

Annuals Perennials

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| Apache Sunset Agastache | <i>Agastache rupestris</i> 'Apache Sunset' | W | 2 - 2 1/2 ft. | Orange with purple calyx | Summer | no | moderately | Fine-leaved, blue green foliage with a wonderful anise or root beer scent. It flowers from mid to late July until frost. Hummingbirds love it. |
| Bolero' Agastache | <i>Agastache barberi</i> x <i>Agastache cana</i> 'Bolero' | Cultivar | 16 inches | pink-purple | Summer | no - treat as annual | moderately | Scalloped leaves are fragrant, bronzed and have purple undersides. Drought tolerant when established. Blooms June – October. 16 in. tall and wide. Zones 5 – 10. (Have not successfully overwintered in Spokane. Plant early - worth it!) |
| Nettle-leaf Agastache | <i>Agastache urticifolia</i> | L | up to 4 ft, | lilac | Summer | no | yes | Our own local Agastache likes slightly moister microsites in the sagebrush steppe and in forest openings. This perennial grows up to 3 feet tall and has a strong, minty scent. Butterflies love this plant. |

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| Narrowleaf milkweed | <i>Asclepias fascicularis</i> | 8 - 12 inches | pink | late spring | no | moderately | Dainty pink flowers in a small ball. Narrow leaves circle the stems. Grows at the base of shady slopes in pine woods, along river margins, and in dry intermittent stream beds. This one's new to me - haven't grown it in the garden yet, but plan to plant it out this year. | |
| Showy Milkweed | <i>Asclepias speciosa</i> | 2 ft. | pink | Summer | no | somewhat | This showy and fragrant wildflower is important to many different pollinators, including Monarch butterflies. Prefers a moist microsite. | |

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| Orange butterfly flower | <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> | M | 12 - 15 in. | orange | Mid-summer | no | moderately | Grows about a foot tall, with clusters of showy orange flowers. Perennial and mid-summer blooming. Outstanding honeybee plant as well as good for butterflies. Surprisingly drought tolerant. Another Monarch plant, |
| Arrowleaf balsamroot | <i>Balsamorhiza sagittatus</i> | L, W, M | 12 - 18 inches | yellow | spring | no | yes | These cheery yellow daisies decorate regional slopes and woodlands in the spring. The whole plant is edible and was used by all local tribes. Seeds are important food for birds and other small wildlife. Very long lived plant goes dormant in summer. |
| Elkhorn clarkia | <i>Clarkia pulchella</i> | L, R, W | up to 1 ft. | Hot pink | Early summer | no - annual | yes | A wonderful annual for dry places. Each petal has three lobes. May reseed in dry sites. Flowers all summer in a watered flower bed. |

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| Nuttall's larkspur | <i>Delphinium nuttalianum</i> | about 1 ft. | deep purple to blue | Early summer | no | yes | This extremely variable delphinium is native throughout the west and into Canada. The flowering spikes are loosely flowered and ascending with white to grayish-blue to deep blue-purple, spurred flowers. Warning: All Delphinium species, both wild and cultivated, are toxic if consumed | |
| Yellow foxglove | <i>Digitalis lutea</i> | 24 inches | pale yellow to cream | Summer | no | no | Shade tolerant, hummingbird attracting perennial with gracefully curving spikes of small creamy yellow flowers. | |

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| Cheyenne Spring' Coneflower | <i>Echinacea sp.</i> 'Cheyenne Spring' | M | 18-30 inches | pink, brick red, orange, gold | Summer | no | moderately | Very attractive to butterflies, blooming for many weeks in late summer. Easily grown - blooms first year. Multicolored selections of midwestern native coneflower. My new favorite. space the plants about 10 to 14 inches apart in the sunny garden, |
| Cutleaf Daisy | <i>Erigeron compositus</i> | L | 6 inches | White, occasionally pink or blue | spring, summer | no | very | Small rock garden plant. Very long blooming and cheery. |
| Desert Yellow Daisy | <i>Erigeron linearis</i> | L | 6 inches | Yellow | spring | somewhat | very | Cheery, tufted rock garden or xeriscape species from harsh rocky sites. |
| Subalpine Daisy | <i>Erigeron peregrinus</i> | L | 15 - 18 inches | Pale to dark lilac & yellow | mid summer | no | moderately | Long blooming. Likes a partly shaded site with occasional water. |
| Oregon Sunshine | <i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i> | L | 4 - 6 inches | Yellow | spring | somewhat | very | Small, cheery rock garden or xeriscape plant. Two forms - larger from Palouse Prairie. Reseeds enthusiastically. |

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| Blanketflower | <i>Gaillardia aristata</i> | L | 8 - 12 inches | yellow and red | Early summer | no | yes | Our regional blanketflower. Will bloom longer if watered. |
| Prairie Smoke | <i>Geum triflorum</i> | L | 4 - 6 inches | pink | Early summer | yes | yes | Wonderful groundcover for sun or shade. Goes dormant if very dry, but will remain green with occasional watering. |
| Scarlet Gilia | <i>Gilia aggregata</i> | L | 2 - 2 1/2 ft. | Red, scarlet or pink | Summer | Biennial. First year rosette evergreen. Dies second fall. | yes | Attracts hummingbirds. Long blooming: sun to part shade. |
| Roundleaf Alumroot, (Wild Coralbells) | <i>Heuchera cylindrica</i> | L | 4 - 6 inches: up to 12 - 15 inches in bloom. | white | spring | yes | yes | Great in rocky sites. Bright green even in very dry sites. Great for shade or sun. |

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| Bitterroot | <i>Lewisia rediviva</i> | 1 inch, in bloom. | pink; occasionally white | late spring | no | yes | Gorgeous pink flowers bloom in late spring in dry rocky soils. Native American 'first foods' plant. Disappears after blooming, until the next early spring. Native American "first foods" plant. Disappears after blooming, until the next early spring. | |
| <i>Nevada lewisia</i> | <i>Lewisia nevadensis</i> | about 1 inch | white | spring | no | yes | Native to much of the western United States, where it grows in moist mountain habitat, such as meadows. Will grow in dryer areas, with spring moisture. Sometimes grown as an ornamental plant for alpine and rock gardens. | |

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| Magenta' & 'Red-Purple' Lewisia | <i>Lewisia cotyledon:</i> 'Magenta', 'Red-Purple' | Cultivar | about 6 inches, in bloom | reds & magentas, some bicolors | variable | yes | somewhat | Selections of Oregon's <i>Lewisia cotyledon</i> . Will overwinter outdoors in pots, or can be brought in and enjoyed indoors when they are blooming. Hardy at least to zone 5. Successful in the ground, with careful placement. Easily overwhelmed by larger, faster growing plants. Needs occasional watering |
| Elise' Lewisia | <i>Lewisia cotyledon:</i> 'Elise' | Cultivar | 6+ inches, in bloom | Pastel pink, rose, salmon, orange, white and yellow, and bicolour patterns. | variable | yes | somewhat | Fleuroselect Gold Medal winner. Succulent green leaves and great numbers of beautiful flowers. <i>Lewisia</i> 'Elise' thrives in a well-drained soil and is heat and drought tolerant. |

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| Little Peach' & 'Little Plum' Lewisia | <i>Lewisia longifolia:</i> 'Little Peach' & 'Little Plum' | about 6 inches, in bloom | Little Peach' - pink, peach and yellow 'Little Plum' - rose-pink to red | variable | yes | somewhat | Very showy in bloom. Low-growing compact plants produce rosettes of 1" blooms for several weeks in late spring to midsummer and then again in fall. | |
| Dotted Gayfeather | <i>Liatris spicata</i> | 12 -18 inches. | purple | Late summer | yes | somewhat | <i>Liatris punctata</i> is the most xeric of our Gayfeather species. Deep rooted and long lived, this species is the best choice for xeriscapes for a superb late-summer, flowering display. Min. of 10in annual precipitation. Attracts butterflies & reportedly resists Deer. Zones 4-8. | |

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| Gray's biscuitroot | <i>Lomatium grayi</i> | 15-18 inches | bright yellow | early spring | no | yes | Outstanding early spring flowers - bright yellow clusters on a puffy, dense rounded ball of ferny foliage. Grows on dry rocky banks and slopes. Very showy into early summer, then goes dormant. Strong celery scent. | |
| Bigleaf Lupine | <i>Lupinus polyphyllus</i> | 3 or more feet | blue/purple: often bicolored | Summer | no | no | Tall and stately, with long racemes of pea flowers. One of the original parents of Russel hybrid lupines. Full sun to part shade. Moist to wet soil. | |
| Silky Lupine | <i>Lupinus sericeus</i> | 2 ft. | lilac, blue, white or pale yellow | Early summer | no | very | Our regional dryland lupine. Has a long taproot: need to plant as a small seedling. | |

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| Red Monarda | <i>Monarda sp.</i> | Cultivar | 12-18 inches | red | Summer | no | no | Compact beebalm cultivar with bright red flowers and aromatic dark green leaves. Attractive to bees, butterflies and hummingbirds, particularly when massed. Deer resistant. Full sun to part shade. Zones 4-8. Mildew resistant. |
| Eastern Beebalm | <i>Monarda bradburiana</i> | M | 1-2 ft. | Pink to white with purple | | no | somewhat | Flowers are attractive to bees and butterflies. The toothed, aromatic, oblong, grayish-green leaves (to 4") may be used in teas. Long summer bloom period. Best grown in dry to medium moisture, well-drained soils in full sun to part shade. Tolerates somewhat poor soils and some drought. |

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| Mountain Monardella, Coyote Mint | <i>Monardella odoratissima</i> | L | 6 - 12 inches | purple | Summer | no | yes | Very fragrant (minty), mounded plant. Best with occasional water. Native American tea plant. |
| Himalayan Catmint | <i>Nepeta clarkei</i> | Introduced | 3 ft. | Blue-purple | Summer | no | no | Great honeybee plant that flowers most of the summer into fall. Fully hardy, likes semi-shade or sun and moderate watering. Self sows - deadhead if you don't want it to spread. 2-3 years to full size. |
| Garden Catmint | <i>Nepeta mussini</i> | Introduced | 2 ft. in bloom | Blue | Summer | no | somewhat | A hardy plant that flowers all season, needs a minimum of maintenance, is resistant to drought and sails happily through the coldest and driest of winters. It is a reliable plant, and a magnet for bees. |
| Tufted Evening-Primrose | <i>Oenothera caespitosa</i> | R | 10 inches | White | Early summer | semi-evergreen | extremely | A standout in the dry landscape. Long blooming & gorgeous. Large flowered. |

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| Sunset Penstemon | <i>Penstemon clutei</i> | 12-18 inches (in bloom) | pink | Summer | evergreen | yes | Great contrast between succulent blue-green foliage and pink flowers. Easy, hardy, drought tolerant, and long-lived. From high elevations near Flagstaff, AZ. | |
| Wasatch Penstemon | <i>Penstemon cyananthus</i> | 2 - 3 ft. | purple | Early summer | yes | yes | Native to ID, WY, UT. Beautiful & very showy. Likes occasional watering. | |
| Hot Rock Penstemon | <i>Penstemon deustus</i> | 15-18 inches | white | Early summer | no | very | Dark green, thick, leathery, serrated leaves, most handsome in the garden. The flowers are small and whitish, but numerous enough to be very attractive. Penstemon deustus is an important medicinal plant, highly regarded by the Shoshone and other Native American peoples. | |

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| Davidson's Penstemon | <i>Penstemon davidsonii</i> | 8 -15 inches | purple | spring | yes | yes | Forms a dense, creeping woody mat with small, oval, evergreen, usually toothed leaves. Large, keeled rose or lavender flowers rising one to several inches above the mat in the summer. Popular, easy, and widely grown species for rock gardens. A sunny situation and porous, gravelly soil with shielding from early morning sun is recommended. | |
| Firecracker Penstemon | <i>Penstemon eatonii</i> | 2 ft. | red | Early summer | yes | very | Short lived but outstanding hummingbird attracting perennial. Worth replanting annually or every other year. | |

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| Stickystem Penstemon | <i>Penstemon glandulosus</i> | L | 3 - 3 1/2 ft. | lilac | spring | no | yes | SW Washington meadow plant. Large flowered. Glands on all parts of plants glisten in the sun. Very showy. Native only to OR & WA: uncommon in cultivation. |
| Chelan Penstemon | <i>Penstemon pruinosus</i> | L | 4 - 16 inches. | lilac | spring | no | very | Nice form, very showy & drought tolerant. Long lived and very attractive and desirable in dry gardens. Clump forming: gray-green leaves and small, deep blue-purple flowers. |
| Cutleaf Penstemon | <i>Penstemon richardsonii</i> | L, R | 12 - 18 inches | Hot pink | Mid to late summer | no | very | 'Energizer Bunny' of Penstemons. Very long blooming. Cut back in spring to keep tidy. A perfect plant for a rock wall. It will reseed & spread to fill crevices. Good in a border. Can take cold and dry conditions in sun or part shade. |

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| Bridges' Penstemon | <i>Penstemon rostriflorus</i> | 16 inches | scarlet/red | Late summer | no | yes | Last red penstemon of the season, on a semi-shrubby plant with a woody base. Great for hummingbirds. Reliable bloom in very xeric conditions: more blooms with watering. Long-lived, if not overwatered. | |
| Cascade Penstemon, Coast Penstemon | <i>Penstemon serrulatus</i> | 24 - 28 inches. | Blue-purple | late spring - early summer | yes | moderately | A vigorous, free-blooming and well-liked plant for a partly shaded, watered flowerbed. Will rebloom if cut back after flowering. Plants have glossy, deep green leaves that turn purple or maroon in winter. Good year-round interest: showy flowers & foliage. | |

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| Blue Buckle' Penstemon | <i>Penstemon</i> sp. 'Blue Buckle' | Cultivar | 12 inches | Violet blue | Late summer | yes? | yes | Penstemon Blue Buckle is long blooming and adaptable to heat and drought. Its dense upright clusters of violet-blue flowers are attractive to hummingbirds and butterflies. Sun to light shade. |
| Carillo Red' Penstemon | <i>Penstemon x mexicali</i> 'Carillo Red' | Hybrid cultivar | 8-10 inches | rosy red | Summer | ? | somewhat | With flowers a fierce, gorgeous shade of red, 'Carillo Red' makes a stunning impression in the sun-soaked perennial border. Blooming from late spring until late summer, hardy, super low-maintenance plants attract a steady stream of butterflies and hummingbirds. Thrives in well-drained, moderately fertile soil. Drought tolerant, heat tolerant, frost tolerant. Full to part Sun. |

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| Carillo Rose' Penstemon | <i>Penstemon x mexicali 'Carillo Rose'</i> | Hybrid cultivar | 8-12 inches | pink | summer | ? | somewhat, once established From a new, exceptionally long- flowering, heat and drought tolerant series, this wonderfully compact variety is one of best we've seen. Upright plants with glossy foliage require little care and reliably burst into bloom in late spring to early summer, providing a season-long show. Excellent for containers, as an edging plant, or at the front of borders. | |
| Blue Mt. Penstemon, Beautiful Penstemon | <i>Penstemon venustus</i> | R | P | purple | Early summer | semi- evergreen | yes | Very showy flower spikes. Extremely floriferous, beloved by many different pollinators. Short supply this year. More in 2013. |
| Tufted Phlox | <i>Phlox caespitosa</i> | L | P | white to pink | spring | semi- evergreen | yes | Low growing tufted plant, somewhat larger than <i>P. hoodii</i> . Open Ponderosa pine forest. Rock garden plant. |

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| Longleaf Phlox | <i>Phlox longifolia</i> | L | 4-12 inches | pink | late spring | yes, but not dense enough to show | yes | Lovely pink phlox blooms in the sagebrush steppe in late spring – early summer. |
| Apricot Delight' Jacob's Ladder | <i>Polemonium carneum 'Apricot Delight'</i> | W | 20 inches (in bloom) | pink to salmon pink | spring - early summer | no | no | Prolific bloomer, covered in salmon blooms for weeks starting in late spring. Prefers well drained, organic soil in full to partial shade. |
| Washington Polemonium | <i>Polemonium pectinatum</i> | L | 3 ft tall | blue | spring | no | yes | Local endemic - occurs nowhere else in the wild. Interesting tall perennial with beautiful blue flowers. Summer dormant in very dry sites. |
| Alpine Jacob's Ladder | <i>Polemonium pulcherrimum</i> | R | 5 - 10 inches | blue | spring - early summer | semi-evergreen | yes | Very long-blooming and charming, small rock garden plant. Likes part day shade and occasional water. |

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| Cherry Brandy' Gloriosa Daisy | <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> 'Cherry Brandy' | M | 2 ft. | red/ black center | Summer | no | somewhat | This beautiful black-eyed Susan has dozens of giant red and maroon daisies with black eyes. They attract butterflies and bees all summer. In autumn, hungry songbirds replace the butterflies and bees, feasting on the seeds. |
| Lighthouse Red' Salvia | <i>Salvia splendens</i> 'Lighthouse Red' | Annual cultivar | 18-24 inches | red | Summer | no - annual | no? | Heat tolerant annual salvia attracts hummingbirds and butterflies. Deer resistant. Quite tall for a salvia. Long blooming - needs sun. A 'Proven Winner' variety. |

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| Red Hot Mojave' Salvia | <i>Salvia splendens</i> 'Red Hot Mojave' | Annual cultivar | 10 inches | red | Summer | no - annual | no? | Dwarf red salvia with rich, long lasting color. . Earlier flowering than other dwarf salvia in its class, numerous flower spikes are produced on plants with attractive dark green foliage. Unrivalled heat tolerance ensure continuous blooming throughout the gardening season. 8-10" spread. |
| Sedum | <i>Sedum sp.</i> | (most) Introduced | Varies by species, variety. | Depends on species; yellow, pink, white | spring, summer | depends on species | yes | Many species and forms. Most quite drought adapted. Many make great ground covers or green roof material. |

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| Garden Baby' Goldenrod | <i>Solidago canadensis</i> 'Garden Baby' | L, R, W | 2 ft. | yellow | Summer | no | somewhat | This cultivar of our native Canada goldenrod is long-blooming in summer, and attracts many helpful insects - small bees and wasps that parasitize garden pests. A well-behaved cultivar that doesn't run and rarely reseeds itself. |
| Missouri Goldenrod | <i>Solidago missouriensis</i> | L, R, W | 1 1/2 ft. | yellow | Late summer | no | the most xeric goldenrod | Local native of sagebrush steppe and Palouse prairie. Spreads by rhizomes. |
| Orange Globemallow | <i>Sphaeralcea muroana</i> | L | 1 1/2 ft. | Orange | Early summer | no | yes | Very tough & beautiful plant. Reblooms if deadheaded. Cut back in spring for best form. |
| Adam's needle | <i>Yucca filamentosa</i> | From SE US | Base to 2 ft.; flower stem 4 - 6 ft and more. | white | Summer | yes | yes | Great upright, evergreen accent for the dry landscape. Gorgeous with Artemisias or purple sage in the winter, and with smooth blue asters in the fall. |

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| Creeping Hummingbird Trumpet | <i>Zauschneria garrettii</i> | 4 - 6" | bright orange/ scarlet | Summer | no | moderately | Spreads like a groundcover to 18" wide. Reportedly not browsed by deer. Water regularly when in bloom to keep flowers coming. Prefers some afternoon shade. | |