

##### Richfield

Chosen for its beauty, hardiness, seed production and natural range of adaptability. (Released 1994, origin: Sevier County, UT)

#### *Penstemon erianthus*, Fuzzytounge penstemon



Short to tall native perennial with lavender to pale purple flowers, blooming May to July. Drought tolerant, occurring on dry, well-drained soils from the low shrub steppe to the mountains; up to 10,000 ft. elevation. Foliage and seeds are important food source for wildlife and birds. Use for restoration and xeriscaping. Attracts butterflies and bumble bees. Varieties:

##### Old Works

Found growing on a copper smelting mine site in soils with high levels of heavy metals and sulfur, including phytotoxic levels of arsenic and copper and a 5.8 pH. Thought to perform well in moderately acidic and heavy metal soils. Also suitable for use in habitat restoration projects not related to mining.

#### *Penstemon grandiflorus*, Large beardtongue



Formerly *P. bradburii*. Tall native perennial with showy pink to blue-lavender flowers, blooming May to June. Moderately drought tolerant, preferring dry, coarse well-drained soils in open prairies of the northern Great Plains, but is widely adaptable; up to 6,000 ft. elevation. Not fire resilient. Use in restoration and flower gardens. Visited by numerous bees and bumble bees.

#### *Penstemon pachyphyllus*, Thickleaf penstemon (Thickleaf beardtongue)



Native short-lived perennial with blue-violet or lavender flowers, blooming May to August. Drought tolerant, occurring on well-drained, infertile, disturbed soils of salt desert shrub, sagebrush, mountain brush and woodland communities; 3,000 to 11,000 ft. elevation. Large showy flowers attract large bumble bees.

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**Penstemon palmeri, Palmer's penstemon**

Tall native perennial with soft pink fragrant flowers, blooming April to August. Very drought tolerant, preferring open areas such as well-drained rocky hillsides, gravelly washes and roadsides in desert brush and woodland communities; up to 9,000 ft. elevation. Semi-evergreen leaves are somewhat fire resistant and palatable to wildlife and livestock during spring and winter. Recommended for revegetation and pollinator habitat; attracts various native bees. *Pictured on page 58.* Varieties:

**Cedar**

Widely adapted. Able to establish, persist and provide forage diversity for small birds, big game and livestock. Excellent root system for erosion control and revegetation. [Released 1985, origin: Iron County, UT]

**Penstemon parryi, Parry's penstemon (Parry's beardtongue)**

Potentially tall, drought tolerant native perennial with various shades of brilliant pink-magenta flowers, blooming February to June. Widely adaptable but prefers coarse soils of lowland desert mesas and canyons; up to 7,000 ft. elevation. Common in the southeastern portion of the Sonoran Desert, usually as scattered individuals rather than in dense colonies. Tubular flowers attract numerous hummingbirds. *Pictured on page 58.*

**Penstemon procerus,****Smallflower penstemon (Littleflower penstemon)**

Mat-forming native perennial with woody rhizomes and small blue to purple flowers, blooming June to August. Common within its range. Occurs on a wide variety of soils in dry to moist meadows and woodland openings, as well as wetland and riparian sites; up to 12,500 ft. elevation. Use for revegetation and pollinator habitat; attracts hummingbirds, butterflies and small bees.

**Penstemon pseudospectabilis, Desert penstemon**

Large bushy native perennial subshrub with deep rose-pink flowers, blooming February to June. Drought tolerant, occurring on sandy or well-drained soils in washes, canyons and slopes of desert scrub and woodlands; up to 8,000 ft. elevation. Common in the Sonoran Desert region. Use in restoration or xeriscape gardens. Attracts hummingbirds and small bees.

**Penstemon rydbergii, Rydberg's penstemon**

Widespread native perennial with woody rhizomes and bright blue or purple flowers, blooming June to August. Moderately drought tolerant, occurring on dry to moist meadows, shrublands, open woodlands and streambanks; 2,000 to 13,000 ft. elevation. Foliage is more palatable to browsing herbivores than most other penstemon species. Attracts hummingbirds, butterflies and pollinating insects.

**Penstemon strictus, Rocky Mountain penstemon**

Semi-evergreen native perennial with deep blue-violet flowers, blooming May to June. Very common. Moderately drought tolerant, occurring in well-drained rocky to sandy loam soils on mid-elevation sagebrush, scrub and woodland openings; 5,000 to 11,000 ft. elevation. Widely adaptable and frequently

used in soil stabilization, restoration and wildflower plantings. Visited by bumble bees and other native bees. *Pictured on page 60.* Varieties:

**Bandera**

Intended for erosion control, restoration diversity and beautification. Establishes easily from seed and has good seedling vigor. [Released 1973, origin: Torrance County, NM]

**Penstemon subglaber, Smooth penstemon**

Moderately drought tolerant native perennial with deep blue or occasionally white flowers, blooming June to August. Occurs on somewhat moist to dry well-drained soils of grassy lowlands and sagebrush flats to rocky ridges and open sage, oak or aspen slopes; 5,000 to 11,000 ft. elevation. Use for habitat restoration and landscape beautification. Good pollinator species.

**Penstemon superbus, Superb beardtongue**

Tall native perennial with pink-coral flowers, blooming April to June. Drought tolerant, occurring on well-drained, sandy or gravelly soil in rocky canyons, washes and shrublands in and around the Chihuahu Desert; 3,500 to 5,500 ft. elevation. Use in habitat restoration and xeriscaping beyond its native range. Tubular flowers attract hummingbirds.

**Penstemon venustus, Venus penstemon (Alpine penstemon)**

Tall, long-lived native perennial forb to subshrub with showy lavender-purple flowers, blooming May to September. Prefers shallow, coarse, well-drained soils; tolerant of mild acidity to mild alkalinity. Intolerant of poorly drained, clay soils. Occurs on sunny, disturbed valleys, foothills and slopes; up to 8,000 ft. elevation. Use in habitat restoration and beautification. Excellent pollinator species, attracting native bees and nonaggressive pollen wasps. Varieties:

**Clearwater**

Demonstrated the best establishment and longest survival of 119 different collections. Use for erosion control, restoration, biodiversity and beautification. [Released 1994, origin: Clearwater County, ID]

**Peritoma lutea, Yellow beeplant (Yellow spiderflower)**

Formerly *Cleome lutea*. Drought tolerant native annual with pincushion-like yellow flowers, blooming April to September. Colonizer, preferring open and disturbed sites on arid and semi-arid shrublands and woodlands, sometimes in large colonies; up to 9,000 ft. elevation. Valuable nectar and pollen for numerous native bee species. Use as a soil stabilizer and short-term emergency food source for native pollinators after disturbance, until perennial forbs bloom.

**Peritoma serrulata, Rocky Mountain beeplant**

Formerly *Cleome serrulata*. Tall moderately drought tolerant native annual with pincushion-like bright pink flowers, blooming June to September. Colonizer, preferring open and disturbed sites on roadsides, moist prairies, shrublands, mountain woodlands and in old pastures and rangelands, sometimes in large colonies; up to 10,000 ft. elevation. Valuable nectar and pollen for numerous native bees, honeybees and Monarch



Rocky Mountain penstemon (*Penstemon strictus*) in a seed production field at L&H Seeds in south-eastern Washington. ©Damon Winter/L&H Seeds



Hummingbird feeding on Rocky Mountain beeplant (*Peritoma serrulata*) nectar in Arizona.



Desert bluebells (*Phacelia crenulata*) in Kofa National Wildlife Refuge, Arizona. ©David Schwaegler

butterflies; seeds for upland game birds. Use as a soil stabilizer and emergency short-term food source for native pollinators after disturbance, until perennial forbs bloom. *Pictured on page 60.*

**Perityle emoryi, Emory's rockdaisy (Desert daisy)**

Sprawling native annual with white daisy-like flowers and yellow centers, blooming January to October or sporadically year-round at lower latitudes. Very common. Drought tolerant and highly adaptable to diverse habitats from low deserts to rocky cliffs and coastal areas; up to 4,000 ft. elevation. Wet habitats may extend the lifespan to biennial.

**Petalostemon candidus, see Dalea candida (White prairie clover)****Petalostemon purpureus, see Dalea purpurea (Purple prairie clover)****Phacelia campanularia, California bluebells**

Drought tolerant native annual with deep cobalt blue flowers, blooming February to May. Prefers dry gravelly or sandy soils in deserts, shrublands and woodland openings; up to 6,000 ft. elevation. May "super bloom" in large patches following a wet desert winter. Significant early-season pollen and nectar source for Blue orchard bees, an important native pollinator for almond orchards. Also use in revegetation, along roadsides and in xeriscaping.

**Phacelia crenulata, Desert bluebells (Cleftleaf wildheliotrope)**

Drought tolerant native annual with purple to violet-blue flowers in curling clusters, blooming January to June. Found in gravelly, well-drained soils on washes and hillsides throughout the desert southwest; up to 8,000 ft. elevation. Arizona's most abundant species. Use in habitat restoration, revegetation, roadsides and xeriscaping. *Pictured on page 60.*

**Phacelia tanacetifolia, Lacy phacelia**

Water efficient native annual forb with lavender-blue flowers in dense curling clusters, blooming May to September. Vigorous root system and top growth, occasionally reaching 4 ft. tall. Adapted to a wide range of soil pH and textures, including clays. Occurs on grasslands, shrublands and open woodlands; up to 6,000 ft. elevation. Attracts beneficial insects and native bees. Significant early-season pollen and nectar source for Blue orchard bees, an important native pollinator for almond orchards. Exceptionally valuable honeybee plant. Use in habitat restoration and erosion control. Also used as an annual cover crop

and green manure in agricultural rotations. (See also in *Cover Crops & Annual Forages*) *Pictured on page 102.*

**Phlox drummondii, Drummond phlox**

Moderate water using showy annual with pink to bright rose flowers blooming, February to October. Occurs in fallow fields, open woods, roadsides and prairies. Originates in Texas but used widely in low-grow landscaping and roadsides beyond its native range. Prolific bloomer with sufficient water.

**Physaria gordonii, Gordon's bladderpod**

Formerly *Lesquerella gordonii*. Cool season, low-growing native annual, biennial or short-lived perennial with bright yellow flowers, blooming February to June. Occurs in sandy desert soils on open shrub, plains and mesas; up to 7,000 ft. elevation. May carpet the desert floor following a rainy spring season.

**Plantago insularis, see Plantago ovata (Desert Indianwheat)****Plantago ovata, Desert Indianwheat**

Formerly *P. insularis*. Short drought tolerant native annual with small white inconspicuous flowers, blooming January to May. Common to abundant within its range on dry desert plains, mesas and roadsides; up to 4,000 ft. elevation. Establishes easily, carpeting the desert floor after especially rainy winters. Seeds are coated with a sticky substance which glues-down topsoil, reducing erosion in years with ample seed production.

**Ratibida columnifera, Yellow prairie coneflower**

Formerly *R. columnaris*. Drought tolerant native perennial with showy drooping yellow ray petals, blooming June to September. Common on dry well-drained grasslands, mountain foothills, roadsides and disturbed soils; up to 9,000 ft. elevation. Similar form and adaptation to Mexican hat (*R. columnifera* var *pulcherrima*), but occurs more frequently in the Great Plains and Intermountain West. Use for revegetation, sagebrush and prairie restoration and flower gardens. Easily reseeds itself. Seeds are preferred by birds and small mammals. Various mid to late-season pollinating insects, including honeybees and butterflies, are attracted to the nectar and pollen. Varieties:

**Stillwater**

Consistent tall stature, uniform timing in seed maturation and excellent seed production. Use in revegetation and habitat restoration of rangelands, mine sites, roadsides, recreation areas and wildflower gardens. [Released 2004, origin: Carbon and Stillwater Counties, MT]



Blackeyed susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*) among Western yarrow (*Achillea millefolium* var. *occidentalis*) and Wild bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*). ©David Schwaegler



Chia (*Salvia columbariae*) in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, California. ©David Schwaegler



Desert globemallow (*Sphaeralcea ambigua*).

***Ratibida columnifera* var. *pulcherrima*, Mexican hat (Upright prairie coneflower)**



Drought tolerant native perennial with showy drooping maroon-red ray petals, blooming June to September. Common on dry well-drained grasslands, shrublands, roadsides and disturbed soils; up to 9,000 ft. elevation. Similar form and adaptation to Yellow prairie coneflower [*R. columnifera*], but occurs more commonly in the Southwest. Useful in revegetation, restoration and as an ornamental. Easily reseeds itself. Seed is utilized by birds and small mammals. Various mid to late-season pollinating insects, including honeybees and butterflies, are attracted to the nectar and pollen. *Pictured on page 101.*

***Ratibida pinnata*, Grayheaded coneflower**



Tall native perennial with showy yellow flowers around a gray cylindrical cone, blooming June to September. Occurs in dry to wet grassland prairies, open woodlands, limestone outcrops and roadsides. Palatable to ungulates but diminishes with heavy grazing. Useful in revegetation, prairie restoration and in flower gardens. Attracts many pollinators including native bees and beneficial predator insects.

***Rudbeckia amplexicaulis*, see *Dracopis amplexicaulis* (Clasping coneflower)**

***Rudbeckia hirta*, Blackeyed Susan**



Large native annual, biennial or short-lived perennial with yellow sunflower-like flowers, blooming May to October. Versatile, resilient and common, occurring in fine to coarse textured, well-drained to poorly drained soils of prairies, disturbed fields, open woods and roadsides; adapted up to 10,000 ft. elevation. Pioneer species after disturbances such as wildfire. Used in revegetation, reseeding road cuts, prairie restoration and extensively as a landscaping ornamental. Easily reseeds itself. Provides cover and food for numerous song and game birds; also eaten by rabbits and deer. Attracts many pollinating insects, including bees and butterflies. State flower of Maryland. *Pictured on pages 61 & 99.*

***Rudbeckia occidentalis*, Western coneflower**



Leafy, very tall native perennial with a distinctive dark purple-brown cylindrical cone and no flower petals, blooming June to September. Rhizomatous, preferring fine to medium textured soils in moist meadows, seeps, forest openings, waterways and pond edges; up to 10,500 ft. elevation. Use in meadow restoration or as a unique landscaping ornamental. Favored by bees.

***Salvia coccinea*, Scarlet sage (Blood sage)**



Tall native perennial forb to subshrub with showy deep red flowers, blooming continuously from May until first frost. Prefers moist well-drained soils in natural areas and gardens. Acts as an annual in colder climates; heat tolerant. Use in revegetation or as an ornamental. Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds.

***Salvia columbariae*, Chia (Chia sage)**



Drought tolerant native annual with whorls of small blue to deep blue-purple flowers, blooming February to June. Height varies widely from 1 to 24 in. relative to available moisture. Occurs on poor well-drained soils of sage scrub, open grassy woodlands and disturbed sites, sometimes in extensive stands; up to 6,500 ft. elevation. Increases after wildfire. Seeds are eaten by birds and small mammals. Important nectar source for native bees and butterflies. *Pictured on page 61.*

***Sanguisorba minor*,\* Small burnet**



Introduced, hardy, long-lived perennial evergreen forb with dense pink to red petal-less flowers, blooming May to July; weakly rhizomatous. Cold tolerant and widely adapted, persisting on infertile well-drained soils with at least 12 in. annual precipitation; up to 9,000 ft. elevation. Excellent browse for livestock and wild ungulates until snow cover; also grazed by sage-grouse. Commonly used for pasture, rangeland, food plots, weed control, fuel breaks and green strips. Pollinated by bees. Varieties:

**Delar**

Produces high amounts of forage and seed. Intolerant of poorly drained, flooded soils and high water tables. [Released 1981, origin: McCracken County, KY, originally Europe]

***Senna covesii*, Desert senna**



Formerly *Cassia covesii*. Native leguminous perennial forb to subshrub with yellow flowers, blooming sporadically throughout the year in response to desert rain. Drought tolerant, occurring on dry sandy plains and washes in the Mojave and Sonoran Deserts and beyond; up to 4,500 ft. elevation. Easily established along roadsides and in xeriscapes. Visited by carpenter bees and bumble bees; larval host for Cloudless sulphur butterflies.

***Silene armeria*,\* Sweet William catchfly**



Introduced annual with clusters of long tubular pink flowers, blooming June to September. Though not carnivorous, stems exude a sticky substance which trap small insects. Naturalized throughout North America on a wide range of soils, preferring disturbed sites. Used as an ornamental in landscaping beautification requiring low to moderate water use.

***Sisyrinchium bellum*, Blue-eyed grass**



Short native perennial with dark blue flowers and a yellow eye, blooming March to July. Rhizomatous, preferring sandy to clay soils in moist grassy meadows and open woodlands; up to 8,000 ft. elevation. Tolerant of salty conditions, seasonal flooding and foot traffic. Use in meadow restoration and to colonize open garden areas.

***Solidago rigida*, see *Oligoneuron rigidum* (Stiff goldenrod)**

***Sphaeralcea ambigua*, Desert globemallow**



Native shrubby perennial with brilliant orange-red flowers, blooming February to June. Common on rocky sands to alkaline clay soils in scrublands and grasslands across the deserts of the southwest to the Great Basin, often in large patches; up to 8,000 ft. elevation. Most drought tolerant of the globemallow species. Use in desert revegetation, roadsides and xeriscapes. *Pictured on page 61.*

***Sphaeralcea coccinea*, Scarlet globemallow**



Short drought tolerant native perennial with red-orange flowers, blooming April to August. Rhizomatous, occurring in dry open desert shrublands, woodlands and grasslands, on a wide range of well-drained soil types and textures, often in large colonies; up to 9,000 ft. elevation. Use in revegetation, erosion control and roadsides. Deep roots allow it to survive grazing and increase after disturbances such as wildfire. Competitive with cheatgrass and other annual weeds. Palatable to ungulates; especially important to pronghorn antelope. Preferred nectar source for numerous native bees, butterflies and moths.

***Sphaeralcea coulteri*, Coulter's globemallow**



Short native annual with pure orange flowers, blooming January to June. Drought tolerant, adapted to sandy soils at low elevations in southwestern deserts; up to 4,000 ft. elevation. Carpets large areas of the desert floor after ample winter rain. Use in restoration and revegetation. Palatable to ungulates. Pollinated by native bees and wasps.

***Sphaeralcea grossulariifolia*, Gooseberryleaf globemallow**



Drought tolerant native perennial forb to subshrub with orange-red flowers, blooming May to August. Occurs in clay to gravel soils of dry open desert shrub and woodland habitats; up to 8,000 ft. elevation. Known to colonize roadsides and disturbance; increases after fire. Competitive with cheatgrass and other annual weeds. Use in restoration and revegetation. Palatable to ungulates. Pollinated by native bees and wasps.

***Sphaeralcea munroana*, Munro's globemallow**



Drought tolerant native perennial forb to subshrub with bright red-orange flowers, blooming May to August. Occurs in sandy to clay soils along roadsides, washes and openings in arid sagebrush deserts and mountain slopes; up to 8,000 ft. elevation. Palatable to ungulates. Used for restoration and roadside revegetation. Attracts numerous native bees, including specialist ground-nesting bees. Similar to Nelson globemallow [*S. parvifolia*]. *Pictured on page 63.*

***Sphaeralcea parvifolia*, Nelson globemallow (Smallflower globemallow)**



Drought tolerant native perennial forb to subshrub with red-orange flowers, blooming April to October. Occurs in sandy or gravelly soils of dry open desert, foothill and woodland habitats; 2,000 to 7,500 ft. elevation. Palatable to ungulates. Used for restoration and roadsides. Attracts native bees. Similar to Munro's globemallow [*S. munroana*].

***Symphotrichum chilense*, Pacific aster**



Formerly *Aster chilensis*. Short to tall native rhizomatous perennial with pink to lavender flowers, blooming June to October. Drought tolerant, occurring from dry coastal dunes and salt marshes up to mountain meadows, preferring open or disturbed sites and tolerant of clay soils; up to 8,000 ft. elevation. Use for late-season native pollinator habitat and prairie restoration. Important for bumble bee queens, pre-hibernation. Host plant for Checkerspot and Crescent butterflies.

***Symphotrichum laeve*, Smooth blue aster**



Formerly *Aster laevis*. Native rhizomatous perennial with pale blue to purple flowers, blooming from July to October. Widely adapted, occurring on various soils in moist woods to dry open prairies and grasslands up to 9,500 ft. elevation. Often dominant under stands of quaking aspen. Use for mixedgrass and tallgrass prairie restoration and roadsides. Preferred by whitetail deer. Pollinated by late-season butterflies.

***Symphotrichum novae-angliae*, New England aster**



Formerly *Aster novae-angliae*. Tall, rhizomatous native perennial with bright lavender to purplish-blue flowers, blooming August to October. Showiest flowers of the asters. Primarily occurs in rich well-drained soils of all textures on moist prairies, meadows, streambanks and roadsides. Pollinated by numerous late-season native bees and honeybees. Larval host for Crescent butterflies.

***Thermopsis montana*, Mountain goldenbanner**



Rhizomatous native perennial legume with lemon-yellow pea-like flowers, blooming May to August. Occurs in moist mountain meadows, woods and along streambanks; up to 11,500 ft. elevation. Persists on seasonally wet soils that dry out in summer heat. Use for restoration, roadsides and wildflower mixes. Toxic to browsing animals; increases on overgrazed sites. Attractive to bumble bees.

\*Introduced to North America.

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Munro's globemallow (*Sphaeralcea munroana*).American vetch (*Vicia americana*) in Wadsworth Prairie Nature Preserve, Illinois. ©David SchwaeglerDesert zinnia (*Zinnia acerosa*).MONARCH BUTTERFLIES FEED ON SHOWY MILKWEED (*ASCLEPIAS SPECIOSA*) NECTAR. THOUGH ADULT MONARCHS FEED FROM NUMEROUS FLOWER SPECIES, MILKWEEDS (*ASCLEPIAS SPP.*) ARE THE ONLY FOOD SOURCE OF MONARCH CATERPILLARS.

***Thymophylla pentachaeta*,  
Fiveneedle pricklyleaf (Golden dyssodia)**



Formerly *Dyssodia pentachaeta*. Prostrate to mounded native annual to perennial forb or subshrub less than 1 ft. tall with bright golden yellow daisy-like flowers, blooming March to November. Drought tolerant, adapted to sandy well-drained soils on dry slopes, rocky hillsides, mesas and roadsides in lower and upper deserts; up to 6,000 ft. elevation. Common throughout its range, especially on open or disturbed sites. Short-lived but reseeds readily. Use for disturbance restoration, erosion control or as xeriscape groundcover. Provides nectar for pollinators, attracting numerous bees, butterflies and birds and is a caterpillar host for the Dainty sulphur butterfly.

***Verbena gooddingii*,  
see *Glandularia gooddingii* (Gooding's verbena)**

***Verbena hastata*, Blue verbena (Swamp vervain)**



Tall rhizomatous native perennial with purple-blue to pink flowers, blooming June to October. Occurs in moist meadows, pastures, ditches and degraded wetlands and riparian areas; up to 7,000 ft. elevation. Seeds are eaten by numerous birds. Not palatable to ungulates. Pollinated by numerous native bees and wasps. Larval host plant for Buckeye butterflies.

***Verbena stricta*, Hoary verbena**



Tall native short-lived perennial with blue-violet flowers, blooming June to October. Drought tolerant, preferring sandy well-drained soils of dry fields, meadows, pastures, roadsides and disturbed areas. Not competitive with vigorous grasses. Not palatable to ungulates, spreading in overgrazed pastures. Seeds eaten by birds and small mammals. Preferred nectar plant of bees and butterflies.

***Verbena tenuisecta*,  
see *Glandularia pulchella* (Moss verbena)**

***Vicia americana*, American vetch**



Native rhizomatous climbing perennial legume with purple flowers, blooming April to August. Very drought tolerant and widely adaptable, occurring in moist to dry soils of forest openings, meadows, shrublands and streambanks; up to 12,000 ft. elevation. Use for habitat restoration, mining reclamation, arid rangelands and roadsides. Increases following fire. Excellent palatability for all wildlife and ungulates. Important for native pollinators, including wild bees. Larval host of the Western blue tailed butterfly. *Pictured on page 63.*

***Viguiera deltoidea*  
see *Bahiopsis parishii* (Parish goldeneye)**

***Viguiera multiflora*  
see *Heliomeris multiflora* (Showy goldeneye)**

***Wyethia amplexicaulis*, Mule ears**



Drought tolerant, long-lived perennial native with large yellow flowers, blooming May to July. Occurs on dry to moist rangelands, meadows, sagebrush scrub and woodland openings, sometimes in dense stands; 1,000 to 11,000 ft. elevation. Grows on all soil textures, but aggressive on heavy clays. Unpalatable leaves, though flowers are eaten by ungulates. Use for restoration and mine reclamation.

***Wyethia mollis*, Woolly mule ears**



Long-lived perennial native with sunflower-like yellow flowers, blooming May to August. Occurs on well-drained soils of dry to wet meadows, rocky slopes, sagebrush scrub and forest openings, sometimes in large dense patches; 3,000 to 10,000 ft. elevation. Leaves are unpalatable to ungulates.

***Zinnia acerosa*, Desert zinnia**



Small rounded native perennial forb to subshrub bearing numerous white to cream flowers, blooming March to November. Drought tolerant, common in arid desert mesas, rocky slopes and caliche or alkaline sites with high pH soils; 2,000 to 6,500 ft. elevation. Hardy, use in desert restoration and habitat improvement. Attracts pollinating insects, especially butterflies. *Pictured on page 63.*

## Essential Creatures: Native Pollinators

Pollinators are responsible for the reproduction of over 85% of the world's flowering plants, including more than two-thirds of its agricultural crops. In the U.S. alone, pollinators provide an estimated economic value of \$3 billion annually in crop pollination services.<sup>1</sup>

Pollinators are essential to the function of our natural ecosystems, pollinating the flowers of the native forbs and shrubs that produce the seeds and fruits which sustain countless insects, birds and mammals in wildland habitats.

Presently, native pollinators—not just honeybees—face many challenges to their survival, one of the most crucial being habitat loss. Monarch butterflies are especially struggling, with declines in overwintering populations since the late 1990's of an estimated 74% in California and 80-90% in Michoacán, Mexico.<sup>2</sup> Suitable habitat for insect pollinators includes nesting sites and flowers providing nectar and pollen. Native wildflowers and forbs, as well as many types of non-native garden and landscaping plants, often meet both of these habitat needs. Creating clusters of flowering plants is a fairly easy way to meet both the nesting and foraging needs of many of our essential pollinators, and including milkweed plants [*Asclepias spp.*] in these projects helps cultivate habitat for Monarchs as well as other insects.

At Granite Seed we offer numerous wildflower, legume and flowering shrub species to create diverse pollinator habitats within wildlands, roadsides, parks, golf courses, agricultural buffers, home gardens, city landscaping and other available greenspaces. The species and mixes found in this catalog are those that we regularly stock at the time of this printing. If you require a species not in this catalog, please ask. Our knowledgeable sales staff is happy to assist you meet the goals of your pollinator habitat project.

<sup>1</sup> The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, xerces.org

<sup>2</sup> *ibid.*



NATIVE SHRUB COMMUNITY BELOW SMITHSONIAN BUTTE NEAR ZION NATIONAL PARK, UTAH.

# Shrubs & Trees

**shrub** / shrubb / noun:

1. a woody perennial plant smaller than most trees that has multiple permanent stems arising at or near the ground.

**tree** / tre / noun:

1. a woody perennial plant with a single main stem or trunk, typically growing to a significant height and bearing lateral branches at some distance from the ground.

Woody shrubs and trees are vital components of biologically diverse ecosystems, providing food, thermal cover, concealment, height diversity and nesting habitat for numerous types of insects, pollinators, birds and wildlife species of all sizes. Additionally, they form essential microclimates and serve as protective nurse plants for understory forbs and other woody species. Granite Seed hand-harvests a large and diverse selection of shrub and tree seeds from numerous ecotypes, ensuring reliable supplies of the highest quality seed for any project or location. We frequently carry new species and local collections. If you don't find what you need here, please contact us.



Male and female flowers of Cheesebush (*Ambrosia salsola*). ©David Schwaegler



Saskatoon serviceberry (*Amelanchier alnifolia*). Credit: The Wild Garden, nwplants.com



Silver sagebrush (*Artemisia cana*) at sunrise in Clark County, Idaho. ©Mia McPherson

***Acacia constricta*,**  
see ***Vachellia constricta*** (Whitethorn acacia)

***Acacia farnesiana*,**  
see ***Vachellia farnesiana*** (Sweet acacia)

***Acacia greggii*,**  
see ***Senegalia greggii*** (Catclaw acacia)

***Acmispon rigidus*,** Shrubby deervetch (Desert rock pea)



Formerly *Lotus rigidus*. Wiry-stemmed leguminous drought-deciduous subshrub 1-3 ft. tall with bright yellow pea-like flowers tinged reddish-orange, blooming January to June.

Occurs on well-drained dry rocky slopes, flats, washes and foothills throughout southwestern deserts in Joshua tree and pinyon-juniper woodland communities; up to 6,000 ft. elevation. Notable upright growth form and drought resistance considering its former genus. Use in restoration and xeriscape landscaping. Eaten by desert tortoises. Pollinators include hummingbirds and large numbers of native bees.

***Allenrolfea occidentalis*,** Iodinebush (Pickleweed)



Native halophytic shrub under 3 ft. tall with knobby succulent stems becoming woody toward the base and small petal-less flowers, blooming mid-summer to late fall. The only

species in the genus. Extremely salt tolerant, preferring alkaline soils of salt playas, mudflats and dry desert lakebeds; up to 8,000 ft. elevation. Large shallow root system extends up to 30 ft. from the plant, capturing surface water and spreading by runners. Often set atop hummocks formed by trapping windblown sand. Minimal forage value for livestock and browsing wildlife; seeds eaten by birds and rodents.

***Ambrosia ambrosioides*,** Canyon ragweed



Drought tolerant sprawling shrub from 3-6 ft. tall with small inconspicuous yellowish-green flowers, blooming February to May. Prefers sandy soils in riparian areas, washes, canyons

and disturbed sites in the deserts of northern Mexico, California and Arizona; up to 5,500 ft. elevation. Widespread throughout its range. Not palatable to livestock or wildlife, but useful for erosion control and ecosystem restoration. Host plant for numerous insects. Highly allergenic pollen.

***Ambrosia deltoidea*,** Triangleleaf bursage



Drought tolerant shrub up to 3 ft. tall with triangle shaped leaves and small inconspicuous yellowish-green flowers, blooming January to May. Occurs on well-

drained sandy alluvial plains, mesas and rocky slopes; 1,000 to 4,000 ft. elevation. Common and abundant in the Sonoran Desert, occurring in pure stands or as a codominant in scrub communities with Creosote bush (*Larrea tridentata*), Palo verde (*Parkinsonia spp.*) and Mesquite (*Prosopis spp.*). Replaced by White bursage (*A. dumosa*) at hotter, lower elevations. Not palatable to livestock or wildlife, but useful for erosion control and ecosystem restoration. Often the primary nurse plant for young Saguaro cactus. Highly allergenic pollen.

***Ambrosia dumosa*,** White bursage



Drought tolerant shrub up to 3 ft. tall with small inconspicuous yellowish-green flowers, blooming February to December. Occurs on dry, rocky and sandy washes and fine alluvial

plains throughout the Sonoran and Mojave Deserts, thriving in alkaline soils; up to 5,000 ft. elevation. One of the most abundant shrubs in desert scrub communities and is often an early colonizer following disturbance, often serving as a vital nurse plant to Creosote bush (*Larrea tridentata*). Occupies an ecological niche similar to Triangleleaf bursage (*A. deltoidea*) but further west. Hybridizes with Cheesebush (*A. salsola*). Highly allergenic pollen.

***Ambrosia salsola*,** Cheesebush (White burrobush)



Formerly *Hymenoclea salsola*. Rounded feathery-branched drought-deciduous shrub up to 10 ft. tall with clusters of white or yellow small flowers, blooming February to June.

Adapted to well-drained, sandy, alkaline soils in sandy washes, alluvial fans and rocky slopes; up to 6,000 ft. elevation. Commonly occurs with Creosotebush (*Larrea tridentata*), Catclaw acacia (*Senegalia greggii*), saltbush (*Atriplex spp.*), palo verde (*Parkinsonia spp.*) and in Joshua tree and pinyon-juniper woodlands. Crushed foliage has a cheesy odor. Excellent pioneer after disturbance. Hybridizes with White bursage (*A. dumosa*). Moderately allergenic pollen. *Pictured on page 67.*

***Amelanchier alnifolia*,** Saskatoon serviceberry



Deciduous low spreading shrub to small tree up to 23 ft. tall with white flower clusters, blooming April to August. Adapted to a wide range of soils, but preferring moist, well-

drained and acidic soils; up to 10,000 ft. elevation. Similar to and hybridizes with Utah serviceberry (*A. utahensis*). Intolerant of saline soils and high water tables; able to establish on granitic mine spoils. Common throughout its range. Forms rhizomatous thickets in open woods, conifer forests, grasslands, along streambanks and other riparian zones. Good to excellent browse for large wildlife. Valuable berries and cover for birds and small mammals. Caterpillar host of the moth *Setagrotis pallidicollis*. *Pictured on page 67.*

***Amelanchier utahensis*,** Utah serviceberry



Deciduous low spreading shrub to small tree up to 13 ft. tall with white flower clusters, blooming April to August. Similar to and hybridizes with Saskatoon serviceberry (*A. alnifolia*), but adapted to drier sites and more southern ecotypes; up to 10,000 ft. elevation. Prefers coarse to medium textured well-drained soils and intolerant of saline soils and high water tables; establishes on minelands soils. Abundant in the southern Great Basin. Sprouts less vigorously than Saskatoon serviceberry. Occurs in sagebrush (*Artemisia spp.*), pinyon-juniper and aspen communities. Excellent browse for large wildlife. Valuable cover and food source for birds and small mammals; berries hang on longer into winter than on Saskatoon serviceberry.

***Amorpha canescens*,** Leadplant



Rhizomatous, native perennial subshrub legume with distinctive purple and orange flowers, blooming June to September. Drought tolerant, preferring well-drained to dry soils of mildly acidic to alkaline soils in open woodlands, prairies, dry plains and sand dunes; up to 8,000 ft. elevation. Slow-growing; not competitive with grasses. Important species within Great Plains communities of Big bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*), Sand bluestem (*Andropogon hallii*), Prairie sandreed (*Calamovilfa longifolia*), Switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*), Little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), Indiangrass (*Sorghastrum nutans*) and Prairie dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*). Responds well after wildfire. Very palatable to ungulates but intolerant of repeated grazing. Attractive to bees and other pollinator species as a food source; especially nectar-feeding solitary bees.

***Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*,** Kinnikinnick (Bearberry)



Mat-forming evergreen shrub growing up to 8 in. tall with clusters of pinkish-white bell shaped flowers, blooming March to October. Adapted to rocky, well-drained, low nitrogen soils; intolerant of moist, poorly drained soils; up to 12,000 ft. elevation. May form dense stands on coastal bluffs and prairies, forests, sand dunes, barren rocky outcrops, dry alpine meadows and coniferous forests; circumboreal. Foliage is lightly browsed by deer. Berries are eaten by birds, bears and small mammals, especially as emergency food during winter and early spring. Used extensively in landscaping as a low-growing, ornamental groundcover. Host plant of the Seaside hoary elfin butterfly.

***Artemisia arbuscula*,** Low sagebrush



Low-growing mounded shrub up to 2 ft. tall with evergreen grayish-green leaves, flowering May to October though most often in spring, unlike other sagebrush species. Occurs on shallow clays and dry rocky soils; 2,000 to 12,000 ft. elevation. Adapted to a wide variety of habitats, from valleys and alkali basins to high mountain slopes. Often found in pure patches within larger stands of big sagebrush (*A. tridentata*) due to shallow clay or rocky soils. Occurs in arid salt desert scrub communities of Shadscale (*Atriplex confertifolia*) and Greasewood (*Sarcobatus vermiculatus*); also at higher elevations within pinyon-juniper and mountain shrub habitats. Occasionally root sprouts after disturbance. Highly palatable to deer, elk, sheep and pronghorn, especially in desert scrub communities during summer. Sage-grouse favor the patches of short, open habitat which occur within larger stands of taller and denser big sagebrush.

***Artemisia cana*,** Silver sagebrush



Short to tall shrub from 1-5 ft. depending on the geographically distinct subspecies, with silver-gray or yellow-green to gray deciduous leaves, flowering June to October. Occurs on a wide range of soil textures, preferring moister, colder soils than other sagebrush species; 2,000 to 11,000 ft. elevation. Intolerant of strongly saline and calcareous soils. Found in riparian areas, bottomlands, mountain meadows, disturbed steppe and pine and aspen woodlands. Tolerant of high water tables and periodic flooding, often found in wet-to-upland transitional habitats. Less susceptible to fire mortality than other sagebrush species. Rhizomatous, readily sprouting after fire and other disturbances. Valuable forage for deer, bison, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep and sage-grouse. *Pictured on page 67.*

***Artemisia filifolia*,** Sand sagebrush



Medium to tall rounded shrub from 2-5 ft. tall with distinctive silvery-green threadlike winter-deciduous leaves, flowering May to October. Grows in deep, well-drained infertile sands, rarely in clays; 2,000 to 7,500 ft. elevation. Commonly found with Indian ricegrass (*Achnatherum hymenoides*), Sand dropseed (*Sporobolus cryptandrus*) and other high-desert and semiarid grassland sandy species. Rhizomatous, readily sprouts after fire and disturbance. Used in restoration to prevent erosion of light, sandy soils in Blackbrush (*Coleogyne ramosissima*), big sagebrush (*A. tridentata*) and pinyon-juniper communities, as well as for dune stabilization. Utilized by big game in arid regions where other forage is inadequate. Provides cover for small mammals and birds. Important cover for the lesser prairie-chicken. Caterpillar host of the Hera buckmoth.

***Artemisia frigida*,** Fringed sagebrush (Prairie sagewort)



Distinctive mat-forming subshrub from 4-16 in. tall with grey-green velvety evergreen leaves, flowering June to September. Prefers coarse, shallow, arid soils of regularly disturbed sites; 2,000 to 11,500 ft. elevation. Rhizomatous, readily sprouting after fire and disturbance. Most widely distributed of all the sagebrush species, occurring throughout the northern hemisphere from cold boreal regions to the central grasslands; also in sagebrush steppe and woodland communities. Thrives along ditches and streambanks. Moderately browsed by native ungulates in winter and spring. Important food source for small mammals and birds, including sage-grouse and greater prairie-chickens. Attractive and pleasantly aromatic, increasingly used in xeriscape landscaping.

***Artemisia ludoviciana*,** White sagebrush (Prairie sagebrush)



Herbaceous forb or subshrub from 1-3 ft. tall with silver-woolly leaves and stems; flowering May to October. Adapted to a wide variety of rocky to silty soil textures; up to 12,000 ft. elevation. Occasionally dominant after wildfire, though generally more abundant on sites with infrequent disturbance. Often found in pure stands connected by underground rhizomes. Tolerant of some periodic flooding. Use for riparian sites in woodland, mountain brush, sagebrush and desert shrub communities, as well as more mesic sites in shortgrass and tallgrass prairies. Important summer forage for pronghorn and winter forage for elk. Used by sage-grouse for summer food and cover. Host plant for the cudweed grasshopper.

**Artemisia nova, Black sagebrush**

Small flat-topped shrub up to 2 ft. tall with dark green evergreen leaves, flowering May to October. Most common on shallow, dry, infertile and coarse soils; 4,000 to 9,000 ft.

elevation. Slightly salt tolerant; intolerant of moist sites. Often indicative of a root-restricting carbonate layer within 2 ft. of the soil surface. More drought tolerant than most other sagebrush species. Forms open, solid stands with very little other vegetation from valley bottoms to mountain slopes. Also occurs with Shadscale [*Atriplex confertifolia*], Winterfat [*Krascheninikovia lanata*] or as a minor component in big sagebrush [*A. tridentata*], pinyon-juniper and mountain brush communities. Resembles and often grows with Low sagebrush [*A. arbuscula*]. Intolerant of fire and disturbance. Preferred year-round forage for deer and antelope. Favored by sage-grouse. *Pictured on the front and back covers.*

**Artemisia tridentata ssp. tridentata, Basin big sagebrush**

Evergreen shrub with gray-green leaves commonly 3-7 ft. tall, is the tallest of the big sagebrush subspecies and may reach up to 13 ft. tall; flowering August to October. Prefers

deep, fertile, well-drained soils from valley bottoms and plains, to the foothills and upper timberline; up to 7,000 ft. elevation. Occurs on slightly more mesic sites than the other subspecies, often indicating a high water table or deep soil moisture. Intolerant of wildfire; does not resprout. Least palatable browse of all the subspecies though heavily used during winter months by various types of ungulates and other wildlife. Eaten by sage-grouse when the other more preferred subspecies are absent. Provides valuable cover for wildlife, including sage-grouse and pygmy rabbits. Caterpillar host of the Hera buckmoth. *Pictured on pages 42, 70 & 80.*

**Artemisia tridentata ssp. vaseyana, Mountain big sagebrush**

Evergreen shrub with gray-green leaves typically 2-4 ft. tall though occasionally taller, flowering July to October. Prefers moderately

deep, well-drained, slightly acidic to slightly alkaline soils on foothill benches, upper slopes and mountain meadows; 2,500 to 10,000 ft. elevation. Likely the most abundant of the big sagebrush subspecies. Occurs at higher elevations and in higher precipitation zones than the other subspecies. Also found on lower elevational sites having sufficient summer moisture, late-melting snow drifts, or on north facing slopes. Readily killed by wildfire; does not resprout. Extremely palatable subspecies for ungulate and sage-grouse forage; important wildlife habitat. Provides valuable cover for wildlife. *Pictured on page 43.*

**Artemisia tridentata ssp. wyomingensis, Wyoming big sagebrush**

Evergreen shrub with gray-green leaves typically 2-3 ft. tall, flowering July to November. Adapted to well-drained loamy or occasionally

rocky soils, from harsh dry sites of low valleys and plains, to benches and mid-elevation mountain slopes; 2,500 to 7,500 ft. elevation. Most drought tolerant of the big sagebrush subspecies. Range overlaps with the other two subspecies, occupying sites with shallower, more arid soils. Will not resprout after wildfire. Used heavily by big game species during winter months. Not as palatable as Mountain big sagebrush [*ssp. vaseyana*], but more palatable than Basin big sagebrush [*ssp. tridentata*]. Crucial food source for sage-grouse. Provides valuable cover for birds and small mammals.

**Atriplex canescens, Fourwing saltbush**

Greatly branched evergreen to deciduous shrub from 2-10 ft. tall with red to yellowish-brown or nondescript flowers, blooming April to October. Adapted to all soil textures,

including clays but most common on well-drained, coarse soils and is saline and alkaline tolerant; up to 9,000 ft. elevation. Intolerant of high water tables and inundation. Important and often dominant in numerous types of desert shrub communities within the Great Basin, Great Plains, Mojave, Sonoran and Chihuahuan Deserts. Some populations are rhizomatous and may sprout after low-severity fire. Excellent palatability to browsing livestock and wildlife with protein, fat and carbohydrate content similar to Alfalfa [*Medicago sativa*]. Especially valuable forage during fall, winter and drought. Excellent cover and seeds for birds and small mammals, providing water for black-tailed jackrabbits, which are a major food source of golden eagles. Foliage fed on by numerous insects and is a caterpillar host of the MacNeill's saltbush sootywing, Saltbush sootywing and San emigdio blue butterflies. *Pictured on page 70.* Varieties:

**Wytana**

Naturally occurring hybrid cross with Gardner's saltbush [*A. gardneri*] that grows up to 4 ft. tall. Less spiny than other saltbushes. Adapted to salty sites in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. Developed for mine reclamation and range revegetation in arid and semi-arid northern latitudes. (Released 1976, origin: Musselshell County, MT)

**Atriplex confertifolia, Shadscale saltbush**

Spine-tipped evergreen to deciduous halophytic shrub up to 3 ft. tall with yellow or nondescript dioecious flowers, blooming

March to October. Adapted to a wide variety of soil types, preferring well-drained soils and indicating subsoil salinity; 1,500 to 8,000 ft. elevation. Inhabits both warm and cold deserts, often found in large, pure stands within the lowest and most arid salt desert shrub communities within the Great Basin and Mojave Desert. Highly palatable to browsing livestock and wildlife, especially valuable during winter. Spiny branches limit utilization. Excellent cover and food for reptiles and small mammals including black-tailed jackrabbits, a major food source of golden eagles. Leaves feed numerous insects.

**Atriplex corrugata, Mat saltbush**

Mat-forming evergreen halophytic shrub under 6 in. tall with yellow to light brown flowers, blooming

March to August. May become 5-20 times wider than tall. Adapted to very saline, moderately alkaline, poorly developed, sparsely vegetated and highly erodible silt and clay soils; 4,000 to 7,000 ft. elevation. Occurs on lower hillslopes, clay barrens, plateaus, benches and alkaline flats, sometimes with other saltbushes. More alkaline and salt tolerant than other saltbushes. Fair forage for livestock and wildlife in summer and fall when other forage options are unavailable.

**Atriplex cuneata, Castle Valley saltbush**

Prostrate to upright evergreen shrub under 1 ft. tall with yellow to brown flowers, blooming

March to August. Occurs on heavy clay soils of alkaline flats, rocky slopes and ridges; 4,000 to 7,000 ft. elevation. Similar to Mat saltbush [*A. corrugata*] but occupies slightly wetter sites. More salt tolerant than Fourwing saltbush [*A. canescens*]. Possible use in revegetating processed



Basin big sagebrush [*Artemisia tridentata ssp. tridentata*] near Billings, MT. Also pictured on pages 42 and 80.



Fourwing saltbush [*Atriplex canescens*] near the Rio Grande River in New Mexico.



Fairyduster [*Calliandra eriophylla*] in Arizona.

oil shale soils and other highly saline sites. Provides fair to good forage for browsing wildlife.

**Atriplex gardneri, Gardner's saltbush**

Prostrate to upright evergreen shrub under 2 ft. tall with yellow to brown flowers, blooming

May to September. Extremely salt and alkaline tolerant, occurring on heavy to medium textured saline soils in valley bottoms, plains and slopes; 2,000 to 8,000 ft. elevation. Often occurs in pure stands in harsh, arid saltbush and desert shrub communities. Mineral properties make it difficult to carry wildfire when ignited and may be used in native fuelbreaks; vigorous root sprouter after fire. Establishes in processed oil shales and coal mine spoils on reclamation soils. Nutritious and palatable forage for livestock and wildlife and an important winter food source.

**Atriplex lentiformis, Quailbush**

Fast growing and tallest shrub of the *Atriplex* genera reaching up to 10 ft. tall with greenish-yellow flowers, blooming

June to November. May be somewhat halophytic. Occurs on somewhat infertile heavy to medium, very alkaline soils in drainages, dry lakes, along rivers, canal banks and roadsides in warm desert shrub and riparian communities; up to 3,000 ft. elevation. Common through much of the Sonoran Desert in Arizona especially near areas that are occasionally flooded; will defoliate under extreme drought. Provides cover and food for reptiles, birds and small mammals. Caterpillar hostplant of the MacNeill's saltbush sootywing and Saltbush sootywing butterflies.

**Atriplex obovata, New Mexico saltbush (Mound saltbush)**

Drought resistant subshrub less than 2 ft. tall with silvery obovate deciduous leaves and yellow flowers, blooming

June to October. Occurs in fine to sandy soils and alkaline conditions in saline flats of salt desert shrub and lower pinyon-juniper communities; 2,000 to 7,000 ft. elevation. Widespread in Arizona, New Mexico and Mexico. Browsed by wildlife and very succulent in the spring. Rapid regrowth when browsed. Useful for stabilizing disturbed sites.

**Atriplex polycarpa, Desert saltbush (Cattle spinach)**

Deciduous shrub 3-6 ft. tall with shredded bark and greenish-tan flowers, blooming

May to October. Occurs on medium to well-drained soils of alkaline flats, drainages and rocky slopes; up to 5,000 ft. elevation. Flourishes in arid areas with highly saline soils unsuitable for most other species, often in dominant stands. Also in desert scrub and grassland communities with Creosote bush [*Larrea tridentata*], Shadscale [*A. confertifolia*] and sagebrush [*Artemisia spp.*]. More drought tolerant but less cold

tolerant than Fourwing saltbush [*A. canescens*]. Excellent cover for small wildlife, especially Gambel's quail. Highly palatable for browsing animals, with crude protein, digestible nutrients and fats comparable to Alfalfa [*Medicago sativa*].

**Atriplex tridentata, Trident saltbush (Basin saltbush)**

Prostrate to upright evergreen shrub under 2 ft. tall with yellow to brown flowers, blooming

May to September. Bottomland species adapted to heavy alkaline clay soils along flats, drainages, washes and roadsides of shrub steppe, grasslands and plains; 3,500 to 7,500 ft. elevation. May occur with and easily mistaken for Gardner's saltbush [*A. gardneri*], but often on slightly wetter areas. Vigorous root sprouter after disturbance such as fire. Nutritious and palatable forage for livestock and wildlife.

**Bassia prostrata,\* Forage kochia (Prostrate summer cypress)**

Formerly *Kochia prostrata*. Evergreen subshrub 1-3 ft. tall with small inconspicuous flower clusters, blooming

July to September. Adapted to a wide range of soils from sands and gravels to clays and silts, including shallow infertile and highly saline or sodic sites; up to 7,500 ft. elevation. Not to be confused with its weedy distant relative *Kochia [B. scoparia]*. Extremely drought tolerant, remaining green throughout the wildfire season. Exceptional fire resistance, able to suppress or stop approaching wildfires and is used for greenstrip firebreaks in cheatgrass infested ranges on arid sites of the Intermountain West. Competes well with cheatgrass and other aggressive weeds such as halogeton, Russian thistle and medusahead. Provides highly palatable and nutritious year-round forage and cover for livestock, wildlife and upland game birds. Varieties:

**Immigrant**

From 12-15 in. tall, released for forage and soil erosion control on rangelands in the Intermountain West due to its longevity, forage production, forage quality, palatability and competitiveness. Limited use for winter grazing during periods of deep snow cover due to short stature. [*ssp. virescens*, Released 1984, origin: former USSR]

**Snowstorm**

Up to 30 in. tall, released for its improved stature and ability to extend above snow level, allowing it to be browsed during fall and winter and improve winter range in the Intermountain West. Also higher forage production, leafiness, protein content and digestibility than Immigrant. [*ssp. grisea*, Released 2012, origin: Uzbekistan]

**Cornus canadensis, Bunchberry**

Low-growing herbaceous understory subshrub up to 10 in. tall with small white to pinkish modified leaves functioning as flower petals, blooming May to September. Forms a dense groundcover from extensive rhizomes on a wide range of mineral to highly organic soils in moist coniferous, deciduous and mixed forests and riparian areas, bogs, meadows and thickets; up to 11,000 ft. elevation. Partially circumboreal. Tolerant of full sun to near total shade. May sprout vigorously after wildfire or other disturbance. Important forage for caribou, moose, elk and deer. Fruits are eaten by bears, small mammals and numerous birds. Pollinated by native bees, flies and various insects.

**Cornus sericea, Redosier dogwood**

Formerly *C. alba* and *C. stolonifera*. Deciduous thicket-forming shrub 3-20 ft. tall with small white flower clusters and white berries, blooming May to September. Adapted to moist, poorly drained soils in forests, shrublands, floodplains, lake edges, ponds, wetland margins and streambanks of sites that may be entirely dry by late summer; up to 10,000 ft. elevation. Tolerant of partial sun to full shade in closed-canopy forests. Able to root sprout after wildfire. Important food, cover and nesting habitat for wildlife. Preferred browse for moose, elk, deer, bighorn sheep, mountain goats and beavers. Valuable fruits are eaten by bears, small mammals and numerous birds. Common landscaping ornamental.

**Dasyliion wheeleri, Desert spoon (Sotol)**

Drought tolerant succulent evergreen shrub with basally clumped leaves up to 3 ft. tall and producing yearly flower stalks up to 17 ft. tall with tiny greenish-white flowers in clusters, blooming March to September. Adapted to well-drained shallow, rocky, or gravelly soils on hillsides and slopes in chaparral, desert, semidesert grasslands and southwestern oak woodlands; 3,000 to 6,000 ft. elevation. Also commonly occurs with Turpentine bush [*Ericameria laricifolia*] and True mountain mahogany [*Cercocarpus montanus*]. Somewhat sensitive to wildfire though able to resprout. Sugary trunks and leaf bases are browsed by bighorn sheep.

**Encelia farinosa, Brittlebush**

Rounded drought-deciduous shrub up to 4 ft. tall with bright yellow daisy-like flowers on tall stems above gray-green leaves, blooming November to June or throughout the entire year given adequate monsoon rainfall. Adapted to dry, rocky or gravelly soils on slopes and mesas and on desert pavement; up to 4,000 ft. elevation. One of the most common and conspicuous yellow flowered shrubs in the Sonoran and Mojave deserts. Often found with Creosote bush [*Larrea tridentata*]. Weak ability to root sprout after wildfire, but good offsite colonizer via wind dispersed seeds. Establishes easily. Browsed by mule deer and bighorn sheep. Forage for desert tortoise. Attracts the caterpillars of the Painted lady butterfly. Pictured on page 71.

**Encelia frutescens, Button brittlebush**

Rounded drought-deciduous shrub up to 3 ft. tall with bright yellowish-orange flowers, blooming January to September with adequate monsoon rainfall. Adapted to slow-draining sand and gravel soils with high water tables and in drainage channels; up to 5,000 ft. elevation. Primarily occurs in the

communities. Vigorous root sprouter after low-severity wildfire. Important year-round forage for deer and elk; bighorn sheep browse in summer. Numerous small mammals and birds use for nesting, cover and seeds. Caterpillar host plant for Behr's hairstreak butterfly, Mountain mahogany hairstreak butterfly and Western sheepmoth.

**Chilopsis linearis, Desert willow**

Long-lived deciduous shrub to tree up to 40 ft. tall with large showy white, pink or lavender trumped shaped flowers, blooming April to October. Not a true willow. Drought and heat tolerant, occurring on most well-drained soils, including acidic and alkaline sites. Dominant in dry desert washes, riverbanks, seasonally wet arroyos and other sites with available ground water; up to 6,000 ft. elevation. Remarkably cold hardy. Vigorous root sprouter after wildfire. Used for restoration, wildlife cover, wind breaks and as an ornamental in xeriscaping. Grows quickly with supplemental irrigation. Used by numerous birds for seeds and nest habitat. Nectar attracts native bees, pollinating insects and various hummingbirds, including the Broad-billed, Costa's and Lucifer hummingbirds. Caterpillar host of the Seraph moth and the moth *Eucaterva variaria*. Pictured on page 71.

**Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus, Douglas rabbitbrush (Low rabbitbrush)**

Bushy deciduous shrub under 4 ft. tall with yellow sticky compact flower clusters, blooming June to October. Adapted to medium to coarse well-drained soils and tolerant of somewhat salty sites in drainages, flats, dunes and slopes; 1,000 to 11,000 ft. elevation. Common in western deserts and semi-deserts such as pinyon-juniper woodlands and sagebrush habitats. Also occurs with Rubber rabbitbrush [*Ericameria nauseosa*], Shadscale [*Atriplex confertifolia*] and Winterfat [*Krascheninnikovia lanata*]. Aggressive native is often subdominant in sagebrush communities and is a useful pioneer for revegetating after disturbance, decreasing as sagebrush increases. Roots sprout vigorously after wildfire. Wild ungulates browse in late fall and early winter after more palatable species have dwindled. Important cover for pronghorn fawns and nesting habitat for sage-grouse and other birds. Visited by numerous insect pollinators and is the caterpillar host for the Sagebrush checkerspot butterfly and the moth *Pelochrista crambitana*.

**Cleome isomeris, see Peritoma arborea (Bladderpod)****Coleogyne ramosissima, Blackbrush**

Compact symmetrically rounded evergreen to drought-deciduous shrub up to 6 ft. tall with yellow to brown petal-less flowers, blooming March to June. Adapted to shallow, poorly developed soils of well-drained rocky sands on valley bottoms, washes and flatlands; 1,000 to 7,000 ft. elevation. Occupies the transition between the Creosote bush [*Larrea tridentata*] and White bursage [*Ambrosia dumosa*] communities of the Mojave Desert and the sagebrush communities of the Great Basin. Occurs in pure stands or with Joshua tree, juniper, Winterfat [*Krascheninnikovia lanata*], Shadscale [*Atriplex confertifolia*] and Greasewood [*Sarcobatus vermiculatus*]. Intolerant of fire. Winter browse for mule deer and bighorn sheep. Provides seeds and cover for small mammals and birds. Caterpillar host for Griffin's sheepmoth.



Queen butterfly feeding on Rubber rabbitbrush [*Ericameria nauseosa*] nectar in Golden, Colorado.



Brittlebush [*Encelia farinosa*] in the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, California. ©David Schwaeglerler



Desert willow [*Chilopsis linearis*].

**Calliandra eriophylla, Fairyduster (False mesquite)**

Densely branched deciduous shrub up to 4 ft. tall with attractive pink, red or whitish fluffy ball-shaped flowers with long prominent stamens, blooming February to April and again September to October after ample rain. Native nitrogen-fixing legume prefers dry gravelly slopes, mesas and washes of desert grasslands; up to 7,000 ft. elevation. Used for restoration, erosion control and xeriscaping in the southwest. Provides valuable year-long forage to livestock and deer. Tolerant of grazing due to its rhizomatous growth. Seeds are sought after by upland game birds. Visited by numerous pollinators including, bees, flies, butterflies and hummingbirds. Pictured on page 70.

**Ceanothus integerrimus, Deerbrush**

Deciduous shrub reaching 3-18 ft. tall with white to blue or lilac fragrant flower clusters, blooming April to September. Occurs on well-drained soils of all textures on mountain slopes and ridges and in scattered patches within the understory of conifer and oak woodlands; up to 8,000 ft. elevation. Able to fix large amounts of nitrogen. Establishes primarily by seed but also by layering, when branches take root after soil contact, and by sprouting after stand-replacing events such as fire, landslide or logging. High quality palatable forage for ungulates, especially important deer summer browse in the ponderosa pine belt. Provides seeds and cover for many birds and mammals. Valuable honey plant for bees and a nectar source for Johnson's hairstreak butterfly.

**Ceanothus sanguineus, Redstem ceanothus**

Deciduous shrub reaching 3-10 ft. tall with white fragrant flower clusters, blooming April to September. Occurs on dry to relatively moist well-drained soils of forest openings, clear-cuts, rocky hillsides and slopes, preferring more moisture than most other Ceanothus species; up to 5,000 ft. elevation. Persists on soils with low organic content. Able to fix large amounts of nitrogen. Establishes primarily by seed but also by sprouting after disturbance events such as fire, landslide or logging. Seeds germinate best following fire. Important food and cover for wildlife, especially as winter browse for elk. Provides seeds and cover for numerous birds and small mammals. Larval host of the Pale swallowtail butterfly and a nectar source for Johnson's hairstreak butterfly.

**Ceanothus velutinus, Snowbrush ceanothus**

Evergreen shrub reaching 2-9 ft. tall with cream-white fragrant flower clusters, blooming May to September. Prefers well-drained soils on dry to moist mountain slopes, shrublands

and open forests; up to 11,000 ft. elevation. Often common, occurring in ponderosa pine and mountain brush communities, regularly forming large colonies after disturbance such as wildfire or timber harvest. Vigorous sprouter, but also establishes by seed and layering, when branches take root after soil contact. Year-round browse in forested areas for deer, elk and moose. Provides nesting and cover for small birds and mammals. Nectar source for Johnson's hairstreak butterfly.

**Celtis ehrenbergiana, Desert hackberry (Spiny hackberry)**

Formerly *C. pallida*. Large sprawling evergreen shrub with spiny branches reaching up to 20 ft. tall with inconspicuous green flowers and small orange berry-like fruits, blooming February to May. Occurs on various well-drained soils of foothills, mesas, canyons and washes, especially in the Sonoran and Chihuahuan Deserts; up to 5,000 ft. elevation. Often forms dense thickets. Use for restoration, erosion control, xeriscaping and to create natural hedges. Excellent cover species for many types of wildlife. Lightly browsed by deer. Fruits attract small mammals, birds and insects. Flowers provide nectar for insects, bees, butterflies and moths. Valuable bird and honey species. Larval host of the Empress leilia and American snout butterflies.

**Cercocarpus ledifolius, Curl-leaf mountain mahogany**

Long-lived evergreen tree or shrub 3-35 ft. tall with whitish-yellow flower tubes and seeds with a long twisted hairy tail, blooming March to October. Adapted to a wide range of shallow to deep well-drained, nutrient-poor soils on dry rocky mountain slopes and ridges; 1,000 to 11,000 ft. elevation. Shallow but wide root system; able to fix nitrogen. Component of sagebrush, pinyon-juniper, mountain brush, quaking aspen and fir-spruce communities. Fire intolerant but may root sprout weakly after low-severity wildfire. Highly preferred forage for numerous large wild ungulates especially deer and elk; also used by moose, bighorn sheep and pronghorn. Numerous small mammals and birds use for nesting, cover and seeds. Caterpillar host of the native moth *Stammnodes animata*.

**Cercocarpus montanus, True mountain mahogany (Birchleaf mountain mahogany)**

Long-lived evergreen tree or shrub 3-20 ft. tall with whitish-yellow tubular flowers and seeds with a long spiraled hairy tail, blooming May to September. Adapted to neutral pH sites with coarsely drained, poorly developed, shallow to moderately deep soils on dry mountain slopes, ridges, mesas, desert foothills and rock outcrops; 4,000 to 10,000 ft. elevation. Extensive rhizomatous root system; able to fix nitrogen. May be dominant or codominant in pine-oak woodlands, mixed coniferous forests, alpine shrub, mountain brush, sagebrush, aspen and pinyon-juniper



Creosote bush (*Larrea tridentata*) in the Superstition Wilderness Area of the Tonto National Forest near Apache Junction, Arizona. ©David Schwaegler



Wolfberry (*Lycium andersonii*).



Creeping Oregon grape (*Mahonia repens*).

Mojave Desert but also found at higher elevations in the Sonoran Desert and beyond. Often in Shadscale (*Atriplex confertifolia*), Blackbrush (*Coleogyne ramosissima*), Creosote bush (*Larrea tridentata*) and Joshua tree communities. Aggressive offsite colonizer of wildfire disturbed areas via wind dispersed seeds. Seeds are eaten by birds and small mammals. Important succulent forage for desert tortoise in periods of drought.

#### ***Ephedra nevadensis*, Nevada ephedra (Nevada Mormon tea)**



Leafless jointed evergreen shrub up to 5 ft. tall with primitive cone flowers, blooming March to July. Adapted to shallow to medium depth dry rocky, and often limestone derived soils on

the margins of salt deserts, desert grasslands and in floodplains; 1,000 to 7,000 ft. elevation. More tolerant of alkaline and saline soils than Green ephedra (*E. viridis*). Often occurs within White bursage (*Ambrosia dumosa*), Blackbrush (*Coleogyne ramosissima*), Creosote bush (*Larrea tridentata*) and Joshua tree communities. Able to root sprout after wildfire. Browsed by mule deer, bison, bighorn sheep and pronghorn; especially important deer winter forage. Seeds are favored by many small mammals and are also eaten by mountain quail. Provides cover for small animals and upland birds.

#### ***Ephedra viridis*, Green ephedra (Green Mormon tea)**



Leafless jointed evergreen shrub up to 5 ft. tall with primitive cone flowers, blooming March to August. Adapted to sandy, gravelly or rocky undeveloped soils in deserts, desert grasslands

and woodlands; 2,000 to 10,000 ft. elevation. Less tolerant of alkaline and saline soils than Nevada ephedra (*E. nevadensis*). Often occurs within big sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata* spp.), saltbush (*Atriplex* spp.), Creosote bush (*Larrea tridentata*), Utah serviceberry (*Amelanchier utahensis*) and pinyon-juniper communities. May sprout vigorously after wildfire. Important wild ungulate forage on winter ranges. Seeds are favored by many small mammals and are also eaten by mountain quail. Provides cover for small animals and upland birds.

#### ***Ericameria laricifolia*, Turpentine bush**



Formerly *Haplopappus laricifolius*. Compact broadly rounded evergreen shrub up to 3 ft. tall with small golden yellow flowers, blooming August to December. Resinous leaves have an

odor similar to turpentine when crushed. Occurs on rocky well-drained soils of desert mountains, slopes, mesas and canyons; 2,000 to 7,000 ft. elevation. Found within Creosote bush (*Larrea tridentata*) desert scrub, semidesert grasslands and pinyon-juniper woodland communities throughout the desert southwest. Poor forage palatability but useful for reclamation. Popular in low-grow xeriscape landscapes for its fall season flowers. Attracts bees, numerous late season butterflies and other nectar-loving insects.

#### ***Ericameria nauseosa*, Rubber rabbitbrush**



Formerly *Chrysothamnus nauseosus*. Bushy deciduous shrub up to 8 ft. tall with yellow compact flower clusters, blooming May to November. Adapted to various soils from

gravel to heavy clays on slightly acidic to strongly basic or saline sites. Found in dry, open plains, valley bottoms, drainages, foothills and mountains; up to 10,000 ft. elevation. Common component of numerous habitats including, ponderosa pine, sagebrush, desert and mountain shrub, pinyon-juniper, mountain plains and desert grasslands. Establishes easily and aggressively after disturbance, becoming a minor community component over time. Sprouts vigorously after wildfire. Important winter browse for deer, antelope and elk on poor or depleted rangelands. Provides cover for small mammals and birds including sage-grouse. Attracts numerous native insect pollinators. Flowers are foraged by yellow faced bees, which are thought to be endemic to Craters of the Moon National Monument, ID. Caterpillar host for the moth *Pelochrista crambitana*. Pictured on page 71.

#### ***Eriogonum fasciculatum*, Flat-top buckwheat (California buckwheat)**



Low spreading deciduous shrub up to 3 ft. tall with dense round clusters of whitish to pinkish flowers, blooming March to August. Occurs in

moderately to well-drained sandy to clay loams and problem soils such as serpentine, decomposed granites and high pH soils, on dry slopes, washes and canyons in desert scrub and semidesert grasslands; up to 5,000 ft. elevation. Abundant after disturbance and excellent for use on critical erosion sites. Provides good forage to browsing animals and excellent cover for birds and small mammals. Important long-flowering wild nectar source for bees and other pollinator insects, especially Blue butterflies.

#### ***Fallugia paradoxa*, Apache plume**



Multi-branched deciduous to semi-evergreen shrub from 2-8 ft. tall with white showy flowers developing into feathery clusters of pinkish plumes, blooming April to December. Adapted

to dry, sandy or gravelly soils of canyon bottoms, washes, ephemeral waterways and alluvial plains; 3,000 to 9,000 ft. elevation. Occurs in all the southwestern deserts and into the grassland and woodland habitats of surrounding regions. Extensively used as a xeriscape ornamental in landscaping. Often rhizomatous and colonial. Vigorous root-sprouter after wildfire. Protects dry washes during flash flooding. Browsed somewhat by mule deer, more so by pronghorn. Provides nesting cover for small mammals and numerous ground dwelling birds. Attracts native bees and butterflies and is a caterpillar host of Neumoegen's buckmoth.

#### ***Ferocactus wislizeni*, Barrelcactus (Candy barrelcactus)**



Columnar-shaped succulent cactus 2-10 ft. tall and 18-33 in. in diameter with showy orange, yellow or red flowers in a ring upon its top, blooming July to September. Occurs on deep

sandy desert soils, often of igneous and limestone origin, on gravelly slopes, wash margins and alluvial fans in desert grassland, desert shrub habitats, oak woodlands and grasslands; up to 6,000 ft. elevation. Frost sensitive; fire resistant. Appearance varies through its broad geographical and elevational range. Extensively used as a xeriscape ornamental in landscaping. Cattle and other animals consume the flesh when the spines are removed by disturbances such as wildfire. Javelina, mule deer, numerous birds and small mammals browse the large yellow sour fruits. Caterpillar host of moth *Cactobrosis fernaldialis*.

#### ***Grayia spinosa*, Spiny hopsage**



Freely-branched semi-evergreen rounded shrub up to 5 ft. tall with dense green flower clusters, blooming March to July. Occurs on

gravel and sands to heavy clays and highly calcareous alkaline soils free of salt and hardpans within sagebrush, saltbush desert shrub and pinyon-juniper communities; up to 9,000 ft. elevation. Branches are spine-like at the tips. Extremely drought tolerant, remaining dormant throughout hot, dry summer months. Somewhat wildfire tolerant; sprouts afterwards. Valuable winter to early spring browse for numerous wildlife, including bighorn sheep and black-tailed jackrabbits. Provides good cover for birds and small mammals.

#### ***Gutierrezia sarothrae*, Broom snakeweed**



Formerly *Xanthocephalum sarothrae*. Mounded woody evergreen subshrub up to 3 ft. tall with clusters of small golden yellow

flowers, blooming June to November. Adapted to a wide range of soils within deserts, grasslands, shrublands and wooded areas; up to 10,000 ft. elevation. Native but aggressive, especially on overgrazed and disturbed sites. Toxic to sheep and cattle, particularly during pregnancy. Preferred browse of pronghorn antelope in spring and summer. Major summer and winter food source for black-tailed jackrabbits. Seeds are eaten by a wide variety of small birds and mammals. Pollinated by various insects and is the caterpillar host of Yellow spragueia moth.

#### ***Hymenoclea salsola*, see *Ambrosia salsola* (Cheesebush)**

#### ***Isocoma tenuisecta*, Burweed**



Formerly *Haplopappus tenuisectus*. Compact rounded herbaceous subshrub 1-3 ft. tall with dense clusters of small yellow flowers, blooming August to November. Found on arid

desert plains, washes, mesas and roadsides; 1,500 to 6,500 ft. elevation. Useful for reclamation in desert regions. Intolerant of fire. Native but aggressive, especially on overgrazed and disturbed sites. Toxic to livestock, especially horses. Attracts insects and butterfly pollinators.

#### ***Juniperus scopulorum*, Rocky Mountain juniper**



Extremely long-lived shrubby evergreen tree reaching up to 30-65 ft. tall with cone flowers maturing into blue berry-like fruits, blooming

April to August. Adapted to rocky, sandy or clay soils of dry mountain slopes, hillsides, outcrops, prairies and floodplains in open woodlands and shrublands, often with

ponderosa pine, sagebrush species and various grasses. Intolerant of wildfire. Excellent winter cover for deer and elk. Fruits are valuable food for small mammals and birds, especially Cedar waxwings. Also provides bird nesting habitat and migration corridors. Larval host plant of the Siva juniper hairstreak butterfly.

#### ***Krascheninnikovia lanata*, Winterfat**



Formerly *Ceratoides lanata*. Long-lived spreading evergreen subshrub up to 2 ft. tall with silvery white foliage and inconspicuous petal-less flowers, blooming April to August.

Adapted to a wide range of soil textures, tolerating moderate to highly saline conditions; intolerant of acidic soils, flooding and prolonged wet conditions. Often forms pure stands within arid salt desert shrub, pinyon-juniper, sagebrush and at the edges of some woodland communities; 1,000 to 9,000 ft. elevation. Some tolerance to wildfire, able to sprout after low-severity burns. Germinates easily. Excellent pioneer in mine reclamation and revegetation after disturbance. Extremely palatable to all classes of livestock and wildlife. Important forage for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep. Also browsed by deer, elk, pronghorn and numerous small mammals; a core food for black-tailed jackrabbits.

#### ***Larrea tridentata*, Creosote bush**



Extremely long-lived evergreen shrub up to 13 ft. tall with bright yellow flowers, blooming January to June and year-round following rain. Occurs on well-drained, calcareous, sandy and

alluvial soils, often over caliche hardpan, on dry plains, mesas, slopes and hillsides as a dominant or codominant in desert grassland, shrubland and woodland communities; up to 7,000 ft. elevation. The most common and widely distributed shrub in North American deserts, often forming pure stands by cloning. Some clones are thought to be several thousand years old and may be the earth's oldest living organisms. May resprout after low-severity wildfire. Frequently utilizes White bursage (*Ambrosia dumosa*) as a nurse plant to reestablish on a site after disturbance. Unpalatable to wildlife or livestock. Used for cover and nesting habitat by numerous mammals and birds. Desert tortoises commonly dig shelters beneath it, using the root system to stabilize the structure. Host plant to the Lac scale insect. Pictured on page 73.

#### ***Lotus rigidus*, see *Acmispon rigidus* (Shrubby deerfretch)**

#### ***Lycium andersonii*, Wolfberry**



Dull spine-tipped drought-deciduous shrub up to 9 ft. tall with small tubular white to violet flowers and succulent orange-red fruits, blooming January to June. Adapted to sandy

or gravelly washes, sandy flats, mesas and slopes, and tolerant of some poorly drained soils with high alkalinity, salinity and well-developed desert pavement; up to 6,000 ft. elevation. Occurs in hot, dry southwest deserts, often with Creosote bush (*Larrea tridentata*), Foothills palo verde (*Parkinsonia microphylla*), White bursage (*Ambrosia dumosa*), Nevada ephedra (*Ephedra nevadensis*), Spiny hopsage (*Grayia spinosa*) and Blackbrush (*Coleogyne ramosissima*). May root sprout after fire. Provides cover for birds and wildlife. Berries are foraged by chukars and Gambel's quail. Nectar attracts Black-chinned hummingbirds. Pictured on page 73.



***Lycium exsertum*, Thornbush (Arizona desert-thorn)**

Slightly spine-tipped drought-deciduous shrub up to 12 ft. tall with small tubular pale lavender flowers and plump bright red fruits, blooming January to May. Adapted to well-drained soils in dry washes, plains and rocky hillsides in desert or semidesert habitats within its narrow range; 1,000 to 4,500 ft. elevation. Often occurs with other *Lycium* species. Provides cover for birds and wildlife. Berries are an important food source for desert birds. Nectar source for Costa's hummingbird.

***Mahonia repens*, Creeping Oregon grape**

Formerly *Berberis repens*. Creeping evergreen subshrub up to 12 in. tall with deep blue berries from bright yellow flower clusters, blooming April to September. Occurs on well-drained, dry to moist soils in coniferous forests, woodlands, shrublands, plains, riparian and occasionally wetland habitats; up to 11,000 ft. elevation. Intolerant of poor drainage and high water tables; tolerant of strongly acid to mildly alkaline soils. Rhizomatous, sprouting with or without wildfire. Heat, sun and shade tolerant and makes excellent landscaping groundcover. Poor palatability to livestock but important food to some wildlife, especially as elk winter forage and summer berries for bears. Pollinated by bees and butterflies. Nectar source for Johnson's hairstreak butterfly. Pictured on page 73.

***Olneya tesota*, Ironwood (Desert ironwood)**

Irregularly-spread leguminous tree up to 30 ft. tall with lavender to white pea-like flowers, blooming April to June. Occurs on gravelly to silty soils along desert washes, foothills and in sandy canyons of desert scrub and riparian habitats, endemic to the Sonoran Desert region; below 3,000 ft. elevation. Evergreen except in cold desert winters; used as a frost indicator when selecting locations for citrus orchards. One of the heaviest woods in the world. Spines and branching make it a valuable nurse plant. Use as a xeriscape ornamental in landscaping. Seeds are valued by various wildlife and the leaves are browsed by desert bighorn sheep and mule deer. Attracts insects and numerous bird species. Pollinated by native bees, flies, butterflies, honeybees and hummingbirds and is the caterpillar host of the Funereal duskywing butterfly.

***Parkinsonia aculeata*, Mexican palo verde (Jerusalem thorn)**

Fast-growing leguminous deciduous tree with spines, up to 35 ft. tall with photosynthetic green bark and showy yellow flower clusters, tinged red-orange in the centers, blooming May and sporadically year-round. Adapted to a wide range of well-drained soils from sand dunes to clays in arid desert arroyos, disturbed grasslands, roadsides, riparian areas and low sites where water accumulates; up to 5,000 ft. elevation. Excellent pioneer on disturbed sites, poor soils, saline soils and sites with intermittent flooding. Less desirable landscaping plant than other palo verdes (*Parkinsonia* spp.); use in erosion control, reclamation or as a natural hedge. May form dense thickets. Possibly originated in Mexico, naturalizing in southwestern desert states. Foliage and pods can be used as emergency forage for desert livestock and are eaten by wildlife. Flowers attract birds and butterflies and are favored by honeybees. Caterpillar host of the Dot-lined angle moth and the Clench's greenstreak butterfly.

***Parkinsonia florida*, Blue palo verde**

Formerly *Cercidium floridum*. Slow-growing leguminous drought-deciduous tree with spines, up to 40 ft. tall with photosynthetic green bark and brilliant yellow flower clusters, blooming March to May and again following monsoon rains. Occurs in well-drained, low-nutrient sandy soils of uplands, floodplains, dry washes, intermittent streambeds and desert riparian areas of desert scrub and semidesert grasslands; up to 5,000 ft. elevation. Often codominant in Creosote bush (*Larrea tridentata*) and White bursage (*Ambrosia dumosa*) habitats and acts as nurse plants to Saguaro cacti. Widely used for restoration and as a landscaping ornamental. Foliage and pods can be used as emergency forage for desert livestock and are sought after by wildlife. Nectar attracts birds and butterflies and is favored by bees. Susceptible to parasitic mistletoe which attracts birds to its berries and is a host for Great purple hairstreak butterflies. Co-state tree of Arizona, along with Yellow palo verde (*P. microphylla*).

***Parkinsonia microphylla*, Yellow palo verde (Foothill palo verde)**

Formerly *Cercidium microphyllum*. Slow-growing leguminous drought-deciduous tree up to 26 ft. tall with weak spines, photosynthetic green bark and white and pale yellow flower clusters, blooming April to May, one to two weeks later than Blue palo verde (*P. florida*). Adapted to well-drained, coarse to medium textured soils of upland hillsides and mesas and sites drier than Blue palo verde; up to 4,000 ft. elevation. Occurs within desert scrub and semidesert grasslands and is one of the most common trees of the Sonoran Desert, often codominant within Creosote bush (*Larrea tridentata*), Triangle bursage (*Ambrosia deltoidea*) and Brittlebrush (*Encelia farinosa*) habitats. Primary nurse plant of Saguaro cacti. Widely used for restoration and as a xeriscape landscaping ornamental. Foliage and pods have been used as emergency forage for desert livestock and are sought after by bird and small mammals. Nectar attracts birds and butterflies and is favored by bees. Susceptible to parasitic desert mistletoe which attracts birds to its berries and is a host for Great purple hairstreak butterflies. Co-state tree of Arizona, along with Blue palo verde (*P. florida*).

***Parthenium incanum*, Mariola**

Compact and strongly aromatic deciduous subshrub up to 2 ft. tall with intricate branching and clusters of pale creamy-white flowers, blossoming July to November. Extremely drought tolerant, preferring dry, gravelly slopes and plains, rocky outcrops and canyons, often on limestone soils in open desert scrub habitats; 2,000 to 6,000 ft. elevation. Common or often dominant within the Chihuahuan Desert, but also occurs within the Sonoran Desert and other regions. Often used in restoration, erosion control and as an accent in xeriscape landscaping.

***Peritoma arborea*, Bladderpod (Bladderpod spiderflower)**

Formerly *Cleome isomeris* and *Isomeris arborea*. Rounded evergreen shrub to subshrub 4-6 ft. tall with attractive yellow flowers, blooming primarily January to June.

Odd-smelling sulfurous leaves. Tolerant of alkalinity, occurring on dry, well-drained desert soils in disturbed areas, hillsides, grasslands, washes, roadsides, sand dunes and coastal bluffs; up to 4,500 ft. elevation. Very drought tolerant and adapted to temperatures from below freezing to hot desert summers.



Bladderpod (*Peritoma arborea*).  
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Seed pods of Screwbean mesquite (*Prosopis pubescens*).



Velvet mesquite (*Prosopis velutina*).

Provides food and cover for wildlife and birds, especially quail. Abundant nectar source for pollinators, including both native and introduced bees. Caterpillar host of Becker's white butterfly. Pictured on page 76.

***Prosopis juliflora*, see *Prosopis velutina* (Velvet mesquite)*****Prosopis pubescens*, Screwbean mesquite (Tornillo)**

Deciduous leguminous shrub to tree with spines, 20-30 ft. tall with dense cluster-spikes of small yellow flowers, blooming April to October. Named for its coiled seed pods.

Prefers well-drained soils but adapted to a wide range of sand to heavy clay textures in moderately saline to alkaline floodplains, creek bottoms and washes within desert riparian, woodland and scrub habitats; up to 5,500 ft. elevation. Drought tolerant yet also survives months of flooding. Sometimes a dominant species, but also often associated with Velvet mesquite (*P. velutina*) Creosote bush (*Larrea tridentata*), wolfberries (*Lycium* spp.), White bursage (*Ambrosia dumosa*), Fourwing saltbush (*Atriplex canescens*), Quailbush (*A. lentiformis*), Desert saltbush (*A. polycarpa*), Blue palo verde (*Parkinsonia florida*) and Skunkbrush sumac (*Rhus aromatica*). Good cover and nesting for birds and small mammals and leaves and sweet pods are browsed by livestock and numerous wildlife. Caterpillar host and nectar source for Palmer's metalmark butterfly. Pictured on page 76.

***Prosopis velutina*, Velvet mesquite**

Formerly *P. juliflora*. Deciduous leguminous shrub-like tree with sturdy thorns, up to 30 ft. tall with dense spikes of small yellow-cream flowers, blooming spring and again in fall.

Occurs on a wide range of soil textures in upland deserts, along major water courses, riparian areas and in washes of desert grasslands, oak woodlands and pinyon-juniper woodlands; up to 6,000 ft. elevation. Forms pure thickets, but also often associated with Whitethorn acacia (*Vachellia constricta*), Catclaw acacia (*Senegalia acacia*), Ironwood (*Olneya tesota*), Burweed (*Isocoma tenuisecta*), hackberries (*Celtis* spp.), palo verdes (*Parkinsonia* spp.), wolfberries (*Lycium* spp.) and Fourwing saltbush (*Atriplex canescens*). Used in desert habitat restoration. Sugary sweet seed pods are abundant and nutritious food for livestock and various wildlife. Good cover for large ungulates. Important nectar and pollen source for native pollinators such as solitary bees and is preferred by honeybees. Shelters various caterpillars and beneficial insects. Pictured on page 76.

***Prunus fasciculata* var. *fasciculata*, Desert almond (Desert peach)**

Somewhat thorny deciduous shrub 3-8 ft. tall with fuzzy almond-shaped fruits and tiny pale yellowish flowers, blooming March to June. Adapted to well-drained coarse soils in

washes, dry streambeds, mesas and mountain slopes within the harsh and arid desert scrub and woodland habitats of the Great Basin, Mojave Desert and parts of the Sonoran Desert; 2,000 to 7,000 ft. elevation. Sprouts from the crown, forming thickets. Often associated with Douglas rabbitbrush (*Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus*) and Green ephedra (*Ephedra viridis*). Good palatability to grazing animals. Attracts bees and is a caterpillar host of the Burns' buckmoth and Neumoegen's buckmoth.

***Prunus virginiana*, Chokecherry**

Deciduous shrub to tree up to 30 ft. tall with bright red to dark purple berries and cylindrical clusters of white flowers, blooming May to August. Adapted to a wide range of well-

drained thin and infertile, to deep and nutrient-rich soils, and is also tolerant of moderately acidic to alkaline sites; intolerant of heavy clays. Found on moist or seasonally moist sites such as riparian areas, woodlands, drainages, foothills and mountain slopes; up to 10,000 ft. elevation. Widely distributed and abundant in numerous habitat types. Rhizomatous, forming loose to dense thickets that sprout readily after wildfire. Often planted as a landscaping ornamental. Fruits are important to many birds and mammals, including bears. Deer browse extensively in winter. Flowers are an important nectar source for ants and insect pollinators, including butterflies and honeybees. Caterpillar host of California hairstreak butterfly, Small-eyed sphinx and Chokecherry leafroller moth. Pictured on page 77.

***Psilostrophe cooperi*, Paperflower (Whitestem paperflower)**

Round globe-like woody subshrub 1-2 ft. tall with brilliant yellow flowers becoming pale to translucent and papery with maturity, blooming February to September or year-round. Drought tolerant, adapted to well-drained sand and gravel soils on dry mesas, plains, slopes and arroyos in desert scrub, semidesert grasslands and pinyon-juniper woodlands, in both the Sonoran and Mojave Deserts; 1,000 to 6,000 ft. elevation. Often found in Creosote bush (*Larrea tridentata*) communities. Used in restoration, erosion control and as a copiously flowering accent in xeriscape landscaping. Highly aromatic, deterring some insect herbivory and toxic to livestock.

***Purshia glandulosa*, see *Purshia tridentata* var. *glandulosa* (Desert bitterbrush)*****Purshia mexicana*, Mexican cliffrose**

Formerly *Cowanina mexicana*. Moderate to deeply taprooted evergreen shrub less than 12 ft. tall, occasionally reaching 25 ft. with creamy white flowers, blooming April to October.

Adapted to well-drained shallow, sandy to rocky soils on foothills, slopes, mesas and high plains of forest woodland, mountain



Chokecherry [*Prunus virginiana*]. Credit: The Wild Garden, nwplants.com



Smooth sumac [*Rhus glabra*]. Credit: The Wild Garden, nwplants.com



Wax currant [*Ribes cereum*] at Shafer Butte Recreation Area near Boise, Idaho. ©David Schwaegler

brushland and desert shrubland habitats; 3,000 to 8,000 ft. elevation. Colonizer of open disturbed sites. Mostly killed by wildfire but may weakly sprout afterwards. Occasionally produces nitrogen-fixing root nodules. Excellent palatability to livestock and wildlife, especially important as winter browse

#### ***Purshia tridentata*, Antelope bitterbrush**



Moderate to deeply taprooted evergreen shrub 2-10 ft. tall with small yellowish flowers, blooming April to August. Adapted to a wide variety of well-drained soils, slightly acidic to

basic, often deep, coarse profiles on dry slopes and hillsides within mixed shrub and woodland forest communities; up to 11,000 ft. elevation. Less drought tolerant than close relative Desert bitterbrush [*P. tridentata* var. *glandulosa*]. Establishes by seed and layering, when branches take root after soil contact; some ecotypes may sprout. Mostly killed by wildfire. Occasionally able to produce nitrogen-fixing root nodules. Used for restoration, erosion control and mine reclamation. Moderately palatable to livestock and highly palatable to pronghorn, deer, elk and bighorn sheep. Caterpillar host plant for Behr's hairstreak butterfly and numerous moths, including Columbia silkmoth, Western sheepmoth, Walnut spanworm moth and Nuttall's sheepmoth.

#### ***Purshia tridentata* var. *glandulosa*, Desert bitterbrush**



Formerly *P. glandulosa*. Deeply taprooted evergreen shrub 1-15 ft. tall with small yellowish flowers, blooming March to July. Adapted to a wide variety of well-drained soils, both alkaline

and acidic, and dominant on deep, coarse profiles of valleys, foothills and slopes within semi-arid shrub and woodland communities; 1,000 to 10,000 ft. elevation. Shares numerous characteristics with its better-understood relative, Antelope bitterbrush [*P. tridentata*], but is more drought tolerant and typically found on more arid sites. Establishes by seed, sprouting and layering, when branches take root after soil contact. Pioneer species, sprouting vigorously after wildfire. Rarely able to produce nitrogen-fixing root nodules. Important winter forage for livestock, deer and pronghorn, though less palatable to deer than Antelope bitterbrush.

#### ***Rhus aromatica*, Skunkbush sumac (Aromatic sumac)**



Formerly *R. trilobata*. Deciduous thicket-forming shrub up to 8 ft. tall with bright red berries and small yellow flower clusters, blooming March to October. Widely adapted,

occurring on well-drained, rocky soils in woodlands, valley bottoms, mid to high deserts, low mountain habitats, roadsides and riparian communities; up to 9,000 ft. elevation. Deep roots and spreading rhizomes. Smaller and less aggressive than Smooth sumac [*R. glabra*]. Used for restoration, landscaping hedges and rehabilitating disturbed sites such as cutbanks. Browsed by elk,

deer, bighorn sheep and pronghorn; occasionally by livestock. Provides cover for many species of birds and small mammals. Berries are an emergency winter food source for various birds including, prairie chickens, wild turkeys, ring-necked pheasants, ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, sage-grouse and others. Attracts numerous small native bees, flies and butterflies. Caterpillar host of Neumoegen's buckmoth, Splendid royal moth and Phoenix emerald moth.

#### ***Rhus glabra*, Smooth sumac**



Deciduous thicket-forming shrub to small tree up to 20 ft. tall with deep red berry clusters and branched greenish flowers, blooming April to October. Common and widely distributed,

adapted to shallow to moderately deep, dry to moist, coarse or variably textured soils of open woodlands, prairies, rocky hillsides, canyons, roadsides, waste places and old fields; up to 7,500 ft. elevation. Prairie invader and pioneer species after disturbance, vigorously resprouting from rhizomes after wildfire; excellent for erosion control. Also used in landscaping and for hedges for its brilliant red fall foliage. Provides valuable cover for wildlife and its fruits are food for hundreds of bird species. Retains its berries for much of the winter which are important for ruffed grouse and sharp-tailed grouse. Nectar and pollen source for numerous native bees, flies, wasps, and butterflies. *Pictured on page 77.*

#### ***Rhus ovata*, Sugar sumac (Sugar bush)**



Evergreen thicket-forming shrub to small tree up to 15 ft. tall with red berries and dense clusters of cream to pinkish flowers, blooming February to May as well as at other times of the

year. Adapted to well-drained sandy loams and nutritionally poor soils and is also tolerant of some alkalinity. Common within its range, occurring in dry canyons, rocky hillsides, washes, south-facing slopes and mesas; up to 6,000 ft. elevation. Very drought tolerant, used in native restoration and as an ornamental in full sun desert xeriscapes. Provides cover for wildlife and its fruits are food for birds. Retains its berries through the winter. Fruit and flowers attract birds, bees and butterflies.

#### ***Rhus trilobata*, see *Rhus aromatica* (Skunkbush sumac)**

#### ***Ribes aureum*, Golden currant (Buffalo currant)**



Deciduous root-spreading shrub up to 10 ft. tall with globe-like berries and showy yellow trumpet shaped flowers with reddish-tinged centers, blooming February to August. Widely

adapted, occurring on fine to sandy well-drained loam soils of cliffs, mountain slopes, ravines, floodplains, streamsides, washes and near springs in grasslands, coniferous forests, woodlands, mountain shrub and riparian communities, though drought tolerant; up to 9,000 ft. elevation. Broad distribution but rarely

abundant. Often found with willows and Wood's rose [*Rosa woodsii*]. Good for restoration of rangelands and able to grow on some mine tailings. Cultivated as a landscaping ornamental. Rhizomes sprout after disturbance and fire. Provides cover and forage is browsed by wildlife. Fruits are an important food for numerous birds and small mammals. Flowers attract hummingbirds, bumble bees, butterflies and the Clark's sphinx hawkmoth.

#### ***Ribes cereum*, Wax currant**



Deciduous non-rhizomatous shrub up to 6 ft. tall with globe-like berries and short tubular white to pink flowers, blooming April to September. Adapted to a variety of soils from sands to clays on dry, open slopes, ridges and rock outcrops in open, coniferous forests, woodland edges, shrub-steppe, sagebrush desert and mountain shrub to subalpine habitats; up to 12,500 ft. elevation. Frequently occupies drier sites than Golden currant [*R. aureum*]. May be found within pine, Rocky Mountain maple [*Acer glabrum*], Skunkbush sumac [*Rhus aromatica*], snowberry [*Symphoricarpos* spp.], Wood's rose [*Rosa woodsii*] and Saskatoon serviceberry [*Amelanchier alnifolia*] communities. Provides cover as well as food for wild ungulates when little else is available. Berries are excellent food for birds and small mammals. Nectar is important to hummingbirds. Caterpillar host of the Rocky Mountain agapema moth. *Pictured on page 77.*

#### ***Rosa woodsii*, Woods rose**



Deciduous thorned shrub to shrub up to 10 ft. tall with fleshy red fruit hips and pink to deep rose colored flowers, blooming May to October. Adapted to a wide range of well-drained soil textures and moisture conditions on slopes and meadows within shrub-steppe, pinyon-juniper woodlands, deciduous and conifer forests and also riparian and wetland communities; up to 11,500 ft. elevation. The most common native rose in western North America, but highly variable traits throughout its distribution. Aggressive pioneer strongly tolerant of disturbance and wildfire. Forms thickets by suckering and layering, when branches take root after soil contact. Provides nesting and escape cover for numerous birds and small mammals. Leaves are browsed by livestock and wild ungulates. Native hips are a premier natural source of vitamin C, feeding a diversity of birds and mammals, including deer, porcupine, beaver, coyote, bear and sharp-tailed grouse. Persistent hips are an especially important food source during snow cover. Pollinated by insects and native bees. *Pictured on page 79.*

#### ***Sambucus nigra* ssp. *cerulea*, Blue elderberry**



Formerly *S. caerulea*. Deciduous short-lived aromatic shrub or small tree up to 20 ft. tall or more with purple-black berries and white to cream flowers, blooming March to September.

Adapted to a wide variety of well-drained soils along streambanks, riverbanks, riparian areas and moist sites within drier brush and forest communities; up to 10,000 ft. elevation. Often found with quaking aspen, alders, serviceberries [*Amelanchier* spp.], Chokecherry [*Prunus virginiana*], roses [*Rosa* spp.], gooseberries [*Ribes* spp.] and big sagebrush [*Artemisia tridentata*]. Sprouts vigorously from the crown after wildfire. Good palatability to livestock and wildlife and is a more important deer browse than Red elderberry [*S. racemosa*]. Persistent and may recover well from heavy browsing. Provides cover and nesting for wildlife, and berries feed numerous birds and small mammals. Native cavity nesting bees live inside the pithy stems of old dried growth. Hummingbirds visit flowers for nectar.

#### ***Sambucus racemosa*, Red elderberry**



Deciduous aromatic shrub or small tree up to 20 ft. tall with bright red berries and creamy white flowers, blooming April to September. Occurs on well-drained deep, loamy nutrient

rich soils along streambanks, ravines, swamps, moist forest openings and upland sites near wetlands; up to 12,000 ft. elevation. Common throughout its range, often occurring within conifer and alder communities. Densely rhizomatous pioneer, good for erosion control on moist sites. Sprouts from crown and rhizomes after disturbance and wildfire; some populations lack rhizomes. May be tolerant of heavy metal contaminated soils on mining and smelting sites. Provides cover and nesting for wildlife and berries feed numerous birds and small mammals. Palatability to livestock and wildlife varies due to the natural cyanide content of individual plants. Intolerant of heavy browsing. Native cavity nesting bees live inside the pithy stems of old dried growth. Hummingbirds forage flower nectar.

#### ***Sarcobatus vermiculatus*, Black greasewood**



Deciduous to semi-evergreen long-lived spiny shrub 3-10 ft. tall with green female flowers and male pine cone-shaped flowers, blooming May to September. Adapted to a wide variety

of soils from heavy clays to coarse loams and tolerant of strongly sodic and saline soils. Highly drought tolerant but also withstands high water tables and prolonged flooding within arid to semi-arid habitats and lowland western deserts; up to 8,500 ft. elevation. Often dominant on saline sites but also occurs with various saltbushes [*Atriplex* spp.], Iodinebush [*Allenrolfea occidentalis*], Rubber rabbitbrush [*Ericameria nauseosa*], Spiny hopsage [*Grayia spinosa*], Basin big sagebrush [*Artemisia tridentata* ssp. *tridentata*], Wyoming big sagebrush [*Artemisia tridentata* ssp. *wyomingensis*]. Excellent soil stabilizer, especially on sites too saline for most other species; also processed oil shales. Able to crown sprout after damage and may do so vigorously after moderately severe wildfire. Substantial lateral root system as far as 12 ft. from the main plant with buds which sprout after disturbance. Palatable to livestock but toxic in large quantities without considerable other forage in the diet. Lightly browsed by mule deer and pronghorn during spring and summer. Important food source and cover for jackrabbits.

#### ***Senegalia greggii*, Catclaw acacia**



Formerly *Acacia greggii*. Long-lived deciduous legume shrub or small tree up to 20 ft. tall with sharp thorns like a cat's claw and intensely fragrant creamy-white flower spikes, blooming

March to November. Common and abundant, adapted to dry gravelly, often shallow soils of mesas, canyons, rocky hillsides, flats, washes, floodplains and riparian areas within arid and semiarid grassland and scrub communities in southwestern deserts; up to 6,000 ft. elevation. Prolific resprouter after wildfire. Valuable reclamation species on mining soils and other disturbed sites. Foliage is browsed by livestock, deer and many small mammals and javelina forage its beans. Tolerates heavy grazing pressure. Provides extensive cover and nesting for desert mammals and numerous birds. Attracts butterflies and hordes of pollinator insects and native bees. Caterpillar host of the Hubbard's small silkmoth.



Woods rose (*Rosa woodsii*) at the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area near Kuna, Idaho. ©David Schwaegler



Common snowberry (*Symphoricarpos albus*).



Whitethorn acacia [*Vachellia constricta*] at the Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch in Gilbert, Arizona.

#### *Shepherdia argentea*, Silver buffaloberry



Deciduous thorny thicket-forming shrub or small tree up to 20 ft. tall with brown hard fruit and yellow male and inconspicuous female flowers, blooming April to August. Adapted to well-drained moist soils with some tolerance to poor drainage, occurring on moist prairies, riparian areas, wet meadows, floodplains, shorelines and springs within woodlands, shrublands and short and mixed-grass prairies; 1,000 to 8,000 ft. elevation. Sprouts from the root crown and from rhizomes after disturbance and wildfire. Fixes nitrogen. Preferred cover and nesting habitat for numerous birds and small mammals. Poor palatability to livestock but valuable browse for mule deer and pronghorn; also utilized by elk. Fruit is eaten by bears, small mammals and birds, including sharp-tailed grouse. Pollinated by honeybees and numerous native bees. Caterpillar host of the Columbia silkmoth.

#### *Shepherdia canadensis*, Russett buffaloberry



Deciduous thicket-forming shrub up to 13 ft. tall with bright red fruit and yellow-brown inconspicuous flowers, blooming May to September. Cold hardy, adapted to dry to moist rocky, sandy or gravelly, nutrient-poor soils on dry slopes, valley bottoms, open rocky woodlands, forests, shorelines and riparian areas; up to 11,000 ft. elevation. Sprouts from the root crown after disturbance and wildfire and some populations may be rhizomatous. Fixes nitrogen. Provides cover for numerous birds and small mammals. High protein browse but low palatability to livestock and wildlife. Fruit is important for bears as well as small mammals and birds. Pollinated by honeybees and numerous native bees.

#### *Simmondsia chinensis*, Jojoba



Native densely-branched evergreen shrub 1-7 ft. tall with attractive acorn-like fruit capsules and green inconspicuous flowers, blooming December to July. Adapted to well-drained coarse desert soils and tolerant of highly saline sites on dry rocky slopes and along washes within desert shrub and southern coastal scrub habitats; up to 5,000 ft. elevation. Common to dominant throughout its range. Extremely drought tolerant. Desirable for xeriscape landscaping as well as restoration. Readily resprouts following damage or wildfire, forming thickets from deep roots several feet away from the crown. Highly palatable and important browse for livestock and wildlife, including deer, desert bighorn sheep and jackrabbits. Nuts are eaten by deer, javelina and numerous small mammals. Honeybees collect considerable amounts of pollen from the male plants but avoid the females.

#### *Symphoricarpos albus*, Common snowberry



Deciduous shrub to small tree up to 6 ft. tall with round white berries from small clusters of white flowers, blooming April to October. Common, adapted to a wide variety of well-drained soil types and low nutrient conditions on dry to moist slopes in numerous types of forest, woodland, shrub and riparian communities; up to 9,000 ft. elevation. Rhizomatous, among the first recolonizers after wildfire. Browsed by livestock and wild ungulates, including deer, bighorn sheep, elk and moose. Important cover and food for small mammals and birds, including sharp-tailed, ruffed and blue grouse as well as wild turkeys. Floral visitors include numerous hummingbirds, native pollinator insects and honeybees. Caterpillar host of the Ashy pleromelloida and Vashti sphinx moths. *Pictured on page 79.*

#### *Symphoricarpos oreophilus*, Mountain snowberry



Deciduous montane shrub up to 5 ft. tall with round white berries from small clusters of pinkish flowers, blooming May to September. Common, adapted to well-drained soils on dry to moist ridges, rocky slopes, forest openings, woodland, shrubland and riparian communities; 3,000 to 11,000 ft. elevation. Less rhizomatous growth than Common snowberry (*S. albus*); sprouts weakly from the root crown after disturbance such as wildfire. Browsed by livestock and is important forage for deer and elk, especially in early spring. Important cover and food for small mammals and birds, including ruffed grouse. Pollinators include numerous hummingbirds, native insects and honeybees. Larval host for the Chalcedon checkerspot butterfly.

#### *Vachellia constricta*, Whitethorn acacia



Formerly *Acacia constricta*. Long-lived deciduous legume shrub or small tree rarely more than 12 ft. tall with long slender spines and slightly fragrant yellow flower globes, blooming May to September. Common and abundant, adapted to dry sandy to loamy soils, often in shallow caliche soils on slopes, washes, flats, mesas and riparian areas within arid and semiarid grassland and scrub communities in southwestern deserts; 1,000 to 6,000 ft. elevation. Slow to establish, but useful reclamation plant on mining soils and other disturbed sites. Vigorous resprouter after wildfire. Lightly browsed by livestock and wild ungulates. Provides cover and nesting for desert mammals and numerous birds and its beans are foraged by numerous types of wildlife. Attracts nectar-seeking pollinator insects such as butterflies and bees. *Pictured on page 79.*

#### *Vachellia farnesiana*, Sweet acacia



Formerly *Acacia smallii* and *A. farnesiana*. Long-lived deciduous legume shrub or tree up to 30 ft. tall with long spines in pairs and incredibly fragrant yellow to orange flower globes, blooming March to November. Evergreen in mild winters. Adapted to a wide variety of soils types, occurring on arroyos, plains and low slopes within arid scrub communities in southwestern deserts; up to 6,000 ft. elevation. Pantropical species, also native to northern Australia and southern Asia. Popular in xeriscape landscaping in the southwestern desert states and Mexico. Caterpillar host of the Dot-lined angle moth.

#### *Yucca glauca*, Soapweed yucca (Small soapweed)



Rosette shaped semi-woody evergreen shrub 3 ft. tall with stiff sharply pointed fleshy leaves and greenish to white flowers on a tall solitary stalk extending from the center of the plant, blooming May to August. Drought tolerant, adapted to dry sandy, rocky soils in short grass prairies, high plains, desert grasslands, woodlands and shrublands; up to 9,500 ft. elevation. Rhizomatous, forming small to moderate sized colonies. The most extensively distributed yucca in North America. Livestock and numerous wild ungulates browse flowers and seedlings. Provides food and cover for birds and small mammals and nesting habitat for native bees. Caterpillar host for Strecker's giant-skipper butterfly, as well as Yucca moths, which are thought to be its only successful pollinator, and its fruits serve as the moth's sole larval food source. State flower of New Mexico.



MALE AND FEMALE SAGE-GROUSE GATHER ON A COLORADO MATING LEK NEAR BASIN BIG SAGEBRUSH (*ARTEMISIA TRIDENTATA* SSP. *TRIDENTATA*).

## Icons of the West: Sagebrush and Sage-grouse

The West's vast expanses of sagebrush (*Artemisia* spp.) may appear endlessly monotonous to many, but these areas are essential habitat for more than 350 wildlife species,<sup>1</sup> including the iconic bird featured on the cover of this publication: sage-grouse—named for its dependence on sagebrush plants for food and cover.

Sage-grouse inhabit 186 million acres of sagebrush ecosystem in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, South Dakota, North Dakota and the Canadian provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan.<sup>2</sup> The birds utilize different sagebrush sites throughout the year for mating, nesting, raising chicks and winter habitat, and return to the same breeding location each spring. Immediate and substantial threats exist to sagebrush ecosystems largely due to annual exotic weed invasion [see also: *Broken Cycle: Weeds and Wildfire*, page 42], juniper encroachment and habitat fragmentation. Federal and state agencies continue to work together with and alongside private industry, ranchers and landowners to protect and restore sage-grouse habitat.

Granite Seed offers numerous sagebrush, forb and grass species to restore native sage-grouse habitat after wildfire, disturbance or degradation. The species found in this catalog are those we regularly stock. If your habitat restoration project requires something not found here, please ask.

<sup>1</sup> Sage Grouse Initiative, [sagegrouseinitiative.com](http://sagegrouseinitiative.com)

<sup>2</sup> *ibid.*

\*Introduced to North America.



DAIKON RADISH (*RAPHANUS SATIVUS* VAR. *LONGIPINNATUS*) PLANTED TO PENETRATE COMPACTED SOILS, IMPROVE WATER INFILTRATION, SOIL AERATION AND THE ROOTING DEPTH OF SUCCESSIVE CROPS.

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# Cover Crops & Annual Forages

**cover crop** / kuhv-er krop / noun:

1. a crop grown for the protection and enrichment of the soil.

**forage** / for-ij / noun:

1. food for animals such as grass or hay, especially when eaten by browsing or grazing.

**annual** / an-yoo-uhl / adjective:

1. plant completing its life cycle in one growing season or year.

Cover crops and annual forages are valuable tools for reclamation, agricultural land improvement, pasture establishment and food plots. They germinate quickly to stabilize exposed soils, restore soil health and function, protect perennial seedlings during establishment, and provide valuable forage for livestock, pollinators and wildlife. Many of these species have been cultivated in distant regions of the world for thousands of years and numerous varieties are available. Ask us about which types are best suited to your location and project needs. For nitrogen fixing cover crops and forages, refer to the *Forage Legumes* section.

# Managing Cover Crops

Some cover crops have the potential to negatively impact cropping systems. Cover crops used in agricultural settings must be managed properly to prevent contaminating later crop rotations.

For example, Buckwheat (*Fagopyrum esculentum*) seed contains an allergen and flour millers now test for buckwheat contamination in wheat and other cereal grains. Grain producers must use appropriate management practices if and when they choose to use buckwheat as a cover crop in or near their grain production. Failure to do so can critically devalue harvests.

Similarly, some millets can become competitive weeds in cereal crop production, decreasing grain yields and contaminating harvests.

Correct management of cover crops in agricultural systems may include such practices as grazing, cutting, herbicide application, and/or tilling cover crops into the soil previous to seed development.

## *Fagopyrum esculentum*,\* Buckwheat



Warm season, annual broadleaf traditionally cultivated as a pseudo-cereal. Prefers light to medium textured, well-drained soils; tolerant of low-fertility. Intolerant of frost, flooding or severe drought. Establishes and matures quicker than all other cover crops, forming a dense canopy and suppressing weeds. Use in double cropping systems, to prevent erosion, improve soils, disrupt root pathogen cycles, conserve soil moisture or as green manure. Hay has low forage value. White flowers attract beneficial insects and are excellent for honeybees. Pictured on page 83.

## *Helianthus annuus*, Common sunflower



Warm season, annual broadleaf plant with an extensive and deep root system. Adapted to well-drained, sandy to clayey soils. Establishes and matures quickly, forming a dense canopy and suppressing weeds. Developed from the naturally occurring native type [see section: *Wildflowers & Forbs*] for commercial seed and oil production. Now gaining popularity in double crop systems, as a green manure and as forage or silage. Attracts birds, butterflies, bees and other beneficial insects. Use thin shelled black oil varieties for bird habitat.

## *Hordeum vulgare*,\* Barley



Cool season, moderately drought tolerant annual cereal grain adapted to a wide range of soils and sites, preferring cool, dry areas. More productive on alkaline and saline soils than other cover crops. Hardier than Oats (*Avena sativa*), but less so than winter Wheat (*Triticum aestivum*). Early maturing; produces more forage in a shorter time than all other cereal crops. Graze or cut for hay or silage. Use in short rotation windows or for exceptional erosion control. Winter and spring types available. Use hay-type (beardless) varieties for grazing.

## *Lolium perenne ssp. multiflorum*,\* Annual ryegrass (See section: *Grasses & Grasslikes*.)

## *Panicum miliaceum*,\* Proso millet



Warm season, drought tolerant annual grass preferring moist to dry conditions in a range of soil types, including poor, thin soils; shallow-rooted. Intolerant of high salinity. One of the lowest water requirements of any grain species. Fast to establish and grow, reaching maturity quickly. Plant for erosion control, in rotations with winter annuals, or into stubble fields in a double crop system. Leafiness, palatability and forage yields are lower than many other annual hays such as Foxtail millet (*Setaria italica*). Excellent in wildlife food plots for game birds.

## *Pennisetum glaucum*,\* Pearl millet



Warm season, tall annual grass adapted to well-drained, low-fertility soils. Performs well in high salinity or low pH areas. One of the most drought resistant cereal grasses. Highly palatable and nutritious annual forage. Used for grazing, silage, hay, green chop, green manure and wild bird habitat. Most widely grown type of millet; often preferred forage over other millets such as Japanese millet (*Echinochloa esculenta*) and Proso millet (*Panicum miliaceum*). Pictured on page 83.

\*Introduced to North America.



Pearl millet (*Pennisetum glaucum*).



Buckwheat (*Fagopyrum esculentum*).



Japanese millet (*Echinochloa esculenta*).

## *Carthamus tinctorius*,\* Safflower



Warm season, annual broadleaf often cultivated for vegetable oil and birdseed. Prefers deep, fertile soils. Substantial taproot (8-10 ft.) allows plants to thrive in arid to semiarid conditions, breaks up compacted soils and draws-up and accumulates nutrients from lower subsoils. Also works in irrigated systems and some areas receiving higher rainfall. Moderate quality forage for grazing or hay if used before it becomes too prickly. Good pollinator species, increasing the presence of beneficial insects and reducing pressure from pest insects.

## *Cichorium intybus*,\* Chicory



Fast growing biennial or short-lived perennial forb, somewhat woody and with pale blue flowers when allowed to bolt. Widely adapted to fertile, well-drained sites; intolerant of wet soils. Use in pastures and wildlife food plots. Forage quality comparable to many legumes. Dries too brittle to be a suitable hay plant. Deep taproot provides drought tolerance, extending midsummer pastures when other forages slump. Accumulates trace minerals and nutrients from lower subsoils. Reduces gastrointestinal parasites in small livestock and deer. Certain growing conditions may increase toxic nitrate levels. Taproot can be damaged by overgrazing or excessive trampling. Graze before bolt.

## *Echinochloa esculenta*,\* Japanese millet



Warm season, cold tolerant coarse annual grass. Adapted to all soils but thrives on wet and swampy soils, even standing water. Provides fast-growing, short-term cover while perennials establish. Often used around ponds and other waterways as a source of cover and preferred food for waterfowl, including ducks. Effective as a weed-suppressing smother crop. Greater protein content for grazing animals than Oat (*Avena sativa*) and Timothy (*Phleum pratense*) hay. Pictured on page 83.

## *Eragrostis tef*,\* Teff



Warm season, fine-stemmed annual grass with quick germination. Adapted to various soil types in drought stressed to water logged soils; fairly salt tolerant. Primarily used for high-yield, low-input, summer hay under a short growing season. Excellent emergency forage when weather delays the timely planting of other crops or forages. Multi-cut in some regions. Highly nutritious and palatable; leafy and soft. Extends the summer growing season of hay fields and pastures. Also use for silage, green manure, erosion control or as a companion crop. Seed in late spring into warm soils; frost sensitive at all stages.

## *Avena sativa*,\* Oats



Cool season, moderately drought tolerant tufted annual cereal grain. Prefers cool, moist conditions and well-drained soils. Establishes quickly and early maturing. Extremely palatable and soft-leaved, use for grazing, hay, silage or for wildlife food plots. Spring plant with annual clovers, vetches, Field peas (*Pisum sativum ssp. arvense*), or other legumes for superior forage and soil improvement. Plant in early fall for high quality fall grazing, especially deer food plots. Not winter-hardy.

## *Brassica juncea*,\* Brown mustard & Oriental mustard



Cool season, annual brassica traditionally grown for its spicy seeds. Germinates quickly on a wide variety of soils; not tolerant of wet soils. Tolerates some drought stress, but intense heat during flowering reduces seed-set. Sensitive to frost and winterkills easily. Use between commercial crops and in home gardens as a green manure to naturally fumigate soil nematodes and pathogens. Wait at least four weeks after plow-down before planting the next crop. Has been used in environmental phytoremediation to remove toxic heavy metals such as cadmium [Cd] from polluted soils. Varieties:

### Cutlass

Oriental-type used as a natural biofumigant for suppressing nematodes and common root rot between rotational crops such as potatoes and sugar beets. Also reduces weeds in the subsequent crop year. Biofumigation is improved when fields are planted in a 1:1 mix with White mustard (*Sinapis alba*). [Released 1985]. Also see *Mustard Biofumigant Blend* on page 86.

## *Brassica napus*,\* Forage rapeseed



Cool season, annual brassica; biennial when planted late. Widely adapted to sites and soils with adequate moisture and fertility. Deep fibrous root system. Origin species of canola. Use in crop rotations, as a high quality forage or as a green manure and biofumigant for soil nematodes. Spring plant to supplement summer pastures, or summer plant to extend the grazing season into late fall. Plant in pastures with small grains, other brassicas or annual legumes such as clovers.

## *Brassica rapa*,\* Forage turnip



Cool season, annual or biennial brassica that is somewhat frost tolerant. Prefers deep, fertile, sandy to heavy clay soils. Use as a high quality forage crop; excellent late fall and winter forage. Plant in the spring for summer grazing or in the summer to extend the grazing into late fall. Leafy tops can be lightly grazed before fall, and bulbs are dug for forage in the winter by grazing livestock and wildlife, even under snow.

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Foxtail millet (*Setaria italica*).White mustard (*Sinapis alba*) previous to being tilled into the soil for green manure and natural biofumigation. ©L&H SeedsSorghum-Sudangrass (*Sorghum bicolor* x *Sorghum bicolor* var. *drummondii*).***Phacelia tanacetifolia*, Lacy phacelia**

Water efficient, native annual broadleaf with lavender-blue flowers in dense curling clusters, blooming March to June. Vigorous root system and top growth, occasionally reaching 4 ft. tall.

Adapted to a wide range of soil pH and textures, including clays. Excellent cold tolerance, continuing growth into fall. Use as a cover crop and green manure for soil building and weed suppression in either cash crop rotations or vineyards and orchards. Significant early-season pollen and nectar source for Blue orchard bees, an important native pollinator for California's almond orchards. Also attracts beneficial insects which eat aphids and other agricultural pests. Exceptionally valuable honeybee plant. Long-day plant requiring a minimum of 13 daylight hours to initiate flowering. [See also in: *Wildflowers & Forbs*] Pictured on page 102.

***Raphanus sativus* var. *longipinnatus*,\*  
Forage radish (Daikon radish)**

Cool season annual brassica with a single massive taproot [12-20+ in. long]. Adapted to a wide range of soils; intolerant of waterlogged soils. Rapid germination and growth. Long

taproot reaches deep into the soil profile to increase topsoil nitrogen and nutrient fertility the following spring. Use in crop rotations to penetrate compacted soils and improve water infiltration, soil aeration and the rooting depth of successive crops. Dense canopy suppresses weeds when planted in a monoculture. Also use in food plots. Grazing animals eat the leafy tops and the taproot. Pictured on page 81. Varieties:

**GroundHog**

Daikon-type with consistent performance. Use on its own or in mixes with Crimson clover (*Trifolium incarnatum*), Field peas (*Pisum sativum* ssp. *arvense*), Annual ryegrass (*Lolium perenne* ssp. *multiflorum*), Forage turnips (*Brassica rapa*) or other forage species.

***Secale cereale*,\* Cereal rye**

Cool season, drought tolerant tall annual cereal grain adapted to a wide variety of conditions, including arid environments and clay soils.

Establishes easy and likely to outperform all other cover crops on poor, infertile soils. Excellent at suppressing weeds when seeded heavy. Used as livestock forage between crop rotations; graze late fall or early spring. As a green manure or forage it performs best when planted with other species, such as Hairy vetch (*Vicia villosa*) or Triticale (*Triticum aestivum* x *Secale cereale*). Also use for quick soil cover, particularly in the late fall. May volunteer and become weedy.

***Setaria italica*,\* Foxtail millet**

Warm season, annual grass adapted to well-drained soils in cool, semi-arid regions. Suitable for use at higher elevations. Shallow rooted and tolerant of highly saline soils.

Primarily grown for single-cut hay and as a short-season emergency forage; palatable and nutritious. Excellent soil cover but may out-compete establishing perennials; can be used as a weed-suppressing smother crop. Seeds are a desired food for birds and small mammals. Pictured on page 85. Varieties:

**Golden German**

Late maturing; often seeded into wheat stubble for drought tolerant hay. Higher forage yields under irrigation than Siberian variety. Also use in warm season wildlife food plots for gamebirds, especially dove, quail and pheasant. [Released 1969]

**Siberian**

Short-statured and not a large forage yielder, but highly valued for its early maturity and hardiness. More drought tolerant than Golden German variety.

***Sinapis alba*,\* White mustard**

Cool season, annual brassica traditionally grown for its spicy seeds. Establishes quickly on a wide variety of soil types; not suited to wet soils. Some drought tolerance, but

extreme heat during pollination may reduce seed production. Frost sensitive and winterkills easily. Use in commercial crop rotations and in home gardens as a green manure with chemical properties that naturally fumigate soil pests such as nematodes and fungal pathogens. Wait at least four weeks after plow-down before planting the next crop. Pictured on page 85. Varieties:

**Martigena**

Developed as a natural biofumigant for suppressing nematodes and common root rot in rotational crops such as potatoes and sugar beets. Also shown to substantially reduce weeds in the subsequent crop year. Biofumigation effectiveness is improved when fields are planted in a 1:1 mix with Oriental mustard (*Brassica juncea*). Also see *Mustard Biofumigant Blend* on page 86.

***Sorghum bicolor*,\* Grain sorghum (Milo)**

Warm season, quick growing annual primarily used for dryland feed grain. Coarse grass similar to corn in appearance. Adapted to a wide range of soils; moderate salt tolerance.

Heat and drought tolerant plant ideal for arid areas unsuitable for corn production, yet also more tolerant of saturated and flooded soils than most grain crops. Grain is highly palatable to livestock and has more protein and fat than corn. Harvest grain for livestock

feed, graze stubble after grain harvest or use entire plant for silage. As all sorghums, forage must be managed for prussic acid toxicity [see below: Sorghum-Sudangrass]. Also use in warm season food plots for gamebirds and deer.

***Sorghum bicolor* x *Sorghum bicolor* var. *drummondii*,\*  
Sorghum-Sudangrass**

Warm season, quick growing annual grass with an extensive root system. Hybrid cross between forage Sorghum and Sudangrass.

Adapted to well-drained, fertile soils. Tropical plant intolerant of frost or prolonged saturation. Inhibits soil nematodes and suppresses weeds when in dense stands. Highly palatable; use for silage, hay, green chop and pasture. Brown midrib (BMR) varieties are more digestible than traditional white midrib (WMR) varieties, however, BMR-types have an increased potential for lodging. Extremely toxic (prussic acid) to livestock after frost, drought stress and mechanical damage. To avoid toxicity wait until plants are 18 in. tall before grazing; one week after frost; 6-8 weeks after ensiling; do not graze during or immediately after drought stress. Never feed to horses. Pictured on page 85.

***Triticum aestivum*,\* Wheat**

Cool season, drought tolerant annual cereal grain typically grown as a grain. Widely adapted to most soils and sites. Tolerates wet soils better than Barley (*Hordeum vulgare*) and

Oats (*Avena sativa*), but is less tolerant of poorly drained soils than Cereal rye (*Secale cereale*) and Triticale (*T. aestivum* x *Secale cereale*). Excellent winter hardiness and can be sown later in the fall than barley. Suited to irrigated or dryland production. Plants grazed in winter continue forage production in the spring. Forage yields lower than triticale under irrigation. Also cut for hay or silage. Plant alone or in blends with annual legumes or brassicas for increased yield and soil enhancement. Winter and spring varieties available; reduced awn varieties are preferred forage.

***Triticum aestivum* x *Elytrigia elongata*,\* Regreen**

Sterile, cool season annual or short-lived perennial grass. Hybrid cross between annual Wheat (*T. aestivum*) and perennial Tall wheatgrass (*Thinopyrum ponticum*). Adapted to most sites. Developed as a soil stabilizer and cover crop.

***Triticum aestivum* x *Secale cereale*,\*  
QuickGuard® Sterile Triticale**

Sterile, cool season drought tolerant annual cereal grain. Comprises all the attributes of common Triticale (see below), but is non-reseeding and does not persist in subsequent

years. Will not produce seed unless it is exposed to pollen from Wheat (*T. aestivum*) or non-sterile varieties of triticale. Intended for short-term soil stabilization on non-agricultural erosion control projects in semi-arid regions of the western US. Use alone or as a nurse plant with slower establishing perennials in mining reclamation, road development, new construction and following soil disturbance. Germinates in cool environments. Suitable for use in fall or spring. [See also *Erosion Control & Planting Aids* on page 7.] Pictured on pages 8 & 13.

***Triticum aestivum* x *Secale cereale*,\* Triticale**

Cool season, drought tolerant annual cereal grain. Hybrid cross between Wheat (*T. aestivum*) and Cereal rye (*S. cereale*) with the hardiness of rye and the yield potential of

wheat. Larger root mass and more efficient use of soil nutrients than wheat; also more tolerant of disease, salt and drought. Widely adapted and excellent tolerance to drought, acidic and saline soils and many common cereal diseases. Extremely good forage yield and highly palatable; high crude protein. Germinates in cool environments. Establishes rapidly in the fall to produce high yields for winter grazing; continues production in the spring. Use alone or in blends with Field peas (*Pisum sativum* ssp. *arvense*) or other annual forages; also as a nurse crop with perennials. Use awnletted varieties for grazing. [For non-agricultural uses, see above: *QuickGuard Sterile Triticale*.]

## Mustard Biofumigant Blend



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White mustard (*Sinapis alba*) and Oriental mustard (*Brassica juncea*) varieties blended for use in commercial crop rotations and home gardens as a natural soil biofumigant and green manure.

Mustards contain glucosinolate, which when incorporated into the soil produce a natural bioactive chemical similar to the active ingredient used in some commercial soil fumigants. These natural chemicals suppress soil nematodes and fungal pathogens such as common root rot, which damage subsequent crops. The

chemical properties of the mustards along with their rapid fall growth and canopy closure, also help to substantially reduce spring weed emergence. When incorporated into the soil, the large amount of biomass also improves soil quality by increasing organic matter, water infiltration, water and nutrient holding capacity and overall productivity.

Optimal seeding dates vary by region, but typically range from July to mid-August. For best results fertilize with 150 lbs/acre of total nitrogen. Plow-down or mow and incorporate into the top 6 in. of soil sometime in September or October, after flowering but before the plants are able to produce seed. Killed by hard frost. May also be used in spring. Wait at least four weeks after plow-down before planting the next crop. (Drill at 7-10 lbs/ac on 6" spacing or broadcast at 15-20 lbs/acre.)

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BUMBLEBEE ON A SAINFOIN (*ONOBRYCHIS VICIIFOLIA*)  
FLOWER AT ESVELT FARMS IN RICE, WASHINGTON.

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# Forage Legumes

forage / for-ij / noun:

1. food for animals such as grass or hay, especially when taken by browsing or grazing.

legume / le-gyoom / noun:

1. plants or the fruit or seed thereof in the Fabaceae family which bear nodules on the roots containing nitrogen-fixing bacteria.

Legumes are notable for their ability to fix atmospheric nitrogen into a biologically useful form for their own growth needs, thereby improving plant health and overall soil fertility. Granite Seed offers a wide selection of improved legumes for pasture and hay, wildlife food plots, pollinator forage, cover cropping, green manure and erosion control. Legumes are also used in agricultural rotations to restore soil health and improve subsequent crops. Many species and varieties are uniquely adapted to establish easily and tolerate difficult growing conditions. Ask us about which types are best suited to your location and needs.

# Selecting an Alfalfa Variety

## Fall Dormancy & Winterhardiness

Alfalfa is a unique crop inasmuch as its varieties have been developed to accommodate broad differences in regional climates and crop management practices.

Alfalfa varieties are distinguished for suitability to a particular geographic region by their fall dormancy (FD) rating, a numeric scale (from 1-11) reflecting the reaction of their potential forage yield to the changing temperatures and day lengths of autumn. Exceptionally dormant varieties (FD = 1) slow their growth as temperatures cool, by as early as September. This response is favorable where long, harsh winter conditions are the norm, as the plant will reduce forage growth in favor of bolstering its root reserves to survive a long winter.

On the other end of the scale, extremely non-dormant varieties (FD = 11) will continue growth toward maximum forage yield until an environmental stressor such as a frost or a shortage of water shuts down its growth.

The differences in fall dormancy between varieties demonstrates why alfalfa can be managed for only one hay cutting per year in tough dryland conditions of northern Montana and high elevation regions of Colorado, or for more than a dozen cuttings per year under irrigation in southern California.

### Alfalfa Fall Dormancy (FD) Ratings

RATING	DESCRIPTION
1-2	Very Dormant
3-4	Dormant
5	Moderately Dormant
6-7	Semi-Dormant
8-9	Non-Dormant
10-11	Very Non-Dormant

Source: National Alfalfa & Forage Alliance (NAFA)

## New Trait Development

Significantly more money and effort has been invested in the research and development of new alfalfa varieties than any other perennial forage.



Alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*). See also yellow-flowered Falcata alfalfa (*Medicago sativa ssp. falcata*) pictured on page 89.

Over the last few decades huge advances in the development of specific alfalfa traits has occurred, including:

- Disease resistance to verticillium wilt, fusarium wilt, etc., as well as a rating system for the six significant alfalfa diseases (Disease Resistance Index or DRI).
- Improved multifoliate (MF) expression, increasing the leaf-to-stem ratio and thereby improving protein content and feed value.
- Development of unique rooting characteristics such as branch roots, sunken crown and creeping roots for use in a wide range of growing conditions, including traffic tolerance.
- Soil salinity tolerance for either seedling establishment or stand persistence.
- Development of low initial rates of digestion (LIRD) for bloat reduction in cattle.
- Development of low-lignin plant tissues to extend the time period before harvest, thus allowing for increases in yield while maintaining forage quality and nutritive value; also provides for unintended delays in harvest schedules.
- Extremely long-lived grazing varieties for mixed-grass arid rangelands and irrigated pastures, increasing forage production and nutrient values over decades. [See: Falcata alfalfa, *Medicago sativa ssp. falcata*, page 91.]

Whether you need a tough alfalfa for grazing harsh rangelands or want to maximize the quality and productivity of your irrigated hay production, we can help you identify the best alfalfa variety for your needs.



'Lutana' Cicer milkvetch (*Astragalus cicer*) seed production field at Bruce Seed Farm in Townsend, Montana. ©Gord Pearse/Bruce Seed Farm



Bee foraging on Birdsfoot trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*).



'Don' Falcata alfalfa (*Medicago sativa ssp. falcata*) in a seed production field at Bruce Seed Farm in Townsend, Montana. ©Gord Pearse/Bruce Seed Farm

## *Astragalus cicer*,\* Cicer milkvetch



Long-lived, nitrogen-fixing perennial legume with vigorous rhizomes and showy pale yellow to white flowers. Adapted to all soil textures; moderately tolerant of acidic, alkaline and salty soils. Somewhat drought tolerant, but also suitable for wet sub-irrigated soils. Cold hardy; up to 7,000 ft. elevation. Non-bloating, excellent for hay and pasture; moderate value for wildlife habitat. Yield is similar to Alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*) in areas with long growing seasons. Higher protein content than many other legumes, but somewhat less palatable. Heavy grazing stimulates growth and increases stand density. Establishes slowly due to poor seedling vigor, but competitive over time. Also use in mixtures on streambanks, roadsides, mine tailings and as a cover crop in orchards and vineyards. Seeds are eaten by birds, including sage-grouse. Primarily pollinated by native bumblebees. Varieties:

### Lutana

Hardy, frost resistant cultivar selected for early spring growth, rapid recovery after cutting, rapid rhizome spread and uniformity of seed maturation. Forage yield is slightly less than comparably adapted varieties of alfalfa, except in areas affected by frost or excessive moisture. [Released 1970]. Pictured on page 89.

### Monarch

Improved seedling emergence, quicker stand establishment and forage yields greater than or equal to Lutana. [Released 1980]

### Oxley II

Seedling vigor, forage yield and seed yield greater than Oxley. Forage yields higher under both irrigated and dryland production. Also faster regrowth after cutting. [Released 2001, origin: Oxley variety]

## *Lotus corniculatus*,\* Birdsfoot trefoil



Perennial nitrogen-fixing legume with a branching taproot and bright yellow clustered flowers. Potentially long-lived in northern regions; cold hardy. Tolerant of marginal ground, including shallow soils with low fertility, low pH, and poor drainage, as well as heaving soils unsuited to Alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*). Less forage yield than alfalfa in well-drained, fertile soils. Non-bloating and fine stemmed, excellent for hay, grazing pasture and wildlife habitat. Superior forage quality to alfalfa. Low seedling vigor; mix with non-aggressive perennial grasses to improve forage yield and prevent lodging. Intolerant of summer overgrazing. Avoid fall grazing to improve winter survival and spring growth. Readily reseeds itself. Grow to maturity every third year to allow seed-set and maintain the stand. Pollen and nectar used by honeybees and bumble bees. Pictured on page 89. Varieties:

### Bruce

Semi-erect type suited for hay or grazing. Developed for plant vigor, winter hardiness and regrowth after grazing. Superior spring yields. Forage yields higher than Leo. [Released 2007, origin: Leo and Empire varieties and other populations]

### Leo

Semi-erect to erect grazing type. Long-lived, late maturing. Forage yields as good as Viking. Slightly more winter hardy than Norcen. Matures slightly earlier than Empire. [Released 1963, origin: Europe]

### Norcen

Semi-erect type suited for hay or grazing. Late maturing. Superb forage yield. Faster regrowth rate than Empire and easier to establish; slower regrowth rate than Viking. [Released 1981, origin: Europe]

### Viking

Erect hay type. Earliest maturing of all varieties. Rapid spring growth of vigorous seedlings. Good forage yields. Faster growth than Norcen. [Released 1930's, origin: Europe]

## *Medicago sativa*,\* Alfalfa



Potentially long-lived nitrogen-fixing perennial legume with a significant taproot and purple flowers. Adapted to fertile, deep, well-drained soils. Intolerant of poor drainage, high water tables and acidic soils. The world's most well-known and widely used perennial forage legume for pasture, hay, silage, green-chop and rangeland. Excellent forage yield, quality and palatability. Seed alone or in mixed grass pastures; establishes easily. High bloat potential; use caution when grazing. Also use for wildlife habitat for grazing ungulates, geese, grouse and other wild birds. Primarily pollinated by leafcutter bees and many types of native bees; honeybees are reluctant pollinators. Winter hardy, rhizomatous and multifoliate (MF) varieties available. Pictured on pages 90 & 134. Varieties:

### Public varieties (Fall Dormancy Rating)

Ladak	[2]
Ladak 65	[2]
Ranger	[2]
Rhizoma	[2]
Shaw	[3]
Travois	[2]
Vernal	[2]
Wrangler	[3]

### Proprietary varieties (Fall Dormancy Rating)

1080 High Country	[2-4]
1080 Top Cut	[2-4]
9111 MF	[3]
Bridger MF	[3]
Matrix	[2]
Spredor V	[3]

Numerous other proprietary varieties are available upon request and license agreement. Contact us for specific information about any of the above varieties or any others not listed here.

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# Native Legumes & Nitrogen Fixers

Native legumes and other nitrogen-fixing species are commonly used for habitat restoration projects in wildland environments. Find them described in other sections of this catalog.

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† Indicates a non-leguminous species with the ability to fix nitrogen.

## *Medicago sativa* ssp. *falcata*,\* Falcata alfalfa (Yellow-flowered alfalfa)



Persistent, long-lived, very resilient nitrogen-fixing perennial legume with yellow flowers. Widely adapted within semi-arid environments. Leaves and stems are finer than conventional

purple-flowered Alfalfa (*M. sativa*) and its root system is much more shallow and fibrous. Crown is set uniquely low beneath the soil surface. Low crown depth prevents damage from trampling and combined with significant plant dormancy, results in extreme tolerance to drought and cold. Excellent palatability to livestock and wildlife, including big game and waterfowl. Use in grazing systems, rangelands, wildlife habitat enhancement and erosion control projects. Readily hybridizes with common purple-flowered alfalfa. Varieties:

### Don

Grazing-type alfalfa for mixed-grass seedings on semiarid rangelands and irrigated pastures, intended to increase forage production and nutrient values over decades. Non-aggressive but significantly more persistent than purple-flowered alfalfas on harsh rangelands and in competitive grazing systems. Grows below the canopy of most forage grasses. Enters dormancy when water is limited for an extended period, regrowing when moisture returns. [Released 2009, origin: Don Province, Russia] Pictured on page 89.

## *Medicago alba*,\* White sweetclover *Medicago officinalis*,\* Yellow sweetclover



Tall annual or biennial nitrogen-fixing legume with small white or yellow flowers. Traditionally thought to be two distinct species, but now often considered the same and readily

hybridizing. Not true clovers (*Trifolium* spp.). Very drought, frost and cold tolerant. Adapted to all soil textures and moderate salinity; intolerant of acidic soils. Effective on clay pan, gravel, infertile and wet soils unsuitable for Alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*) and true clovers. Used for hay, silage, pasture and as a valuable honeybee plant, as well as for roadsides and mine reclamation. Establishes easily. Yellow-type blooms and matures earlier, is finer stemmed, shorter, more drought tolerant and persistent in pastures, and is much more commercially available. White-type is more productive, winter hardy and better for honey production. Either type may become weedy, invading nearby areas; cut or graze before seed-set where necessary.

## *Onobrychis viciifolia*,\* Sainfoin



Tall nitrogen-fixing perennial legume with hollow, succulent stems and pink-striped flowers. Large, deep branching taproot and fine lateral roots. Drought tolerant and winter-

hardy. Low salt tolerance. Intolerant of high water tables and wet soils; long-lived on dryland when managed properly. Matures faster than Alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*), providing early spring forage. Quickly gaining popularity as a non-bloat forage alternative to alfalfa. Extremely palatable and highly nutritious; digestibility equal to alfalfa. Use for hay, pasture, rangeland or silage, alone or with grasses. Also use for wildlife habitat enhancement and food plots for elk, deer, pheasant and sage-grouse. Superior honey plant to alfalfa. Not invasive or weedy. Pictured on pages 87 and 94.

### Delaney

Multiple-cut variety with excellent regrowth potential. Higher forage yields under irrigation than other varieties, as well as

\*Introduced to North America.



Crimson clover (*Trifolium incarnatum*).



Red clover (*Trifolium pratense*).



Hairy vetch (*Vicia villosa*).

Birdsfoot trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*), Cicer milkvetch (*Astragalus cicer*) and Ladak 65 (*Alfalfa, Medicago sativa*). Use as a replacement for Remont under high rainfall or irrigation. [Released 2007, origin: Eski, Remont and other populations]

### Eski

Developed for use in non-irrigated pastures or land with limited water. Used frequently in reclamation, rangelands and wildlife habitat mixtures. Later to mature than Remont. [Released 1964, origin: Turkey]

### Remont

Extremely cold hardy variety with early spring growth and rapid regrowth after haying or grazing. Susceptible to frost damage. High yield potential in areas with a long growing season. [Released 1971, origin: Iran]

### Shoshone

Developed for high tolerance to the northern root-knot soil nematode. Resistant to alfalfa stem nematode. Cold hardy. Regrows better than Remont and Eski. Higher yield than Remont in both dryland and irrigated settings. [Released 2004, origin: Eski, Remont and other populations]

## *Pisum sativum* ssp. *arvense*,\* Field pea (Spring pea, Austrian winter pea)



Climbing nitrogen-fixing annual legume with white to pink flowers, closely related to the garden pea. Prefers fertile, light-textured, well-drained soils; sensitive to salinity and high acidity. Water efficient and cold tolerant. Rapid and abundant forage producer with low bloat potential. Use for hay, silage, green manure or in wildlife food plots. May be grazed but easily damaged by trampling. Often seeded with cereal crops, especially Oats (*Avena sativa*), for climbing structure and to improve hay nutrition. May be fall-seeded, but also may be seeded in spring as a summer annual. Early and long blooming period attracts beneficial insects, honeybees and native pollinators. Some varieties are semi-leafless, with vining tendrils that replace leaflets and aid in upright growth and improved harvest.

## *Trifolium alexandrinum*,\* Berseem clover



Fast growing annual legume with yellowish-white flowers. Shallow taproot grows well in all soil textures except sands. Tolerant of wet soils and alkalinity. Superior nitrogen-fixer. Non-bloat, high protein forage with excellent palatability that meets or exceeds the quality of Alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*) and Crimson clover (*T. incarnatum*). Use in rotations for grazing, hay, silage, green manure, wildlife food plots or cover. Also use to enhance

companion crops, especially alfalfa. Winter kills easily. Use as a summer and fall annual in northern latitudes and a winter annual in southern latitudes. Varieties:

### Frosty

Multiple-cut type. Extends the grazing season and lowers nitrogen inputs. Excellent companion crop to alfalfa during stand establishment, or overseed into declining or winter-killed fields.

## *Trifolium fragiferum*,\* Strawberry clover



Low growing nitrogen-fixing perennial legume with stolons and round pink flower heads resembling strawberries. Widely adapted to all soil textures. Highly tolerant of saline and

alkaline soils; able to withstand flooding and poorly drained sites. Will survive short periods of drought. Easily established and grows rapidly but seedlings are not competitive with weeds. Persistent once established and more tolerant of heavy grazing than other clovers. Use for erosion control, pasture, hay, green manure, pollinator habitat and groundcover in orchards and vineyards. Leaves and seeds foraged by wild game animals and upland birds. Varieties:

### Palestine

Large-leaved, erect, vigorous growth. Better adapted to higher elevations than other varieties, but susceptible to frost. [Released 1938, origin: Israel]

## *Trifolium hirtum*,\* Rose clover



Short to medium statured nitrogen-fixing annual legume with pink flowers. Adapted to well-drained, strongly acidic to moderately alkaline soils on dry, infertile sites. More

drought tolerant than other annual clovers. Seedling vigor is lower than Crimson clover (*T. incarnatum*). Used to enhance marginal dryland pastures and as a low growing, self-perpetuating cover crop in vineyards and orchards, requiring little management. Highly nutritious and palatable. May become weedy, invading nearby areas; till, cut or graze before seed-set where necessary.

## *Trifolium hybridum*,\* Alsike clover



Medium statured, relatively short-lived nitrogen-fixing perennial legume with pale pink to white flowers. Not a hybrid, despite its name. Adapted to a wide range of soil types,

including sites too acidic for Red clover (*T. pratense*); more alkaline tolerant than most clovers. Prefers wet sites, tolerating waterlogged soils and up to six weeks of flooding. Winter hardy, able to survive at northern latitudes and high elevations. Use for hay, pasture and soil improvement on cool, wet sites. Plant with Timothy (*Phleum pratense*) or Meadow brome (*Bromus*

\*Introduced to North America.

*biebersteinii*) to improve hay production and prevent lodging. Excellent nectar and pollen source for bees, especially honeybees.

#### *Trifolium incarnatum*,\* **Crimson clover**



Short to medium statured, nitrogen-fixing annual legume with long bright scarlet flowers. Prefers fertile, well-drained sand to clay soils. Intolerant of poor drainage and high alkalinity.

Acidity tolerance is higher than White clover (*T. repens*) and Red clover (*T. pratense*). More productive at lower temperatures than most other clovers; popular winter annual pasture in many southern states. Use for hay, pasture and as a silage companion crop. Less bloat risk than white clover or Alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*). Also use for firebreaks, green manure and as a self-seeding, weed suppressing cover crop in vineyards and orchards. Excellent in wildlife food plot mixes, including deer and wild turkeys. Flowers attract native bees, honeybees and beneficial insects. May become weedy, invading nearby areas; till, cut or graze before seed-set where necessary. *Pictured on page 92.*

#### **Dixie**

Developed for improved reseeding from strains exhibiting excellent reseeding ability, high forage yields and a high percentage of hard seed, helping to delay self-seeded germination until fall when conditions are most favorable. [Released 1953]

#### *Trifolium michelianum*,\* **Balansa clover**



Extremely productive, nitrogen-fixing winter annual legume with small white-pink flowers. Grows on heavy clays to moderately sandy soils. Tolerant of acidity; mildly tolerant of

salinity. Mature plants are tolerant of waterlogged soils and short periods of flooding. Prostrate, hollow stemmed plants form a dense, highly productive mat of extremely palatable forage. Use as cover crop, pasture, wildlife food plots, hay or silage, either in a monoculture or mixed with other species. Germinates quickly. Persists even under continuous, intensive grazing. Readily reseeds itself when allowed to set seed. Attractive pollinator and honeybee plant. Varieties:

#### **FIXatioN**

Produces huge amounts of biomass, suppressing weeds. Matures up to 14 days later than Dixie (Crimson clover, *T. incarnatum*) and up to 28 days later than previously developed varieties, resulting in greater overall growth and productivity. Better recovery from grazing or cutting than crimson clover. More winter hardy than other varieties.

#### *Trifolium pratense*,\* **Red clover**



Popular nitrogen-fixing biennial or short-lived perennial legume with rose-pink flowers. Prefers heavy, well-drained soils but is tolerant of some poor drainage. More tolerant of

moderate acidity than Alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*). Quick growing and easily established, tolerating moderate summer heat when adequate moisture is available. Widely used with forage grasses for hay, pasture and silage as well as for wildlife food plots and soil enhancement. Two forms: medium-types (double-cut) and mammoth-types (single-cut). Medium-types are most common, grow back quickly after cutting and are suited for multi-cut or grazing systems. Mammoth-types mature later, recover slower

after cutting and are recommended for single-cut hay systems in areas with a short growing season or biennial plowdown applications. Pollinated by native bees and honeybees. State flower of Vermont. *Pictured on page 92.* Varieties:

#### **Kenland**

Medium-type (double-cut) with a superior forage yield over most other varieties; also longer-lived. Good resistance to southern anthracnose fungus and some resistance to crown and root rot. [Released 1947, origin: Europe]

#### *Trifolium repens*,\* **White clover**



Short, stoloniferous nitrogen-fixing perennial legume with white flowers. Adapted to shallow, moist clay and silt soils or fertile sands with adequate moisture. Difficult to establish

and short-lived on dry sites. Slightly acidic to mildly alkaline tolerant. Somewhat winter hardy. Possibly the world's most widely distributed and commonly used forage legume. Use with grasses in wet or irrigated grazing systems. Highly palatable and nutritious forage for livestock and wildlife. Leaves and seeds are eaten by bears, large herbivores and numerous birds, including sage-grouse, ruffed grouse and sharp-tailed grouse. Pollen and nectar source for honeybees, bumblebees and beneficial insects.

Varieties:

#### **Ladino**

Large-type, distinguished by its large growth form, thicker stems and stolons, and fewer flowers and seeds. Use in pastures with grasses, or tall enough to harvest for hay, silage and green chop. Produces more tonnage than other types.

#### **White Dutch**

Medium-type, distinguished by its low growth form, aggressive tillering, and numerous flowers. Good for grazing and high traffic areas. Also used in lawns to aid in fertilization.

#### *Vicia villosa*,\* **Hairy vetch**



Vining, nitrogen-fixing winter annual or short-lived perennial legume with soft woolly stems and leaves and purple flowers. Adapted to a wide range of well-drained soils; intolerant of

acidity and salinity. Suited to wetter soils and colder winters than most other winter-active legumes. More drought tolerant than other vetches. Fast growth for hay, pasture, silage or green manure. Highly palatable and nutritious. Often grown with annual forage grasses as climbing structure and to improve hay quality. Also use as a self-perpetuating, weed-smothering cover crop, in agricultural rotations and in orchards and vineyards. Attractive seed and nesting cover to doves, pheasants, quail and pigeons. Attracts bumblebees and beneficial insects. May become weedy, invading nearby areas; till, cut or graze before seed-set where necessary. *Pictured on page 92.*

#### *Vicia villosa ssp. varia*,\* **Woolly pod vetch**



Formerly *Vicia dasycarpa*. Vining, nitrogen-fixing winter annual or short-lived perennial legume with pink-purple flowers. Adapted to a wide range of well-drained soils; tolerant of

moderately acidic and alkaline soils. Not as cold or drought tolerant as Hairy vetch (*V. villosa*). Faster growing, earlier maturing and more productive than hairy vetch; better climbing ability. Use for hay, pasture, silage or green manure. Highly palatable and nutritious. Often seeded with annual forage grasses to reduce

lodging and improve hay quality. Also use as a self-perpetuating cover crop and in agricultural rotations. Able to smother weeds, including noxious species such as yellow starthistle and medusahead. Valuable seed and nesting cover to doves, pheasants, quail and pigeons. Attracts numerous pollinators and beneficial insects. May become weedy, invading nearby areas; till, cut or graze before seed-set where necessary. Varieties:

#### **Lana**

Earliest maturing of all the vetches, blooming two to three weeks earlier than hairy vetch. Also used for revegetating roadsides, channel banks and soil stabilization. [Released 1956, origin: Turkey]

## Inoculating Legumes

Legumes are able to fix atmospheric nitrogen as a result of a symbiotic relationship with soil bacteria called rhizobia. The available nitrogen serves plant growth, health and soil fertility.

Inoculating legume seed with the correct strain of rhizobia is important to ensure optimal plant growth and development.

Rhizobia strains are species specific. For example, many alfalfas, sweetclovers and some true clovers come pre-inoculated with their specific rhizobia held in a carrier applied at the time of packaging.

Generally, all other legume species should be inoculated with their specific rhizobia strain just prior to planting. Rhizobia inoculant is very much a living product, so proper storage and application must be followed.

Granite Seed provides species specific rhizobia. Feel free to discuss inoculation with our sales staff at the time of ordering.



Pure Sainfoin (*Onobrychis viciifolia*) seed ready to be bagged after cleaning and processing.



# Turfgrass & Turf Blends

turfgrass / terf-grahs / noun:

1. any of numerous grasses grown densely, maintained and mowed for lawn and turf

Efforts to develop novel turfgrasses with more desirable characteristics have resulted in numerous new and improved lawn varieties available to today's consumer. Genetic color, leaf texture, seedling vigor, sod density, shade tolerance, drought and heat tolerance, and insect and disease resistance are among the characteristics breeders continue to develop. Instead of being limited to only varieties from a single producer, Granite Seed carefully selects the best performing, highest quality turf varieties available. The following turfgrass products are those that we routinely stock at the time of this publication, however be sure to ask us if a variety or blend you require is not listed here.

## TURFGRASS BLENDS

Every lawn and sports field has patchy areas with differences in moisture, sun, shade and soil properties. Blending turfgrasses is a good strategy to lessen the effects of site variations and create consistent and even turf. Granite Seed carefully selects high quality varieties for our blends—with tolerances to shade, heat, drought, cold, pests and diseases—in order to ensure uniform turf, even when the site is not. Whether for golf courses, parks, schools, athletic fields or home yards, our blends create luxurious, healthy lawns. Be sure to ask if there is a type of blend you are interested in that is not listed here.

*Recommended rates are based on mechanical broadcast or hydroseed application.*

### Blue Ribbon Blend



Several elite-type Kentucky bluegrasses and Perennial ryegrasses with dark green color and high traffic tolerance. This attractive blend has a wide range of uses from golf course fairways and roughs, to sports turf, parks and residential lawns. Perennial ryegrass in the mix provides fast establishment, though it can be coarse when mowed at taller heights. [Apply at 4-5 lbs/1,000 ft<sup>2</sup>.]

### Velvet Blue Blend



Various elite Kentucky bluegrass varieties for use on golf courses, sports turf, parks, commercial campuses and residential lawns. Dark green color, fine textured with good turf density. High traffic tolerance; good winter color. Slower to establish than Blue Ribbon Blend because it contains no Perennial ryegrass. [Apply at 2-3 lbs/1,000 ft<sup>2</sup>.]

### Triple Play Blend



Three low-growing, dark green turf-type Tall fescue varieties blended for wear and drought tolerance, heat tolerance and good disease resistance. For use on athletic fields, campuses and residential lawns. [Apply at 8-10 lbs/1,000 ft<sup>2</sup>.]

### Fine Fescue Blend



Numerous low-growing fine-leaved fescues, including Hard, Sheep, Chewings and Creeping red fescues; do not confuse with more traditional, coarser-leaved Tall fescue. Tolerant of shade, reduced irrigation and soils with low fertility. Use as turf in commercial landscapes and low maintenance residential lawns. May also be used for erosion control under various soil conditions, or apply at a low rate to add a low-growing ornamental grass component within wildflower mixes. [Apply at 6-8 lbs/1,000 ft<sup>2</sup>.]

### Perennial Ryegrass Blend



Three premium Perennial ryegrasses with salt tolerance and grey leaf spot disease resistance. Quick to establish. Dark green color and good turf density for residential and commercial lawns. Also use for fall/winter overseeding of Bermudagrass lawns, sports turf and golf courses in the Southwest. [Apply at 10 lbs/1,000 ft<sup>2</sup>.]

### Sun & Shade Turf Blend



Elite Kentucky bluegrass, Perennial ryegrass, Hard fescue and Chewings fescue varieties. Dark green and fine textured with high turf density. Similar to Blue Ribbon Blend, but for use in lawn areas having both full sun and heavy shade. [Apply at 4-5 lbs/1,000 ft<sup>2</sup>.]

### Bermudagrass Blend



Varieties of low-growing, high density, low water using, warm season Bermudagrass. Moderate to dark green colored, medium textured leaves. Use in golf courses, parks, commercial landscapes and premium home lawns in the Southern states. [Apply at 2-3 lbs/1,000 ft<sup>2</sup>.]

### Buffalograss Blend



Dark green, fine textured blend of drought tolerant, warm season Buffalograss varieties. Uses less water and fertilizer, requires less mowing, and can be used in place of Bermudagrass for low maintenance turfgrass. Use in low foot-traffic parks, commercial campuses and residential lawns. [Apply at 3 lbs/1,000 ft<sup>2</sup>.] golf courses, commercial campuses and residential lawns in the cool, humid Northeast. [Apply at 4-5 lbs/1,000 ft<sup>2</sup>.]

### Northeast Turf Blend



Chewings fescue and Creeping red fescue blended with three elite Kentucky bluegrass varieties. More shade tolerant than the Velvet Blue Blend. This premium blend is for use on golf courses, commercial campuses and residential lawns in the cool, humid Northeast. [Apply at 4-5 lbs/1,000 ft<sup>2</sup>.]

### Northwest Turf Blend



Three premium Perennial ryegrasses, along with elite-type Creeping red fescue and Kentucky bluegrass varieties. Salt and drought tolerant and resistant to grey leaf spot disease. Use on golf courses, parks, commercial landscapes and residential lawns in the Northwest. [Apply at 5-6 lbs/1,000 ft<sup>2</sup>.]

## Meadow Lawn Blend



Three low-growing native and naturalized grasses blended for a low-maintenance, water-wise, alternative to traditional lawns. Designed to be left unmowed for weeks at a time, creating a rugged, naturalized appearance. Requires less frequent watering and maintenance and thrives in infertile soils; shade tolerant. [Apply at 8-10 lbs/1,000 ft<sup>2</sup>.]



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## TURFGRASS VARIETIES

### *Agrostis capillaris*,\* Colonial bentgrass

Highland

### *Agrostis palustris*,\* see *Agrostis stolonifera*

### *Agrostis stolonifera*,\* Creeping bentgrass (Creeping bentgrass)

Alpha, L-93, Penn A-1, Penn A-4, Penncross, PennLinks II, Seaside II, Southshore, T-1, V8

### *Agrostis tenuis*,\* see *Agrostis capillaris* (Colonial bentgrass)

### *Bouteloua dactyloides*, Buffalograss

Bison, Bowie, Cody, Plains, SWI 2000, Texoka, TopGun

### *Bouteloua gracilis*, Blue grama

Alma, Bad River, Bird's Eye, Hachita, Lovington

### *Buchloe dactyloides*, see *Bouteloua dactyloides* (Buffalograss)

### *Cynodon dactylon*,\* Bermudagrass

Bermuda Triangle, Blackjack, Gobi, Jackpot, Maya, Mohawk, Princess 77, Sahara, Savannah, Southern Star, Sultan, Sunbird, Sundevil II, Yukon

### *Festuca arundinacea*,\* Tall fescue

Amity, Arid 3, Blade Runner II, Cochise IV, Corbett, Corona, Coyote II, Crossfire 3, Falcon IV, Inferno, Mustang 4, Renegade DT, Spyder LS

### *Festuca arvernensis*,\* Blue fescue

Azure

### *Festuca brevipila*,\* Hard fescue

Aurora Gold, Predator, Reliant IV, Viking H<sub>2</sub>O

### *Festuca longifolia*,\* see *Festuca brevipila* (Hard fescue)

### *Festuca ovina*,\* Sheep fescue

Azay, Bighorn, Covar, Marco Polo

### *Festuca ovina glauca*, see *Festuca arundinacea* (Blue fescue)

### *Festuca rubra*,\* Creeping red fescue

Audubon, Epic, Garnet, Jasper II, Lighthouse, Shademaster III

### *Festuca rubra commutata*,\* see *Festuca rubra ssp. fallax* (Chewings fescue)

### *Festuca rubra ssp. fallax*,\* Chewings fescue

Ambrose, J-5, Shadow II, Windward

### *Lolium multiflorum*,\* Annual ryegrass see *Grasses & Grasslikes*

### *Lolium perenne*,\* Perennial ryegrass

Accent II, Amazing GS, Brightstar SLT, Caddieshack II, Citation Fore, Dasher 3, Deschutes, Fiesta 4, La Quinta, Metolius, Molalla, Palmer III, Paragon GLR, Silver Dollar, Top Gun II

### *Paspalum vaginatum*,\* Seashore paspalum

Desert Oasis, Sea Spray

### *Poa pratensis*,\* Kentucky bluegrass

Armada, Ashland, Avalanche, Award, Baron, Blue Note, Corsair, Diva, Everest, EverGlade, Full Moon, Ginney II, Jumpstart, Kenblue, Langara, Legand, Mazama, Mercury, Midnight, Midnight II, Moonlight SLT, Mystere H<sub>2</sub>O, NuDestiny, NuGlade, P-105, Prosperity, Quartz, Right, Rugby II, Thermal Blue

### *Poa trivialis*,\* Rough bluegrass

Darkhorse, Laser, Sabre, Winterstar

### *Puccinellia distans*,\* Alkaligrass

Fults II, Salty

\*Introduced to North America.



PURPLE CONEFLOWER (*ECHINACEA PURPUREA*) AND  
BLACKEYED SUSAN (*RUDBECKIA HIRTA*).

# Regional Wildflower Blends

**regional** / ree-juh-nl / adjective:  
affecting or serving a particular region.

**wildflower** / wyld-flaur / noun:

1. a flower or the plant bearing it which grows freely without human intervention.
2. flowering plant that generally grows in fields, deserts and forests without deliberate cultivation.

Wildflower blends create attractive clusters of changing colors throughout the growing season, while also providing essential food and nesting habitat for beneficial insects and pollinators. Granite Seed provides a large selection of premixed wildflower blends for use in ornamental landscaping and naturalized areas. Each blend is specifically designed to be adaptable to a wide range of conditions within its geographic region, with emphasis on native species and a balanced percentage of annuals and perennials, while containing absolutely no inert fillers. We also provide blends intended to satisfy the functional needs of unique sites and projects—considering height, shade tolerance and lifespan—while remaining well-adapted to most regions of the United States. Wildflower blends may be used in prepared beds or mixed with short ornamental grasses to create flowering meadow areas (see *Fine Fescue Blend*, page 97). Mixes may change slightly from time to time due to availability.

California poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*).Bachelor button (*Centaurea cyanus*).Mexican hat (*Ratibida columnifera var. pulcherrima*).

### California Wildflower Blend



Adapted to Pacific coastal areas and the Central Valley region.

#### Annuals

Scarlet flax, California poppy, African daisy, Chinese houses, Gilia species, Bachelor button, Plains coreopsis, Farewell-to-spring, California bluebells, Lacy phacelia.

#### Perennials

Lupine species, Lewis flax, Mexican hat, Yellow prairie coneflower, Purple coneflower, Blanketflower, Lanceleaf coreopsis, Blackeyed Susan, Colorado blue columbine, Primrose species.

### Great Basin Wildflower Blend



Adapted to the low valleys and foothills regions of the Intermountain West.

#### Annuals

Scarlet flax, California poppy, Rocky Mountain beeplant, Sulphur cosmos, Wallflower, Firewheel, Bachelor button, Baby snapdragon, Gilia species, Plains coreopsis, Shirley poppy, Drummond phlox, Lacy phacelia.

#### Perennials

Lanceleaf coreopsis, Lewis flax, Purple coneflower, Lupine species, Aster species, Blanketflower, Penstemon species, Blackeyed Susan, Yellow prairie coneflower, Mexican hat, Globemallow species, Paintbrush species, Arrowleaf balsamroot.

### Midwest Wildflower Blend



Adapted for areas throughout the central United States and Great Plains.

#### Annuals

Firewheel, Scarlet flax, California poppy, Lemon beebalm, Rocket larkspur, Bachelor button, Claspig coneflower, Shirley poppy, Plains coreopsis, Baby snapdragon, Drummond phlox, Sulphur cosmos, Birds eye.

#### Perennials

Purple coneflower, Lewis flax, Lanceleaf coreopsis, Blanketflower, Purple prairie clover, Blackeyed Susan, Thickspike blazingstar, Yellow prairie coneflower, Mexican hat.

### Northeast Wildflower Blend



Adapted to areas throughout New England and the Mid-Atlantic states.

#### Annuals

California poppy, Scarlet flax, Bachelor button, Firewheel, Gilia species, Shirley poppy, Plains coreopsis, Baby snapdragon, Baby blue eyes, Five spot, Wallflower, Sulphur cosmos.

#### Perennials

Lupine species, Lewis flax, Lanceleaf coreopsis, Mexican hat, Purple coneflower, Thickspike blazingstar, Blanketflower, Blackeyed Susan, Eastern red columbine, Aster species, Yellow prairie coneflower, Standing cypress.

### Northwest Wildflower Blend



Adapted to northern California, the Pacific Northwest and into British Columbia.

#### Annuals

California poppy, Scarlet flax, Bachelor button, Gilia species, African daisy, California bluebells, Shirley poppy, Farewell-to-spring, Mountain phlox, Plains coreopsis, Baby snapdragon, Tidy tips, Firewheel, Rocket larkspur, Sulphur cosmos, Wallflower, Lacy phacelia.

#### Perennials

Lewis flax, Lupine species, Penstemon species, Blanketflower, Mexican hat, Blackeyed Susan, Lanceleaf coreopsis, Colorado blue columbine, Aster species, Aspen daisy, Yellow prairie coneflower, Purple coneflower.

## Regional Pollinator Blends



Perennial-heavy blends designed to optimize pollen and nectar availability for as much of the blooming season as possible. Includes a wide variety of wildflowers and legumes attractive to both native pollinators and honeybees. Mixes vary by geographic region.

### Rocky Mountain Wildflower Blend



Adapted to mountain elevations with greater than 15 inches annual precipitation.

#### Annuals

California poppy, Scarlet flax, Sulphur cosmos, Wallflower, Firewheel, Bachelor button, Mountain phlox, Plains coreopsis, Shirley poppy, Baby snapdragon, Gilia species, Drummond phlox.

#### Perennials

Lewis flax, Purple coneflower, Rocky Mountain iris, Lanceleaf coreopsis, Lupine species, Blanketflower, Sweet anise, Penstemon species, Blackeyed Susan, Mexican hat, Yellow prairie coneflower, Colorado blue columbine, Aspen daisy, Showy goldeneye, Iceland poppy, Paintbrush species, Aster species.

### Sonoran Desert Wildflower Blend



All-native blend adapted to the Sonoran Desert and adjacent areas.

#### Annuals

Mexican Poppy, Arizona poppy, Blanketflower, California poppy, Cosmos, Desert daisy, Tidy tips, Arizona lupine, Desert lupine, Purple owl's clover, Desert bluebells, Firewheel, Lacy phacelia.

#### Perennials

Desert senna, Parry's penstemon, Desert marigold, Showy evening primrose, Firecracker penstemon, Desert globemallow, Desert sunflower, Brittlebush.

### Southeast Wildflower Blend



Adapted to the warmer and wetter Southeastern United States.

#### Annuals

Sulphur cosmos, Scarlet flax, Rocket larkspur, Claspig coneflower, Birds eyes, Plains coreopsis, Shirley poppy, Baby blue eyes, Five spot, Lemon beebalm, Baby snapdragon, Firewheel.

#### Perennials

Purple coneflower, Blanketflower, Perennial lupine, Lanceleaf coreopsis, Blackeyed Susan, Yellow prairie coneflower, Mexican hat, Aster species, Primrose species.

### Southwest Wildflower Blend



Adapted to the arid Southwestern United States.

#### Annuals

Scarlet flax, Firewheel, Lupine species, Tidy tips, California poppy, Mexican gold poppy, California bluebells, Shirley poppy, Plains coreopsis, Baby blue eyes, Five spot, Sulphur cosmos, Lacy phacelia.

#### Perennials

Lanceleaf coreopsis, Blanketflower, Lupine species, Penstemon species, Aster species, Globemallow species, Primrose species, Yellow prairie coneflower, Mexican hat, Purple prairie clover, Blackeyed Susan, Desert marigold.

Functional blends designed for height, shade tolerance and lifespan, while remaining well-adapted to most regions of the United States.

### Annual Wildflower Blend



Blend of annual species for overseeding and replenishing the color of an existing perennial garden or naturalized area.

#### Annuals

California poppy, Cosmos, Drummond phlox, Rocket larkspur, Gilia species, Sulphur cosmos, Scarlet flax, Firewheel, Rocky Mountain beeplant, Wallflower, White alyssum, Bachelor button, Lemon beebalm, Shirley poppy, Baby snapdragon, Mountain phlox, Plains coreopsis, Tidy tips, Lacy phacelia.

Lacy phacelia [*Phacelia tanacetifolia*].

### Low Growing Wildflower Blend



Annuals and perennials with average heights of 6 to 18 inches.

#### Annuals

Scarlet flax, Gilia species, California poppy, Drummond phlox, Wallflower, Tidy tips, Weatherglass, White alyssum, Shirley poppy, Baby blue eyes.

#### Perennials

Mountain lupine, Utah sweetvetch, Lewis flax, Aster species, Penstemon species, Scarlet globemallow, Sulphur buckwheat, Primrose species, Rocky Mountain iris.

### Sun & Shade Wildflower Blend



Species adapted to partial sun and shady sites with greater than 15 inches annual precipitation.

#### Annuals

Fivespot, Scarlet flax, California poppy, Baby blue eyes, Bachelor button, Weather glass, Birds eyes, Shirley poppy, Plains coreopsis, Farewell-to-spring, Baby snapdragon.

#### Perennials

Mountain lupine, Lanceleaf coreopsis, Lewis flax, Blanketflower, Aster species, Colorado blue columbine, Penstemon species, Aspen daisy, Sulphur buckwheat, Purple coneflower.

# Wetland Species Index

Wetlands are the transitional areas between aquatic and upland habitats where the water table is at or near the soil surface, saturating the ground or covering it with a shallow layer of water for all or part of the year. Wetlands have obvious aesthetic and recreational worth but they are also vital to the overall health of the environment, providing ecosystem functions and values such as:

- Restoration of water quality
- Filtration of pollutants and chemicals
- Flood prevention and control of stormwater runoff
- Decreased shoreline erosion
- Groundwater recharge
- Persistence of summer stream flows
- Habitat for spawning fish and other aquatic life
- Productive and diverse plant communities for terrestrial wildlife

Even constructed wetlands intended as landscape features within communities, parks and golf courses may provide similar aesthetic, recreational and ecosystem services for people and wildlife.

The Federal government accords special priority to preserving healthy wetlands and has developed the National Wetland Plant List (NWPL) as the standard reference of vascular plants for use in wetland delineation, assessment, mitigation and restoration. Each species on the NWPL has been given an indicator status to signify its preference for wetland or non-wetland habitats.

WETLAND INDICATOR STATUS	DESCRIPTION
Obligate (OBL)	Almost always occurs in wetlands.
Facultative Wet (FACW)	Usually occurs in wetlands, but may occur in non-wetlands.
Facultative (FAC)	Occurs in wetlands and non-wetlands.
Facultative Upland (FACU)	Usually occurs in non-wetlands, but may occur in wetlands.
Upland (UPL)	Almost never occurs in wetlands.

Wetland creation, mitigation and restoration projects are increasing and Granite Seed's diverse inventory of new wetland grass, sedge, rush, forb, shrub and tree species is growing as well. If you require species not found here, please ask.

The following table lists the NWPL species included within this catalog as well as their wetland indicator statuses. Only species which have at least a partial indicator status of OBL, FACW or FAC are listed. A species having more than one indicator status signifies its variability of habitat across its geographic distribution. Species which may be appropriate for use in riparian habitats, detention basins or other wet site applications, but were not on the NWPL at the time of this printing, have not been included in this table. If you believe a plant not listed here may work for such a project, consult the information provided in other sections of this catalog or contact us.

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	WETLAND INDICATOR STATUS	PAGE
<b>GRASSES &amp; GRASSLIKES</b>			
<i>Agrostis capillaris*</i>	Colonial bentgrass	FAC	18
<i>Agrostis gigantea*</i>	Redtop	FACW/FAC	18
<i>Agrostis scabra*</i>	Rough bentgrass (Ticklegrass)	FAC	18
<i>Agrostis stolonifera*</i>	Creeping bentgrass	FACW/FAC	18
<i>Alopecurus arundinaceus*</i>	Creeping meadow foxtail	FACW/FAC	18
<i>Alopecurus pratensis*</i>	Meadow foxtail	FACW/FAC	18
<i>Beckmannia syzigachne</i>	American sloughgrass	OBL	19
<i>Bolboschoenus maritimus</i>	Alkali bulrush	OBL	19
<i>Bromus ciliatus</i>	Fringed brome	FACW/FAC	22
<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>	Bluejoint reedgrass	OBL/FACW	22
<i>Carex aquatilis</i>	Water sedge	OBL	22
<i>Carex athrostachya</i>	Slenderbeak sedge	FACW	22
<i>Carex bebbii</i>	Bebb's sedge	OBL	23
<i>Carex microptera</i>	Smallwing sedge	FAC/FACU	23
<i>Carex nebrascensis</i>	Nebraska sedge	OBL	23
<i>Carex obnupta</i>	Slough sedge	OBL	23
<i>Carex pellita</i>	Woolly sedge	OBL	23
<i>Carex praegracilis</i>	Clustered field sedge (Blackcreeper sedge)	FACW	23
<i>Carex simulata</i>	Analogue sedge	OBL	23
<i>Carex stipata</i>	Awlfruit sedge	OBL	23
<i>Carex utriculata</i>	Beaked sedge	OBL	23
<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	Fox sedge	OBL/FACW	23
<i>Danthonia californica</i>	California oatgrass	FAC/FACU	24
<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	Tufted hairgrass	FACW	24
<i>Deschampsia elongata</i>	Slender hairgrass	FACW/FAC	24
<i>Distichlis spicata</i>	Inland saltgrass	FACW/FAC	24
<i>Eleocharis palustris</i>	Creeping spikerush	OBL	25
<i>Elymus canadensis</i>	Canada wildrye	FAC/FACU	25
<i>Elymus virginicus</i>	Virginia wildrye	FACW/FAC	27
<i>Festuca rubra*</i>	Creeping red fescue	FAC/FACU	29
<i>Festuca rubra</i>	Native red fescue	FAC/FACU	29
<i>Glyceria grandis</i>	American mannagrass	OBL	30
<i>Glyceria occidentalis</i>	Western mannagrass	OBL	30
<i>Glyceria striata</i>	Fowl mannagrass	OBL	30
<i>Hordeum brachyantherum</i>	Meadow barley	FACW/FAC	30
<i>Juncus balticus</i>	Baltic rush	OBL/FACW	30
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Common rush (Soft rush)	OBL/FACW	31
<i>Juncus ensifolius</i>	Swordleaf rush (Daggerleaf rush)	FACW	31
<i>Juncus tenuis</i>	Poverty rush (Path rush)	FACW/FAC	31
<i>Juncus torreyi</i>	Torrey's rush	FACW	31
<i>Leymus cinereus</i>	Great Basin wildrye	FAC/UPL	31

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<i>Leymus triticoides</i>	Beardless wildrye (Creeping wildrye)	FAC	32
<i>Muhlenbergia asperifolia</i>	Scratchgrass	FACW	33
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switchgrass	FACW/FAC	33
<i>Paspalum vaginatum*</i>	Seashore paspalum	OBL/FACW	34
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	Reed canarygrass	FACW	34
<i>Phleum alpinum</i>	Alpine timothy	FACW/FAC	34
<i>Poa alpina</i>	Alpine bluegrass	FAC/FACU	35
<i>Poa palustris</i>	Fowl bluegrass	FACW/FAC	36
<i>Poa trivialis*</i>	Rough bluegrass	FACW/FAC	36
<i>Puccinellia distans*</i>	Alkaligrass	OBL/FACW	37
<i>Puccinellia nuttalliana</i>	Nuttall's alkaligrass	OBL/FACW	37
<i>Schoenoplectus acutus var. acutus</i>	Hardstem bulrush	OBL	38
<i>Schoenoplectus americanus</i>	Olney threesquare	OBL	38
<i>Schoenoplectus pungens</i>	Common threesquare	OBL	38
<i>Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani</i>	Softstem bulrush	OBL	38
<i>Scirpus microcarpus</i>	Smallfruit bulrush	OBL	38
<i>Spartina pectinata</i>	Prairie cordgrass	OBL/FACW	39
<i>Sporobolus airoides</i>	Alkali sacaton	FAC	39
<i>Sporobolus wrightii</i>	Big sacaton	FACW/FAC	40
<i>Triglochin maritima</i>	Arrowgrass	OBL	41
<i>Tripsacum dactyloides</i>	Eastern gamagrass	FAC	41
<i>Typha latifolia</i>	Cattails	OBL	41
<b>WILDFLOWERS &amp; FORBS</b>			
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Eastern red columbine	FAC	45
<i>Aquilegia coerulea</i>	Colorado blue columbine	FAC/FACU	45

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<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	Western red columbine	FAC	45
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp milkweed	OBL/FACW	45
<i>Asclepias speciosa</i>	Showy milkweed	FAC	46
<i>Astragalus canadensis</i>	Canadian milkvetch	FACW/FAC	46
<i>Camassia quamash</i>	Camas	FACW	47
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	Harebell	FAC/FACU	47
<i>Castilleja minor</i>	Lesser Indian paintbrush	OBL	47
<i>Castilleja rhexiifolia</i>	Splitleaf Indian paintbrush	FAC	47
<i>Dracopis amplexicaulis</i>	Clasping coneflower	FACW/FAC	50
<i>Geranium viscosissimum</i>	Sticky purple geranium	FAC/FACU	51
<i>Helianthus nuttallii</i>	Nuttall's sunflower (Marsh sunflower)	FACW	52
<i>Iris missouriensis</i>	Rocky Mountain iris (Western blue flag)	FACW	52
<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Dense blazingstar (Marsh gayfeather)	FAC	53
<i>Lupinus polyphyllus</i>	Bigleaf lupine	FAC/FACU	55
<i>Lupinus rivularis</i>	Riverbank lupine	FAC/FACU	55
<i>Mimulus guttatus</i>	Monkeyflower	OBL	56
<i>Myosotis sylvatica*</i>	Forget-me-not	FAC/FACU	56
<i>Oenothera elata</i>	Hooker's evening primrose	FACW	57
<i>Penstemon procerus</i>	Smallflower penstemon (Littleflower penstemon)	FAC/UPL	59
<i>Penstemon rydbergii</i>	Rydberg's penstemon	FAC/FACU	59
<i>Rudbeckia occidentalis</i>	Western coneflower	FAC	61
<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>	Blue-eyed grass	FACW	62
<i>Symphotrichum chilense</i>	Pacific aster	FAC	62
<i>Symphotrichum novae-angliae</i>	New England aster	FACW	62
<i>Thermopsis montana</i>	Mountain goldenbanner	FAC	62
<i>Verbena hastata</i>	Blue verbena (Swamp vervain)	FACW/FAC	63
<b>SHRUBS &amp; TREES</b>			
<i>Atriplex lentiformis</i>	Quailbush	FAC	70
<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>	Desert willow	FAC/FACU	72
<i>Cornus canadensis</i>	Bunchberry	FAC/FACU	72
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Redosier dogwood	FACW	72
<i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i>	Mexican palo verde (Jerusalem thorn)	FAC	75
<i>Prosopis pubescens</i>	Screwbean mesquite (Tornillo)	FAC	76
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Chokecherry	FAC/FACU	76
<i>Ribes aureum</i>	Golden currant (Buffalo currant)	FAC/FACU	77
<i>Sambucus nigra ssp. cerulea</i>	Blue elderberry	FAC/FACU	78
<b>COVER CROPS &amp; ANNUAL FORAGES</b>			
<i>Echinochloa esculenta*</i>	Japanese millet	FACW/FACU	83
<b>FORAGE LEGUMES</b>			
<i>Trifolium fragiferum*</i>	Strawberry clover	FAC/FACU	92
<i>Trifolium hybridum*</i>	Alsike clover	FAC/FACU	92
<i>Trifolium repens*</i>	White clover	FAC/FACU	93

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# Grasses & Grasslikes

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<i>Achnatherum hymenoides</i> Indian ricegrass Nezpar, Paloma, Rimrock, Star Lake, White River	N	B	C	M	8	☀	3	3	3	1	0	0	3	1	8-10	141,000	F	Yes
<i>Achnatherum lettermanii</i> Letterman's needlegrass	N	N	C	S-M	8	☀☀	0	2	3	2	0	1	3	1	6-8	225,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Achnatherum speciosum</i> Desert needlegrass	N	B	C	T	6	☀☀	2	3	3	1	0	1	3	1	6-8	182,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Achnatherum thurberianum</i> Thurber's needlegrass Princeton	N	B	C	M	7	☀	1	2	2	3	3	1	3	1	10-12	150,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Agropyron cristatum</i> Crested wheatgrass Ephraim, Fairway, Kirk, RoadCrest	I	B	C	M	8-10	☀☀	1	3	3	2	1	0	3	2	5-7	265,250	F/S	Yes
<i>Agropyron desertorum</i> Standard crested wheatgrass Hycrest, Hycrest II, Nordan	I	B	C	M-T	8	☀☀	1	3	3	3	1	0	3	2	7-9	175,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Agropyron fragile</i> Siberian wheatgrass Stabilizer, Vavilov, Vavilov II	I	B	C	M	6	☀☀	2	3	3	2	0	1	3	3	8-10	170,000	F	Yes
<i>Agrostis capillaris</i> Colonial bentgrass	I	B	C	M	32-W‡	☀☀	2	1	3	3	1	2	3	1	0.5-1	5,742,000	F/S/SU	Yes
<i>Agrostis gigantea</i> Redtop Streaker	I	S	C	T	30-W‡	☀☀	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	0	0.5-1	4,900,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Agrostis scabra</i> Rough bentgrass (Ticklegrass)	N	B	C	T	14-W‡	☀	0	1	3	3	2	2	3	1	0.5-1	5,000,000	F/S/SU	Yes
<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i> Creeping bentgrass For varieties see Turfgrass & Turfgass Blends	I	S	C	M-T	32-W‡	☀☀	0	1	3	3	1	2	3	0	0.5-1	6,400,000	F/S/SU	Yes
<i>Alopecurus arundinaceus</i> Creeping meadow foxtail Garrison	I	S	C	T	18-W‡	☀☀	1	2	3	3	2	2	3	3	0.5-1	786,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i> Meadow foxtail	I	B	C	M-T	18-W‡	☀☀	0	1	3	3	2	2	3	1	3-4	407,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Andropogon gerardii</i> Big bluestem Bison, Bonilla, Champ, Kaw, Pawnee, Rountree	N	B/S	W	T	12	☀☀	0	2	3	3	2	1	3	2	10-13	130,000	S	Yes
<i>Andropogon hallii</i> Sand bluestem Chet, Garden, Goldstrike, Woodward	N	S	W	T	10	☀☀	3	3	1	0	0	0	3	1	12-15	113,000	S	Yes
<i>Aristida purpurea var. purpurea</i> Purple threeawn	N	B	W	S-M	8	☀	1	3	2	0	0	0	3	1	5-7	250,000	F/S-SU	Yes
<i>Beckmannia syzigachne</i> American sloughgrass	N	B	C	T	30-W‡	☀☀	0	1	3	3	2	2	3	1	1-2	1,150,000	F/S	Yes

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<i>Bolboschoenus maritimus</i> Alkali bulrush	N	S	C	T	W‡	☀☀	0	1	2	3	3	1	2	3	8-11	162,600	F/S	No
<i>Bothriochloa barbinodis</i> Cane beardgrass Saltillo	N	B	W	M-T	9	☀	3	2	2	1	0	1	3	2	2-3	754,000	SU	Yes
<i>Bothriochloa ischaemum</i> Old-world bluestem (Yellow bluestem) Plains, WW Iron Master, WW Spar	I	B	W	M-T	14	☀	1	2	3	3	1	1	3	1	3-4	479,000	SU	Yes
<i>Bouteloua aristoides</i> Needle grama	N	A	W	S	12	☀	1	3	3	1	0	0	3	1	2-3	414,000	S-SU	Yes
<i>Bouteloua barbata</i> Sixweeks grama	N	A	W	S	6	☀	1	3	3	1	0	0	3	1	5	400,000	S-SU	Yes
<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> Sideoats grama Butte, El Reno, Haskell, Killdeer, Niner, Pierre, Trailway, Vaughn	N	B/S	W	M	9-14	☀☀	1	3	3	3	2	0	3	2	7-9	191,000	S	Yes
<i>Bouteloua dactyloides</i> Buffalograss Bison, Bowie, Cody, Plains, Texoka	N	S	W	S	7	☀☀	0	1	3	3	2	0	3	2	10-20	56,000	S	Yes
<i>Bouteloua eriopoda</i> Black grama Nogal	N	S	W	M	7	☀	1	3	2	1	0	0	3	2	1-2	1,335,000	SU	Yes
<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i> Blue grama Alma, Bad River, Bird's Eye, Hachita, Lovington	N	B/S	W	S-M	7	☀	2	2	3	3	2	0	3	2	2-3	825,000	S	Yes
<i>Bouteloua rothrockii</i> Rothrock's grama	N	B	W	S	8	☀	3	2	2	1	1	1	3	2	1-2	2,360,000	SU	Yes
<i>Bromus anomalus</i> Nodding brome	N	B	C	M	14-16	☀☀	2	3	3	2	0	0	3	1	16-22	142,800	F/S	Yes
<i>Bromus biebersteinii</i> Meadow brome Cache, Fleet, High West, MacBeth, Paddock, Regar	I	S	C	M	15	☀☀	1	2	3	3	1	1	3	0	9-12	80,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Bromus carinatus</i> California brome	N	B	C	M-T	8	☀☀	0	1	3	3	1	2	3	1	13-17	100,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Bromus ciliatus</i> Fringed brome	N	B	C	M-T	12-W‡	☀☀	1	2	3	2	0	3	3	1	6-7	236,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Bromus inermis</i> Smooth brome Carlton, Lincoln, Manchar	I	S	C	T	12-18	☀☀	1	3	3	3	2	2	3	2	10-14	125,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Bromus marginatus</i> Mountain brome Bromar, Garnet, UP Cold Springs	N	B	C	T	16	☀☀	0	1	3	3	1	0	3	1	20-27	64,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i> Bluejoint reedgrass	N	S	C	T	14-W‡	☀☀	0	2	3	3	1	2	2	1	0.5-1	2,270,000	F/S	Yes

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<i>Calamovilfa longifolia</i> Prairie sandreed Goshen	N	S	W	T	10-12	☀	3	3	2	1	0	1	3	1	5-6	273,000	late S	Yes
<i>Carex aquatilis</i> Water sedge	N	S	C	T	14-W‡	☀	0	0	1	3	2	3	3	1	3-4	485,000	F/S	No
<i>Carex athrostachya</i> Slenderbeak sedge	N	B	C	M	14-W‡	☀☀	0	0	1	3	2	0	3	2	2	1,424,000	F/S	No
<i>Carex bebbii</i> Bebb's sedge	N	B	C	S-T	14-W‡	☀☀	0	0	1	3	2	0	3	2	1-2	1,402,000	F/S	No
<i>Carex microptera</i> Smallwing sedge	N	B	C	M-T	10-W‡	☀	2	3	2	1	0	1	3	1	1-2	847,000	F/S	No
<i>Carex nebrascensis</i> Nebraska sedge	N	S	C	M-T	14-W‡	☀	0	0	1	3	2	1	3	3	2-3	534,100	F/S	No
<i>Carex obnupta</i> Slough sedge	N	S	C	M-T	W‡	☀☀	0	1	2	3	2	2	3	0	2-3	567,000	F/S	No
<i>Carex pellita</i> Woolly sedge	N	S	C	M-T	10-W‡	☀☀	0	0	1	3	2	0	3	2	4-6	312,075	F/S	No
<i>Carex praegracilis</i> Clustered field sedge (Black Creeper sedge)	N	S	C	M	10-W‡	☀☀	2	2	3	3	3	0	3	2	2-3	664,900	F/S	No
<i>Carex simulata</i> Analogue sedge	N	S	C	M	9-W‡	☀☀	2	3	3	2	1	1	3	0	1-2	1,043,000	F/S	No
<i>Carex stipata</i> Awlfruit sedge	N	B	C	T	12-W‡	☀☀	0	1	2	3	3	2	3	1	2-3	654,000	F/S	No
<i>Carex utriculata</i> Beaked sedge	N	S	C	T	10-W‡	☀☀	0	0	2	3	2	0	3	2	3-4	444,000	F/S	No
<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i> Fox sedge	N	B	C	T	12-W‡	☀	1	2	3	2	1	2	3	3	1-2	1,112,000	F/S	No
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i> Bermudagrass For varieties see Turfgrass & Turfgrass Blends	I	S	W	M-T	10	☀	1	2	3	2	1	2	3	3	0.5-1	2,000,000	S/SU	Yes
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i> Orchardgrass Crown Royale, Latar, Paiute, Pennlate, Persist, Potomac, Profile, Tekapo	I	B/S	C	M-T	12-18	☀☀	0	1	3	2	1	2	3	0	3-4	427,200 Paiute 654,000	S	Yes
<i>Danthonia californica</i> California oakgrass	N	B	C	M	17-W‡	☀☀	2	3	3	2	2	1	3	1	10-15	165,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i> Tufted hairgrass Nortran	N	B	C	M-T	14-W‡	☀☀	0	1	3	3	1	3	3	0	1-2	1,500,000	F	Yes
<i>Deschampsia elongata</i> Slender hairgrass	N	B	C	M	17-W‡	☀☀	3	3	2	1	1	1	3	1	0.5-1	2,300,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Digitaria californica</i> Arizona cottontop Loetta	N	B	W	M	5	☀☀	1	3	3	2	1	0	3	1	1-2	980,000	F/S-SU	Yes

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<i>Distichlis spicata</i> Inland saltgrass	N	S	W	S-M	5-W‡	☀☀	0	1	2	3	3	0	1	3	3-5	520,000	S/SU	Yes
<i>Eleocharis palustris</i> Creeping spikerush	N	S	C	S	16-W‡	☀☀	2	2	2	3	3	1	3	2	2-3	620,000	S/SU	No
<i>Elymus canadensis</i> Canada wildrye Helena Valley, Mandan	N	B	C	T	12-W‡	☀☀	3	3	2	1	0	2	3	1	11-15	115,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Elymus dahuricus</i> Dahurian wildrye James	I	B	C	M-T	12	☀☀	2	2	3	2	2	1	3	2	16-22	80,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Elymus elymoides</i> Bottlebrush squirreltail Antelope Creek, CRNG, Fish Creek, Pleasant Valley, Pueblo, Rattlesnake, Toe Jam Creek, Turkey Lake, Wapiti	N	B	C	M	8	☀	2	3	3	3	1	1	3	2	7-9	192,000	F	Yes
<i>Elymus glaucus</i> Blue wildrye Arlington, Elkton, Union Flat, White Pass	N	B	C	M-T	16	☀☀	1	3	3	2	1	2	3	1	10-13	134,500	F/S	Yes
<i>Elymus hoffmannii</i> RS Hybrid wheatgrass AC Saltlander, NewHy	I	S	C	M	12-14	☀☀	0	2	3	3	1	0	2	3	11-14	122,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Elymus lanceolatus ssp. lanceolatus</i> Thickspike wheatgrass Bannock, Bannock II, Critana, Schwendimar	N	S	C	M	6-8	☀☀	2	3	3	2	0	0	3	2	8-11	154,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Elymus lanceolatus ssp. psammophilus</i> Streambank wheatgrass Sodar	N	S	C	S-M	6-8	☀☀	1	2	3	3	2	0	3	2	8-11	156,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Elymus multisetus</i> Big squirreltail	N	B	C	S-M	8	☀☀	3	3	2	1	1	1	3	2	6-8	220,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Elymus trachycaulus ssp. trachycaulus</i> Slender wheatgrass Copperhead, FirstStrike, Pryor, Revenue, San Luis	N	B	C	M	10	☀☀	0	2	3	2	0	2	3	2	8-11	159,000	F	Yes
<i>Elymus virginicus</i> Virginia wildrye	N	B	C	M-T	36-W‡	☀☀	0	1	2	3	2	3	3	0	18-24	74,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Elymus wawawaiensis</i> Snake River wheatgrass Discovery, Secar	N	B	C	M-T	8	☀☀	2	3	3	2	1	0	3	1	17-23	120,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Eragrostis curvula</i> Weeping lovegrass Ermelo	I	B	W	M	16	☀☀	2	2	3	3	1	3	3	2	1-2	1,000,000	S/SU	Yes
<i>Eragrostis intermedia</i> Plains lovegrass	N	B	W	M-T	5	☀	2	3	3	2	1	0	3	3	0.5-1	3,500,000	F/S-SU	Yes
<i>Eragrostis lehmanniana</i> Lehmann lovegrass	I	B/S	W	M-T	10	☀	2	3	2	2	1	0	3	3	0.25-0.5	6,500,000	S/SU	Yes
<i>Eragrostis lehmanniana x E. trichophora</i> Cochise lovegrass	I	B	W	T	10	☀	2	3	2	2	1	0	3	3	0.25-0.5	6,500,000	S/SU	Yes

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<i>Eragrostis trichodes</i> Sand lovegrass Bend, Nebraska 27	N	B	W	T	14	☀	3	3	2	1	0	1	3	2	0.75-1	1,500,000	S/SU	Yes
<i>Festuca arizonica</i> Arizona fescue Redondo	N	B	C	M-T	10	☀☀	1	3	3	2	0	0	3	1	2-3	550,000	F	Yes
<i>Festuca arundinacea</i> Tall fescue Fawn, Kentucky 31 (K-31), Rustler; see also Turfgrass & Turf Blends	I	B	C	T	16-20	☀☀☀	0	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	6-8	227,000	S	Yes
<i>Festuca arvernensis</i> Blue fescue	I	B	C	S-M	12	☀☀☀	2	3	2	1	0	1	3	1	3-4	488,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Festuca brevipila</i> Hard fescue Durar	I	B	C	M	12	☀☀☀	2	3	3	3	1	2	3	0	2-3	680,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Festuca campestris</i> Rough fescue	N	B	C	M	17	☀☀☀	1	3	3	2	2	1	3	1	7-9	200,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Festuca idahoensis</i> Idaho fescue CTUIR, Joesph, Nezpurs, Winchester	N	B	C	T	12-14	☀☀☀	0	2	3	3	1	1	3	1	3-4	450,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Festuca occidentalis</i> Western fescue	N	B	C	T	14	☀☀☀	0	2	3	2	0	2	3	0	4-5	336,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Festuca ovina</i> Sheep fescue Azay, Azure, Covar	I	B	C	S	10-12	☀☀☀	2	3	3	3	1	2	3	0	2-3	680,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Festuca pratensis</i> Meadow fescue	I	B	C	S	33	☀☀☀	1	3	3	3	1	1	3	2	6-8	225,500	F/S	Yes
<i>Festuca roemerii</i> Roemer's fescue Puget	N	B	C	M	20	☀☀☀	0	1	2	3	3	2	3	2	3-4	500,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Festuca rubra</i> Creeping red fescue For varieties see Turfgrass & Turf Blends	I	S	C	M-T	30-W‡	☀☀☀	1	2	3	3	1	2	3	0	3-4	500,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Festuca rubra</i> Native red fescue	I	S	C	M-T	30-W‡	☀☀☀	1	2	3	3	1	2	3	0	3-4	500,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Festuca rubra ssp. fallax</i> Chewings fescue For varieties see Turfgrass & Turf Blends	I	B	C	M-T	18	☀☀☀	1	2	3	3	1	2	3	0	3-4	500,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Festuca saximontana</i> Rocky Mountain fescue	N	B	C	T	10	☀	3	3	2	2	1	1	3	1	1-2	1,202,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Festuca spp. x Lolium spp.</i> Festulolium Duo, Johnstone	I	B	C	M-T	16-20	☀☀☀	0	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	6-8	250,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Glyceria grandis</i> American mannagrass	N	S	C			☀☀☀	0	0	1	3	2	0	2	3	1-2	1,280,000	F/S	Yes

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<i>Glyceria occidentalis</i> Western mannagrass	N	S	C	T	W‡	☀☀	0	0	1	3	2	0	3	2	7-9	196,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Glyceria striata</i> Fowl mannagrass	N	S	C	T	10-W‡	☀☀☀	0	0	1	3	2	2	2	3	7-10	180,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Hesperostipa comata ssp. comata</i> Needle and thread	N	B	C	M-T	5	☀	2	3	3	2	0	0	3	2	11-15	115,000	F	Yes
<i>Hesperostipa neomexicana</i> New Mexico feathergrass	N	B	C	T	10	☀	1	3	3	3	1	0	3	1	19-25	70,000	S-SU-F	Yes
<i>Heteropogon contortus</i> Tanglehead	N	B	W	M-T	5	☀☀☀	2	3	3	1	0	0	3	1	4-5	3,447,000	S-SU	Yes
<i>Hilaria belangeri</i> Curly mesquite	N	B	W	S	5	☀	1	2	3	3	2	1	3	2	5-6	270,000	S-SU	Yes
<i>Hordeum brachyantherum</i> Meadow barley Jackson-Frazier	N	B	C	S-M	20-W‡	☀☀☀	0	1	3	3	2	0	3	3	15-21	85,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Juncus balticus</i> Baltic rush	N	S	C	M-T	7-W‡	☀☀☀	0	0	2	3	2	0	2	3	0.1	10,900,000	F/S	No
<i>Juncus effusus</i> Common rush (Soft rush)	N	S	C	M-T	18-W‡	☀	1	2	2	3	3	3	2	0	1-2	958,000	F/S	No
<i>Juncus ensifolius</i> Swordleaf rush (Daggerleaf rush)	N	S	C	S-M	8-W‡	☀	1	2	3	3	1	1	3	1	0.5-1	2,914,000	F/S	No
<i>Juncus tenuis</i> Poverty rush (Path rush)	N	S	C	M-T	10-W‡	☀☀☀	0	0	1	3	2	2	3	1	0.1	51,300,000	F/S	No
<i>Juncus torreyi</i> Torrey's rush	N	S	C	S-M	14-W‡	☀☀☀	0	0	2	3	3	0	2	3	0.1-0.25	12,300,000	F/S	No
<i>Koeleria macrantha</i> Prairie junegrass Umatilla, UP Sims Mesa	N	B	C	M	14	☀☀☀	2	3	2	1	0	0	3	1	0.5-1	2,315,400	S	Yes
<i>Leptochloa dubia</i> Green sprangletop	N	B	W	T	11	☀	2	3	3	2	1	0	3	2	2-3	538,000	F/S-SU	Yes
<i>Leymus angustus</i> Altai wildrye Mustang	I	B	C	T	14	☀☀☀	0	2	3	3	1	0	3	2	22-30	58,300	F	Yes
<i>Leymus cinereus</i> Great Basin wildrye Continental, Crooked River, CTUIR, Magnar, NBR, Trailhead, Trailhead II	N	B	C	T	8-W‡	☀☀☀	1	2	3	3	2	0	3	2	10-13	130,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Leymus multicaulis</i> Manystem wildrye Shoshone	I	S	C	M-T	14	☀☀☀	2	3	3	2	1	0	2	3	8-10	170,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Leymus racemosus ssp. racemosus</i> Mammoth wildrye Volga	I	S	C	T	7	☀☀☀	3	2	1	0	0	0	3	2	13-17	100,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Leymus salinus</i> Salina wildrye	N	B	C	M-T		☀	1	2	3	2	1	1	3	1	10-13	135,000	F/S	Yes

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<i>Leymus triticoides</i> Beardless wildrye (Creeping wildrye)	N	S	C	T	18-W†	☀☀	2	3	3	2	1	0	2	3	8-10	170,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Lolium perenne</i> Perennial ryegrass Albion, Linn, Oro Verde, see also Turfgrass & Turf Blends	I	B	C	M-T	15	☀☀	2	2	3	3	1	1	3	1	6-8	227,000	F	Yes
<i>Lolium perenne ssp. multiflorum</i> Annual ryegrass Ed, Gulf	I	A	C	T	15	☀☀	1	2	3	2	1	3	2	1	6-8	227,000	S	Yes
<i>Muhlenbergia asperifolia</i> Scratchgrass	N	B	W	S-M	12-W†	☀☀	1	2	3	3	3	1	2	3	0.1-0.75	1,500,000	S-SU	Yes
<i>Muhlenbergia montana</i> Mountain muhly	N	B	W	M-T	13	☀☀	3	3	2	1	1	0	3	0	0.75-1	1,500,000	S-SU	Yes
<i>Muhlenbergia porteri</i> Bush muhly	N	B	W	M-T	10	☀	3	3	2	1	1	0	3	0	0.75-1	1,500,000	S-SU	Yes
<i>Muhlenbergia wrightii</i> Spike muhly El Vado	N	B	W	S-M	13	☀☀	1	3	3	1	1	0	3	1	0.75-1	1,600,000	S-SU	Yes
<i>Nassella viridula</i> Green needlegrass Cucharas, Fowler, Lodorm	N	B	C	M	12	☀☀	0	1	2	3	3	0	3	1	7-10	181,000	F	Yes
<i>Panicum antidotale</i> Blue panicgrass	I	B	W	T	11	☀	0	2	3	3	2	0	3	1	2-3	630,000	F/S-SU	Yes
<i>Panicum coloratum</i> Kleingrass	I	B	W	M-T	19	☀	1	2	3	3	1	0	3	2	3-4	490,000	S-SU	Yes
<i>Panicum obtusum</i> Vine mesquite	N	S	W	M-T	8	☀☀	0	2	3	3	2	0	3	2	9-12	145,000	SU	Yes
<i>Panicum virgatum</i> Switchgrass Alamo, Blackwell, Dacotah, Forestburg, Kanlow, Nebraska 28, Pathfinder, Sunburst, Trailblazer	N	S	W	T	12-W†	☀	2	3	3	3	1	3	3	2	3-5	389,000	S/SU	Yes
<i>Pascopyrum smithii</i> Western wheatgrass Arriba, Barton, Recovery, Rodan, Rosana	N	S	C	M	10	☀☀	0	1	2	3	3	1	3	3	12-16	110,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Paspalum vaginatum</i> Seashore paspalum	I	S	W	M	10-W†	☀☀	2	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	1-2	1,500,000	S-SU	Yes
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> Reed canarygrass	N	S	C	T	16-W†	☀	0	2	3	3	2	3	3	2	2-3	533,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Phleum alpinum</i> Alpine timothy	N	B/S	C	S-M	17-W†	☀☀	0	1	2	2	3	1	3	1	1-2	1,000,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Phleum pratense</i> Timothy Climax, Tuukka	I	B	C	M	16	☀☀	0	2	3	3	2	2	3	1	1-2	1,300,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Pleuraphis jamesii</i> Galleta grass Viva	N	B/S	W	S	5	☀	1	2	2	3	3	0	3	2	8-11	159,000	late S	Yes

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<i>Pleuraphis rigida</i> Big galleta	N	B	W	M	5	☀☀	2	3	2	1	0	0	3	2	4-5	350,000	S	Yes
<i>Poa alpina</i> Alpine bluegrass AEC Glacier	N	B	C	S	20-W†	☀☀	0	2	3	2	0	2	3	0	1-2	1,000,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Poa compressa</i> Canada bluegrass Reubens, Talon	I	S	C	M	16	☀☀	0	1	3	3	2	2	3	1	0.5-1	2,500,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Poa fendleriana</i> Muttongrass UP Ruin Canyon	N	B	C	S-M	10	☀☀	1	2	3	3	2	0	3	2	1-2	890,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Poa nervosa</i> Wheeler bluegrass	N	S	C	M	12	☀☀	2	3	3	1	0	2	3	2	1-2	950,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Poa nevadensis</i> Nevada bluegrass Opportunity	N	B	C	S-M	10	☀☀	1	3	3	3	1	1	3	2	1-2	900,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Poa palustris</i> Fowl bluegrass	N	B/S	C	M-T	20-W†	☀☀	0	1	3	3	2	3	3	1	0.5-1	3,156,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Poa pratensis</i> Kentucky bluegrass Ginger; see also Turfgrass & Turf Blends	I	S	C	M	18	☀☀	0	2	3	3	1	1	3	1	0.5-1	2,177,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Poa secunda ssp. ampla</i> Big bluegrass Sherman	N	B	C	T	10	☀☀	1	3	3	2	1	1	3	0	1-2	882,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Poa secunda ssp. canbyi</i> Canby's bluegrass Canbar	N	B	C	M	10	☀☀	1	2	3	2	1	0	3	1	1-2	926,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Poa secunda ssp. sandbergii</i> Sandberg bluegrass Handford, High Plains, Mountain Home, Reliable, UP Colorado (Sims Mesa), Vale	N	B	C	S	8	☀☀	1	3	3	3	1	1	3	2	1-2	1,047,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Poa trivialis</i> Rough bluegrass	I	S	C	S	20-W†	☀☀	1	2	3	2	1	2	3	1	0.5-1	2,100,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Psathyrostachys juncea</i> Russian wildrye Bozoisky-Select, Bozoisky II, Swift, Tom	I	B	C	M-T	8	☀	0	2	3	2	1	0	2	2	7-10	175,000	F	Yes
<i>Pseudoroegneria spicata ssp. inermis</i> Beardless bluebunch wheatgrass Whitmar	N	B	C	M	10	☀☀	0	2	3	2	0	0	3	1	11-15	117,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Pseudoroegneria spicata ssp. spicata</i> Bluebunch wheatgrass Anatone, Boardman, Columbia, Goldar, P-7	N	B	C	M-T	8-10	☀☀	0	2	3	3	1	0	3	1	9-12	140,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Puccinellia distans</i> Alkaligrass Fults II						☀☀	0	1	2	3	2	0	2	3	1-2	1,200,000	F/S	Yes

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# Grasses & Grasslikes

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							Coarse	Moderately Coarse	Medium	Moderately Fine	Fine	Acidic					Neutral	Basic
<i>Puccinellia nuttalliana</i> Nuttall's alkaligrass	I	S	C	S-M	15-W‡	☀☀	0	0	2	3	1	0	2	3	0.5-1	2,788,700	F/S	Yes
<i>Schismus barbatus</i> Mediterranean grass	I	A/B	C	S	10	☀	2	3	2	1	0	0	3	1	0.5-1	4,000,000	SU	Yes
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> Little bluestem Aldous, Badlands, Blaze, Camper, Cimarron, Itasca, Pastura	N	B	W	M	12-16	☀☀	2	2	3	2	0	2	3	2	5-7	260,000	late S/SU	Yes
<i>Schoenoplectus acutus var. acutus</i> Hardstem bulrush	N	S	C	T	12-W‡	☀☀	0	0	2	3	3	0	1	3	4-5	377,600	F/S	No
<i>Schoenoplectus americanus</i> Olney threesquare	N	S	C	M-T	W‡	☀☀	0	0	1	3	2	0	3	3	7-10	179,800	F/S	No
<i>Schoenoplectus pungens</i> Common threesquare	N	S	C	M-T	12-W‡	☀☀	0	0	1	3	2	2	3	2	5-6	300,000	F/S	No
<i>Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani</i> Softstem bulrush	N	S	C	T	18-W‡	☀☀	0	1	2	2	3	1	3	3	2-3	550,000	F/S	No
<i>Scirpus microcarpus</i> Smallfruit bulrush	N	S	C	T	12-W‡	☀	0	1	2	3	2	0	3	2	1-2	4,500,000	F/S	No
<i>Setaria vulpiseta</i> Plains bristlegrass	N	B	W	M-T	12	☀☀	1	3	3	2	0	0	3	1	5-6	293,000	F/S-SU	Yes
<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i> Indiangrass Cheyenne, Chief, Holt, Nebraska 54, Osage, Scout, Tomahawk	N	S	W	T	12	☀☀	2	3	3	3	1	2	3	1	8-10	170,000	late S/SU	Yes
<i>Spartina pectinata</i> Prairie cordgrass Red River	N	S	W	T	14-W‡	☀	0	1	2	2	3	0	3	2	7-9	197,000	late S/SU	Yes
<i>Sporobolus airoides</i> Alkali sacaton Salado, Vegas	N	B	W	M-T	5-W‡	☀☀	1	2	3	3	3	0	2	3	0.75-1	1,758,000	Late SU	Yes
<i>Sporobolus compositus</i> Tall dropseed	N	B	W	T	10	☀☀	2	3	3	3	2	1	3	1	2-3	760,000	Late SU	Yes
<i>Sporobolus contractus</i> Spike dropseed Cochise	N	B	W	T	12	☀☀	3	3	3	1	0	1	3	3	0.5-1	3,107,000	Late SU	Yes
<i>Sporobolus cryptandrus</i> Sand dropseed Asotin, UP Dolores, Western	N	B	W	M	6	☀☀	3	3	2	1	0	1	3	1	0.25-0.5	5,298,000	Late SU	Yes
<i>Sporobolus giganteus</i> Giant dropseed	N	B	W	T	12	☀	3	3	1	0	0	1	3	0	0.75-1	1,723,000	Late SU	Yes
<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i> Prairie dropseed	N	B	W	S-T	12	☀☀	1	3	3	2	1	1	3	1	0.5-1	1,200,000	Late SU	Yes
<i>Sporobolus wrightii</i> Big sacaton	N	B	W	M-T	12-W‡	☀☀	2	2	3	2	1	1	3	2	0.5-1	2,000,000	Late SU	Yes

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<i>Thinopyrum intermedium</i> Intermediate wheatgrass Chief, Clarke, Manifest, Oahe, Reliant, Rush	I	S	C	M-T	12-14	☀☀	0	1	3	3	2	1	3	1	15-20	88,000	F/S	Yes
<i>Thinopyrum intermedium ssp. barbulatum</i> Pubescent wheatgrass Greenleaf, Luna, Maska	I	S	C	M-T	11-13	☀☀	1	2	3	3	0	1	3	2	13-17	100,000	F	Yes
<i>Thinopyrum ponticum</i> Tall wheatgrass Alkar, Alkar XL, Jose	I	B	C	T	10	☀	0	2	3	3	2	0	2	3	17-22	79,000	late F/S	Yes
<i>Triglochin maritima</i> Arrowgrass	N	S	C	S-M	W‡	☀☀	0	0	2	3	2	0	1	3	3-4	469,000	F/S	No
<i>Tripsacum dactyloides</i> Eastern gamagrass Pete	N	B	W	T	15-W‡	☀☀	2	3	3	2	2	1	3	1	30-35	7,200	F/S	No
<i>Trisetum spicatum</i> Spike trisetum	N	B	C	M	12	☀☀	1	2	3	1	0	2	3	1	0.5-1	2,500,000	F/S	No
<i>Typha latifolia</i> Cattails	N	S	C	T	W‡	☀	0	1	2	3	2	1	3	1	0.1	10,000,000	F/S-SU	No
<i>Vulpia microstachys</i> Small fescue	I	A/B	C	S-M	5	☀☀	2	3	3	3	2	2	3	0	2-4	825,000	F	Yes
<i>Vulpia octoflora</i> Sixweeks fescue	N	A/B	C	S	10	☀☀	2	3	3	2	1	2	3	2	1-2	965,000	F/S	Yes



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# Wildflowers & Forbs

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<i>Abronia villosa</i> Desert sand verbena	N	A	purple-pink	S	6-12	Low	☀	3	3	2	0	0	0	3	0	6-10	38,000	Yes
<i>Achillea millefolium</i> White yarrow (Common yarrow)	I	P	white	S-F	12-24	Low-W†	☀	2	3	2	1	0	1	3	1	1	2,770,000	Yes
<i>Achillea millefolium var. occidentalis</i> Western yarrow Columbia, Eagle, Yakima	N	P	white	S-F	12-18	Low-W†	☀	2	3	2	1	0	1	3	1	1	2,770,000	Yes
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i> Eastern red columbine	N	P	red & yellow	S-SU	12-24	Mod-W†	☀☀	0	3	3	2	0	1	3	0	3-5	496,000	Yes
<i>Aquilegia coerulea</i> Colorado blue columbine	N	P	blue & white	SU	12-30	Low-W†	☀	0	2	3	3	1	1	3	0	3-6	368,000	Yes
<i>Aquilegia formosa</i> Western red columbine	N	P	red & yellow	S-SU	3-36	Mod-W†	☀	0	2	3	3	0	1	3	0	3-5	400,000	Yes
<i>Argemone polyanthemus</i> Crested pricklypoppy	N	P	white	S-SU-F	24-36	Low	☀	2	3	2	1	0	1	3	2	20-30	9,000	Yes
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i> Swamp milkweed	N	P	pink-red or violet	SU-F	24-60	Low-W†	☀	1	2	3	2	1	1	3	1	6-10	153,000	Yes
<i>Asclepias speciosa</i> Showy milkweed	N	P	rose-purple	S-SU	24-48	Low-W†	☀	2	3	3	3	2	1	3	1	7-15	72,000	Yes
<i>Asclepias syriaca</i> Common milkweed	N	P	rose or white	S-SU-F	24-60	Low	☀	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	2	7-15	72,000	Yes
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> Butterfly milkweed	N	P	orange	SU-F	12-24	Mod	☀	3	3	3	2	0	3	2	0	7-12	102,400	Yes
<i>Astragalus canadensis</i> Canadian milkvetch	N	P	greenish white	S-SU	12-40	Mod-W†	☀	0	1	3	1	0	1	3	1	15-17	226,000	Yes
<i>Astragalus filipes</i> Basalt milkvetch Dry River, NBR-1	N	P	yellow-white	S-SU	12-24	Low	☀☀	3	3	3	1	0	1	3	0	7-12	120,000	Yes
<i>Aurinia saxatilis</i> Basket of gold	I	P	golden yellow	S	8-12	L-Mod	☀	2	3	3	1	0	0	3	1	3-5	461,000	No
<i>Bahioopsis parishii</i> Parish goldeneye (Desert sunflower)	N	P	yellow	SU	18-30	Low	☀☀	1	3	3	1	0	0	3	1	2-3	654,700	Yes
<i>Baileya multiradiata</i> Desert marigold	N	P	yellow	S-SU-F	12-24	Low	☀	3	3	2	1	0	0	3	1	1-2	1,060,000	Yes
<i>Balsamorhiza macrophylla</i> Cutleaf balsamroot	N	P	yellow	S-SU	12-36	L-Mod	☀☀	0	2	3	2	0	1	3	1	7-15	55,000	Yes
<i>Balsamorhiza sagittata</i> Arrowleaf balsamroot	N	P	yellow	S-SU	16-30	L-Mod	☀	0	2	3	2	0	1	3	1	7-15	55,000	Yes
<i>Bellis perennis</i> English lawn daisy	I	B	white-pink	S-SU-F	3-6	High	☀☀	2	3	3	1	1	1	3	1	1	2,800,000	Yes
<i>Camassia quamash</i> Camas	N	P	blue	S-SU	12-30	Mod-W†	☀☀	2	3	3	3	2	1	3	0	7-12	117,000	Yes

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<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i> Harebell	N	P	blue	SU-F	4-40	Low-W†	☀☀	1	3	2	1	0	1	3	0	0.25	1,200,000	Yes
<i>Castilleja applegatei ssp. martinii</i> Wavyleaf Indian paintbrush	N	P	red	S-SU	4-18	Low	☀	0	2	3	2	1	0	3	1	1	4,900,000	Yes
<i>Castilleja exserta ssp. exserta</i> Purple owl's clover (Exserted Indian paintbrush)	N	A	purple	S	4-12	L-Mod	☀	1	2	3	2	0	0	3	2	1	11,000,000	Yes
<i>Castilleja linariifolia</i> Wyoming Indian paintbrush	N	P	red	SU	12-40	L-High	☀	1	3	3	2	0	0	3	2	1	4,915,000	Yes
<i>Castilleja minor</i> Lesser Indian paintbrush	N	A	red	SU	12-32	Mod-W†	☀☀	0	0	2	3	2	0	2	3	1	4,586,000	Yes
<i>Castilleja rhexiifolia</i> Spltleaf Indian paintbrush	N	P	pink-violet or orange	SU	8-32	Low-W†	☀☀	0	2	3	2	0	1	3	0	1	4,900,000	Yes
<i>Castilleja sulphurea</i> Sulphur Indian paintbrush	N	P	pale yellow	SU-F	6-20	L-Mod	☀☀	0	1	3	2	0	1	3	0	1	4,500,000	Yes
<i>Centaurea cyanus</i> Bachelor button (Cornflower)	I	A	blue	S-SU	8-30	Low	☀☀	1	2	3	2	0	0	3	1	9-14	96,000	Yes
<i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i> Partridge pea	N	A	yellow	SU	12-30	L-Mod	☀☀	2	3	3	2	0	1	3	1	12-15	65,000	Yes
<i>Chamerion angustifolium</i> Fireweed	N	P	pink	SU-F	14-84	L-Mod	☀	1	2	3	2	2	2	3	0	0.25	8,500,000	Yes
<i>Cheiranthus allionii</i> Wallflower	I	A	orange	S-SU	12-18	L-Mod	☀	1	3	2	0	0	0	3	1	3-5	300,000	No
<i>Clarkia amoena</i> Farewell-to-spring	N	A	pink & red	S-SU	6-36	L-Mod	☀☀	0	2	3	2	0	0	3	0	1-2	1,790,000	Yes
<i>Collinsia heterophylla</i> Chinese houses	N	A	lavender & white	S-SU	12-24	Mod	☀☀	0	2	3	1	0	0	3	0	2-4	410,000	Yes
<i>Consolida ajacis</i> Rocket larkspur	I	A	white, pink, blue	S-SU	12-36	L-Mod	☀☀	1	2	3	2	1	1	3	1	6-10	150,000	Yes
<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i> Lanceleaf coreopsis (Lanceleaf tickseed)	N	P	yellow	SU	18-36	L-Mod	☀☀	2	3	3	1	0	1	3	1	4-8	221,000	Yes
<i>Coreopsis tinctoria</i> Plains coreopsis (Golden tickseed)	N	A	yellow & burgundy	SU-F	24-48	Low	☀☀	1	2	3	1	0	0	3	1	1-2	1,400,000	Yes
<i>Cosmos bipinnatus</i> Cosmos	I	A	pink	SU-F	30-48	Low-W†	☀	2	2	3	2	1	1	3	1	15-20	60,000	Yes
<i>Cosmos sulphureus</i> Sulphur cosmos (Yellow cosmos)	I	A	orange-yellow	SU-F	24-36	Low	☀	2	2	3	2	1	1	3	1	15-20	55,000	Yes
<i>Crepis acuminata</i> Tapertip hawksbeard	N	P	white	S-SU	12-36	Low	☀☀	3	3	3	1	0	1	3	1	2-4	800,000	Yes
<i>Dalea candida</i> White prairie clover Antelope	N	P	white	S-F	12-30	L-Mod	☀	2	3	3	1	0	0	3	1	3-6	354,000	Yes
<i>Dalea ornata</i> Western prairie clover (Blue Mountain prairie clover) Aridlands, Majestic, Spectrum	N	P	pink-purple	S-SU	12-24	Low	☀☀	2	3	3	2	1	1	3	1	4-8	350,000	Yes

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<i>Dalea purpurea</i> Purple prairie clover Bismark, Kaneb	N	P	red-purple	SU	12-24	L-Mod	☀☀	2	2	3	3	1	0	3	0	4-8	210,000	Yes
<i>Dalea searlsiae</i> Searles' prairie clover Bonneville, Carmel, Fanny	N	P	pink-purple	S-SU	12-24	Low	☀☀	3	3	3	2	1	1	3	1	4-8	350,000	Yes
<i>Desmanthus illinoensis</i> Illinois bundleflower	N	P	white	SU	24-40	M-High	☀☀	1	2	3	2	1	1	3	1	10-15	85,000	Yes
<i>Dianthus barbatus</i> Sweet William	I	P	white, pink, & red	S-SU	18-24	Mod	☀☀	1	2	3	2	1	1	3	1	3-4	408,000	No
<i>Dianthus deltoides</i> Maiden pinks	I	P	pink-red	S-SU	12-18	Mod	☀	1	2	3	2	0	0	3	0	1	2,480,000	No
<i>Dieteria bigelovii</i> var. <i>bigelovii</i> Plains aster	N	B	purple	S-SU-F	8-36	Low	☀☀	2	2	3	1	0	0	3	1	1-2	1,550,000	Yes
<i>Dieteria canescens</i> Hoary tansyaster Amethyst	N	P	blue-purple	S-SU-F	6-30	Low	☀☀	2	3	3	1	0	1	3	2	1-2	1,400,000	Yes
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i> Foxglove	I	B	pink-lavender	SU	24-48	M-High	☀	0	1	3	3	1	2	3	0	0.5	4,360,000	Yes
<i>Dimorphotheca sinuata</i> African daisy	I	A	yellow-orange	S-SU	8-12	Low	☀	0	2	3	2	1	0	3	2	4-8	251,000	Yes
<i>Dracopis amplexicaulis</i> Clasping coneflower	N	A	yellow	SU-F	18-26	Low-W‡	☀	0	3	3	2	0	0	3	0	1-2	922,000	Yes
<i>Echinacea angustifolia</i> Blacksamson	N	P	rose-purple	SU	12-15	L-Mod	☀☀	3	2	2	1	0	1	3	3	10	128,000	Yes
<i>Echinacea pallida</i> Pale purple coneflower	N	P	lavender	SU	18-36	Low	☀☀	0	1	3	2	0	1	3	0	7-12	117,000	Yes
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> Purple coneflower	N	P	purple	SU	24-36	L-Mod	☀☀	0	2	3	2	0	0	3	0	7-12	117,000	Yes
<i>Erigeron speciosus</i> Aspen fleabane (Aspen daisy)	N	P	lavender-white	SU-F	12-24	Mod	☀☀	1	3	3	1	0	0	3	1	1	1,600,000	Yes
<i>Eriogonum heracleoides</i> Wyeth buckwheat (Parsnipflower buckwheat)	N	P	white or pinkish	S-SU	6-16	Low	☀	1	3	3	2	0	1	3	1	6-10	135,700	Yes
<i>Eriogonum racemosum</i> Redroot buckwheat	N	P	white-pink	SU-F	3-12	Low	☀☀	3	3	2	1	0	1	3	1	5-9	200,000	Yes
<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i> Sulphur flower buckwheat	N	P	yellow	SU	6-12	Low	☀☀	2	3	3	2	0	0	3	1	4-7	209,000	Yes
<i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i> Oregon sunshine (Common woolly sunflower)	N	P	yellow	S-SU	4-24	Low	☀☀	3	3	3	1	0	2	3	1	1-2	1,700,000	Yes
<i>Eschscholzia caespitosa</i> Tufted poppy	N	A	yellow	S-SU	4-12	Low	☀☀	0	1	2	3	2	0	3	1	5	320,000	Yes
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i> California poppy	N	A	orange	S-SU	12-18	Low	☀	2	3	2	2	0	0	3	1	5-10	293,000	Yes

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<i>Eschscholzia californica</i> ssp. <i>mexicana</i> Mexican gold poppy	N	A	yellow-orange	S	6-15	Low	☀	2	3	2	2	0	0	3	1	2-5	850,000	Yes
<i>Gaillardia aristata</i> Blanketflower Meriwether	N	P	yellow & red	SU-F	18-24	Low	☀☀	1	3	3	2	0	0	3	1	7-10	132,000	Yes
<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i> Firewheel (Indian blanket)	N	A	red & yellow	SU	18-24	Low	☀	2	3	2	1	0	0	3	1	6-10	238,000	Yes
<i>Gazania rigens</i> Gazania (Treasure flower)	I	P	red, yellow, orange	SU	10-18	L-Mod	☀	1	2	3	1	0	0	3	1	7-11	125,000	Yes
<i>Geranium viscosissimum</i> Sticky purple geranium	N	P	pink-lavender	SU	12-48	L-W‡	☀☀	0	2	3	2	0	1	3	0	6-12	52,000	Yes
<i>Gilia capitata</i> Globe gilia	N	A	blue	S	12-24	Low	☀☀	2	3	2	0	0	0	3	1	1	1,020,000	Yes
<i>Gilia tricolor</i> Birds eyes	N	A	blue & orange	S-SU-F	12-28	L-Mod	☀☀	1	3	3	1	0	0	3	1	1	1,020,000	Yes
<i>Glandularia gooddingii</i> Gooding's verbena (Southwestern mock vervain)	N	P	pink-lavender	S	18-24	Low	☀	3	3	2	0	0	0	3	1	2-4	482,800	Yes
<i>Glandularia pulchella</i> Moss verbena (South American mock vervain)	I	P	purple	S-SU	12	Low	☀	1	3	2	0	0	0	3	1	2-4	473,600	Yes
<i>Hedysarum boreale</i> Utah sweetvetch (Northern sweetvetch) CP-UP, Timp	N	P	pink-purple	S-SU	10-24	L-Mod	☀☀	2	2	3	2	1	2	3	1	15-25	46,000	Yes
<i>Helianthella uniflora</i> Oneflowered helianthella	N	A	yellow	SU	12-24	Low	☀	3	3	1	0	0	0	3	1	15-25	40,000	Yes
<i>Helianthus annuus</i> Annual sunflower	N	A	yellow	SU	36-72	Low	☀	1	3	3	2	0	2	3	1	10-20	58,500	Yes
<i>Helianthus maximiliani</i> Maximilian sunflower Medicine Creek	N	P	yellow	SU-F	36-60	Low	☀	1	2	3	3	1	0	3	0	4-8	225,000	Yes
<i>Helianthus nuttallii</i> Nuttal's sunflower (Marsh sunflower)	N	P	yellow	SU	60-120	Mod-W‡	☀	0	1	3	3	2	1	3	0	12-16	125,000	Yes
<i>Heliomeris multiflora</i> Showy goldeneye	N	P	yellow	SU-F	12-40	Mod	☀☀	0	2	3	1	0	0	3	1	1-2	1,055,000	Yes
<i>Herrickia glauca</i> Blueleaf aster (Gray aster)	N	P	white-lavender	SU-F	18-24	L-Mod	☀☀	1	3	3	2	1	0	3	1	2-4	540,000	Yes
<i>Heterotheca villosa</i> Hairy goldenaster	N	P	yellow	S-SU-F	12-36	Low	☀☀	3	3	3	1	0	1	3	2	6-8	336,500	Yes
<i>Ipomopsis aggregata</i> Scarlet gilia (Skyrocket)	N	B	red	S-F	12-36	Low	☀☀	3	3	3	2	2	0	3	3	6-8	357,000	Yes
<i>Ipomopsis rubra</i> Standing cypress	N	B	red	S-SU	24-72	Mod	☀☀	0	2	3	2	0	1	3	0	3-5	341,000	Yes
<i>Iris missouriensis</i> Rocky Mountain iris (Western blue flag)	N	P	blue-purple	S-SU	8-20	Mod-W‡	☀☀	1	2	3	3	1	0	3	1	20-30	21,000	Yes
<i>Kallstroemia grandiflora</i> Arizona poppy (Arizona caltrop)	N	A	orange to crimson	SU-F	12-36	Low	☀	2	3	2	0	0	0	3	1	8-12	93,700	Yes

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								Coarse	Moderately Coarse	Medium	Moderately Fine	Fine	Acidic				Neutral	Basic
<i>Layia platyglossa</i> Coastal tidytips	N	A	yellow & white	SU	6-12	Low	☀	1	3	3	1	0	0	3	1	2-5	350,000	Yes
<i>Leptosiphon grandiflorus</i> Mountain phlox (Large-flower linanthus)	N	A	white	S-SU	4-20	Low	☀	2	3	3	1	0	0	3	1	1-2	907,000	Yes
<i>Leucanthemum maximum</i> Shasta daisy	I	P	white	SU	12-24	Mod	☀☀	1	2	3	2	1	1	3	1	3-5	300,000	Yes
<i>Liatris punctata</i> Dotted blazingstar (Dotted gayfeather)	N	P	lavender-pink	SU-F	12-24	Low	☀☀	2	3	3	3	2	1	3	1	10-15	63,000	Yes
<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i> Thickspike blazingstar (Thickspike gayfeather)	N	P	rose-purple	SU-F	24-60	L-Mod	☀	1	3	3	1	0	0	3	1	7-12	128,000	Yes
<i>Liatris spicata</i> Dense blazingstar (Marsh gayfeather)	N	P	rose-purple	SU	12-72	Mod-W†	☀	0	2	3	2	1	2	3	1	6-12	138,000	Yes
<i>Linaria maroccana</i> Moroccan toadflax (Baby snapdragon)	I	A	mixed	S-SU	18-24	L-Mod	☀☀	0	2	3	2	1	0	3	1	0.5	6,850,000	Yes
<i>Linum grandiflorum</i> Scarlet flax	I	A	scarlet	S-F	14	L-Mod	☀☀	1	3	3	2	0	0	3	1	7-14	122,000	Yes
<i>Linum lewisii</i> Lewis flax (Prairie flax) Columbia, Maple Grove	N	P	blue	S-SU	12-36	Low	☀☀	1	3	3	2	1	1	3	2	3-6	170,000	Yes
<i>Linum perenne</i> Blue flax Appar	N	P	blue	S-SU	24	Low	☀☀	1	3	3	1	0	1	3	2	3-6	293,000	Yes
<i>Lobularia maritima</i> Sweet alyssum	I	A	white	S-F	8-12	any	☀☀	2	3	3	1	0	0	3	1	1-2	1,100,000	No
<i>Lomatium dissectum</i> Fernleaf biscuitroot	N	P	yellow	S-SU	12-36	L-Mod	☀☀	1	3	3	3	1	1	2	3	5-10	45,000	Yes
<i>Lomatium foeniculaceum</i> Desert biscuitroot	N	P	yellow	S-SU	6-12	Low	☀	3	3	3	1	0	1	3	1	5-10	40,000	Yes
<i>Lomatium grayi</i> Gray's biscuitroot	N	P	yellow	S-SU	12-24	L-Mod	☀	3	3	3	1	0	0	3	1	5-10	39,000	Yes
<i>Lomatium macrocarpum</i> Bigseed biscuitroot	N	P	white	S-SU	3-6	L-Mod	☀	3	3	2	1	0	1	3	2	5-10	100,000	Yes
<i>Lomatium nudicaule</i> Barestem biscuitroot	N	P	yellow	S-SU	8-18	L-Mod	☀	3	3	2	1	0	1	3	2	5-10	50,000	Yes
<i>Lomatium triternatum</i> Nineleaf biscuitroot	N	P	yellow	S-SU	12-28	L-Mod	☀	3	3	2	1	0	0	3	2	5-10	64,000	Yes
<i>Lupinus albicaulis</i> Sicklekeel lupine	N	A	blue-purple	SU	24-48	Mod	☀	0	2	3	2	1	2	3	0	20-30	29,500	No
<i>Lupinus x alpestris</i> Mountain lupine (Great Basin lupine)	N	P	blue-lavender	SU-F	12-20	L-Mod	☀☀	1	2	3	1	0	0	3	1	20-30	12,500	No
<i>Lupinus argenteus</i> Silvery lupine	N	P	blue, bluish-white	SU	10-28	L-Mod	☀☀	1	2	3	2	0	0	3	1	20-30	18,300	No
<i>Lupinus arizonicus</i> Arizona lupine	N	A	blue-purple	S	12-48	Low	☀	2	3	3	1	0	0	3	1	6-12	135,000	No

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<i>Lupinus bicolor</i> Miniature lupine	N	A	blue & white	S-SU	4-16	Low	☀	2	3	2	1	0	1	3	1	8-15	75,000	No
<i>Lupinus caudatus</i> Tailcup lupine	N	P	blue	S-SU	12-24	L-Mod	☀	2	2	3	1	0	0	3	1	20-30	18,000	No
<i>Lupinus perennis</i> Wild lupine (Sundial lupine)	N	P	purplish-blue	S-SU	12-24	L-Mod	☀☀	2	2	3	1	0	1	3	0	20-30	21,000	No
<i>Lupinus polyphyllus</i> Bigleaf lupine	N	P	blue to violet	S-SU	24-60	M-H-W†	☀	1	2	3	2	1	1	3	1	8-15	75,000	No
<i>Lupinus rivularis</i> Riverbank lupine Herdema	N	P	purple, blue-white	S-SU	12-48	M-H-W†	☀	3	3	3	2	1	1	3	1	20-30	31,000	No
<i>Lupinus sericeus</i> Silky lupine	N	P	blue-lavender	S-SU	12-24	L-Mod	☀☀	2	3	2	1	0	0	3	1	20-30	12,900	No
<i>Lupinus sparsiflorus</i> Coulter's lupine (Desert lupine)	B	A	violet	S	8-16	Low	☀	2	3	3	1	0	0	3	0	7-13	124,000	No
<i>Lupinus succulentus</i> Arroyo lupine (Hollowleaf annual lupine)	N	A	violet-blue	S	24-28	L-Mod	☀	2	3	2	0	0	0	3	1	20-30	15,600	No
<i>Lupinus texensis</i> Texas bluebonnet	N	A	blue & white	S	16-20	L-Mod	☀	1	3	3	1	0	0	3	1	20-30	16,000	No
<i>Lychnis chalcedonica</i> Maltese cross	I	P	scarlet	SU-F	12-15	L-Mod	☀☀	1	2	3	2	1	1	3	0	1	1,040,000	No
<i>Machaeranthera tanacetifolia</i> Prairie aster	N	B	purple	SU	18-24	Low	☀☀	2	3	2	1	0	0	3	1	3-5	408,000	Yes
<i>Malacothrix glabrata</i> Smooth desertdandelion	N	A	yellow	S-SU	6-16	Low	☀☀	3	3	2	1	0	2	3	1	2-4	560,000	Yes
<i>Mentzelia albicaulis</i> Whitestem blazingstar	N	A	yellow	S-SU	12-34	Low	☀	3	3	2	1	0	2	3	1	8-14	130,000	Yes
<i>Mentzelia laevicaulis</i> Smoothstem blazingstar	N	B	yellow	SU	12-34	Low	☀	3	3	2	1	0	1	3	1	7-10	110,000	Yes
<i>Mentzelia lindleyi</i> Lindley's blazingstar	N	A	yellow	S-SU	12-48	Low	☀	1	3	2	0	0	0	3	1	1-2	586,000	Yes
<i>Mimulus guttatus</i> Monkeyflower	N	P	yellow-red	S-SU	12-30	Mod-W†	☀☀	2	3	3	2	1	1	3	1	0.5-1	4,000,000	Yes
<i>Mirabilis multiflora</i> Colorado four o'clock	N	P	purple-magenta	S-SU-F	12-24	Low	☀	3	3	3	1	0	0	3	1	20-30	8,000	Yes
<i>Monarda citriodora</i> Lemon beebalm (Lemon mint)	N	A	lavender-white	S-SU	12-36	L-Mod	☀	0	2	3	1	0	0	3	0	1-2	820,000	Yes
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i> Wild bergamot (Beebalm)	N	P	lilac-pink	SU	12-60	L-Mod	☀☀	0	2	3	2	0	1	3	0	1	1,272,500	Yes
<i>Myosotis sylvatica</i> Forget-me-not	I	P	blue & yellow	S-SU	10-18	High-W†	☀☀	0	1	2	3	2	0	3	2	1-2	720,000	Yes
<i>Nemophila maculata</i> Five spot	N	A	white & purple	S	6	L-Mod	☀☀	0	2	3	1	0	0	3	1	10-16	87,000	Yes

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<i>Nemophila menziesii</i> Baby blue eyes	N	A	blue	S	6-10	L-Mod	☀☀	1	2	3	2	0	0	3	1	3-6	258,000	Yes
<i>Oenothera biennis</i> Common evening primrose	N	B	yellow	SU	12-60	L-Mod	☀	2	3	2	0	0	0	2	1	1	1,589,000	Yes
<i>Oenothera elata</i> Hooker's evening primrose	N	B	yellow	SU	36-48	Low-W‡	☀☀	0	2	3	2	0	1	3	1	1	1,300,000	Yes
<i>Oenothera lamarckiana</i> Evening primrose	I	A	yellow	SU	36-60	L-Mod	☀☀	1	3	3	2	1	1	3	1	1-2	864,000	Yes
<i>Oenothera macrocarpa</i> Missouri evening primrose (Bigfruit evening primrose)	N	P	yellow	SU	8	Low	☀	1	3	3	2	0	0	3	1	10-15	85,700	Yes
<i>Oenothera pallida</i> Pale evening primrose	N	P	white	S-SU	8-20	Low	☀	2	3	3	1	0	1	3	1	1-2	512,000	Yes
<i>Oenothera speciosa</i> Showy evening primrose	N	P	white & pink	S-SU	10-20	Low	☀	1	3	3	1	0	0	3	1	1	2,500,000	Yes
<i>Oligoneuron rigidum</i> Stiff goldenrod	N	P	golden yellow	SU-F	36-60	Mod-W‡	☀	1	3	2	2	0	1	3	0	1-2	771,800	Yes
<i>Osmorhiza occidentalis</i> Sweet anise (Western sweetroot)	N	P	yellow-white	SU	16-36	L-Mod	☀	0	2	3	1	0	1	3	0	15-30	29,800	Yes
<i>Papaver nudicaule</i> Iceland poppy (Arctic poppy)	N	P	yellow-orange	S	24	Mod	☀	0	2	3	2	1	2	3	1	1	2,780,000	Yes
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i> Flanders poppy (Corn poppy)	I	A	red or mixed	S-SU	24	L-Mod	☀☀	1	2	3	2	0	0	3	1	1	3,200,000	Yes
<i>Penstemon acuminatus</i> Sharpleaf penstemon	N	P	blue-lavender	S-SU	12-24	Low	☀☀	2	3	3	1	0	1	3	1	2-4	400,000	Yes
<i>Penstemon angustifolius</i> Narrowleaf penstemon (Broadbeard beardtongue)	N	P	lavender to blue	S-SU	12-36	Low	☀	3	3	2	1	0	1	2	3	2-4	223,000	Yes
<i>Penstemon barbatus</i> Beardlip penstemon	N	P	red	SU	24	Low	☀	1	3	3	0	0	0	3	1	2-4	550,000	Yes
<i>Penstemon cyananthus</i> Wasatch penstemon	N	P	blue	S-SU	18	L-Mod	☀☀	1	3	3	0	0	0	3	0	2-4	290,000	Yes
<i>Penstemon cyaneus</i> Blue penstemon	N	P	blue violet	S-SU	8-24	Low	☀☀	1	3	3	1	0	0	3	0	1-3	656,000	Yes
<i>Penstemon deustus</i> var. <i>deustus</i> Hotrock penstemon (Scabland penstemon)	N	P	white	S-SU	8-24	Low	☀☀	2	3	3	1	0	1	3	1	0.5-1	2,900,000	Yes
<i>Penstemon eatonii</i> Firecracker penstemon Richfield	N	P	red	S-SU	12-40	Low	☀	2	3	2	0	0	0	3	1	1-3	400,000	Yes
<i>Penstemon eriantherus</i> Fuzzytounge penstemon Old Works	N	P	lavender-purple	S-SU	4-16	Low	☀☀	2	3	3	1	0	2	3	0	1-3	358,000	Yes
<i>Penstemon grandiflorus</i> Large beardtongue	N	P	pink-white	S-SU	24-48	Mod	☀☀	0	2	3	2	0	0	3	0	2-4	550,000	Yes

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<i>Penstemon pachyphyllus</i> Thickleaf penstemon (Thickleaf beardtongue)	N	P	blue-violet	S-SU	12-25	Low	☀☀	1	3	3	0	0	1	3	1	4-8	227,600	Yes
<i>Penstemon palmeri</i> Palmer's penstemon Cedar	N	P	light pink	S-SU	48	Low	☀	1	3	3	2	0	0	3	1	2-3	610,000	Yes
<i>Penstemon parryi</i> Parry's penstemon (Parry's beardtongue)	N	P	rose-magenta	S-SU	24-48	Low	☀☀☀	2	3	2	0	0	0	3	1	2-3	610,000	Yes
<i>Penstemon procerus</i> Smallflower penstemon (Littleflower penstemon)	N	P	purple	SU	8-24	Mod-W‡	☀☀	1	2	3	2	1	1	3	1	2-3	600,000	Yes
<i>Penstemon pseudospectabilis</i> Desert penstemon	N	P	pink-purple	S	36-70	Low	☀	2	2	3	0	0	0	3	1	1-3	750,000	Yes
<i>Penstemon rydbergii</i> Rydberg's penstemon	N	P	blue-violet	SU	8-24	Low-W‡	☀☀	0	2	3	2	0	0	3	1	1-2	850,000	Yes
<i>Penstemon strictus</i> Rocky Mountain penstemon Bandera	N	P	blue-violet	SU	12-36	L-Mod	☀☀	2	3	3	1	0	0	3	0	1-3	592,000	Yes
<i>Penstemon subglaber</i> Smooth penstemon	N	P	blue-purple	SU	10-28	L-Mod	☀	0	2	3	2	0	1	3	0	2-4	405,000	Yes
<i>Penstemon superbus</i> Superb beardtongue	N	P	coral	S-SU	12-48	L-Mod	☀☀	2	3	2	0	0	0	3	1	3-4	1,213,000	Yes
<i>Penstemon venustus</i> Venus penstemon (Alpine penstemon) Clearwater	N	P	lavender-purple	S-SU	12-24	L-Mod	☀☀	2	3	3	0	0	2	3	1	2-4	550,000	Yes
<i>Peritoma lutea</i> Yellow beeplant (Yellow spiderflower)	N	A	yellow	S-SU	4-45	Low	☀	0	2	3	3	2	1	3	2	7-11	101,000	Yes
<i>Peritoma serrulata</i> Rocky Mountain beeplant	N	A	pink-purple	SU-F	12-48	L-Mod	☀	0	1	3	3	2	0	3	1	10-16	65,900	Yes
<i>Perityle emoryi</i> Emory's rockdaisy (Desert daisy)	N	A	white	S-F	7-10	Low	☀	3	2	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	3,222,700	Yes
<i>Phacelia campanularia</i> California bluebells	N	A	blue	S	12-24	Low	☀	2	3	2	0	0	0	3	1	1-3	856,000	Yes
<i>Phacelia crenulata</i> Desert bluebells (Cleftleaf wildheliotrope)	N	A	violet to purple	S	6-36	Low	☀	3	3	2	1	0	2	3	2	1-3	800,000	Yes
<i>Phacelia tanacetifolia</i> Lacy phacelia	N	A	purple-blue	SU	12-36	Low	☀	2	2	3	2	1	0	3	1	1-2	245,000	Yes
<i>Phlox drummondii</i> Drummond phlox	N	A	rose, red-purple	SU-F	8-20	Low	☀	0	2	3	2	1	1	3	0	4-8	234,000	Yes
<i>Physaria gordonii</i> Gordon's bladderpod	N	A	yellow	S	3-24	Low	☀☀	1	2	3	3	1	1	3	1	2-4	439,085	Yes
<i>Plantago ovata</i> Desert Indianwheat	N	A	white	S	6-10	Low	☀☀☀	3	3	1	0	0	0	3	1	3-10	325,000	Yes
<i>Ratibida columnifera</i> Yellow prairie coneflower Stillwater	N	P	yellow	SU-F	12-24	L-Mod	☀	1	2	3	2	0	1	3	1	1	737,000	Yes

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								Coarse	Moderately Coarse	Medium	Moderately Fine	Fine	Acidic	Neutral				Basic
<i>Ratibida columnifera</i> var. <i>pulcherrima</i> Mexican hat (Upright prairie coneflower)	N	P	red	SU-F	12-24	L-Mod	☀	1	2	3	2	0	1	3	1	1	737,000	Yes
<i>Ratibida pinnata</i> Grayheaded coneflower	N	P	yellow	SU-F	18-48	L-Mod	☀	0	2	3	2	0	2	3	0	2-4	410,000	Yes
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> Blackeyed Susan	N	P	yellow	SU-F	18-48	L-Mod	☀☀	1	3	3	2	1	1	3	1	1-2	1,710,000	Yes
<i>Rudbeckia occidentalis</i> Western coneflower	N	P	nondescript	SU	24-60	Mod-W‡	☀☀	0	1	2	3	3	0	3	1	4-5	345,000	Yes
<i>Salvia coccinea</i> Scarlet sage (Blood sage)	N	P	red	S-SU-F	12-36	M-High	☀☀	1	3	3	1	1	1	3	1	5-7	280,000	Yes
<i>Salvia columbariae</i> Chia (Chia sage)	N	P	pale blue	S-SU	1-24	Low	☀	2	3	3	2	0	0	3	1	2-4	428,650	Yes
<i>Sanguisorba minor</i> Small burnet Delar	I	P	pink	SU	8-24	Low	☀	1	2	3	2	0	1	3	1	15-25	49,000	Yes
<i>Senna covesii</i> Desert senna	N	P	yellow	S-F	12-24	Low	☀	3	3	2	1	0	0	3	1	8-14	110,000	Yes
<i>Silene armeria</i> Sweet William catchfly	I	A	pink	SU-F	24	L-Mod	☀☀	0	2	3	2	0	1	3	1	1	3,900,000	No
<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i> Blue-eyed grass	N	P	dark blue	S	6-18	Mod-W‡	☀	0	1	3	3	1	0	3	1	3-5	315,000	Yes
<i>Sphaeralcea ambigua</i> Desert globemallow	N	P	orange-red	S	20-38	Low	☀	3	3	2	0	0	0	3	1	2-4	500,000	Yes
<i>Sphaeralcea coccinea</i> Scarlet globemallow	N	P	red-orange	S-SU	6-12	Low	☀	2	3	3	2	1	0	3	2	2-4	500,000	Yes
<i>Sphaeralcea coulteri</i> Coulter's globemallow	N	A	orange	W-S	18	Low	☀	3	3	2	1	0	0	3	2	2-4	533,000	Yes
<i>Sphaeralcea grossulariifolia</i> Gooseberryleaf globemallow	N	P	orange-red	S-SU	27-38	Low	☀	3	3	2	1	0	1	3	1	2-4	500,000	Yes
<i>Sphaeralcea munroana</i> Munro's globemallow	N	P	red-orange	S	30	Low	☀☀	3	3	2	1	0	0	3	1	2-4	500,000	Yes
<i>Sphaeralcea parvifolia</i> Nelson globemallow (Smallflower globemallow)	N	P	red-orange	S	18-40	Low	☀	2	3	3	2	0	0	3	1	2-4	500,000	Yes
<i>Symphyotrichum chilense</i> Pacific aster	N	P	lavender-white	SU-F	12-24	Low-W‡	☀	2	3	3	3	2	1	3	2	1	2,668,000	Yes
<i>Symphyotrichum laeve</i> Smooth blue aster	N	P	blue - purple	SU-F	24-48	Mod	☀☀	2	3	3	1	0	1	3	1	1	1,014,000	Yes
<i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i> New England aster	N	P	purple	F	24-68	Mod-W‡	☀☀	0	2	3	3	1	2	3	0	1-2	1,216,000	Yes
<i>Thermopsis montana</i> Mountain goldenbanner	N	P	yellow	S	12-48	Mod-W‡	☀☀	0	2	3	1	0	1	3	1	20-40	15,000	Yes
<i>Thymophylla pentachaeta</i> Fiveneedle pricklyleaf (Golden dyssoidia)	N	P	yellow	S-SU-F	6-12	Low	☀☀	2	3	3	1	0	1	3	1	0.5-1	2,733,000	Yes

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<i>Verbena hastata</i> Blue verbena (Swamp vervain)	N	P	blue to purplish, or pink	SU-F	36-60	Mod-W‡	☀	1	3	3	1	0	0	3	1	1	1,792,800	Yes
<i>Verbena stricta</i> Hoary verbena	N	P	purple	SU	24-48	Low	☀	1	2	3	2	0	1	3	0	2-4	425,000	Yes
<i>Vicia americana</i> American vetch	N	P	purple	S-F	6-24	Low	☀☀	1	2	3	3	2	1	3	2	25-35	33,000	Yes
<i>Wyethia amplexicaulis</i> Mule ears	N	P	yellow	S-SU	12-15	L-Mod	☀☀	0	1	3	3	2	0	3	2	16	28,000	Yes
<i>Wyethia mollis</i> Woolly mule ears	N	P	white	S-SU	24-30	L-Mod	☀	1	3	3	2	1	0	3	2	20-25	25,000	Yes
<i>Zinnia acerosa</i> Desert zinnia	N	P	white	S-SU-F	5-10	Low	☀	3	3	2	0	0	0	3	3	1-3	760,000	Yes



Lewis flax (*Linum lewisii*) on a ridge in the Sierra Nevada, California. See also page 54.

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							Coarse	Moderately Coarse	Medium	Moderately Fine	Fine	Acidic			Neutral	Basic
<i>Acmispon rigidus</i> Shrubby deervetch (Desert rock pea)	N	yellow-orange	S	1-2	6	☀☀☀	3	3	2	1	1	0	3	1	1,001,000	Yes
<i>Allenrolfea occidentalis</i> Iodinebush (Pickleweed)	N	inconspicuous	SU-F	1-3	8-W‡	☀	3	3	2	2	1	0	2	3	30,000	Yes
<i>Ambrosia ambrosioides</i> Canyon ragweed	N	green	W-S	6	4	☀☀☀	2	3	2	0	0	0	3	2	6,300	Yes
<i>Ambrosia deltoidea</i> Triangleleaf bursage	N	inconspicuous	S	1-3	4	☀☀☀	1	3	3	1	0	0	3	2	9,000	Yes
<i>Ambrosia dumosa</i> White bursage	N	yellow	S-F	1-3	4	☀	2	3	3	1	0	0	3	2	33,000	Yes
<i>Ambrosia salsola</i> Cheesebush (White burrobush)	N	white	S	2-3	6	☀☀☀	3	3	2	0	0	0	3	2	110,000	Yes
<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i> Saskatoon serviceberry	N	white/blue-purple berries	SU	3-15	12	☀☀☀	2	2	3	1	0	2	3	1	25,800	Yes
<i>Amelanchier utahensis</i> Utah serviceberry	N	white/blue-purple berries	S-SU	3-12	10	☀☀☀	2	2	3	1	0	0	3	1	25,800	Yes
<i>Amorpha canescens</i> Leadplant	N	purple & orange	SU-F	12-36	15	☀☀☀	2	3	3	1	0	2	3	2	195,000	Yes
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> Kinnikinnick (Bearberry)	N	white to pink/pink to red drupes	S-SU	≤1	14	☀☀☀	2	3	2	1	0	2	3	1	37,900	Yes
<i>Artemisia arbuscula</i> Low sagebrush	N	inconspicuous/white	SU	0.5-1.5	7	☀	0	1	3	3	2	0	2	3	972,000	Yes
<i>Artemisia cana</i> Silver sagebrush	N	inconspicuous/yellow	F	2-5	8	☀	2	3	2	1	0	1	3	2	850,000	Yes
<i>Artemisia filifolia</i> Sand sagebrush	N	inconspicuous/yellow	F	2-4	6	☀☀☀	3	3	1	0	0	0	3	1	2,000,000	Yes
<i>Artemisia frigida</i> Fringed sagebrush (Prairie sagewort)	N	inconspicuous/white	SU	0.5-1.5	10	☀☀☀	1	2	3	2	1	1	3	2	4,536,000	Yes
<i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i> White sagebrush (Prairie sagebrush)	N	inconspicuous/white	F	1-2	10	☀☀☀	1	3	3	2	0	0	3	2	4,500,000	Yes
<i>Artemisia nova</i> Black sagebrush	N	inconspicuous/brown	F	0.5-2	6	☀	2	2	3	2	1	0	3	2	907,200	Yes
<i>Artemisia tridentata ssp. tridentata</i> Basin big sagebrush	N	inconspicuous	late SU	3-12	6	☀	1	2	3	2	0	1	3	1	2,500,000	Yes
<i>Artemisia tridentata ssp. vaseyana</i> Mountain big sagebrush	N	inconspicuous	F	2-5	11	☀	0	2	3	2	0	1	3	1	2,500,000	Yes
<i>Artemisia tridentata ssp. wyomingensis</i> Wyoming big sagebrush	N	inconspicuous	late SU	1-3	8	☀	1	3	3	1	0	1	3	1	2,500,000	Yes
<i>Atriplex canescens</i> Fourwing saltbush Wytana	N	inconspicuous/yellow	SU	2-7	5	☀☀☀	3	3	3	3	1	0	2	3	52,000	No
<i>Atriplex confertifolia</i> Shadscale saltbush	N	inconspicuous/yellow	S-SU	1-3	4	☀	2	2	3	3	2	0	1	3	64,900	No
<i>Atriplex corrugata</i> Mat saltbush	N	inconspicuous	S	<1	6	☀	0	0	1	3	3	0	3		60,000	No

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<i>Atriplex cuneata</i> Castle Valley saltbush	N	inconspicuous	S-SU	0.5-1	6	☀	0	2	2	3	3	0	1	3	30,300	No
<i>Atriplex gardneri</i> Gardner's saltbush	N	inconspicuous	SU	0.5-1	6	☀	0	1	2	3	2	0	3		111,500	No
<i>Atriplex lentiformis</i> Quailbush	N	inconspicuous	S-SU	4-10	4-W‡	☀☀☀	0	2	3	3	1	0	3		500,000	No
<i>Atriplex obovata</i> New Mexico saltbush (Mound saltbush)	N	inconspicuous	S	1	6	☀	2	3	2	1	1	0	3		207,600	No
<i>Atriplex polycarpa</i> Desert saltbush (Cattle spinach)	N	inconspicuous	S-SU	1-4	3	☀☀☀	0	2	3	3	1	0	3		800,000	No
<i>Atriplex tridentata</i> Trident saltbush (Basin saltbush)	N	inconspicuous	S-SU	1-2	7	☀	0	0	2	3	3	0	3		111,500	No
<i>Bassia prostrata</i> Forage kochia (Prostrate summer cypress)	I	inconspicuous	SU-F	1-3	5	☀	1	3	3	3	2	0	3		407,700	Yes
<i>Calliandra eriophylla</i> Fairyduster (False mesquite)	N	purple	S	2-3	5	☀☀☀	2	2	3	2	0	0	2		18,000	Yes
<i>Ceanothus integerrimus</i> Deerbrush	N	white, blue or lilac	SU-F	3-12	15	☀☀☀	2	3	2	2	2	3	1		70,000	Yes
<i>Ceanothus sanguineus</i> Redstem ceanothus	N	white	S	4-10	14	☀☀☀	1	2	3	2	0	1	1		131,900	Yes
<i>Ceanothus velutinus</i> Snowbrush ceanothus	N	white	SU	3-10	16-18	☀☀☀	1	2	3	2	0	2	0		124,275	Yes
<i>Celtis ehrenbergiana</i> Desert hackberry (Spiny hackberry)	N	red	S	10	5	☀	2	3	3	1	0	0	1		18,000	Yes
<i>Cercocarpus ledifolius</i> Curl-leaf mountain mahogany	N	pale yellow	S-SU	8-30	11	☀☀☀	2	2	3	2	0	1	1		51,000	Yes
<i>Cercocarpus montanus</i> True mountain mahogany (Birchleaf mountain mahogany)	N	pale yellow	S-SU	3-15	10	☀☀☀	1	2	3	2	0	1	1		47,400	Yes
<i>Chilopsis linearis</i> Desert willow	N	lavender to pink	S-F	20-30	6-W‡	☀☀☀	2	3	3	2	1	0	2		75,000	Yes
<i>Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus</i> Douglas rabbitbrush (Low rabbitbrush)	N	yellow	SU-F	1-2.5	6	☀☀☀	2	3	3	2	1	1	2		782,000	Yes
<i>Coleogyne ramosissima</i> Blackbrush	N	yellow	S	2-4	6	☀	2	3	2	1	0	0	1		22,400	Yes
<i>Cornus canadensis</i> Bunchberry	N	white/red berries	S-SU	<1	18-W‡	☀☀☀	0	2	3	2	0	2	0		67,000	Yes
<i>Cornus sericea</i> Redosier dogwood	N	white/white berries	S-SU	3-9	18-W‡	☀☀☀	1	2	3	3	2	2	1		17,300	Yes
<i>Dasyliion wheeleri</i> Desert spoon (Sotol)	N	white	S-SU	3	6	☀	2	3	3	1	0	0	2		24,000	Yes
<i>Encelia farinosa</i> Brittlebush	N	yellow	W-S	1-3	5	☀	2	2	3	2	0	0	2		175,000	Yes
<i>Encelia frutescens</i> Button brittlebush	N	yellow	S-SU	1.5-5	2-8	☀	3	3	2	1	0	0	3		47,300	Yes

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<i>Ephedra nevadensis</i> Nevada ephedra (Nevada Mormon tea)	N	inconspicuous	S	2-5	5	☀☀	2	2	3	2	0	0	2	3	19,900	Yes
<i>Ephedra viridis</i> Green ephedra (Green Mormon tea)	N	inconspicuous	S	1-5	7	☀☀	3	3	2	1	0	0	3	2	25,000	Yes
<i>Ericameria laricifolia</i> Turpentine bush	N	yellow	F	1-5	6	☀	2	3	3	1	0	0	3	1	850,000	Yes
<i>Ericameria nauseosa</i> Rubber rabbitbrush	N	yellow	F	2-7	6	☀	2	3	3	3	2	1	3	2	400,000	Yes
<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i> Flat-top buckwheat (California buckwheat)	N	white	S-F	1.5-3	7	☀	1	3	3	2	0	0	3	2	450,000	Yes
<i>Fallugia paradoxa</i> Apache plume	N	white-rose	S-SU	3-6	4	☀	2	3	2	1	0	0	3	1	420,000	Yes
<i>Ferocactus wislizeni</i> Barrelcactus (Candy barrelcactus)	N	orange or red/yellow fruit	SU	2-9	2-5	☀	3	3	3	1	0	0	3	2	275,575	Yes
<i>Grayia spinosa</i> Spiny hopsage	N	inconspicuous	S	2-4	5	☀	2	3	3	3	1	0	3	3	254,000	No
<i>Gutierrezia sarothrae</i> Broom snakeweed	N	yellow	F	2	8	☀	2	2	3	3	2	0	3	3	1,600,000	Yes
<i>Isocoma tenuisecta</i> Burroweed	N	yellow	F	1-5	7	☀	0	1	3	3	2	0	3	2	878,200	Yes
<i>Juniperus scopulorum</i> Rocky Mountain juniper	N	inconspicuous/blue berries	S	15-40	10	☀☀	0	2	3	2	0	1	3	1	27,000	Yes
<i>Krascheninnikovia lanata</i> Winterfat	N	inconspicuous	S	1-3	5	☀	2	3	3	2	1	0	3	3	123,000	Yes
<i>Larrea tridentata</i> Creosote bush	N	yellow	S-SU-F	3-10	4	☀	2	3	3	2	1	0	3	2	80,000	Yes
<i>Lycium andersonii</i> Wolfberry	N	lavender/red berries	S-SU	1-4	5	☀☀	2	3	3	2	0	0	3	2	592,000	Yes
<i>Lycium exsertum</i> Thornbush (Arizona desert-thorn)	N	white-purple	S	3-10	5	☀☀	2	3	3	2	0	0	3	2	500,000	Yes
<i>Mahonia repens</i> Creeping Oregon grape	N	yellow/purple berries	S	0.5-1.5	14	☀☀	1	3	3	1	0	2	3	1	54,000	Yes
<i>Olneya tesota</i> Ironwood (Desert ironwood)	N	pink-purple	S-SU	30	4	☀	3	3	2	1	1	0	3	2	2,440	Yes
<i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i> Mexican palo verde (Jerusalem thorn)	N	yellow	S-SU	15-25	11-W‡	☀	1	3	2	1	0	0	3	3	3,100	Yes
<i>Parkinsonia florida</i> Blue palo verde	N	yellow	S	15-30	7	☀	1	3	3	2	1	0	3	2	3,000	Yes
<i>Parkinsonia microphylla</i> Yellow palo verde (Foothill palo verde)	N	pale yellow	S	10-25	8	☀	1	3	3	2	1	0	3	2	4,500	Yes
<i>Parthenium incanum</i> Mariola	N	cream to white	S	1-3	7	☀	1	3	3	2	1	0	3	3	100,000	yes
<i>Peritoma arborea</i> Bladderpod (Bladderpod spiderflower)	N	yellow	S-SU	3-5	6	☀	0	2	3	3	1	0	3	2	4,000	Yes
<i>Prosopis pubescens</i> Screwbean mesquite (Tornillo)	N	yellow	S	15-25	6-W‡	☀☀	1	3	3	3	1	0	2	3	14,000	Yes
<i>Prosopis velutina</i> Velvet mesquite	N	cream to white	S	8-30	4	☀☀	1	3	3	2	1	0	3	2	13,500	Yes

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<i>Prunus fasciculata</i> var. <i>fasciculata</i> Desert almond (Desert peach)	N	white/grey to green berries	S	3-7	8	☀☀	2	3	3	2	0	0	3	1	4,500	Yes
<i>Prunus virginiana</i> Chokecherry	N	white/purple to black berries	S	5-30	14-W‡	☀☀	1	2	3	2	0	2	3	2	4,800	Yes
<i>Psilostrophe cooperi</i> Paperflower (Whitestem paperflower)	N	yellow	S-F	1-2	4	☀	3	3	2	1	1	0	3	2	491,200	Yes
<i>Purshia mexicana</i> Mexican cliffrose	N	pale yellow	S-SU	3-20	10	☀☀	1	3	3	2	0	0	3	1	64,600	Yes
<i>Purshia tridentata</i> Antelope bitterbrush	N	yellow	S-SU	2-15	10	☀	1	3	3	2	0	1	3	2	15,000	Yes
<i>Purshia tridentata</i> var. <i>glandulosa</i> Desert bitterbrush	N	yellow	S-SU	3-7	6	☀	2	3	3	2	0	0	3	1	20,800	Yes
<i>Rhus aromatica</i> Skunkbush sumac (Aromatic sumac)	N	yellow/red berries	S	2-6	8	☀☀	2	3	3	1	0	0	3	1	20,300	Yes
<i>Rhus glabra</i> Smooth sumac	N	yellow/dark red berries	S	4-7	10	☀☀	1	2	3	2	0	2	3	1	49,000	Yes
<i>Rhus ovata</i> Sugar sumac (Sugar bush)	N	cream to pink/red berries	S	5-15	10	☀☀	1	2	3	2	0	2	3	1	16,170	Yes
<i>Ribes aureum</i> Golden currant (Buffalo currant)	N	yellow/yellow to red berries	S	3-8	12-W‡	☀☀	0	2	3	2	0	1	3	1	356,200	Yes
<i>Ribes cereum</i> Wax currant	N	white to pink/red berries	S-SU	3-5	14	☀☀	0	2	3	2	0	0	3	1	350,000	Yes
<i>Rosa woodsii</i> Woods rose	N	pink/orange to red hips	S-SU	2-6	12-W‡	☀☀	1	2	3	2	0	2	3	1	45,300	Yes
<i>Sambucus nigra</i> ssp. <i>cerulea</i> Blue elderberry	N	cream to white/blue to black berries	Sum	6-20	10-W‡	☀☀	2	2	3	2	0	1	3	1	216,800	Yes
<i>Sambucus racemosa</i> Red elderberry	N	cream to white/red berries	S-SU	3-6	18-W‡	☀☀	0	1	3	3	0	1	3	1	286,000	Yes
<i>Sarcobatus vermiculatus</i> Black greasewood	N	inconspicuous	S-SU	2-8	6	☀	0	0	2	3	3	0	2	3	245,000	Yes
<i>Senegalia greggii</i> Catclaw acacia	N	yellow	S	8-20	4	☀	2	3	2	1	0	0	3	2	2,500	Yes
<i>Shepherdia argentea</i> Silver buffaloberry	N	yellow/gold or scarlet berries	S-SU	6-13	12-W‡	☀	1	2	3	2	0	2	3	2	45,000	Yes
<i>Shepherdia canadensis</i> Russett buffaloberry	N	cream to yellow/gold berries	S-SU	3-12	12	☀☀	1	3	3	1	0	1	3	1	59,215	Yes
<i>Simmondsia chinensis</i> Jojoba	N	inconspicuous	W-S	3-6	6	☀☀	0	2	3	2	0	1	3	1	700	Yes
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i> Common snowberry	N	white to pink/white berries	SU	2-5	12	☀☀	2	2	3	2	0	1	3	0	76,000	Yes
<i>Symphoricarpos oreophilus</i> Mountain snowberry	N	white to pink/white berries	Sum	2-5	12	☀☀	0	2	3	2	0	2	3	0	54,700	Yes
<i>Vachellia constricta</i> Whitethorn acacia	N	orange-yellow	S	2-10	4	☀	3	3	2	1	0	0	3	2	25,000	Yes
<i>Vachellia farnesiana</i> Sweet acacia	N	yellow	S	15-20	6	☀	1	2	3	2	1	0	3	3	7,700	Yes
<i>Yucca glauca</i> Soapweed yucca (Small soapweed)	N	cream to white	S-SU	3-5	7	☀	3	3	2	1	0	0	3	1	22,680	Yes

**Flowering Season**  
F = Fall  
W = Winter  
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SU = Summer

**Sun/Shade Tolerance**  
☀ Full sun  
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# Cover Crops & Annual Forages

Scientific Name Common Name Varieties**	Native / Introduced Annual / Winter Annual / Biennial / Perennial	Cool / Warm Season	Mature Height	Minimum Annual Precipitation (Inches)	Sun / Shade Tolerance	SOIL ADAPTATION						Seeding Rate PLS lbs/acre (monoculture)	Seeds per Pound	Planting Season	Mycorrhizal Dependent
						Coarse SOIL TEXTURE	Moderately Coarse Medium	Moderately Fine Fine	Acidic Neutral Basic SOIL pH						
<i>Avena sativa</i> Oats	I A C	M-T	13	☀	0 2 3 2 1	2 3 2	80-125	14,000	S	Yes					
<i>Brassica juncea</i> Brown mustard & Oriental mustard Cutlass	I A C	M-T	30	☀	0 1 2 3 3	1 3 2	25	283,000	F/S	No					
<i>Brassica napus</i> Forage rapeseed	I A C	M-T	40	☀	0 1 3 3 3	1 3 2	5	157,000	S/SU	No					
<i>Brassica rapa</i> Forage turnip	I A C	M-T	35	☀☀	2 3 3 3 3	1 3 2	5	193,000	S/SU/F	No					
<i>Carthamus tinctorius</i> Safflower	I A W	M-T	10	☀	2 3 2 1 0	1 3 2	25-30	15,000	S/SU	Yes					
<i>Cichorium intybus</i> Chicory	I B/P W	M	20	☀	2 3 2 2 2	1 3 2	8	400,000	S/SU	Yes					
<i>Echinochloa esculenta</i> Japanese millet	I A W	T	12-W‡	☀	1 3 3 2 1	1 3 1	25-40	225,000	S/SU	Yes					
<i>Eragrostis tef</i> Teff	I A W	S-M	24	☀	2 3 3 2 2	2 3 2	10	1,300,000	S/SU	Yes					
<i>Fagopyrum esculentum</i> Buckwheat	I A W	M-T	15	☀☀	2 3 3 1 1	1 3 1	50	20,000	S/SU	Yes					
<i>Helianthus annuus</i> Common sunflower	N A W	T	12	☀	3 3 3 1 1	1 3 2	15-25	8,000	S/SU	Yes					
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> Barley	I A/WA C	M-T	12	☀	0 2 3 3 2	1 3 2	60-80	12,500	F/S	Yes					
<i>Panicum miliaceum</i> Proso millet	I A W	M-T	12-14	☀	1 2 3 2 1	1 3 1	20-30	200,000	SU	Yes					
<i>Pennisetum glaucum</i> Pearl millet	I A W	T	8	☀	3 3 3 2 1	3 3 1	25	60,000	S/SU	Yes					
<i>Phacelia tanacetifolia</i> Lacy phacelia	N A C	M-T	10	☀	2 2 3 2 1	0 3 1	1-2	245,000	S/SU	Yes					
<i>Raphanus sativus var. longipinnatus</i> Forage radish (Daikon radish) GroundHog	I A C	S	12	☀☀	2 2 3 3 2	1 3 1	8	8,000	S/SU/F	No					
<i>Secale cereale</i> Cereal rye	I A/WA C	T	8	☀	2 3 3 3 1	2 3 1	100	18,000	S	Yes					
<i>Setaria italica</i> Foxtail millet Golden German, Siberian	I A W	M	12-14	☀	1 3 3 2 1	1 3 1	25-40	225,000	S/SU	Yes					
<i>Sinapis</i> White mustard Martigena	I A C	T	15	☀	3 3 3 2 1	1 3 2	7	250,000	S/SU	No					
<i>Sorghum bicolor</i> Grain sorghum (Milo)	I A W	M-T	15	☀	1 2 3 3 2	2 3 0	10	60,000	S	Yes					

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<i>Sorghum bicolor x Sorghum bicolor</i> <i>var. drummondii</i> Sorghum-Sudangrass	I A W	M-T	15	☀	1 2 3 3 2	2 3 0	15	68,000	S	Yes					
<i>Triticum aestivum</i> Wheat	I A/WA C	M-T	12	☀	0 2 3 2 1	2 3 1	45-60	14,000	F/S	Yes					
<i>Triticum aestivum x Elytrigia elongata</i> Regreen	I A C	M-T	12	☀	1 2 3 2 1	2 3 2	10-40	11,000	F/S	Yes					
<i>Triticum aestivum x Secale cereale</i> QuickGuard® Sterile Triticale	I A C	T	12	☀	1 2 3 3 1	1 3 1	5-15	13,000	F/S	Yes					
<i>Triticum aestivum x Secale cereale</i> Triticale	I A/WA C	T	12	☀	1 2 3 3 1	1 3 1	60-100	13,000	F/S	Yes					



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