

# ***Water Wise Plants***

## ***For East Idaho***

### ***(Xeriscape)***

### **A List of Xeriscape Plants**

We can all play a roll in conserving water as we plan and plant our landscapes. Using plants that require less frequent watering and grouping plants with the same watering needs will help conserve water and maintain a healthy landscape. The following list is just a sampling of the many commonly available plants that are well adapted to our climate in east Idaho. Xeriscape plants are able to survive on limited amounts of water once established. Some plants can tolerate multiple water zones. Generally, you don't want to jump two zones (place a very low water use plant in a moderate water use zone, or vice versa).

**Very Low Water Use** – No additional water once established

#### **Groundcovers**

Ice Plant, Purple Hardy — *Delosperma cooperi*  
 Penstemon, Creeping Red — *Penstemon pinnafolius*  
 Pussytoes — *Antennaria parvifolia*  
 Snow-in-Summer — *Cerastium tomentosum*

#### **Perennials**

Alyssum, Basket-of-Gold — *Alyssum saxatile*  
 Coneflower — *Echinacea*  
 Crocus — *Crocus* sp.  
 False Sunflower — *Heliopsis helianthoides*  
 Flax, Blue — *Linum lewisii*  
 Gayfeather — *Liatris punctata*  
 Geranium, Hardy — *Geranium sanguineum*  
 Pasque Flower — *Anemone pulsatilla*  
 Penstemon, Rocky Mountain — *Penstemon strictus*  
 Sedum — *Sedum*  
 Silver Mound — *Artemisia schmidtiana*  
 Sunrose — *Helianthemum nummularium*

#### **Shrubs**

Juniper — *Juniperus chinensis* and *sabina* species  
 Sumac, Rocky Mountain — *Rhus glabra cismontana*  
 Serviceberry, Saskatoon — *Amelanchier alnifolia*  
 Sumac, Threeleaf — *Rhus trilobata*

#### **Trees**

Chokecherry, Amur — *Prunus maackii*  
 Hawthorn — *Crataegus* sp.  
 Juniper, Rocky Mountain — *Juniperus scopulorum*  
 Maple, Canyon (Bigleaf) — *Acer grandidentatum*  
 Oak, Burr — *Quercus macrocarpa*

**Low Water Use** – About ½" water added once or twice a month

#### **Turfs and Groundcovers**

Tall Fescue — *Festuca arundinacea*- Dwarf types  
 Phlox, Creeping — *Phlox subulata*  
 Potentilla, Creeping — *Potentilla verna nana*  
 Soapwort — *Saponaria ocymoides*

#### **Perennials**

Blanket Flower — *Gaillardia aristata*  
 Carpathian Harebell — *Campanula carpatica*  
 Coreopsis — *Coreopsis* Sp.  
 Daylily — *Hemerocallis* spp.  
 Flax, yellow — *Linum flavum*  
 Grape Hyacinth — *Muscari armeniacum*



Blue Flax



Bur Oak

Jupiters Beard – *Centranthus*  
 Lamb's Ear — *Stachys byzantina*  
 Missouri Evening Primrose — *Oenothera missouriensis*  
 Pinks, Cottage — *Dianthus plumarius*  
 Primrose, Common — *Primula vulgaris*  
 Yarrow — *Achillea* sp.

**Shrubs**

Sandcherry – *Prunus cistena*  
 Dogwood, Redtwig — *Cornus sericea*  
 Juniper — *Juniperus horizontalis*  
 Snowberry, Mountain — *Symphoricarpos oreophilus*

**Trees**

Golden Raintree — *Koelreuteria paniculata*  
 Hawthorne, Russian — *Crataegus ambigua*  
 Maple, Flame Amur– *Acer ginnala*  
 Maple, Bigtooth – *Acer grandidentatum*  
 Pine, Bristlecone — *Pinus aristata*  
 Pine, Ponderosa — *Pinus ponderosa*  
 Pine, Austrian – *Pinus nigra*  
 Pine, Vanderwolf – *Pinus flexilis* 'Vanderwolfes'



Missouri Morning Primrose

**Moderate Water Use** – About ¼” water added once a week

**Groundcovers**

Creeping Grape Holly — *Mahonia repens*  
 Kinnickinnick — *Arctostaphylos uvaursi*  
 Moneywort — *Lysimachia nummularia*  
 Sweet Woodruff — *Asperula oderata*  
 Veronica, Creeping — *Veronica repens*

**Perennials**

Bachelor Button — *Centaurea montana*  
 Candytuft — *Iberis sempervirens*  
 Columbine — *Aquilegia* spp.  
 Coral Bells — *Heuchera sanguinea*  
 Shasta Daisy 'Alaska' — *Chrysanthemum x superbum*  
 Speedwell — *Veronica spicata*

**Shrubs**

Alpine Currant — *Ribes alpinum*  
 American Cranberry Bush – *Viburnum trilobum*  
 Burning Bush — *Euonymus alata compacta*  
 Blue Mist Bluebeard – *Caryopteris x clandonensis*  
 Cotoneaster, Cranberry — *Cotoneaster apiculata*  
 Cotoneaster, Peking — *Cotoneaster acutifolia*  
 Cranberrybush, Compact — *Viburnum trilobum*  
 Hardy Shrub Roses – *Rosa* spp.  
 Lilac, Dwarf Korean — *Syringa meyeri*  
 Nannyberry Bush — *Viburnum lentago*  
 Sumac, Gro-Low – *Rhus aromatica*



Tatarian Maple

**Trees**

Hawthorn — *Crataegus* sp.  
 Kentucky Coffeetree — *Gymnocladus dioicus*  
 Maple, Tatarian — *Acer tataricum*  
 Spruce, Colorado — *Picea pungens*

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