
DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANTS - ZONE 5 (ANNUALS EXCEPTED)

PERENNIALS

Baby's Breath	<i>Gypsophila</i>
Black-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia spp.</i>
Blazing Star	<i>Liatris spp.</i>
Butterfly Weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>
Daylillies	<i>Hemerocallis</i>
Evening Primrose	<i>Oenothera</i>
False Indigo	<i>Baptisia australis</i>
False Sunflower	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides & cvs.</i>
Globe Thistle	<i>Echinops</i>
Hens and Chicks	<i>Sempervivum</i>
Lamb's Ears	<i>Stachys byzantina</i>
Mealycup Sage	<i>Salvia farinacea</i>
Mullein	<i>Verbascum spp.</i>
Poppy	<i>Papaver spp. & cvs.</i>
Purple Coneflower	<i>Echinacea purpurea & cvs.</i>
Rose Campion	<i>Lychnis coronaria</i>
Russian Sage	<i>Perovskia cvs.</i>
Sea Lavender	<i>Limonium latifolium</i>
Silver King	<i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i>
Silver Mound	<i>Artemisia schmidtiana</i>
Spurge	<i>Euphorbia spp. & cvs.</i>
Stonecrop	<i>Sedum spp. & Cvs.</i>
Thrift	<i>Armeria spp. & cvs.</i>
Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>

GRASSES

Blue Fescue	<i>Festuca glauca</i>
Blue Oat Grass	<i>Helictotrichon sempervirens</i>
Bluestem	<i>Andropogon spp.</i>
Feather Reed Grass	<i>Calamagrostis x acutiflora</i>
Fountain Grass	<i>Pennisetum alopecuroides</i>
Little Bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>
Maiden grass**	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>
Purple Moor Grass	<i>Molinia caerulea</i>
Quaking Grass	<i>Briza maxima</i>
Ravenna Grass	<i>Erianthus ravennae</i>
Sedge	<i>Carex spp. & cultivars</i>
Tufted Hair Grass	<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i>

TREES, SHRUBS AND VINES

American Chestnut	<i>Castanea dentata</i>
Beauty Bush	<i>Kolkwitzia amabilis</i>
Bluebeard	<i>Caryopteris spp. & cvs.</i>
Butterfly Bush	<i>Buddleia daviddi & cvs.</i>
Colorado Blue Spruce	<i>Picea pungens</i>
Common Hop Tree	<i>Ptelea trifoliata L.</i>
Cotoneaster	<i>Cotoneaster species</i>
Hick's Yew	<i>Taxus cuspidata</i>
Junipers	<i>Juniperus</i>
Larch	<i>Larix decidua</i>
Lilac	<i>Syringa vulgaris</i>
Mock Orange	<i>Philadelphus spp.</i>
Mugo Pine	<i>Pinus mugo</i>
Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius & cvs.</i>
Oaks	<i>Quercus</i>
Peashrub**	<i>Caragana</i>
Pine	<i>Pinus</i>
Potentilla	Abbotswood' & cultivars
Rose of Sharon	<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i>
Smoke Bush	<i>Cotinus coggyria & cvs.</i>
Sumac**	<i>Rhus spp.</i>
Wisteria**	<i>Wisteria</i>
Adam's Needle	<i>Yucca filamentosa</i>

GROUNDCOVERS

Catmint	<i>Nepeta species</i>
Fescue grass	<i>Festuca species</i>
Hens & Chicks	<i>Sempervivum species</i>
Lady's Mantle	<i>Alchemilla mollis</i>
Mugwort, Sagebrush	<i>Artemisia species</i>
Perennial Candytuft	<i>Iberis sempervirens</i>
Pussytoes	<i>Antennaria species</i>
Rye grass	<i>Lolium species</i>
Snow in Summer**	<i>Cerastium tomentosum</i>
Speedwell**	<i>Veronica species</i>
Spotted Deadnettle**	<i>Lamium maculatum</i>
Sweet Woodruff**	<i>Galium odoratum</i>
Thyme	<i>Thymus</i>

ANNUALS

Alyssum	<i>Lobularia maritima</i>
Bachelor's Buttons	<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>
Blanketflower	<i>Gaillardia aristata</i>
California Poppy	<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>
Cosmos	<i>Cosmos sp.</i>
Dusty Miller	<i>Senecio cineraria</i>
Cranesbill	<i>Geranium x hortorum</i>
False Sunflower	<i>Helianthes helianthoides</i>
Lavender	<i>Lavendula</i>
Nasturtiums	<i>Tropaeolum majus</i>
Marigolds	<i>Tagetes</i>
Portulaca	<i>Portulacecea</i>
Pot Marigold	<i>Calendula officinalis</i>
Scarlet Sage	<i>Salvia splendens</i>
Spider Flower	<i>Cleome hassleriana</i>
Sun plant	<i>Portulaca</i>
Zinnia	<i>Zinnia angustifolia</i>

BULBS

Tulip	<i>Tulipa</i>
Allium	<i>Allium sp.</i>
	<i>Colchicum</i>

Note- most spring flowering bulbs are drought tolerant as they are in essence a storage organ, with its own reserve of nourishment and moisture to protect it from the harsh elements

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**invasive or spreading