

## Plants Native to Laramie County, Wyoming

Common name	Latin name	Color(s)	Bloom Time	Rock/Crevise Garden	Height at Maturity	Width at Maturity	Drought Tolerance
Aster, Santa Fe	Machaeranthera bigelovii	Blue, Pink, Purple, Red, White	Summer, Fall	Not found	1 to 6 feet	1 to 4 feet	Likely periodic drought
Aster, Smooth	Aster (Syphyotrichum) laevis	purple, lavender, blue	August, September, October	Rock garden plant	2'-4'	18"-24"	Very tolerant
Avens, Prairie Smoke	Geum triflorum	Pink, Purple, Mauve	Apr - Jun	Not found	6-18"	6-12"	Low
Bee-Balm, Native Lavender	Monarda fistulosa menthifolia	Purple	Midsummer, late summer	Rock garden	14-18"	22-28"	Tolerates dry conditions
Blackeyed Susan	Rudbeckia hirta	yellow	June to November	Rock garden plant	1'-3'	Not found	Tolerant
Blanket Flower	Gallardia aristata	red, apricot, peach, bronze	Late spring through fall	Not found	1' - 3'	1' to 2'	Tolerates drought
Buffalograss	Grass, Bouteloua dactyloides	Green	Non-flowering	Not found	0.25 to 0.50 feet	0.50 to 0.50 feet	Drought
Cactus, Beavertail	Opuntia basilaris	Pink	late winter to early summer	Ideal for rock gardens	20 inches	up to 6 feet	Drought-tolerant
Chocolate Flower	Berlandiera lyrata	Yellow	Spring, Summer	Not found	1-3'	18-24"	Tolerates drought
Clematis, Western Virgin's Bower	Clematis ligusticifolia	White	July, Aug, Sep	Not found	6' - 10'	Not found	Prefers moist
Clover, Purple Prairie	Dalea purpurea	purple, pink, lilac	June, July, August	Rock gardens	1'-3'	Not found	Drought tolerant
Columbine, Rocky Mountain	Aquilegia coerulea	Blue, Purple, White	May - Jun	Not found	18"	15"	Moderate
Coneflower, Prairie Red	Ratibida columnifera pulcherrima	Red	Summer	Good for naturalizing	15-24"	18"	Drought Resistant / Waterwise
Coneflower, Prairie Yellow	Ratibida columnifera	yellow to red	June, July, August, September	Perfect for rock gardens	1'-3'	Not found	Drought tolerant
Coneflower, Purple	Echinacea purpurea	pinkish-purple	early summer through mid-fall	Not found	3' to 4'	Not found	Drought tolerant
Coreopsis, Lance-leaf	Coreopsis lanceolata	yellow, orange	June, July, August	Rock garden plant	1'-3'	Not found	Drought tolerant
Creeping Colorado Holly	Mahonia repens	yellow	spring (Mar. - May)	Rock gardens	to 1 foot	3 to 4 feet	Periodic irrigation required
Daisy, Cut-Leaf	Erigeron compositus	Yellow	Spring, summer	Needs good drainage	2' - 3'	2' - 3'	Drought tolerant
Evening Primrose, Missouri	Oenothera macrocarpa	Yellow	Late Spring, Summer	Rock gardens	9-12"	12-18"	Highly drought-tolerant
Evening Primrose, White	Oenothera caespitosa marginata	white, soft pink	Mid to late spring	Great for rock gardens	4-20 in.	10-12 in.	Drought tolerant
False Indigo	Baptisia australis	indigo blue	late spring to early summer	Not found	3-4'	3-4'	Drought tolerant

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Flax, Wild Blue	<i>Linum lewisii</i>	azure blue	Late spring to midsummer	Great for rock gardens	18-24 in.	18 in.	Drought tolerant
Fleabane, Showy	<i>Erigeron speciosus</i>	Pink, White, Yellow	Early Summer, Late Summer	Useful for wall or paving crevices	6" to 12"	1' to 3'	Tolerates drought
Four O'clock, Desert	<i>Mirabilis multiflora</i>	Magenta	June - October	Wonderful addition to xeric landscape	Up to 2 feet tall	5 to 10 feet across	Truly xeric
Gay Butterfly	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Orange	June, July, August	Not found	24" – 36"	18" – 24"	Drought Tolerant
Gayfeather, Blazing Star Rocky Mountain	<i>Liatrix ligulistylis</i>	Pink, Purple	Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct	Not found	Up to about 3 feet tall	Not found	Not found
Gayfeather, Native	<i>Liatrix punctata</i>	Purple, white	Summer, fall	Not found	2–5 ft.	9–18 in.	Good tolerance
Geranium, Sticky	<i>Geranium viscosissimum</i>	Pink to purple	May through August	Excellent for gardens	24-30"	18-24"	Low
Golden Banner	<i>Thermopsis divaricarpa</i>	Yellow	Apr - May	Not found	24-30"	24"	Moderately moist, thrives in dry areas
Grass, Big Bluestem	<i>Grass, Andropogon gerardii</i>	Purple	Summer	Rock Garden	49-72"	Not found	Drought Tolerant
Grass, Blue Grama	<i>Grass, Bouteloua gracilis</i>	red-purple	Summer	Not found	9-24"	1.5-2'	Drought tolerant
Grass, Blue-Eyed	<i>Sisyrinchium montanum</i>	Blue or yellow	June	Often used in rock garden	4 to 12 inches	Not found	Tolerates some drought
Grass, Indian	<i>Grass, Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Golden brown	Not found	Not found	36 - 60 inches	24 - 26 inches	Drought and erosion resistant
Grass, Prairie Dropseed	<i>Grass, Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Pink and brown tinted	August to October	Prefers dry, rocky soils	2.00 to 3.00 feet	2.00 to 3.00 feet	Good drought tolerance
Grass, Sideoats Grama	<i>Grass, Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	white, copper, brown	July, August, September	Not found	2'-3'	16"-30"	Remarkably drought tolerant
Grass, Switch	<i>Grass, Panicum virgatum</i>	Pink	Summer	Not found	3-6 ft.	2-3 ft.	Drought tolerant
Hummingbird Flower	<i>Epilobium canum latifolium</i>	Yellow to red	Summer	Not found	3' to 4'	Not found	Drought and heat tolerant
Hummingbird Trumpet, ORANGE CARPET®	<i>Epilobium canum garrettii</i> ORANGE CARPET®	bright orange	summer-fall	Good for rock gardens	4-6"	18-20"	Drought tolerant
Iris, Western Blue Flag	<i>Iris missouriensis</i>	Blue	Spring and summer	Not found	12 - 24 inches	Not found	Not found
Junegrass, Prairie	<i>Grass, Koeleria macrantha</i>	yellow	May, June	Rock garden plant	6"-24"	Not found	Tolerates drought
Kinnikinnick	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	White to pink	April - July	Ideal for rock gardens	5-8"	2-5'	Dry to moist
Lupine, Silvery	<i>Lupinus argenteus</i>	blue to violet	Early to midsummer	Rocky Soil	1-3 ft.	1 ft.	Drought tolerant
Mallow, Orange Globe	<i>Sphaeralcea munroana</i>	Orange Pink	Early Summer Mid Summer Late Summer Long Blooming	Not found	36-42"	24"	Low

Mallow, Prairie	Sphaeralcea coccinea	Mix	Mid spring to early fall	Excellent as a rock garden plant	8 inches	30 inches	Dry, well-drained
Nodding Onion	Allium cernuum	Pink to lilac	Mid to late summer/Late spring and summer	Rock garden	12-18"	4-6"	Drought tolerant
Pearly Everlasting	Anaphalis margaritacea	White	Summer	Rock gardens	1-3 feet	1-2 feet	Tolerates drought
Penstemon, Bridge's	Penstemon rostriflorus	orange-red	Midsummer to fall	Not found	28-32"	24-30"	Moderate to xeric
Penstemon, Firecracker	Penstemon eatonii	Scarlet	Late winter and early spring, Summer	Rock gardens	1-3 ft.	1-3 ft.	Drought tolerant
Penstemon, Mat	Penstemon caespitosus	Royal blue, violet, or purple	May to August	Ideal for rock gardens	1 to 3 feet	Low mounding habit	Highly drought-tolerant
Penstemon, Palmer	Penstemon palmeri	Pink	June - July	Rock gardens	4 - 6'	1 - 3'	Extremely drought tolerant
Penstemon, Pineleaf	Penstemon pinifolius	bright-orange	Late spring to Mid summer	Rock gardens	10-12"	12-18"	Water thrifty
Penstemon, Rocky Mountain	Penstemon strictus	Royal blue, violet, or purple	Late spring to early summer	Ideal for rock gardens	1-3 feet	Low mounding habit	Highly drought-tolerant
Penstemon, Scarlet Bugler	Penstemon barbatus	bright red	late spring to early summer	Ideal for rock gardens	24" - 48"	12"	Great drought tolerance
Penstemon, Shell Leaf Pink	Penstemon grandiflorus	Pink - lavender	Early summer	Not found	24 - 36 inches	Not found	Drought tolerant
Penstemon, Wasatch	Penstemon cyananthus	Blue	May - July	Excellent in rock gardens	12 - 18"	10 - 24"	Very Low (Water to Establish) or Low (1/2" every 10-14 days)
Prairie Winecups	Callirhoe involucrata	pink-magenta	spring through late summer	Slopes, edges of retaining walls, over rocks	5" to 8"	20" to 30"	Moderate, low, very low
Red Birds in a Tree	Scrophularia macrantha	Red	Jun - Sep	Not found	36-48"	18"	Low
Sage, Fringed	Artemisia frigida	Yellow	July, August	Rock gardens	6"	24"	Not found
Sage, Native	Artemisia ludoviciana	Silver-gray foliage, yellow inconspicuous flowers	Late Summer	Excellent for rock gardens	12-18"	18-24"	Extremely drought tolerant
Sneezeweed	Helenium autumnale	Yellow, Orange, Red	Mid- to late summer through fall	Not found	3 to 5 feet	2 to 3 feet	Does not tolerate dry conditions
Sulphur Flower	Eriogonum umbellatum	cream-colored to yellow with red or purple	summer (Jun. - Aug.)	Rock gardens	6" to 12"	1' to 2'	Drought tolerant
Sunflower, Maximilian	Helianthus maximiliani	Yellow	Summer, fall	Not found	4-6 ft	3 ft +	Low, medium
Verbena, Native	Verbena bipinnatifida	Purple	Summer	Not found	24 - 36 inches	Not found	Average to dry
White Yarrow	Achillea Millefolium	White	Summer	Not found	24-30 in	24 in	Tolerates drought
Windflower	Anemone multifida	Purple-blue, pink, white	Early spring	Rock gardens	6"	6"	Not found

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