

RESOURCES

Wildlife Friendly Native Plants by Wildscape Region

(H denotes hardy, high elevation survivors)

PLAINS GRASSLAND

Common Name	Scientific Name	Notes
<u>Grasses</u>		
Indian Grass	<i>Sorghastrum avenaceum</i>	Winter seed source/H
Little Bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Winter seed source/H
Side Oats Grama Grass	<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	Nectar and seed source
Switchgrass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Cover and fall color
<u>Perennials</u>		
Bush Sunflower	<i>Helianthus pumilus</i>	Fall seed source
Stemless Evening Primrose	<i>Oenothera howardii</i>	Lures hovering moths
Orange Butterflyweed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly magnet/H
Prairie Coneflower	<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>	Finches eat seed heads
Yellow Prickly Pear	<i>Opuntia polyacantha</i>	Bee nectar; fruit
<u>Shrubs</u>		
Hackberry	<i>Celtis reticulata</i>	Fruit eaten by birds
Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus erythropoda</i>	Fruit, thorns for cover
Sand Cherry	<i>Cerasus (Prunus) besseyi</i>	Every one eats the fruit
Three Leaf Sumac/Skunkbush	<i>Rhus aromatica ssp. trilobata</i>	Fruit for birds
<u>Trees</u>		
Plains Cottonwood	<i>Populus deltoides/monilifera</i>	Nest habitat for orioles & owls

PINON-JUNIPER WOODLAND

<u>Grasses</u>		
Blue Grama	<i>Chondrosum bouteloua gracilis</i>	Substitute for bluegrass/H
Indian Ricegrass	<i>Achnatherum hymenoides</i>	Seeds eaten by birds/H
Needle and Thread	<i>Hesperostipa comata</i>	Seeds eaten by birds/H
<u>Perennials</u>		
Wild Four O'clock	<i>Mirabilis multiflora</i>	Nectar feeding insects
Rocky Mountain Bee Plant	<i>Cleome serrulata</i>	Butterfly magnet/self sows
Rocky Mountain Penstemon	<i>Penstemon strictus</i>	Nectar feeding insects
Scarlet Bugler Penstemon	<i>Penstemon barbatus</i>	Hummingbird attractant
Silvery Lupine	<i>Lupinus argenteus</i>	Seeds eaten by birds/H
<u>Shrubs</u>		
Oregon-Grape	<i>Mahonia repens</i>	Berries eaten by birds
Rubber Rabbitbrush, Green	<i>Chrysothamnus nauseosus</i>	Moths, butterflies, birds/H
Three-leaf Sumac	<i>Rhus aromatica trilobata</i>	Berries and cover/H
<u>Trees</u>		
Piñon Pine	<i>Pinus edulis</i>	Pinon Jays/wildlife eat nuts
Rocky Mountain Juniper	<i>Sabina scopulorum</i>	Winter berries/birds/H

PONDEROSA PINE FOREST/GAMBEL'S OAK CHAPARRAL

Grasses

Big Bluestem
Idaho Fescue
Junegrass
Mountain Muhly

Andropogon gerardii
Festuca idahoensis
Koeleria macrantha
Muhlenbergia montana

Winter seed source
Seeds eaten by birds
Cover, food for grazers/H
Cover/food for birds

Perennials

Bee Balm
Scarlet Gilia
Sulfur Flower Buckwheat
Wild Strawberry

Monarda fistulosa
Ipomopsis aggregata
Eriogonum umbellatum
Fragaria virginiana ssp. glauca

Hummer magnet/self sows
Hummingbird magnet
Butterflies and bees
Fruit eaten by everyone

Shrubs

Boulder Raspberry
Kinnikinnick
Mountain Ninebark
Mountain Mahogany
Serviceberry
Silver Buffaloberry

Oreobatus (Rubus) deliciosus
Arctostaphylos uva-ursi
Physocarpus monogynus
Cercocarpus montanus
Amelanchier alnifolia
Shepherdia argentea

Fruit eaten by wildlife
Berries eaten by wildlife
Showy blooms/seed/H
Cover/pods/birds
Fruit eaten by wildlife/H
Fruit eaten by wildlife

SPRUCE/FIR/ASPEN MONTANE

Grasses

Mountain Muhly

Muhlenbergia montana

Cover/food for birds

Perennials

Tall Beard Tongue, Blue Mist
Colorado Columbine
Coral Bells
Western Sneezeweed

Penstemon virgatus
Aquilegia caerulea
Heuchera sanguinea
Helenium hoopesii

Hummingbirds and butterflies
Bee magnet
Nectar feeding insects
Bird and insect food

Shrubs

Mountain Spiraea
Red Elderberry
Thimbleberry
Twinberry Honeysuckle

Holodiscus dumosus
Sambucus racemosa
Rubacer parviflorus
Lonicera involucrata

Cover for birds
Every one eats the berries
Fruit for wildlife
Cover, nectar and berries

Trees

Aspen

Populus tremuloides

Woodpecker/swallow nesting