



New to Natives:
**Finding Native Plants at
 Colorado Nurseries**

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Colorado Native Plants: Species & Cultivars

Common, Botanical Name	Cultivars	Plant Select
Needled Evergreens		
Colorado/Blue Spruce <i>Picea pungens</i>	'Globosa', 'Christina', 'Montgomery', 'Sester Dwarf', 'Fat Albert', 'Baby Blue', 'Avatar', 'Hoopsii', 'Fastigiata', 'Blue Totem' Regional alternatives: Arizona Cypress (<i>Cupressus arizonica</i>), Single Leaf Pinyon (<i>Pinus monophylla</i>)	
Concolor/White Fir <i>Abies concolor</i>	'Blue Cloak', 'Gable's Weeping', 'Charming Chub' Regional alternatives (see above)	
Rocky Mountain Juniper <i>Juniperus scopulorum</i>	'Medora', 'Woodward', 'Cologreen', 'Moonglow', 'Blue Arrow', 'Sky High', 'Skyrocket', 'Wichita Blue'	
Colorado Pinyon/Piñon Pine <i>Pinus edulis</i>	Plant Select Petites: 'Farmy', 'Penasco', 'Tiny Pout', 'Trinidad'	
Ponderosa Pine <i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	'Mary Ann Heacock'	
Limber Pine <i>Pinus flexilis</i>	'Vanderwolf's Pyramid', 'Tarryall', 'Lil' Wolf'	
Deciduous Trees		
Quaking Aspen <i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Prairie Gold® Aspen (<i>Populus tremuloides</i> 'NE Arb')	
Bigtooth Maple <i>Acer grandidentatum</i>	Mesa Glow® Maple (<i>Acer grandidentatum</i> 'JFS-NuMex 3' PP 27930), Rocky Mountain Glow® Maple (<i>Acer grandidentatum</i> 'Schmidt'), Highland Park® Maple (<i>Acer grandidentatum x saccharum</i> 'Hipzam')	
Box Elder <i>Acer negundo</i>	'Sensation', 'Flamingo'	
Gambel Oak <i>Quercus gambelii</i>	'Gila Monster', 'Speedy Gonzales' Oak (<i>Quercus macrocarpa x gambelii</i> 'Speedy Gonzales')	
Chokecherry <i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Canada Red Chokecherry (<i>Prunus virginiana</i> 'Schubert'), Canada Red Select ('Schubert Select'), SUCKER PUNCH® Chokecherry (<i>Prunus virginiana</i> 'P002S')	

Shrubs		
New Mexico Privet <i>Forestiera neomexicana</i>	'Berry Girl', 'Happy Boy'	
Saskatoon Serviceberry <i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	'Regent', 'Northline', 'Smokey', Standing Ovation™ Serviceberry (<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i> 'Obelisk')	
Golden Currant <i>Ribes aureum</i>	'Gwen's Buffalo'	
Boulder Raspberry <i>Rubus deliciosus</i>		
Western Sand Cherry <i>Prunus besseyi</i>	'Boulder Weeping', PAWNEE BUTTES® Sand Cherry (<i>Prunus besseyi</i> 'P011S')	
Red Osier Dogwood <i>Cornus sericea</i>	'Baileyi', 'Cardinal', 'Farrow' ARCTIC FIRE, 'Flaviramea' YellowTwig, 'Isanti', 'Kelseyi' Kelseyi's Dwarf	
Sumac <i>Rhus</i> spp.	Smooth Sumac, (<i>Rhus glabra</i>) Three-Leaf Sumac (<i>Rhus trilobata</i>): 'Autumn Amber'	
Mahogany <i>Cercocarpus</i> spp.	Little-Leaf/Dwarf Mountain Mahogany (<i>Cercocarpus intricatus</i>) Alder-Leaf/True Mountain Mahogany (<i>Cercocarpus montanus</i>) Curl-Leaf Mountain Mahogany (<i>Cercocarpus ledifolius</i>)	
Barberry/Oregon Grape/Holly <i>Berberis</i> spp.	Desert Holly/Fremont's Barberry (<i>Berberis fremontii</i> , <i>Mahonia fremontii</i>) Creeping Oregon Grape/Barberry (<i>Berberis repens</i> , <i>Mahonia repens</i>) Oregon Grape Holly (<i>Berberis aquifolium</i> ; native to the Pacific Northwest)	
Manzanita/Kinnikinnick <i>Arctostaphylos</i> spp.	Kinnikinnick, Bearberry (<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>): 'Massachusetts', 'Wood's Compact' Manzanita (<i>Arctostaphylos x coloradensis</i>): Mock Bearberry, 'Cascade', 'Chieftain', 'Panchito'	
Shrubby Cinquefoil <i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	Proven Winners® ColorChoice®, Happy Face® Pink Paradise, White, Yellow, 'Goldfinger', 'Katherine Dykes', 'McKay's White', Mango Tango®, 'Yellow Gem'	
Apache Plume <i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>		
Rubber Rabbitbrush <i>Ericameria nauseosa</i>	Baby Blue Rabbitbrush (<i>Ericameria (Chrysothamnus) nauseosus var. nauseosus</i>), 'Yellow Twig' Also available: Yellow/Green Rabbitbrush (<i>Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus</i>)	
Leadplant <i>Amorpha</i> spp.	Leadplant (<i>Amorpha canescens</i>) Protect from rabbits False Indigo (<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>) Dwarf Leadplant/Dwarf Wild Indigo (<i>Amorpha nana</i>)	
Sage/Sagebrush/Sagewort/Wormwood <i>Artemisia</i> spp.	Fringed Sage (<i>Artemisia frigida</i>) Louisiana Sagewort/White Sagebrush (<i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i>) Big/Great Basin Sagebrush (<i>Artemisia tridentata</i>) Shambala Sage (<i>Artemisia</i> x 'Shambhala'; HPEC)	
Cacti		
Cold-Hardy Cacti <i>Opuntia</i> , <i>Echinocereus</i> , <i>Cylindropuntia</i>	Whipple's Cholla (<i>Cylindropuntia whipplei</i> 'Snow Leopard')	

Grasses		
Grama Grass <i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>	Blond Ambition Grama Grass (<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i> 'Blonde Ambition')	
Prairie Dropseed <i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Tara Dwarf Prairie Dropseed (<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i> 'Tara')	
Little Bluestem <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	'Blaze', 'Blue Heaven', 'Carousel', 'Prairie Blues', 'Smoke Signal', 'Standing Ovation', 'The Blues', 'Twilight Zone'	
Big Bluestem <i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	'Blackhawks', 'Indian Warrior', 'Red October', 'Totem Pole', 'Windwalker'	
Indian Grass <i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	'Indian Steel', 'Sioux Blue', 'Thin Man', Golden Sunset™ Indiangrass (<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i> 'MNYG318153')	
Switch Grass <i>Panicum virgatum</i>	'Cheyenne Sky', 'Dallas Blues', 'Heavy Metal', 'Hot Rod', 'Northwind', 'Prairie Fire', 'Prairie Sky', 'Shenandoah'	
Perennials		
Prairie Smoke <i>Geum triflorum</i>		
Harebell/Scottish Bluebell <i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	'Thumbell Blue', 'White Gem'	
Colorado Four O'Clock <i>Mirabilis multiflora</i>		
Milkweed <i>Asclepias</i> spp.	Swamp Milkweed (<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>): 'Cinderella', 'Ice Ballet', 'Milkmaid', 'Soulmate' Showy Milkweed (<i>Asclepias speciosa</i>) Butterfly Milkweed (<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>): Perennial Plant of the Year for 2017	
Purple Prairie Clover <i>Dalea purpurea</i>	Plant with <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> ; rabbit candy	
Upright Prairie Coneflower <i>Ratibida columnifera</i>		
Beardtongue <i>Penstemon</i> spp.	Beardlip Penstemon (<i>Penstemon barbatus</i> , <i>P. barbatus</i> ssp. <i>coccineus</i>): 'Elfin Pink' Mat Penstemon (<i>Penstemon caespitosus</i>): 'Claude Barr' Firecracker Penstemon (<i>Penstemon eatonii</i>) Large Beardtongue (<i>Penstemon grandiflorus</i>): PRAIRIE JEWEL® 'P010S' Toadflax Penstemon (<i>Penstemon linarioides</i> ssp. <i>coloradoensis</i>): SILVERTON® Bluemat Penstemon ('P014S') Grand Mesa Beardtongue (<i>Penstemon mensarum</i>) Bridges' Penstemon (<i>Penstemon rostriflorus</i>) Rocky Mountain Penstemon (<i>Penstemon strictus</i>): Blanca Peak® 'PWWG06S'	
Columbine <i>Aquilegia</i> spp.	Golden Columbine (<i>Aquilegia chrysantha</i>): DENVER GOLD® Columbine Rocky Mountain/Colorado Blue Columbine (<i>Aquilegia coerulea</i>)	
Buckwheat <i>Eriogonum</i> spp.	KANNAH CREEK® Buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i> var. <i>aureum</i> 'Psdowns' Snow Mesa Buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum wrightii</i> var. <i>Wrightii</i> ; native to the Southwest)	

Engelmann's Daisy <i>Engelmannia peristenia</i>	Beware of rabbits.	
Chocolate Flower <i>Berlandiera lyrata</i>		
Winecups <i>Callirhoe involucrata</i>	Cherry Red Poppy Mallow (Harlequin's Gardens) Rabbit candy	
Prairie/Rocky Mountain Zinnia <i>Zinnia grandiflora</i>	'Gold on Blue'	

Slides:

1. Intro/Title Finding Native Plants at Colorado Nurseries presented by Lisa Olsen, Wild Ones Front Range Chapter
List of Nurseries (wholesale & retail) and Seed Suppliers that offer native plants. Business listings do not imply any endorsement by the Conference or its partners and nurseries have not been vetted for their growing practices/pesticide use.
 2. Advice to shoppers
Be nice. Build relationships. Manage expectations. Recognize costs. Invest in roots.
 3. Nomenclature: Indigenous Names, Common Names, Botanical/Scientific Names
Botanical names are Latin and binomial, indicating Genus and species. **Use the botanical name when shopping for native plants.**
 4. Nativars: Pros (showy, optimal size, well-behaved) and Cons (lack of genetic diversity (clones) and potential degradation of local ecotypes, pollinator support(?), sterile (fruit? seeds?))
 5. Plant Select: marketing/promoting many native plant species
 6. Begin with planting for structure
Install hardscape elements first
Budget considerations (needled evergreens, deciduous trees, shrubs, cacti & succulents, grasses, perennials, seeds)
Timing and discounts
- Questions?**
- 8-34. Needled evergreens, deciduous trees, shrubs (see above) **Questions?**
36. Cacti (see above) connect with the Colorado Cactus and Succulent Society
- 37-42. Grasses (see above)
- 43-46. Perennial disappointment: *Monarda, Echinacea, Achillea, Lupinus, Iris, Linum, Oenothera, Anemone, Solidago, Gaillardia, Rudbeckia, Liatris*
- 47-59. Perennials (see above)
60. Get connected. DBG, HPEC, CoNPS, CCSS, NARGS, PPAN, Wild Ones host seed and plant sales and swaps. Get growing.
61. Contacts and **Questions?**