Large Trees for Xeriscapes

Plant Name	Height/ Spread (ft)	Comments				
Arizona Cypress Cupressus arizonica	60 x 30	Cone shaped evergreen tree with grayish to bluish green scale-like foliage, does well in the Grand Junction area.				
Boxelder Acer negundo	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 Pinus aristata	35 x 20	Native evergreen with dark pine green needles bearing white flecks.				
Bur oak Quercus macrocarpa	70 x 60	Fiddle-shaped leaves borne on stout, corky-ridged branches. Adapts to alkaline soils. Distinctive fringed acorns.				
Common hackberry Celtis occidentalis	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 Juniperus Virginiana	50 x 20	Pyramidal shape that fruits cones.				
Goldenrain tree* Koelreuteria paniculata	30 x 30	Compound leaves emerge red turn to green. Yellow clusters of flowers in summer are followed by lantern-lil fruit.				
Japanese Pagoda Tree Sophora japonica	60 x 45	Does well in alkaline, saline soils; cream-colored flowers in early summer.				
Kentucky coffeetree* Gymnocladus dioicus	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 Juniperus monosperma	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* Pinus ponderosa	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 Robinia pseudoacacia	35 x 25	Compound leaves emerge with purple tint. Dark purple fragrant flowers in May to June. Very susceptible to locus borer.				
Rocky Mountain juniper Juniperus scopulorum	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* Gleditsia trianthos	40 x 35	Pinnately compound deep green leaves. Excellent street tree. Pytoremediation properties for reducing PM.		
Thornless honeylocust* Gleditsia triacanthos inermis	35 x 55	Many varieties available that vary in size. Thornless and many varieties podless. Fine textured foliage turns yellow in fall.		
Western catalpa* Catalpa speciosa				

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Small Trees for Xeriscapes

Plant Name	Height Spread (ft)	Comments			
Apricot Prunus armeniaca	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)* Acer grandidentatum	25 x 25	Small tree or large shrub. Tolerant of dry and alkaline soils. Dark green leaves turn red-yellow fall color.			
Cherry Prunus cerasus	30 x 15	Fruiting tree that needs deep, well-draining soil.			
Gambel oak* Quercus gambelii	20 x 12	Native large shrub or small tree with irregular spreading branches dark green leaves and tan acorns.			
New Mexican locust Robinia neomexicana	20 x 15	Fragrant pink flowers in June; often shrubby and spread from root sprouts.			
Pinyon pine Pinus edulis	25 x 15	Native, bushy evergreen with gray-green, stiff needles. Bares small, rounded cones with edible seeds.			
Rocky Mountain juniper Juniperus scopulorum	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 Crataegus ambigua	20 x 15	Lightly thorned tree with finely cut, glossy green leaves. Clusters of white flowers followed by bright red fruits.			
Tatarian maple* Acer tataricum	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* Crataegus crus-galli inermis	15 x 15	Thornless horizontal branches bear glossy leaves, white flowers and persistent red fruit.			
Ussurian pear Pyrus ussuriensis	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 Juniperus utahensis	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 Fallugia paradoxa	5 x 5	Small leaves, fine-textured, whitish stems, rose-colored feathery-tailed seeds, some suckering.				
Autumn-olive Elaeagnus umbellata	15 x 15	Large spreading shrub, green leaves with silvery undersides, may sucker and spread.				
Big sage Artemisia tridentata	10 x 6	Silver, aromatic foliage; bark shreds with age, native.				
Bladder-senna Colutea aborescens	6 x 6	Yellow sweet pea-like flowers in early summer; bladdery pods into fall and winter.				
Blue mist spirea Caryopteris x clandonensis	4 x 4	Silver green foliage, upright branches, persistent dry tan fruit, attracts bees.				
Bluestem jointfir Ephedra equisetina	4 x 5	Upright leafless stems are blue-green year-round, red berries midsummer on female plants.				
Boulder raspberry Rubus deliciosus	6 x 6	Slender arching branches form vase-shaped habit, small purple fruit in late summer.				
Ceanothus (fendler) Ceanothus fendieri	2 x 5	Gray-green foliage; spiny, low-growing; well drained soils only.				
Cheyenne privet Ligustrum vulgare	10 x 6	Upright, rapid grower, dark green foliage, black fruit in late summer into winter, used for hedges, fragrant flowers.				
Cinquefoil (potentilla) Potentilla fruticosa	4 x 4	Compact, speading and upright forms, varied foliage color, full sun for best flowering.				
Cliff fendlerbush Fendlera rupicola	5 x 5	Glossy foliage, new reddish bark turns gray with age, upright irregular growth, fragrant flowers.				
Cliff rose Cowania mexicana	6 x 6	Upright semi-evergreen shrub, gray-green leaves, feathery seed tails.				
Common lilac Syringa vulgaris	15 x 12	Upright vase-shaped form, heart-shaped blue-green leaves.				
Cotoneaster Cotoneaster sp.	0.5 x 10	A highly variable group; most have shiny, small leaves; berries are red or black; C. acutifolia is common.				
Curlleaf mountain-mahogany Cercocarpus ledifolius-	20 x 12	Large shrub or small upright tree, evergreen foliage, see with twisted, feathery tails; foothills native.				
Emerald Carousel barberry Berberis x 'Tara' Emerald Carousel TM	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 Chamaebatiaria millefolium	5 x 6	Fern-like gray green leaves, fine-textured and aromatic rounded form.		
Hancock coralberry Symphoricarpos x chenaultii	3 x 6	Spreading growth habit with blue-green fine textured foliage, red berries persist. excellent ground cover.		
Japanese barberry Berberis thunbergii	3 x 5	Dwarf and purple leafed forms available, site in good light, single spines, red persistent fruit.		
Juniper Juniperus spp.	Variable	Available in many foliage colors, forms and textures.		
Leadplant Amorpha canescens	3 x 4	Silver-gray foliage, fine texture, fruit not important.		
Mountain-mahogany Cercocarpus montanus	8 x 6	Large shrub or small upright tree, evergreen foliage, seeds.		
Mugo pine Pinus mugo	Variable	Many forms and growth habits.		
New Mexican privet Forestiera neomexicana	12 x 10	Erect arching branches, rounded form, blue-black fruit on female, yellow fall color.		
Rabbitbrush Chrysothamnus spp.	6 x 6	Open, rounded form, green to white stems, silvery gree leaves, reseeds.		
Rock spirea Holodiscus dumosus	4 x 4	Upright spreading habit, fine-textured foliage turns red fall, rust colored seedheads in fall.		
Saltbush Atriplex canescens	5x 4	Gray green leaves, upright spreading form, four-winge fruit on female plants, tolerates alkaline soil.		
Sand cherry Prunus besseyi	6 x 6	Upright rounded form, gray green leaves, purplish black fruit, red fall color.		
Sage Artemisia sp.	Variable	Many hardy forms; gray-green to silvery foliage; someare evergreen.		
Sea-buckthorn Hippophae rhamnoides	18 x 12	Upright, spreading shrub with slender thorns, narrow silvery leaves, orange fruit on females persists into winter.		
Siberian peashrub Caragana arborescens	12 x 10	Upright, olive-green branches, bears small spines, produces pea-like pods, tolerant of poor soils and wind sites.		
Silver artemesia Artemisia cana	5 x 3	Stiff, upright branches, slender gray leaves, native of Colorado mountain meadows.		
Silver buffaloberry Shepherdia argentea	15 x 12	Dense spreading branches with spines, silvery-green leaves, yellow to orange-red berries on female plants.		
SilverFountain butterflybush Buddleia alternifolia 'Argentea'	10 x 8	Arching form, silver-gray foliage, fine texture, flowers of old wood, attracts butterflies, extremely hardy.		

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

Perennials for Xeriscapes (Perennials return each spring)

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

Daylily Hemerocallis spp.	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 Mirabilis multiflora	12-30"	Blue green leaves, trumpet shaped flowers, southern Colorado native.	
Dragon's Blood stonecrop Sedum spurium	2-4"	Mats of red-rimmed foliage turn blood-red in fall and winter.	
Dwarf coreopsis Coreopsis auriculata	6-8"	Low clump former with evergreen foliage. Dead head flowers.	
Dwarf double coreopsis Coreopsis grandiflora	24"	Double flowers. Spoon-like vibrant green leaves. Compact plant.	
English lavender Lavandula angustifolia	12-18"	Aromatic blooms and foliage, semievergreen, woody stems.	
Evening primrose Oenothera macrocarpa subsp. Incana	4"	Silver leaves compliment clear yellow flowers. Grow in well-drained soils.	
False indigo Baptisia australis	36-48"	Attractive brown seed pods. Blue green foliage.	
Fernleaf coreopsis Coreopsis verticillata	12-24"	Finely dissected, bright green foliage. Deep green thread-like leaves.	
Fernleaf yarrow Achillea filipendula	3648"	Gray-green foliage, heat tolerant Weak stems – may require staking.	
Fleabane daisy Erigeron hybrids	18-24"	Grow in well-drained soil, deadhead for rebloom.	
Garrett's firechalice Zauschneriagarrettii	4-6"	Spreading perennial from Idaho with masses of bloom.	
Gayfeather Liatrus spicata	18-36"	Clumps of grassy foliage, bottle brush blooms, good cut flower.	
Goldmoss stonecrop Sedum acre	2-4"	Star-like flowers on short stems with bright green leaves.	
Giant Grey Striped Sunflower Helianthus annuus	8-12"	Giant yellow flowerhead up to two feet across. Has phytoremediation properties.	
Harrison Rose Rosa rubiginosa	12-20"	Yellow pioneer rose with sweet fragrance.	
Hollyhock Alcea rosea	60-72"	Cutting back stalks encourages continuing bloom.	
Hummingbird's mint Agastache cana	12-36"	Gray green aromatic foliage, upright clumps More compact than species, longer blooming.	

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

Rose campion Lychnis coronaria	18-36"	Silvery gray rosette of foliage, reseeds.			
Sage Salvia nemerosa	18-24"	Erect flower stalks with gray-green foliage, repeat bloom cut back after first bloom finishes.			
Sea holly Eryngium planum	12-24"	Silver-blue flower heads dry well.			
Sea lavender Limonium latifolium	18-24"	Spoon-shaped, leathery clump of leaves, Cloud of airy flowers.			
Shell-leaf beardtongue Penstemon grandiflorus	18-36"	Strain of Great Plains penstemons with giant flowers. Attractive silvery leaf rosettes.			
Silver sage Salvia argentea	24-36"	Silky hairs on large leaves makes this a superior foliage plant.			
Snow in summer Cerastium tomentosum	6-12"	Silvery gray foliage. Needs well drained soil.			
Sulfur flower Eriogonum umbellatum	6-12"	Dark green mat of foliage with umbrella-like flowers. Kannah Creek® foliage turns a rich red in winter.			
Sundrops Calylophus serrulatus	6"	Spreading ground cover.			
Sunrose Helianthemum nummularium	8-12"	Numerous cultivars with various flower colors and silver deep green foliage.			
Sunset hyssop Agastache rupestris	24-36"	Gray green aromatic foliage.			
The Pearl yarrow Achillea ptarmica	12-18"	Small sprays of double, buttonlike flowers, open habit, good cut flower.			
Torch lily Kniphofia uvaria	24-48"	Vertical flower spikes arise from clumps of grasslike foliage, blooms from bottom of spike upward.			
Turkish veronica Veronica liwanensis	1-2"	Flat, evergreen mats of glossy leaves.			
Veronica 'Reavis'	2-3"	Fast-growing vigorous masses of foliage.			
Whirling butterflies Gaura lindheimeri	15-18"	Dark crimson leaves, deep pink flowers with white stame			
Yarrow Achillea hybrids	18-36"	Feathery foliage, vigorous, clump forming.			
Yellow columbine Aquilegia chrysantha	24-36"	Recurrent bloom if cut back. Southwestern native.			
Yellow iceplant Delosperma nubigenum	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 Centaurea cyanus	Sun – Part shade	White, Pink, Blue, Purple	15-20"	Hardy, reseeds
Cosmos Cosmos bipinnatis	Sun	Pink, White, Purple	36-48"	Tender, reseeds
Creeping Zinnia, Trailing Sanvitalia Sanvitalia procumbens	Sun	Yellow, Orange	6-8"	Tender
Dusty Miller Senecio cineraria	Sun	White-Silver foliage	8-12"	Hardy
Fan Flower Scaevola aemula	Sun	White, Blue, Violet	6-12"	Tender
Four O'Clocks Mirabilis jalapa	Sun – Part shade	Yellow, Pink, Red, White	18-30"	Tender, reseeds
Gazania Gazania rigens	Sun	White, Yellow, Orange	8-10"	Half-hardy
Globe Amaranth Gomphrena globosa	Sun	White, Pink,Lavender	12-24"	Tender
Lantana Lantana camara	Sun – Part shade	Yellow, White,Orange, Numerous	12-24"	Tender
Mexican Sunflower Tithonia rotundifolia	Sun	Orange, Red	12-40"	Tender
Petunia Petunia x hybrida	Sun – Part shade	Pink, White, Yellow, Violet, Red, Blue, Various	8-15"	Half hardy
Rose Moss Portulaca grandifloria	Sun	Pink, Red, White, Yellow, Orange, Numerous	6-8"	Tender
Sweet Alyssum Lobularia maritima	Sun – Part shade	White, Violet,Maroon	4-8"	Hardy

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

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

Zinnia hybrids Red, Orange, Pink, Rose

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

Vines for Xeriscapes

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

Grasses for Xeriscapes

Plant Name	Height (in feet)	Comments		
Blue Grama Bouteloula gracilis	1-2	Short flowering stems with narrow leaf blades		
Buffalo Grass Bouteloua dactyloides	N/A	Low growing, fine-textured grayish-green grass		
Dog Tuff Grass Cynodon PWIN04S	N/A	Similar characteristics to buffalo grass, resistant to pet waste and is drought tolerant		
Fescues Festuca	6-12	Herbaceous perennial tufted grass		
Indian Grass Sorghastrum	3-8	Broad blue-green blades with a large, soft golden-brown seed head		
Indian Ricegrass Achnatherum (oruzopsis) hymenoides	1-3	Tight rolled, slender leaves that has a wiry appearance		
Little Bluestem Schizachyrium scoparium	2-5	Ornamental bunchgrass with blue-green stems that to red with white in the fall		
Rye Grass Lolium perenne	1-3	Colorado cover crop – prefers direct sunlight		
Sideoats Grama Bouteloua curtipendula	1-3	Clump forming grass with blue-green flowering stalks		
Tahoma 31 Cynodon dactylon	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 Festuca glauca	6-15"	Tan	Bunch grass producing tufts of blue-gray foliage.
Blue grama grass Bouteloua gracilis	12-18"	Tan	Clump-forming native, sow seed to form solid cover, shade intolerant.
Buffalo Juniperus sabina	12-18"		Bright green foliage on horizontal branches.
Creek buckwheat E. umbellatum v. aureum 'Psdowns' Kannah	6-12"	Yellow	Foliage turns reddish in winter.
Creeping juniper Juniperus horizontalis	2-24"		Evergreen, several foliage colors.
Creeping phlox Phlox subulata	6"	Red, white, lavender	Moss-like foliage.
Creeping potentilla Potentilla neumanniana	2-4"	Yellow	Low mat, aggressive.
Creeping thyme Thymus praecox	1-4"	Pink	Fragrant, evergreen foliage.
Crystal River ® veronica Veronica 'Reavis'	2-4"	Blue	Evergreen, fast growing, vigorous.
Dragon's Blood Sedum spurium	2-4"	Rose red	Red edged foliage turns solid red in fall.
Fringed sage Artemisia frigida	6-15"	Yellow	Blooms not showy, silver gray fringed foliage, woody stems.
Goldmoss sedum Sedum acre	2-4"	Yellow	Bright green evergreen leaves.
Hardy Yellow D. nubigenum	1-2"	Yellow	Light green, compact foliage turns purplish in winter.
Helene von Stein' lamb's ears Stachys byzantina	8-10"	Not important	Large leaves, rarely flowers.
Himalayan border jewel Persicaria affinis	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 Delosperma sp.	1-6"	Red, yellow, white, fuchsia	Succulent leaves.
Kamschatka stonecrop Sedum kamtschaticum	4-6"	Orange to yellow	Toothed, glossy dark green leaves.
Lavender Ice D. 'Psfave'	2-3"	Lavender	Foliage turns purple in winter.
Lemon thyme Thymus x citriodorus	6-12"	Pink	Lemon scented foliage.
Little Trudy® catmint Nepeta Psfike	8-10"	Lavender	Silvery foliage, low compact habit.
Mat penstemon Penstemon caespitosus	1-4"	Blue	Speading carpet-like growth habit.
Mersea Yellow	6-8"	Yellow	Needle-like leaves.
Mesa Verde D. 'Kelaidis'	2-4"	Salmon-pink	Vigorous, compact habit.
Mock strawberry Duchesnia indica	4-6"	Yellow	Aggressive creeper, inedible red fruit.
Mother-of-thyme Thymus serpyllum	3-6"	Pink to purple	Mint-like fragrance.
Orange Carpet ® California fuchsia Zauschneria garrettii	4-8"	Orange	Tubular flowers, cascades over walls, attracts hummingbirds, Plant Select®
Pineleaf penstemon Penstemon pinifolius	6-10"	Red-orange	Needle-like leaves.
Platinum sage Salvia daghestanica	8-10"	Dark blue	Silvery white foliage, slow spreading.
Plumbago Ceratostigma plumbaginoides	8-12"	Violet-blue	Shiny green leaves, purplish fall leaf color.
Prairie winecups Callirhoe involucrata	6-12"	Red	Vigorous trailing stems.
Prince of Wales	4-6"		Ground hugging foliage turns plum in winter.
Pussytoes Antennaria dioica	1-2"	White to pink	Persistent gray-green foliage in dense mats; excellent for rocky slopes.
			

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