

Large Trees for Xeriscapes

Plant Name	Height/ Spread (ft)	Comments
Arizona Cypress <i>Cupressus arizonica</i>	60 x 30	Cone shaped evergreen tree with grayish to bluish green scale-like foliage, does well in the Grand Junction area.
Boxelder <i>Acer negundo</i>	40 x 30	Fast growing shade tree for harsh sites. ‘Sensation’ is a seedless male tree that doesn’t attract boxelder bugs, yellow to red-orange fall color.
Bristlecone pine <i>Pinus aristata</i>	35 x 20	Native evergreen with dark pine green needles bearing white flecks.
Bur oak <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	70 x 60	Fiddle-shaped leaves borne on stout, corky-ridged branches. Adapts to alkaline soils. Distinctive fringed acorns.
Common hackberry <i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	45 x 45	Irregular habit when young maturing to rounded crown. Distinctive knobby bark. Trees shed leaves during drought. Red-purple berries.
Eastern red cedar <i>Juniperus Virginiana</i>	50 x 20	Pyramidal shape that fruits cones.
Goldenrain tree* <i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	30 x 30	Compound leaves emerge red turn to green. Yellow clusters of flowers in summer are followed by lantern-like fruit.
Japanese Pagoda Tree <i>Sophora japonica</i>	60 x 45	Does well in alkaline, saline soils; cream-colored flowers in early summer.
Kentucky coffeetree* <i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i>	55 x 35	Large compound leaves. Females bear seedpods that remain on trees through winter. Ridged bark, stout branches and coarse winter texture.
One Seeded juniper <i>Juniperus monosperma</i>	30 x 30	Native shrubby evergreen with dark blue to purple or brown berry-like cones, and dark green scalelike foliage. Culturally significant. Grows at 5,000-7,000’ elevation.
Ponderosa pine* <i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	50 x 35	Native evergreen with long, yellow-green needles in clusters of 2 or 3. Plate-like bark is cinnamon to dark brown.
Purple Robe’ locust <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	35 x 25	Compound leaves emerge with purple tint. Dark purple fragrant flowers in May to June. Very susceptible to locust borer.
Rocky Mountain juniper <i>Juniperus scopulorum</i>	30 x 15	Native evergreen with blue-green foliage. Berry-like cones that are dark blue in the second year. Prefers full sun. Many varieties.

Shademaster honeylocust* <i>Gleditsia trianthos</i>	40 x 35	Pinnately compound deep green leaves. Excellent street tree. Phytoremediation properties for reducing PM.
Thornless honeylocust* <i>Gleditsia triacanthos inermis</i>	35 x 55	Many varieties available that vary in size. Thornless and many varieties podless. Fine textured foliage turns yellow in fall.
Western catalpa* <i>Catalpa speciosa</i>	50 x 35	Large, heart-shaped leaves with fragrant white flowers in June followed by long, thin seed pods.

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Small Trees for Xeriscapes

Plant Name	Height Spread (ft)	Comments
Apricot <i>Prunus armeniaca</i>	20 x 20	Glossy, heart-shaped leaves cover a broad, spreading tree. Early, white-pink blossoms, rarely bares fruit due to spring frosts.
Bigtooth maple (Wasatch maple)* <i>Acer grandidentatum</i>	25 x 25	Small tree or large shrub. Tolerant of dry and alkaline soils. Dark green leaves turn red-yellow fall color.
Cherry <i>Prunus cerasus</i>	30 x 15	Fruiting tree that needs deep, well-draining soil.
Gambel oak* <i>Quercus gambelii</i>	20 x 12	Native large shrub or small tree with irregular spreading branches dark green leaves and tan acorns.
New Mexican locust <i>Robinia neomexicana</i>	20 x 15	Fragrant pink flowers in June; often shrubby and spread from root sprouts.
Pinyon pine <i>Pinus edulis</i>	25 x 15	Native, bushy evergreen with gray-green, stiff needles. Bares small, rounded cones with edible seeds.
Rocky Mountain juniper <i>Juniperus scopulorum</i>	30 x 15	Native evergreen with blue-green foliage. Berry-like cones that are dark blue in the second year. Prefers full sun. Many varieties. Sea level to 9000' elevation.
Russian hawthorn <i>Crataegus ambigua</i>	20 x 15	Lightly thorned tree with finely cut, glossy green leaves. Clusters of white flowers followed by bright red fruits.
Tatarian maple* <i>Acer tataricum</i>	20 x 20	Single or multi-stemmed tree. Pink to red winged seeds in summer with yellow fall color. Tolerates alkaline soils. 'Hot Wings' is a newer variety with distinctive red fruits and reddish fall color.
Thornless cockspur hawthorn* <i>Crataegus crus-galli inermis</i>	15 x 15	Thornless horizontal branches bear glossy leaves, white flowers and persistent red fruit.
Ussurian pear <i>Pyrus ussuriensis</i>	25 x 20	White flower clusters produced before dark green leaves that turn yellow in fall. 'Prairie Gem' is a dense tree with an upright, oval form and strong branching.
Utah Juniper <i>Juniperus utahensis</i>	25 x 25	Native short evergreen tree that is very long lived. Juvenile foliage is needle-like. This tree has a large taproot and doesn't produce seed till about 30 years old. Elevations of 3,000-8,000'.

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Shrubs for Xeriscapes

Plant Name	Height Spread (ft)	Comments
Apache plume <i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>	5 x 5	Small leaves, fine-textured, whitish stems, rose-colored feathery-tailed seeds, some suckering.
Autumn-olive <i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>	15 x 15	Large spreading shrub, green leaves with silvery undersides, may sucker and spread.
Big sage <i>Artemisia tridentata</i>	10 x 6	Silver, aromatic foliage; bark shreds with age, native.
Bladder-senna <i>Colutea aborescens</i>	6 x 6	Yellow sweet pea-like flowers in early summer; bladdery pods into fall and winter.
Blue mist spirea <i>Caryopteris x clandonensis</i>	4 x 4	Silver green foliage, upright branches, persistent dry tan fruit, attracts bees.
Bluestem jointfir <i>Ephedra equisetina</i>	4 x 5	Upright leafless stems are blue-green year-round, red berries midsummer on female plants.
Boulder raspberry <i>Rubus deliciosus</i>	6 x 6	Slender arching branches form vase-shaped habit, small purple fruit in late summer.
Ceanothus (fendler) <i>Ceanothus fendleri</i>	2 x 5	Gray-green foliage; spiny, low-growing; well drained soils only.
Cheyenne privet <i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	10 x 6	Upright, rapid grower, dark green foliage, black fruit in late summer into winter, used for hedges, fragrant flowers.
Cinquefoil (potentilla) <i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	4 x 4	Compact, spreading and upright forms, varied foliage color, full sun for best flowering.
Cliff fendlerbush <i>Fendlera rupicola</i>	5 x 5	Glossy foliage, new reddish bark turns gray with age, upright irregular growth, fragrant flowers.
Cliff rose <i>Cowania mexicana</i>	6 x 6	Upright semi-evergreen shrub, gray-green leaves, feathery seed tails.
Common lilac <i>Syringa vulgaris</i>	15 x 12	Upright vase-shaped form, heart-shaped blue-green leaves.
Cotoneaster <i>Cotoneaster sp.</i>	0.5 x 10	A highly variable group; most have shiny, small leaves; berries are red or black; <i>C. acutifolia</i> is common.
Curleaf mountain-mahogany <i>Cercocarpus ledifolius-</i>	20 x 12	Large shrub or small upright tree, evergreen foliage, seeds with twisted, feathery tails; foothills native.
Emerald Carousel barberry <i>Berberis x 'Tara' Emerald Carousel</i> ™	4 x 5	Rounded form, arching branches, prefers sun, red persistent fruit, orange to red fall foliage color appears early and lasts long, good for alkaline soils.

Fernbush <i>Chamaebatiaria millefolium</i>	5 x 6	Fern-like gray green leaves, fine-textured and aromatic, rounded form.
Hancock coralberry <i>Symphoricarpos x chenaultii</i>	3 x 6	Spreading growth habit with blue-green fine textured foliage, red berries persist. excellent ground cover.
Japanese barberry <i>Berberis thunbergii</i>	3 x 5	Dwarf and purple leafed forms available, site in good light, single spines, red persistent fruit.
Juniper <i>Juniperus spp.</i>	Variable	Available in many foliage colors, forms and textures.
Leadplant <i>Amorpha canescens</i>	3 x 4	Silver-gray foliage, fine texture, fruit not important.
Mountain-mahogany <i>Cercocarpus montanus</i>	8 x 6	Large shrub or small upright tree, evergreen foliage, seeds.
Mugo pine <i>Pinus mugo</i>	Variable	Many forms and growth habits.
New Mexican privet <i>Forestiera neomexicana</i>	12 x 10	Erect arching branches, rounded form, blue-black fruit on female, yellow fall color.
Rabbitbrush <i>Chrysothamnus spp.</i>	6 x 6	Open, rounded form, green to white stems, silvery green leaves, reseeds.
Rock spirea <i>Holodiscus dumosus</i>	4 x 4	Upright spreading habit, fine-textured foliage turns red in fall, rust colored seedheads in fall.
Saltbush <i>Atriplex canescens</i>	5x 4	Gray green leaves, upright spreading form, four-winged fruit on female plants, tolerates alkaline soil.
Sand cherry <i>Prunus bessevi</i>	6 x 6	Upright rounded form, gray green leaves, purplish black fruit, red fall color.
Sage <i>Artemisia sp.</i>	Variable	Many hardy forms; gray-green to silvery foliage; some are evergreen.
Sea-buckthorn <i>Hippophae rhamnoides</i>	18 x 12	Upright, spreading shrub with slender thorns, narrow silvery leaves, orange fruit on females persists into winter.
Siberian peashrub <i>Caragana arborescens</i>	12 x 10	Upright, olive-green branches, bears small spines, produces pea-like pods, tolerant of poor soils and windy sites.
Silver artemesia <i>Artemisia cana</i>	5 x 3	Stiff, upright branches, slender gray leaves, native of Colorado mountain meadows.
Silver buffaloberry <i>Shepherdia argentea</i>	15 x 12	Dense spreading branches with spines, silvery-green leaves, yellow to orange-red berries on female plants.
Silver Fountain butterflybush <i>Buddleia alternifolia</i> 'Argentea'	10 x 8	Arching form, silver-gray foliage, fine texture, flowers on old wood, attracts butterflies, extremely hardy.

Smooth sumac <i>Rhus glabra cismontana</i>	6 x 6	Rounded, suckering shrub, red fall color, fuzzy maroon persistent fruit.
Snowberry <i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	4 x 4	Arching, spreading habit with blue-green foliage, white blue-green foliage, white berries persist, suckers.
Threeleaf sumac <i>Rhus trilobata</i>	6 x 6	Dense rounded shrub, three-lobed leaves turn orange to red in fall, some red fruit.
Wayfaring tree viburnum <i>Viburnum lantana</i>	12 x 10	Broad rounded form, dark green, leathery foliage with deep set veins, crimson fruit turns black in fall, burgundy red fall color.
Yucca <i>Yucca sp.</i>	2 x 3	Sword-like foliage; showy spikes of creamy-white tinged pink flowers. <i>Y. baccata</i> has large broad, green leaves.

Perennials for Xeriscapes (Perennials return each spring)

Plant Name	Height (in inches)	Comments
Anise hyssop <i>Agastache hybrid</i>	24-48"	Dark green leaves on stout stems.
Autumn Joy stonecrop <i>Sedum</i>	18-24"	Upright clump bears thick, rounded, blue-green leaves with flat flower clusters.
Baby's breath <i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>	18-48"	Double white airy flowers, Light pink double flowers, Both useful as cut flowers.
Basket-of-gold <i>Aurinia saxitalis</i>	6-12"	Narrow gray-green leaves contrast with bright flowers in bloom.
Black-eyed Susan <i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	18-24"	Golden yellow flowers with dark brown to black centers.
Blanket flower <i>Gaillardia x grandiflora</i>	18-24"	Wine red flowers, compact growth.
Blue flax <i>Linum perenne</i>	12-24"	Sky blue flowers on airy stems, self-seeds.
Bridges' penstemon <i>Penstemon rostriflorus</i>	12-36"	Southwestern native penstemon notable for late summer bloom period.
California poppy <i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	12-24"	Fine blue green leaves. Short-lived perennial at low elevations, annual at high elevations. Reseeds easily.
Candytuft <i>Iberis sempervirens</i>	12-18"	Glossy green foliage, shear after bloom, may repeat bloom in fall.
Catmint <i>Nepeta spp.</i>	8-36"	Fragrant gray-green leaves on square stems, spreading habit, trim back after bloom.
Chocolate flower <i>Berlandiera lyrata</i>	12-24"	Southeastern Colorado native. Chocolate fragrance from daisy-like flowers.
Colorado Gold® Hardy gazania <i>Gazania linearis</i>	4-6"	Deep green linear leaves, blooms open in sunny weather.
Columbine <i>Aquilegia Remembrance®</i>	18-24"	Hybrid developed from native <i>A. caerulea</i> to honor the memory of those shot at Columbine High School .
Common yarrow <i>Achillea millefolium</i>	18-36"	Soft, feathery green foliage, vigorous spreading nature.
Corsican violet <i>Viola corsica</i>	6-8"	A drought tolerant violet.
Creeping phlox <i>Phlox subulata</i>	4-6"	Plants form blankets of green leaves covered with small, star-shaped flowers.

Daylily <i>Hemerocallis spp.</i>	12-48"	Clumps of long, medium green, grass-like leaves, leafless flower stalks bear bell-shaped flowers.
Delosperma hybrids	2-4"	Succulent gray-green leaves.
Desert four o'clock <i>Mirabilis multiflora</i>	12-30"	Blue green leaves, trumpet shaped flowers, southern Colorado native.
Dragon's Blood stonecrop <i>Sedum spurium</i>	2-4"	Mats of red-rimmed foliage turn blood-red in fall and winter.
Dwarf coreopsis <i>Coreopsis auriculata</i>	6-8"	Low clump former with evergreen foliage. Dead head flowers.
Dwarf double coreopsis <i>Coreopsis grandiflora</i>	24"	Double flowers. Spoon-like vibrant green leaves. Compact plant.
English lavender <i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>	12-18"	Aromatic blooms and foliage, semievergreen, woody stems.
Evening primrose <i>Oenothera macrocarpa subsp. Incana</i>	4"	Silver leaves compliment clear yellow flowers. Grow in well-drained soils.
False indigo <i>Baptisia australis</i>	36-48"	Attractive brown seed pods. Blue green foliage.
Fernleaf coreopsis <i>Coreopsis verticillata</i>	12-24"	Finely dissected, bright green foliage. Deep green thread-like leaves.
Fernleaf yarrow <i>Achillea filipendula</i>	36--48"	Gray-green foliage, heat tolerant Weak stems – may require staking.
Fleabane daisy <i>Erigeron hybrids</i>	18-24"	Grow in well-drained soil, deadhead for rebloom.
Garrett's firechalice <i>Zauschneriagarrettii</i>	4-6"	Spreading perennial from Idaho with masses of bloom.
Gayfeather <i>Liatrus spicata</i>	18-36"	Clumps of grassy foliage, bottle brush blooms, good cut flower.
Goldmoss stonecrop <i>Sedum acre</i>	2-4"	Star-like flowers on short stems with bright green leaves.
Giant Grey Striped Sunflower <i>Helianthus annuus</i>	8-12"	Giant yellow flowerhead up to two feet across. Has phytoremediation properties.
Harrison Rose <i>Rosa rubiginosa</i>	12-20"	Yellow pioneer rose with sweet fragrance.
Hollyhock <i>Alcea rosea</i>	60-72"	Cutting back stalks encourages continuing bloom.
Hummingbird's mint <i>Agastache cana</i>	12-36"	Gray green aromatic foliage, upright clumps More compact than species, longer blooming.

Hyssop <i>Agastache aurantiaca</i>	15-18"	Silvery green leaves, minty fragrance.
Iris hybrids	8-30"	Sword like leaves add vertical accent to the garden, makes good cut flower.
Knautia <i>Knautia macedonica</i>	18-36"	Foliage clumps give rise to many openly branched flower stems, reseeds.
Lanceleaf coreopsis <i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	18-24"	Long-lived, fine textured plant with shiny green leaves.
Mountain bluet /Perennial bachelor button <i>Centaurea montana</i>	18-24"	Spidery cornflowers. Vigorous grower that self-seeds.
Native blanket flower <i>Gaillardia aristata</i>	18-24"	Fuzzy, green clump of foliage, flowers have reddish brown to orange centers.
Oriental poppy <i>Papaver orientale</i>	24-30"	Very drought hardy, foliage dies in summer.
Paper flower <i>Zinnia erandiflora</i>	6"	Long lasting bloom, drought enduring.
Pasque flower <i>Pulsatilla vulgaris</i>	6-12"	Silvery buds open to cup-shaped blooms, fuzzy seedheads persist into summer.
Penstemon <i>linarioides var. coloradoensis</i>	8-12"	Spreading silvery mounds of evergreen leaves.
Prairie winecups <i>Callirhoe involucrata</i>	6-12"	Trailing stems sprawl 2 to 3 feet.
Purple coneflower <i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	24-36"	Erect prairie wildflower, daisy-like flowers, deep green leaves.
Purple iceplant <i>Delosperma cooperi</i>	2-4'	Succulent gray-green leaves turn red-purple in winter.
Purple winter savory <i>Satureja montana var. illyrica</i>	4-6"	Evergreen mounds with late-season showy flowers.
Pussytoes <i>Antennaria parvifolia</i>	2-6"	Woolly silvery-gray leaves.
Red Feathers <i>Echium amoenum</i>	12-16"	Base rosette of foliage with spikes of feathery flowers.
Red valerian or Jupiter's Beard <i>Centranthus ruber</i>	24"	Sprawling plant with blue-green leaves. Reseeds. Deadhead to promote continual blooming.
Regal Torch Lily <i>Kniphofia caulescens</i>	40"	Upright scepters of colorful torchlilies that flower in the later weeks of summer.

Rose campion <i>Lychnis coronaria</i>	18-36"	Silvery gray rosette of foliage, reseeds.
Sage <i>Salvia nemerosa</i>	18-24"	Erect flower stalks with gray-green foliage, repeat bloom if cut back after first bloom finishes.
Sea holly <i>Eryngium planum</i>	12-24"	Silver-blue flower heads dry well.
Sea lavender <i>Limonium latifolium</i>	18-24"	Spoon-shaped, leathery clump of leaves, Cloud of airy flowers.
Shell-leaf beardtongue <i>Penstemon grandiflorus</i>	18-36"	Strain of Great Plains penstemons with giant flowers. Attractive silvery leaf rosettes.
Silver sage <i>Salvia argentea</i>	24-36"	Silky hairs on large leaves makes this a superior foliage plant.
Snow in summer <i>Cerastium tomentosum</i>	6-12"	Silvery gray foliage. Needs well drained soil.
Sulfur flower <i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i>	6-12"	Dark green mat of foliage with umbrella-like flowers. Kannah Creek® foliage turns a rich red in winter.
Sundrops <i>Calyclophus serrulatus</i>	6"	Spreading ground cover.
Sunrose <i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	8-12"	Numerous cultivars with various flower colors and silvery to deep green foliage.
Sunset hyssop <i>Agastache rupestris</i>	24-36"	Gray green aromatic foliage.
The Pearl yarrow <i>Achillea ptarmica</i>	12-18"	Small sprays of double, buttonlike flowers, open habit, good cut flower.
Torch lily <i>Kniphofia uvaria</i>	24-48"	Vertical flower spikes arise from clumps of grasslike foliage, blooms from bottom of spike upward.
Turkish veronica <i>Veronica liwanensis</i>	1-2"	Flat, evergreen mats of glossy leaves.
Veronica 'Reavis'	2-3"	Fast-growing vigorous masses of foliage.
Whirling butterflies <i>Gaura lindheimeri</i>	15-18"	Dark crimson leaves, deep pink flowers with white stamens.
Yarrow <i>Achillea hybrids</i>	18-36"	Feathery foliage, vigorous, clump forming.
Yellow columbine <i>Aquilegia chrysantha</i>	24-36"	Recurrent bloom if cut back. Southwestern native.
Yellow iceplant <i>Delosperma nubigenum</i>	1-2"	Mound of succulent leaves turn purplish in winter.

Annuals for Xeriscapes (These Plants Require One-Quarter to One-Half Inch of Additional Water Per Week)

Plant Name	Exposure	Flower Color	Height (in inches)	Hardiness
Cornflower, Bachelor Button <i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	Sun – Part shade	White, Pink, Blue, Purple	15-20"	Hardy, reseeds
Cosmos <i>Cosmos bipinnatis</i>	Sun	Pink, White, Purple	36-48"	Tender, reseeds
Creeping Zinnia, Trailing Sanvitalia <i>Sanvitalia procumbens</i>	Sun	Yellow, Orange	6-8"	Tender
Dusty Miller <i>Senecio cineraria</i>	Sun	White-Silver foliage	8-12"	Hardy
Fan Flower <i>Scaevola aemula</i>	Sun	White, Blue, Violet	6-12"	Tender
Four O’Clocks <i>Mirabilis jalapa</i>	Sun – Part shade	Yellow, Pink, Red, White	18-30"	Tender, reseeds
Gazania <i>Gazania rigens</i>	Sun	White, Yellow, Orange	8-10"	Half-hardy
Globe Amaranth <i>Gomphrena globosa</i>	Sun	White, Pink, Lavender	12-24"	Tender
Lantana <i>Lantana camara</i>	Sun – Part shade	Yellow, White, Orange, Numerous	12-24"	Tender
Mexican Sunflower <i>Tithonia rotundifolia</i>	Sun	Orange, Red	12-40"	Tender
Petunia <i>Petunia x hybrida</i>	Sun – Part shade	Pink, White, Yellow, Violet, Red, Blue, Various	8-15"	Half hardy
Rose Moss <i>Portulaca grandiflora</i>	Sun	Pink, Red, White, Yellow, Orange, Numerous	6-8"	Tender
Sweet Alyssum <i>Lobularia maritima</i>	Sun – Part shade	White, Violet, Maroon	4-8"	Hardy

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Plant Name	Exposure	Flower Color	Height (in inches)	Hardiness
African Daisy, Cape Daisy <i>Osteospermum species</i>	Sun	White, Yellow, Lavender, Pink, Orange	10-18"	Half hardy
China Pinks <i>Dianthus chinensis</i>	Sun – Part shade	White, Pink, Rose, Red	8-12"	Hardy
Cleome, Spider Flower <i>Cleome hassleriana</i>	Sun	Pink, White, Purple	36-48"	Tender
Cup Flower <i>Nierembergia hippomanicavioleaceae</i>	Sun	Violet, Lavender, White	8-12"	Half hardy
Egyptian Star Flower <i>Pentas lanceolata</i>	Sun	Red, White, Pink	12-20"	Tender
Fountain Grass <i>Pennisetum setaceum</i>	Sun	Grown for foliage & plume	24-40"	Half hardy
Garden Verbena <i>Verbena x hybrida</i>	Sun	White, Pink, Rose, Lavender, Red, Violet	12-18"	Tender
Gloriosa Daisy <i>Rudbeckia hirta pulcherimma</i>	Sun	Yellow, Orange	12-30"	Hardy
Marigold <i>Tagetes species</i>	Sun	Yellow, Orange, White, Mahogany	6-30"	Half hardy
Mealycup Sage <i>Salvia farinacea</i>	Sun – Part shade	Blue, Lavender, White, Rose	12-30"	Half hardy
Nasturtium <i>Tropaeolum maius</i>	Sun	Red, Orange, Yellow	12"	Tender
Notchleaf Statice <i>Limonium sinuatum</i>	Sun	White, Yellow, Blue, Lavender	12-24"	Hardy
Periwinkle, vinca <i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	Sun	White, Violet, Rose, Purple	8-14"	Tender
Strawflower <i>Helichrysum bracteatum</i>	Sun	White, Rose, Yellow, Orange, Crimson	10-30"	Hardy
Sweet Potato Vine <i>Ipomea batatas</i>	Sun-Part shade	N/A	12-24"	Tender

Zinnia <i>Zinnia hybrids</i>	Sun	White, Yellow, Red, Orange, Pink, Rose	8-36"	Tender
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Annuals for Xeriscapes (These Plants Require One to One and a Half Inches of Additional Water Per Week)

Plant Name	Exposure	Flower Color	Height (in inches)	Hardiness
Bacopa, WaterHyssop <i>Bacopa species</i>	Sun – Part shade	Pink, White, Lavender, Various	3-6"	Tender
Feather Cockscomb <i>Celosia plumosa</i>	Sun	Yellow, Orange, Red, Pink	15-24"	Tender
Heliotrope <i>Heliotropium arborescens</i>	Sun	Blue, purple	10-20"	Tender
Impatiens <i>Impatiens walleriana</i>	Sun – Shade	White, Pink, Rose, Red, Blue, Copper	6-12"	Tender
Lobelia <i>Lobelia erinus</i>	Sun-Part shade	Blue, purple, white	4-12"	Tender
Marguerite Daisy <i>Argyranthemum species</i>	Sun	White, Yellow, Pink, Various	6-36"	Half hardy
Mexican Floss Flower <i>Ageratum houstonianum</i>	Sun – Part shade	Lavender, Pink, Blue, White	8-12"	Tender
Nicotiana <i>Nicotiana alata</i>	Sun	Red, white, pink, lime-green	10-60"	Tender
Pansy – LadiesDelight <i>Viola x wittrockiana</i>	Sun – Part shade	White, Blue, Violet, Yellow, Orange, Maroon	4-8"	Very hardy
Snapdragon <i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	Sun	White, yellow, pink, bronze, various	6-30"	Hardy
Zonal Geranium <i>Pelargonium x hortorum</i>	Sun	White, Pink, Rose, Red, Orange	12-20"	Half hardy

Vines for Xeriscapes

Plant Name	Height (in feet)	Comments
Jasmine <i>Jasminum spp.</i>	3-6	Fragrant, white flowers that are present all summer into fall
Lady Bank's Rose <i>Rosa banksiae</i>	15-24	A big, thornless evergreen rose plant
Potato Vine <i>Solanum jasminoides</i>	10-20	Flower producing vine that blooms between May and September
Cape Honeysuckle <i>Tecomaria capensis</i>	6-12	Evergreen vine that produces orange and red trumpet shaped flowers
Star Jasmine <i>Trachelospermum jasminoids</i>	4-12	Fragrant vine known to attract bees and produce star-shaped flowers
Wisteria <i>Witeria spp.</i>	6-36	Fast grower that produces blue and purple flowers

Grasses for Xeriscapes

Plant Name	Height (in feet)	Comments
Blue Grama <i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>	1-2	Short flowering stems with narrow leaf blades
Buffalo Grass <i>Bouteloua dactyloides</i>	N/A	Low growing, fine-textured grayish-green grass
Dog Tuff Grass <i>Cynodon PWIN04S</i>	N/A	Similar characteristics to buffalo grass, resistant to pet waste and is drought tolerant
Fescues <i>Festuca</i>	6-12	Herbaceous perennial tufted grass
Indian Grass <i>Sorghastrum</i>	3-8	Broad blue-green blades with a large, soft golden-brown seed head
Indian Ricegrass <i>Achnatherum (oruzopsis) hymenoides</i>	1-3	Tight rolled, slender leaves that has a wiry appearance
Little Bluestem <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	2-5	Ornamental bunchgrass with blue-green stems that turn to red with white in the fall
Rye Grass <i>Lolium perenne</i>	1-3	Colorado cover crop – prefers direct sunlight
Sideoats Grama <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	1-3	Clump forming grass with blue-green flowering stalks
Tahoma 31 <i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	N/A	Fine texture, high density turf. Exceptional winter survivability and high level drought resistance.

Ground Covers for Xeriscapes

Plant Name	Height (in inches)	Flower color	Comments
Bar Harbor	8-10"		Gray-blue foliage, purplish winter color.
Blue Chip	8-10"		Silver-blue foliage, purple in winter.
Blue fescue grass <i>Festuca glauca</i>	6-15"	Tan	Bunch grass producing tufts of blue-gray foliage.
Blue grama grass <i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>	12-18"	Tan	Clump-forming native, sow seed to form solid cover, shade intolerant.
Buffalo <i>Juniperus sabina</i>	12-18"		Bright green foliage on horizontal branches.
Creek buckwheat <i>E. umbellatum v. aureum</i> 'Psdowns' Kannah	6-12"	Yellow	Foliage turns reddish in winter.
Creeping juniper <i>Juniperus horizontalis</i>	2-24"		Evergreen, several foliage colors.
Creeping phlox <i>Phlox subulata</i>	6"	Red, white, lavender	Moss-like foliage.
Creeping potentilla <i>Potentilla neumanniana</i>	2-4"	Yellow	Low mat, aggressive.
Creeping thyme <i>Thymus praecox</i>	1-4"	Pink	Fragrant, evergreen foliage.
Crystal River ® veronica <i>Veronica</i> 'Reavis'	2-4"	Blue	Evergreen, fast growing, vigorous.
Dragon's Blood <i>Sedum spurium</i>	2-4"	Rose red	Red edged foliage turns solid red in fall.
Fringed sage <i>Artemisia frigida</i>	6-15"	Yellow	Blooms not showy, silver gray fringed foliage, woody stems.
Goldmoss sedum <i>Sedum acre</i>	2-4"	Yellow	Bright green evergreen leaves.
Hardy Yellow <i>D. nubigenum</i>	1-2"	Yellow	Light green, compact foliage turns purplish in winter.
Helene von Stein' lamb's ears <i>Stachys byzantina</i>	8-10"	Not important	Large leaves, rarely flowers.
Himalayan border jewel <i>Persicaria affinis</i>	8-12"	Pink	Aggressive creeper.

Hughes	12-24"		Silvery blue foliage turns light purple in winter, distinct radial branching.
Icee Blue	2-4"		Compact silver-blue foliage turns purplish in winter.
Iceplant <i>Delosperma sp.</i>	1-6"	Red, yellow, white, fuchsia	Succulent leaves.
Kamschatka stonecrop <i>Sedum kamtschaticum</i>	4-6"	Orange to yellow	Toothed, glossy dark green leaves.
Lavender Ice <i>D. 'Psfave'</i>	2-3"	Lavender	Foliage turns purple in winter.
Lemon thyme <i>Thymus x citriodorus</i>	6-12"	Pink	Lemon scented foliage.
Little Trudy® catmint <i>Nepeta Psfike</i>	8-10"	Lavender	Silvery foliage, low compact habit.
Mat penstemon <i>Penstemon caespitosus</i>	1-4"	Blue	Spreading carpet-like growth habit.
Mersea Yellow	6-8"	Yellow	Needle-like leaves.
Mesa Verde <i>D. 'Kelaidis'</i>	2-4"	Salmon-pink	Vigorous, compact habit.
Mock strawberry <i>Duchesnia indica</i>	4-6"	Yellow	Aggressive creeper, inedible red fruit.
Mother-of-thyme <i>Thymus serpyllum</i>	3-6"	Pink to purple	Mint-like fragrance.
Orange Carpet ® California fuchsia <i>Zauschneria garrettii</i>	4-8"	Orange	Tubular flowers, cascades over walls, attracts hummingbirds, Plant Select®
Pineleaf penstemon <i>Penstemon pinifolius</i>	6-10"	Red-orange	Needle-like leaves.
Platinum sage <i>Salvia daghestanica</i>	8-10"	Dark blue	Silvery white foliage, slow spreading.
Plumbago <i>Ceratostigma plumbaginoides</i>	8-12"	Violet-blue	Shiny green leaves, purplish fall leaf color.
Prairie winecups <i>Callirhoe involucrata</i>	6-12"	Red	Vigorous trailing stems.
Prince of Wales	4-6"		Ground hugging foliage turns plum in winter.
Pussytoes <i>Antennaria dioica</i>	1-2"	White to pink	Persistent gray-green foliage in dense mats; excellent for rocky slopes.

Serbian yarrow <i>Achillea serbica</i>	4-8"	White	Toothed, gray leaves.
Silverheels horehound <i>Marrubium rotundifolium</i>	4-6"		Silver-fringed rounded foliage.
Silverton® bluemats penstemon <i>Penstemon linarioides</i> var. <i>coloradoensis</i>	8-12"	Lavender	Evergreen silver foliage.
Snow-in-summer <i>Cerastium tomentosum</i>	6-8"	White	Gray foliage, aggressive spreader.
Starburst <i>D. floribundum</i>	4-6"	Pink with white centers	Cushion growth form, requires dry soil in winters.
Sulfur flower <i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i>	3-6"	Yellow	Flower stalk 8 inches, foliage in a low mat, reddish in winter, native.
Table Mountain <i>D. 'John Proffit'</i>	2-4"	Fuchsia	Durable, leaves turn purple in winter.
Turkish veronica <i>Veronica liwanensis</i>	1-2"	Blue	Dark green leaves, evergreen.
Valley lavender ® plains verben <i>Verbena bipinnatifida</i>	3-6"	Purple	Flowers held above plant with deeply cut leaves.
Wiltonii ('Blue Rug')	4-6"		Very low, silver-blue; purplish winter tinge.
Woolly thyme <i>Thymus praecox</i> 'Pseudolanuginosus'	1-2"	Pink	Woolly-gray foliage turns purplish in winter, sparse flowers.
Woolly veronica <i>Veronica pectinata</i>	1-2"	Blue	Gray foliage, evergreen in mild winters, tolerates part shade
Woolly yarrow <i>Achillea tomentosa</i>	2-4"	Yellow	Woolly, gray foliage in low mats.