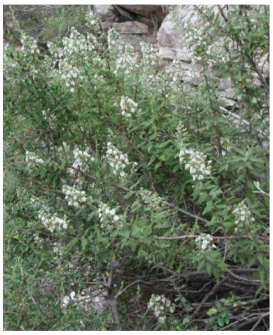
WEST FLAGSTAFF PLANT LIST



TYPE	FLOWER & BLOOM TIME	WATERING (after establishment)	LIGHT NEEDS	SOIL AND HABITAT CONDITIONS
Shrub Height: 4-6 ft	White flowers in summer	Low to Moderate (Monthly to weekly watering)	Part shade to full sun	Well-drained, lime, sand, disturbed and bermed areas

FERNBUSH
Chamaebataria millefolium

Photo: Max Licher

TYPE	FLOWER & BLOOM TIME	WATERING (after establishment)	LIGHT NEEDS	SOIL AND HABITAT CONDITIONS
Shrub Height: 1-3 ft Note: good fall foliage color	White to yellow flowers in spring Red berries in fall, but only on female plants	Low (Monthly watering except in times of extreme heat or drought)	Full sun	Dry gravelly, sandy soils

THREE-LEAF SUMAC
Rhus trilobata

Photo: Max Licher

TYPE	FLOWER & BLOOM TIME	WATERING (after establishment)	LIGHT NEEDS	SOIL AND HABITAT CONDITIONS
Perennial Height: 2-4 ft	White to yellow Late summer into fall	Low (Monthly watering except in times of extreme heat or drought)	Full sun	Well-draining lime, sandy, clay soils—very adaptable

WHITE SAGEBRUSH
Artemisia ludoviciana

Photo: Max Licher

TYPE	FLOWER & BLOOM TIME	WATERING (after establishment)	LIGHT NEEDS	SOIL AND HABITAT CONDITIONS
Perennial Height: 1-3 ft	Red flowers Summer into fall	Low (Monthly watering except in times of extreme heat or drought)	Shade	Average to sandy soils

SCARLET CINQUEFOIL
Potentilla thurberi

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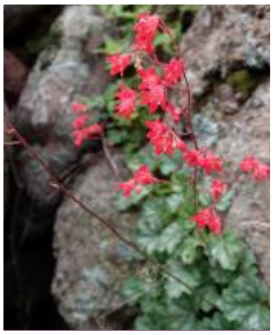

TYPE	FLOWER & BLOOM TIME	WATERING (after establishment)	LIGHT NEEDS	SOIL AND HABITAT CONDITIONS
Perennial Height:1 - 3 ft	Pink to magenta flowers Late summer into fall	Moderate (Monthly to weekly watering)	Part shade	Sandy soils, average soils

ARIZONA CORALBELLS
Heuchera sanguinea

Photo: Sue Carnahan

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FLAGSTAFF WATER SERVICES
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TYPE	FLOWER & BLOOM TIME	WATERING (after establishment)	LIGHT NEEDS	SOIL AND HABITAT CONDITIONS
Perennial Height: 1-3 ft Note: important host for monarch butterflies	Creamy white, lavender and pink flowers summer into fall	Moderate (Monthly to weekly watering)	Full sun	Well-drained sandy soils

SHOWY MILKWEED
Asclepias speciosa

TYPE	FLOWER & BLOOM TIME	WATERING (after establishment)	LIGHT NEEDS	SOIL AND HABITAT CONDITIONS
Perennial Height: 1-3 ft Note: easy to grow, self-seeding wildflower	Yellow or deep red flowers summer into fall	Low (Monthly watering except in times of extreme heat or drought)	Full sun	Well-drained soils—very adaptable

MEXICAN HAT
Ratibida columnifera

Photo: Melody Lytle

TYPE	FLOWER & BLOOM TIME	WATERING (after establishment)	LIGHT NEEDS	SOIL AND HABITAT CONDITIONS
Perennial Height: 6-18 inches	White flowers spring through late summer	Low (Monthly watering except in times of extreme heat or drought)	Full sun to part shade	Clay soils, sandy soils, average soils

COMMON YARROW
Achillea millefolium

Photo: Max Licher

TYPE	FLOWER & BLOOM TIME	WATERING (after establishment)	LIGHT NEEDS	SOIL AND HABITAT CONDITIONS
Perennial Height: 1-3 ft	Purple flowers Early in summer	Low (Monthly watering except in times of extreme heat or drought)	Full sun	Sandy or rocky soils

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PENSTEMON
Penstemon strictus

Photo: Wasowski Collection

TYPE	FLOWER & BLOOM TIME	WATERING (after establishment)	LIGHT NEEDS	SOIL AND HABITAT CONDITIONS
Perennial Height: to 1 ft	Bright red flowers summer into fall	Low (Monthly watering except in times of extreme heat or drought)	Full sun	Sandy, average soils

PINE NEEDLE PENSTEMON
Penstemon pinifolius

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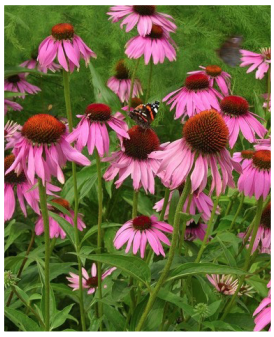


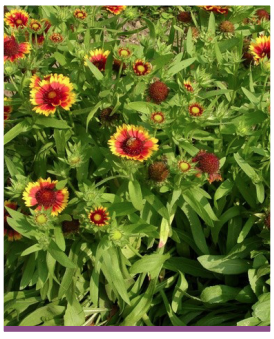
TYPE	FLOWER & BLOOM TIME	WATERING (after establishment)	LIGHT NEEDS	SOIL AND HABITAT CONDITIONS
Perennial Height: 1-3 ft	Purple flowers summer into fall	Low (Monthly watering except in times of extreme heat or drought)	Full sun to part shade	Well-drained sandy soils

PURPLE CONEFLOWER
Echinacea purpurea

TYPE	FLOWER & BLOOM TIME	WATERING (after establishment)	LIGHT NEEDS	SOIL AND HABITAT CONDITIONS
Perennial Height: 8-14 inches	Pink flowers in early summer	Moderate (Monthly to weekly watering)	Shade	Moist average or rich soils

ARIZONA VALERIAN
Valeriana arizonica

Photo: Max Licher



TYPE	FLOWER & BLOOM TIME	WATERING (after establishment)	LIGHT NEEDS	SOIL AND HABITAT CONDITIONS
Perennial Height: 10-24 inches	Maroon, red, and yellow flowers through summer	Very Low (Monthly watering except in times of extreme heat or drought)	Full sun	Well drained sandy soil

BLANKETFLOWER
Gaillardia aristata

TYPE	FLOWER & BLOOM TIME	WATERING (after establishment)	LIGHT NEEDS	SOIL AND HABITAT CONDITIONS
Grass Height: 1-3 ft	N/A	Very Low (Monthly watering except in times of extreme heat or drought)	Full sun	Clay soils, sandy soils, average soils

LITTLE BLUESTEM
Schizachyrium scoparium

TYPE	FLOWER & BLOOM TIME	WATERING (after establishment)	LIGHT NEEDS	SOIL AND HABITAT CONDITIONS
Grass Height: 1-3 ft	N/A	Low (Monthly watering except in times of extreme heat or drought)	Part shade	Rocky soils

MOUNTAIN MUHLY
Muhlenbergia montana

Photo: Dave Powell, USDA Forest Service (retired), Bug-wood.org

SUMMARY TABLE

NATIVE PLANT	WATER USE	BLOOM COLOR	BLOOM TIME	TYPE
ARIZONA VALERIAN	MODERATE	PINK	EARLY SUMMER	PERENNIAL
BLANKETFLOWER	LOW	MAROON, RED OR YELLOW	SUMMER TO FALL	PERENNIAL
COMMON YARROW	LOW	WHITE	SPRING TO LATE SUMMER	PERENNIAL
CORAL BELLS	MODERATE	PINK TO MAGENTA	SUMMER TO FALL	PERENNIAL
FERNBUSH	LOW	WHITE	SUMMER	SHRUB
LITTLE BLUESTEM	LOW	NON FLOWERING	NON FLOWERING	GRASS
MEXICAN HAT	LOW	YELLOW OR DEEP RED	SUMMER TO FALL	PERENNIAL
MOUNTAIN MUHLY	LOW	NON FLOWERING	NON FLOWERING	GRASS
PINE-NEEDLE PENSTEMON	LOW	RED	SUMMER TO FALL	PERENNIAL
PURPLE CONEFLOWER	LOW	PURPLE	SUMMER TO FALL	PERENNIAL
ROCKY MOUNTAIN PENSTEMON	LOW	PURPLE	EARLY SUMMER	PERENNIAL
SCARLET CINQUEFOIL	LOW	RED	SUMMER TO FALL	PERENNIAL
SHOWY MILKWEED	MODERATE	CREAMY WHITE, LAVENDER OR PINK	SUMMER TO FALL	PERENNIAL
THREE LEAF SUMAC	LOW	WHITE TO YELLOW	SPRING	SHRUB
WHITE SAGEBRUSH	LOW	WHITE TO YELLOW	SPRING TO FALL	SHRUB