

Highly Successful Plant Varieties for 7000 Feet					
Perennials	Deer Resistance	Water Needs	Pollinator Friendly	Other Pest Problems	Additional Benefits
Daisy, especially 'Avalache'	high	medium	no		Very long bloom time if deadheaded
Monarda, Red varieties like 'Cambridge Scarlet'	high	medium	yes	mildew	Best hummingbird magnet
Monarda, Native Lavender Bergamot	high	low	yes		tea can be made from the leaves
Salvia, Purple varieties like 'May Night' and 'Caradonna'	high	medium/low	yes	mildew	
False Sunflower	high	medium	no		Very long bloom time if deadheaded
Penstemon, <i>SO MANY</i> good varieties, but our native Rocky Mountain Penstemon is best, toughest are the pineleaf varieties	native - high, hybrids - medium	medium/low	yes		LIKES our poor, rocky soil
Agastache/ Hummingbird Mint (avoid southwestern desert varieties) Best is Native Agastache rupestris and blue varieties like 'Blue Fortune'	high	medium/low	yes		Blue varieties are large enough to be a shrub in the landscape
Yarrow, Select sterile hybrid varieties like 'Moonshine'	high	low	no		Long bloom time, Large, shrub-like plant in the landscape
Jupiter's Beard, AKA Red Valerian	high	medium/low	yes		
Iris, German	high	medium/low	no		
Iris, Siberian	high	medium	no		
Columbine, many varieties, many will interbreed and reseed, best are native varieties such as blue/white and yellow	medium	medium/low	yes		
Ice Plant	high	low	no		
Echinacea/ Coneflower, lots of new varieties, original native is the most hardy and has the lowest water needs	high	medium/low	yes		seed heads visited by birds in winter
Asiatic Lily	medium/low	medium	no	grasshoppers	takes up very little space relative to the amount of color it supplies.
Daylily	medium/low	medium	no		Grassy foliage adds a nice landscape element, even when not in bloom
Allium/ Ornamental Onion, especially 'Millenium'	medium	medium/low	yes		
Creeping Jenny, Gold	unkown	medium/high	no		Great for edging or as a container element
Veronica prostrata, MANY varieties, favorites are 'Aztec Gold', 'Crystal River' and Turkish Speedwell	high	low	unknown		Fills in between stones very quickly, heat and cold tolerant
Thyme, Culinary, Woolly, and Creeping	high	low	yes		Culinary Thyme is a wonderful herbal remedy that can be added to teas
Poppies, Oriental, Shirly, and Icelantic	high	medium/low	yes		annual varieties will reseed in poor soil, Dislike soils with poor drainage
Ajuga reptans/ Carpet Bugle 'Burgundy Glow' or 'Chocolate Chip'	high	medium	no		shade plant , combines well with annual flowers
Hardy Plumbago	high	medium/low	yes		Late season bloom, Wonderful mixed fall color
Snow-in-Summer	high	low	no		fills in spaces quickly- a little bit goes a long way
Soapwort, 'Max Frei' or 'Splendens'	medium	low	no		Splendens' works well in shady corners only receiving part sun
Aster, 'Purple Dome' and 'Alert'	low	medium	yes		In late summer and fall, Aster and Plumbago will be the only thing blooming. Frost tolerant.
Leadplant	high	low	yes		Tough-as-nails subshrub
Alyssum 'Basket of Gold'	high	low	no		early season bloom, sagegreen mounded foliage looks nice after blooms are spent
Stachys/ Lamb's Ear, 'Helen Von Stein' stays compact and does not spread, 'Silver Carpet' will spread and possibly need to be divided	high	medium	no		Helen von Stein' makes a very tidy mound or edging, almost never blooms, will not spread aggressively. Other varieties work well for filling a large area

Ratibida/ Mexican Hat	high	low	yes		
Coreopsis, most kinds	medium	medium/low	no		
Armeria, Sea Thrift 'Spendens'	medium	medium/low	no		very long bloom time
Catmint "Walker's Low' and 'Six Hills Giant' gets very large, 'Little Trudy' maintains a nice compact size	high	low	yes		very long bloom time
Flax, 'Lewis Blue' (also referred to as wild blue), 'Narbonne Blue'	high	low	yes		attracts small birds who eat the flax seeds

Annuals	Deer Resistance	Water Needs	Pollinator Friendly	Other Pest Problems	Additional Benefits
Coleus	high	medium	no		Both shade and sun varieties available
Licorice	high	medium	no		
Cleome/ Bee plant	high	low	yes		Large, vigorous plant, blooms can be seen from far away
Lobelia	high	medium	no		Techno Blue does well in shade or sun
California Poppy	high	medium/low	yes		
Iceland Poppy (annual or shortlived perennial)	high	medium/low	yes		
Shirley Poppy	high	medium/low	yes		
Alternanath 'Choco Chili'	unknown	medium	no		
Sunflower	medium/low	medium/low	yes		attracts loads of finches
Marigold, both African and French	high, French unknown	medium	no	possibly small rodents	
Zinnia	unknown	medium	yes		easy to grow from seed

Hesitantly recommending (have observed excellent performance over only one year)	Deer Resistance	Water Needs	Pollinator Friendly	Other Pest Problems	Additional Benefits
Corsican violet	medium/high	medium/low	unknown		super long bloom time, reseeds to gently spread
Dianthus 'Zing Rose'	high	medium/low	unknown		super long bloom time
Stachys 'Hummelo'	high	medium/low	unknown		Cold and heat tolerant
Creeping Cinquifol 'Verna Nana'	high	low	unknown		Blooming under the snow!
White Evening Primrose, Oenothera caespitosa marginata	low	very low	yes		Blooming under the snow!

* medium/low deer resistance means the deer only graze the blooms, not killing the entire plant, or that deer will not bother it once it has grown large enough

*Medium/low water needs mean the plant has fairly low water needs, but will bloom much more with sufficient water