



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 waterwise landscapes that are beautiful, low maintenance and have a positive environmental impact — no matter your skill level.



[Curly leaf sea kale](#) and [filigree daisy](#) in the Plant Select Demonstration Garden at [Denver Botanic Gardens](#) [Chatfield Farms](#) in late spring. Photo courtesy of Grace Johnson.

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 newest Plant Select members:

- [Franz Witte Garden Center](#) – Nampa and McCall, Idaho – Retail Garden Center Member
- [Anne Clark Design](#) – Loveland, Colo. – Landscape Professional Member
- [Bee Good Gardening](#) – Colorado Springs, Colo. – Landscape Professional Member
- [Branching Out](#) – Bellevue, Idaho – Landscape Professional Member
- [Didier Design Studio](#) – Fort Collins, Colo. – Landscape Professional Member
- [TREELINE Design](#) – Ketchum, Idaho – Landscape Professional Member
- [Urban Landscape Ecology](#) – Fort Collins, Colo. – Landscape Professional Member
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- Richard Christensen – Individual Ambassador

And thanks to all who've renewed their memberships!

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Get to know Rocky Mountain goldenrod

A "keystone plant" and one of our 2025 selections!

Many goldenrods flower late in the season and grow large, but not [Rocky Mountain goldenrod](#) (*Solidago multiradiata*). This dwarf, well-behaved goldenrod adds vibrant color to drought-tolerant landscapes in the late spring.

Rocky Mountain goldenrod is [native to much of the West](#). Dr. Doug Tallamy and the National Wildlife Federation recognize it as a [keystone plant](#) for [multiple ecoregions](#), including what they call the North American Deserts and the Northwestern Forested Mountains.

Keystone plants feed and host “significant numbers of butterflies, moths, and pollen specialist bees.” These plants play an essential role

in ecosystem health.

Add Rocky Mountain goldenrod to pollinator strips, borders, rock gardens and high elevation yards. Our thanks to Richard Anderson and our collaborators in Utah for bringing this gem to Plant Select!

[Explore all of our 2025 plants](#)



Watch short
video

See plant description



"Where can I find Rocky Mountain goldenrod?"

*It can take a season or two for plant numbers to grow and become widely available. If you're eager to add Rocky Mountain goldenrod this spring, please **ask for it** from local [Plant Select retailers](#) and [wholesalers](#). Currently, [High Country Gardens has it in stock](#) too.*

In the garden with Grace

How to move Plant Select perennials

Need to move perennials in your garden?
Looking for ways to improve your
success rate with transplanting?

Join Horticulturist **Grace Johnson** as she shares how she moves perennials in the Plant Select Demonstration Garden at [Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms](#).

Watch Grace's video



3 elements for successful transplanting



Temperature

Move perennials on mild or cloudy days to reduce plant stress. Avoid moving perennials in the heat of summer.



Water

When you move a perennial, **don't** "set it and forget it." It's important to keep transplants well watered. Irrigate them like you would a new plant.



Roots

Perennials have different types of root systems, from thick, fibrous roots (see above) to tap roots. Tap-rooted perennials often don't transplant well.

Check out [Transplanting Landscape Plants](#) from the University of Arizona Extension for more insights.



Mountain gardeners

Discover great plants for high elevation landscapes

Looking for tough plants for mountain landscapes?

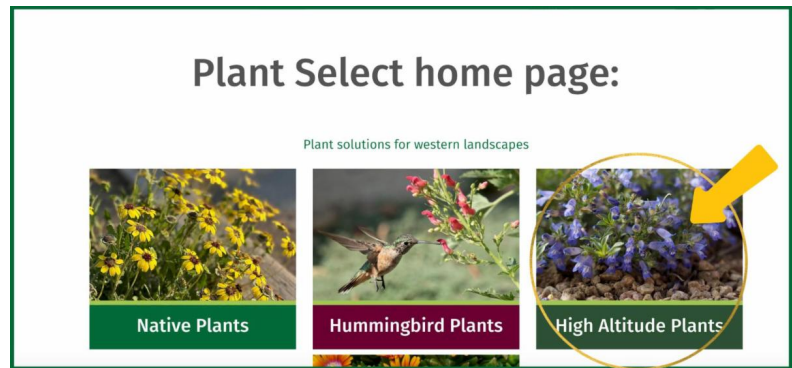
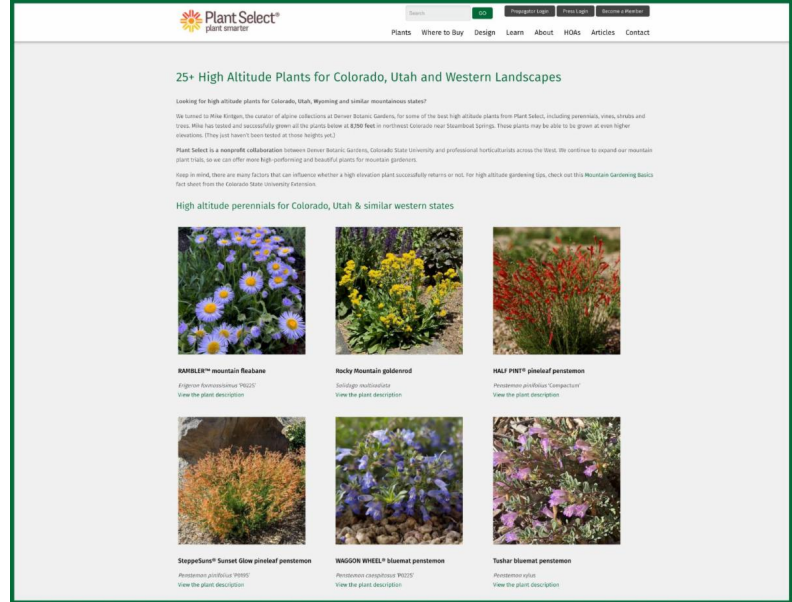
Mike Kintgen, curator of alpine collections at

[Denver Botanic Gardens](#), has created a list of some of his favorite high altitude plants from Plant Select, and we've added it to our website.

You'll find both regionally native plants and well-adapted plants.

These plants have been tested at 8,150 feet near the Colorado/Wyoming border. Many can thrive in even higher elevations, particularly in the right microclimates.

Plants for
high
elevations



Look for the *High Altitude Plants* image on our home page.



You're invited to our **2025 Annual Conference**
Thursday, June 26
Denver Botanic Gardens

Join us for our [2025 Annual Conference](#)—a fun, one-day event for plant enthusiasts! Enjoy interesting talks from regional speakers, celebrate the people who've gone above and beyond for Plant Select, and learn about our 2025 plants.

Get inspired with talks like:



The RAD West: Creating Urban Landscapes With an Inspiring Sense of Identity

Emmanuel Didier
of [Didier Design Studio](#)
Fort Collins, Colo.



Thriving Together: Pollinators of the American West and the Plants They Need

Sonya Johnson of [Denver Botanic Gardens](#) and Amy Yarger of [Butterfly Pavilion](#)
Denver, Colo.



Vivacious, Vibrant and Robust Plants for the Intermountain West

Nich Boynton and Robb Smith
of [Edwards Greenhouse](#)
Boise, Idaho



The Beauty of Adaptation: Exploring the Water Conservation Garden at Red Butte Garden and Arboretum

Guy Banner
of [Red Butte Garden and Arboretum](#)
Salt Lake City, Utah

Save money on your ticket

Tickets are only \$75 through Friday, April 18. Regular price: \$90.
(Last year's conference sold out, so don't wait.)

[Get details and save your seat](#)

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Spring plant sales are coming soon

Visit your local botanic gardens this spring and find your fave Plant Select plants, including rare treasures. Registration may be required for the events below.



[Red Butte Garden spring plant sale](#)

May 9–10 | Salt Lake City, Utah

[Idaho Botanical Garden spring plant sale](#)

May 9–10 | Boise, Idaho

[Denver Botanic Gardens spring plant sale](#)

May 9–10 | Denver, Colo.

[The Gardens on Spring Creek spring plant sale](#)

May 17–18 | Fort Collins, Colo.

Upcoming Plant Select member webinars



MARCH 27
**Plant Care Best Practices:
In the Plant Select Garden
With Grace**

Grace Johnson
[Denver Botanic Gardens](#)
[Chatfield Farms](#)



APRIL 16
**The Spectrum of Gardens:
What We've Learned as
Plant-Driven Designers**

Emily Maeda
[Tree of Life Landscapes](#)



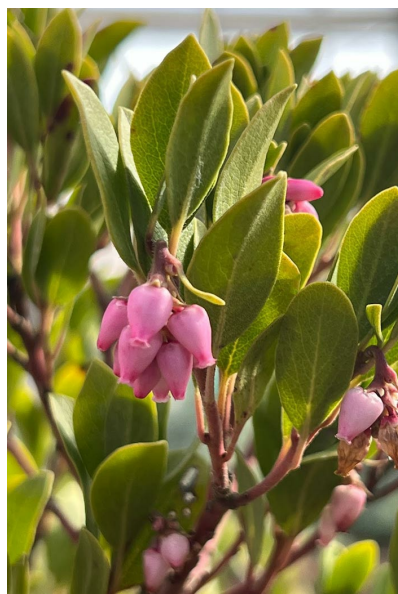
APRIL 24
**Behind the Scenes in the
Plant Select Trial Gardens**

Michael Guidi
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[Chatfield Farms](#)

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Spring flowering shrubs



Panchito
manzanita



SPANISH GOLD®
broom



CHEYENNE® mock
orange

Botanical names:

Arctostaphylos x coloradensis 'Panchito' | *Cytisus purgans* | *Philadelphus lewisii* 'PWY01S'

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