

Native flowers and bushes for Colorado landscapes

Name	Color (appearance)
Nodding onion Bloom time: June-August Exposure: Sun/part shade Moisture needs: Low/medium	Pink  Photo from: https://www.netpsplantfinder.com/
Blue star Bloom time: April to June Exposure: Sun Moisture needs: Low	Blue  Photo courtesy of: https://plantselect.org/plant/amsonia-jonesii/
Pearly everlasting Notes: Excellent plant for pollinator and adapts well in dry, poor soils. Bloom time: Late summer to early fall Exposure: Sun Moisture needs: Low to medium	White  Photo courtesy of: highcountrygardens.com

Name

Appearance and Color

Wildflower

White to bright pink

Bloom time: Late spring to summer

Exposure: Sun to partial shade

Moisture needs: Low to medium



Photo courtesy of: gardenia.net

Pussytoes

Cream to pink

Good in rock gardens, needs well-drained soils.

Bloom time: April to June

Exposure: Sun to partial shade

Moisture needs: Low to medium



Photo courtesy of Janet Fryer

Blue columbine or Colorado Columbine

Blue, purple and white

Colorado state flower attracts hummingbirds.

Bloom time: Spring to Summer

Exposure: Part shade

Moisture needs: Medium



Photo courtesy of: National Park Service

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Appearance and color

Golden Columbine

Attracts hummingbirds. Good in clayish or organic soils. Pro tip: plant in masses since they can smother other smaller plants.

Bloom time: Spring to summer

Exposure: Sun to part shade

Moisture needs: Low to medium

Yellow



Photo courtesy of: plantselect.org

Butterfly weed/ Butterfly milkweed

Grows on sandy or rocky soils, often planted next to purple gayfeather, which blooms at the same time.

Bloom time: Late summer to fall.

Exposure: Sun

Moisture needs: Low

Orange



Photo courtesy of: waterwiseplants.org

Chocolate flower/ Greeneyes

Grows best in hot, dry conditions. Flowers do not last very long but seedlings germinate and replace them.

Bloom time: All summer

Exposure: Sun

Moisture needs: Low to medium

Yellow with green center



Photo courtesy of: waterwiseplants.org

Name

Purple poppy mallow, wine cups

Very drought tolerant, easy to establish, rabbit resistant, grows in well-drained soils.

Bloom time: Late spring and summer

Exposure: Sun

Moisture needs: Low to medium

Appearance and color

Magenta with White centers



Photo courtesy of: gardenia.net

Sundrops

Good in hot dry environments.

Bloom time: May to September

Exposure: Sun

Moisture needs: Low

Lemon yellow



Photo courtesy of plantselect.org

Aspen Daisy/ Showy daisy

Bloom time: Mid July to August

Exposure: Sun to part shade

Moisture needs: Low to medium

Lavender with yellow center



Photo courtesy of National Park Service

Name

Appearance and color

Blanket flower

Yellow to yellow/red with red/brown centers

Short lived flowers, best suited for naturalistic gardens or prairies since the flowers don't last very long.

(Plant instead of Zinnias)

Bloom time: July

Exposure: Sun to part shade

Moisture needs: Low to medium



Photo courtesy of: waterwiseplants.org

Prairie smoke

Cream to deep pink

Has long pink feathery seed heads, prefers moist clay soils. Recommended for mass planting, rock gardens.

Bloom time: Spring and early summer

Exposure: Sun to part shade

Moisture needs: Low/medium



Prairie smoke in bloom. Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Maximilian Sunflower

Yellow

Tolerates hot dry conditions.




Bloom time: September

Exposure: Sun

Moisture needs: Low



Photo courtesy of: waterwiseplants.org

Name	Appearance and color
<p>Bush morning glory</p> <p>Bloom time: Summer to fall.</p> <p>Exposure: Sun</p> <p>Moisture needs: Low</p>	<p>Lavender purple</p>  <p>Photo courtesy of: westernnativeseed.com</p>
<p>Gayfeather/ Blazing star</p> <p>Attracts butterflies, needs well-drained soils.</p> <p>Bloom time: Late summer to fall</p> <p>Exposure: Sun</p> <p>Moisture needs: Low</p>	<p>Rose purple</p>  <p>Photo courtesy of: findingnectar.com</p>
<p>Blue flax</p> <p>Reseeds readily, needs well-drained sandy to loam soils.</p> <p>Bloom time: May to July</p> <p>Exposure: Sun part shade</p> <p>Moisture needs: Low to medium</p>	<p>Blue</p>  <p>Photo courtesy of: plantselect.org</p>

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Appearance and color

Pasque flower

Great for rock gardens, needs well drained soils.

(plant instead of Crocus)

Bloom time: Early spring

Exposure: Sun

Moisture needs: Low to moderate

Lavender



Photo courtesy of: gardenia.net

Rocky mountain penstemon/ Front Range Beardtongue

One of the easiest penstemons to establish but can develop powdery mildew if too crowded. (Plant instead of Delphinium).

Bloom time: Mid to late spring

Exposure: Sun

Moisture needs: Low

Blue/blue-purple



Photo courtesy of: Durango nursery and supply

Black eyed Susan/ Denver Daisy

Best if treated like an annual

Bloom time: Summer to fall.

Exposure: Sun

Moisture needs: Low to moderate

Yellow



Photo courtesy of Plant Select