



Plant Select®

Smart plants for the right places

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If you're new to our newsletter, cheers! For 28 years, our nonprofit has tested and selected plants that thrive in the intermountain regions and high plains, so you can create water-wise landscapes that are beautiful, low maintenance and have a positive environmental impact — no matter your skill level.

Plant Select's goal is to create smart plant choices for a new American landscape inspired by the Rocky Mountain region

A warm welcome to our new Plant Select members:

- Carla Finlay – Individual Ambassador
- Ellen Lynn – Individual Ambassador
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- Jennifer Matheson – Individual Ambassador
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- Lionel Jellins – Individual Ambassador
- Mary Karner – Individual Ambassador
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- Susan Grimsby – Individual Ambassador

And thanks to all who've renewed their memberships!

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Amp up your autumn curb appeal
(and feed pollinators too)

Want to add splashes of color to your fall landscape? Looking for



Fall Season Extenders

ways to support pollinators and migrating hummingbirds during long, mild autumns?

Sure, ornamental grasses and shrubs have big moments in the fall, but perennials can shine too!

Check out these [18 long-blooming perennials for fall](#).

In the garden with Grace Say hello to Monarch butterflies

Join **Grace Johnson** of Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms as she shares one of her late summer faves: [Meadow blazing star](#) (*Liatris ligulistylis*)—also known as, Rocky Mountain blazing star.

Watch short video



Shopping tip...

Even though *Liatris ligulistylis* blooms in August and early September, it's usually sold in garden centers in the **late spring and early summer**.

Create a Plants list on your phone, and add this gem to your spring list!

NATIVE PLANT FEATURE

PAWNEE BUTTES® sandcherry A colorful, low-growing beauty

[PAWNEE BUTTES® sandcherry](#) (*Prunus besseyi* 'P011S') is a graceful, low-growing form of our [native sandcherry](#) shrub. It thrives

at a variety of elevations.

Fragrant, white flowers attract pollinators in April. By summer, this low-growing shrub is covered with vibrant, green leaves and can produce black fruit that's attractive to birds. The lustrous, green leaves turn red hues in the fall.

PAWNEE BUTTES® is a native selection—a plant found in the wild that was selected for unique, naturally-occurring traits. It grows just 15–18 inches tall. (Most sandcherries grow five to six feet tall.)

Tips from the pros: Give it plenty of room to grow horizontally. Occasional hand pruning of small limbs will keep this well-behaved plant in a beautiful shape.



Get plant details

Botanical name note: *Prunus besseyi* is a synonym for *Prunus pumila* var. *besseyi*.

Your plant questions... answered!



"Should I fertilize Plant Select shrubs?"

Generally, no. These plants should be able to access the nutrients they need in our soils. They're adapted to western conditions. Less work for you!

It can be tempting to push young shrubs to grow faster or to empty out fertilizer bottles (intended for annual flowers) before fall, but promoting tender, new growth on your shrubs at this time of year can make them vulnerable to freezing.

If you're trying to boost the health of a shrub, particularly a young shrub getting established, water it well this fall—and [water it through drier winters](#).

Pictured in autumn:

[PAWNEE BUTTES® sandcherry](#) (*Prunus besseyi* 'P011S'), [Panchito manzanita](#) (*Arctostaphylos* x

Save the dates for these industry events

[2026 Utah Green Conference](#) | Sandy, Utah
January 5-7

[Idaho Horticulture Expo 2026](#) | Idaho
January 21-23

[ProGreen EXPO 2026](#) | Denver, Colorado
February 3-5

[Rocky Mountain Green Expo](#) | Casper, Wyoming
February 12-13

Cheers to local garden centers for a great summer!



Pictured: Horticulturist Colette Haskell

Do you have "go-to" garden centers? The kind of places you'll drive across town for because they have hard-to-find gems, an inviting atmosphere and knowledgeable staff?

Us too.

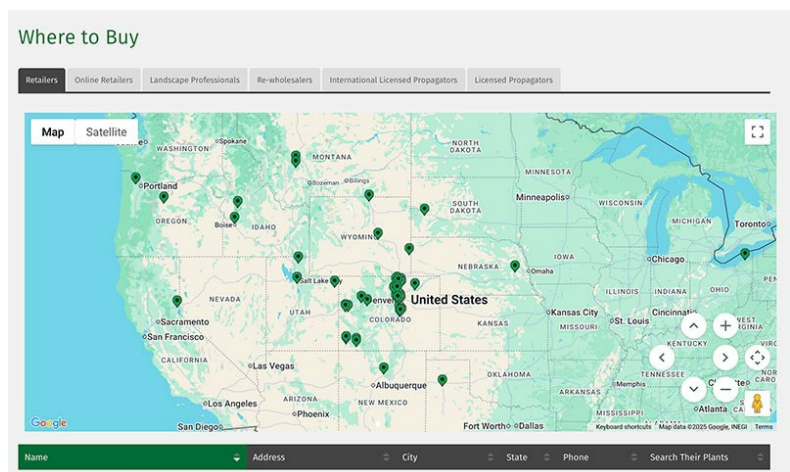
As the growing season winds down, please join us in saying **thank you** to the [independent garden centers that support Plant Select](#).

Many of these garden centers hold fall classes and events. **Explore what they have to offer!**

Tip: If you want to find local garden centers that carry Plant Select plants, check out our [new map](#) of participating garden centers.

[View map](#)

We'll share this map again in the spring.



Smart plants for the right places

Dreamy fall grasses



Korean feather reed
grass



UNDAUNTED®
ruby muhly
grass



Thin Man golden
prairie grass

Botanical names:

Calamagrostis brachytricha | *Muhlenbergia reverchonii* PUND01S' | *Sorghastrum nutans* 'Thin Man'

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