

Designing for the Future: Urban -Scaping

**Presentation: Waterwise Landscape Horticulture for Western Landscapes, Annie Barrow,
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Online Resources

Plant Select <http://plantselect.org>

Local and County extension offices <https://extension.colostate.edu>

Recommended Reading & Reference Books

[Pretty Tough Plants: 135 Resilient, Water-Smart Choices for a Beautiful Garden](#)

by Plant Select | May 3, 2017

[Steppes: The Plants and Ecology of the World's Semi-arid Regions](#)

by [Michael Bone](#) (Author), [Dan Johnson](#) (Author), [Panayoti Kelaidis](#) (Author), [Mike Kintgen](#) (Author), [Larry G. Vickerman](#) (Author) | July 15, 2015

Visit

- Denver Botanic Gardens: Roads water-smart garden & Birds and Bees Garden
- Kendrick Lake, Lakewood, CO
- Aurora Xeriscape Gardens, Aurora CO
- Colorado Springs Utilities Gardens, Colorado Springs, CO
- High Plains Environmental Center, Loveland, CO
- High Plains Arboretum, Cheyenne, WY

Top 40 Plants for Urban Waterwise Medians in Denver

Botanical Name	Common Name
TREES	
<i>Acer tataricum</i> 'Hot Wings'	Tatarian Maple 'Hot Wings'
<i>Amelanchier utahensis</i>	Utah Serviceberry
<i>Forestiera neomexicana</i>	New Mexico Privet
SHRUBS	
<i>Agave parryi</i>	Parry's Agave
<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	Leadplant
<i>Arctostaphylos x coloradensis</i>	Manzanita
<i>Chaemaebataria millefolium</i>	Fernbush
<i>Chrysothamnus nauseosus</i> var. <i>nauseosus</i>	Baby blue rabbitbrush
<i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>	Apache plume
<i>Hesperaloe parviflora</i> 'Brake Lights'	Red Yucca 'Brake Lights'
<i>Prunus besseryi</i> Pawnee Buttes	Sand Cherry 'Pawnee Buttes'
PERENNIALS	
<i>Achillea millefolium</i> 'Terra Cotta'	Yarrow 'Terra Cotta'
<i>Agastache</i> 'Pstessene'	Hyssop 'Coronado Red'
<i>Allium</i> 'Millenium'	Allium 'Millenium'
<i>Amsonia jonesii</i>	Colorado Bluestar
<i>Anthemis tinctoria</i> 'Kelwayi'	Golden Marguerite Daisy 'Kelwayi'
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly weed
<i>Baptisia australis</i> or <i>sphaerocarpa</i>	False indigo
<i>Delosperma</i> 'PJS01S'	Ice Plant 'Granita Raspberry'
<i>Echinops banaticus</i> 'Blue Globe'	Globe Thistle 'Blue Globe'
<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i> 'Kannah Creek'	Sulfur flower 'Kannah Creek'
<i>Liatrix punctata</i>	Blazing star
<i>Limonium latifolium</i>	Sea lavender/Statice
<i>Nepeta fassenii</i>	Catmint
<i>Oenothera macrocarpa</i>	Primrose/Sundrop
<i>Penstemon pinifolius</i>	Pineleaf penstemon
<i>Penstemon palmeri</i>	Palmer's penstemon
<i>Penstemon strictus</i>	Rocky Mountain Penstemon
<i>Pericaria affinis</i>	Himalayan border jewel
<i>Sedum</i> 'Turquoise Tails'	Sedum 'Turquoise Tails'
<i>Solidago</i> 'Wichita Falls'	Goldenrod 'Wichita Falls'
<i>Thymus</i> 'Pink Chinz'	Thyme 'Pink Chinz'
<i>Veronica liwanensis</i>	Turkish Speedwell
<i>Zauschneria</i> 'Orange Carpet'	Hummingbird Trumpet 'Orange Carpet'
<i>Zinnia grandifolia</i> 'Gold on Blue'	Zinnia 'Gold on Blue'
GRASSES	
<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i> 'Blonde Ambition'	Gramma grass 'Blonde Ambition'
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switchgrass 'Blaze'
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> 'Blaze'	Little bluestem
<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Prairie Dropseed
ANNUALS	
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	California poppy