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Water-Wise Landscaping Plants

Spring:

Spring Meadow Saffron *Bulbocodium vernum* 🦌

Pasque flower (*Pulsatilla patens*) – native 🦌

Crocus tommasinianus 'Ruby Giant' 🦌

Snow Iris (or Dwarf Iris) - *Iris reticulata* 'Pixie' 🦌

Daffodils – 'Marieke', 'Tete-a-tete', 'Jetfire', 'Fragrant Rose' 🦌

Tulipa humilis types (note: all sorts of creatures like to eat tulips)

Tulipa batalinii - 'Yellow Jewel', 'Bronze Charm'

Tulipa greigii

Early Flowers and Fabulous Foliage:

Pasque flower (*Pulsatilla patens*) – native 🦌

Phlox kelseyi 'Lemhi Purple' (Kelsey's phlox) – native 🦌

bifida (cleft phlox) – native

hoodii (Spiny phlox) – native

Woolly Speedwell (*Veronica pectinata*) 🦌

Golden Currant – native

Curlicue Artemisia (*Artemisia versicolor* 'Seafoam') 🦌

Sugarbowl clematis (*Clematis scottii*) – native 🦌

Early Summer:

Iris (*Iris* spp.) - *Iris pallida* 'Variegata' 🦌

Iris – miniature, dwarf, tall 🦌

Sand Cherry (*Prunus besseyi*) - native

White Tufted Evening Primrose (*Oenothera caespitosa*) – native 🦌 ?

Lamb's Ear (*Stachys byzantina*) 'Helen Von Stein' 'Silver Carpet' 🦌

Thyme 🦌

Iceplant (*Delosperma congestum*) 'Gold Nugget' 🦌

Pussytoes (*Antennaria* spp.) 'McClintock', Rosy – native, don't know deer resistant status, would expect minimal damage due it being so short

Hens & Chicks (*Sempervivum*) 🦌


Pinks (*Dianthus* spp.) *D. gratianopolitanus* 'Firewitch' 'Tiny Rubies' 🦌

Sulfur Flower (*Eriogonum umbellatum*) – native 🦌

Catmint (*Nepeta* spp.) – sterile, veg propagated varieties such as 'Walker's Low', 'Six Hills Giant' 🦌

Water-Wise Tips:


- Plan the garden
- Use turf thoughtfully
- **Select and group** plants according to their water needs
- Mulch
- Water efficiently
- Maintain the landscape
- Consider wildfire


Penstemon – native (many penstemon are reported to be , however reports are variable so you'll have to experiment)

eatonii (firecracker penstemon)
strictus (Rocky mountain penstemon)
grandiflorus (Large beardtongue)

Others not shown to try:

eriantherus (fuzzytongue penstemon) – will prob need to grow from seed
hallii (Hall's beardtongue) – will prob need to grow from seed
barbatus (Beardlip penstemon)
palmeri (Palmer's beardtongue)
virens (Bluemist penstemon)

Missouri Evening Primrose (*Oenothera macrocarpa* or *missouriensis*) – native 

Meadow Sage (*Salvia nemorosa*) 'May Night' 


Mid Summer:

Blanket Flower (*Gaillardia* spp.) – native 

Yarrow (*Achillea* spp.) 'Moonshine' 

Partridge Feather (*Tanacetum densum* ssp. *amani*) 


Prairie Coneflower (*Ratibida columnifera*) – native 

Poppy Mallow (*Callirhoe involucrata*) – native 

Blue Avena grass (*Helictotrichon sempervirens*) 


Late Summer:


Sedum 'Autumn Joy', Lanceleaf Sedum (*Sedum lanceolatum*)


Coneflowers (*Rudbeckia hirta* and *Echinacea angustifolia*) – native 


Wild Four O'Clock (*Mirabilis multiflora*) – native, variable reports of deer resistance

Hummingbird Trumpet (*Zauschneria garrettii*) – native 

Goldenrod (Solidago) 'Golden Baby' – native 

Gayfeather (*Liatris punctata*) – native 

Asters (*Symphotrichum* or *Aster* spp.) – some are native to our area, others aren't, some reported to be 

Colchicums ('Lilac Wonder', 'Rosy Dawn') 

More information online...

www.barnyardsandbackyards.com (Click "Landscaping" "Native Plants", etc.)

Native = native to great plains or rocky mountain region

- 🦌 = reported to be deer resistant (no guarantees though – not deer proof!). Be sure to protect all plants recently bought from the nursery until they become acclimated and deer don't notice them so much as new.
- 🦌 Deer like to taste plants even when they don't prefer them.
- 🦌 Deer preferences sometime vary by location, which is all very annoying and may be why we see variability among recommendations.
- 🦌 Just because deer don't eat it doesn't mean rabbits, ground squirrels, etc, etc. won't.
- 🦌 In bad years – dry, lack of food, etc. all bets are off!

Deer resistance resources:

Rutgers list – type it in their search box and see how they rate it. They are out of New Jersey. Sometimes they don't have our plants in their list OR if you type in "phlox" they are likely to be referring to a different species, not the ones in this list. <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/deer-resistant-plants/>

General "Preventing Deer Damage" from CSU <https://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/natural-resources/preventing-deer-damage-6-520/>

Plant list from Pollinator guide:



Bloom chart from Pollinator guide:



Plants with Altitude

<https://bit.ly/plants-altitude-site>