



# Plant Select®

Smart plants for the right places

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*If you're new to our newsletter, cheers! For 27 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.*

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

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## A warm welcome to our newest Plant Select members:

- [Star Roses and Plants](#) – West Grove, Pa. – Network Licensed Propagator
- [Pine Lane Nursery](#) – Parker, Colo. – Grow-to-Retail Licensed Propagator
- [Cheyenne Botanic Gardens](#) – Cheyenne, Wyo. – Local Government and Public Gardens
- [The Happy Gardener](#) – Fort Collins, Colo. – Landscape Professional Member
- Adam Good – Individual Ambassador
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- Kristen Hnida Walker – Individual Ambassador
- Marilyn Schroeder – Individual Ambassador
- Susan Brackett – Individual Ambassador
- Travis Sluka – Individual Ambassador

**And thanks to all who've renewed their memberships!**

**Learn how to become a Plant Select member.** Landscape Professional, Retail, Wholesale, Mail Order, Local Government or Individual Ambassador

## Landscape professional conference: From crevice to canopy

Join us Sept. 11 in Fort Collins, Colo.



Plant Select has always wanted to host a conference for landscape pros, and this is the year! Join us **Wed., Sept. 11** as we look to the future—with new design styles, new trees, new sustainability practices and new friends. During this one-day, in-person event, you'll hear from dynamic speakers like Kenton Seth, co-author of *The Crevice Garden*.

All landscape professionals are welcome. ISA CEUs are available.

Learn more and save your seat

Don't wait! Registration ends Tues., Sept. 3



### Denver Daisy dazzles

Add this showy *Rudbeckia* to your garden and flowerpots

Would you like a long-blooming, eye-catching *Rudbeckia*? Denver Daisy shines in waterwise gardens, particularly in August. It has large, golden flowers with a deep-red rim encircling a dark brown center.

Denver Daisy was named in honor of the City of Denver's 150th anniversary in 2008. It has parentage from *Rudbeckia hirta*, and it attracts a variety of pollinators.

Treat Denver Daisy as an annual in colder climates and as a tender perennial in warmer climates. It can self sow, offering new plants for the future.

Hardiness zones: 6–9. Clay, loam or gravel soil. Heat and drought tolerant.



## In the garden with Grace

### Feed hummingbirds and enjoy the show!



Hummingbirds migrate south for the winter, and you can help them get ready for their lengthy trip!

In this short video, Horticulturist **Grace Johnson** of [Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms](#) shares some of her favorite low-water plants for feeding hummingbirds, so you can attract these small-but-mighty birds to your garden, especially in late summer.

Watch Grace's 2-minute video

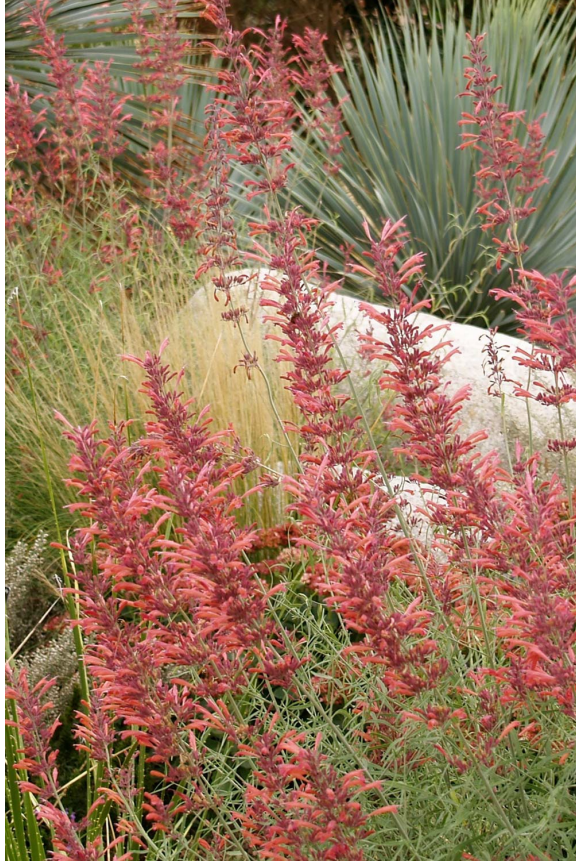
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## Add a splash of color to your late-summer landscapes

### ...with western hyssops

High temps? Low water? No problem! Western hyssops (*Agastache* sp.) thrive in tough conditions. Their long-blooming flowers attract hummingbirds, hawk moths and bees, and their foliage has a refreshing aroma that helps deter rabbits and deer. Zones 5–9.





**SUNSET® hyssop**  
*Agastache rupestris*

One of the hardier and easier-to-grow hyssops. Soft, gray-green foliage. Pairs beautifully with silver plants. Can be shorter lived (3–5 years), but also can self sow. A David Salman introduction.



**SONORAN SUNSET® hyssop**  
*Agastache cana* 'Sinning' PP 13,673

A longer-lived hyssop (5+ years) in the right conditions. Showy, lavender-rose flowers often start blooming before other hyssops. The vibrant green foliage smells faintly like bubble gum.





**CORONADO® hyssop**  
*Agastache aurantiaca* 'P012S'

Offers brighter orange flowers and greener leaves than SUNSET® hyssop. Very heat and drought tolerant. Looks attractive against black accents.

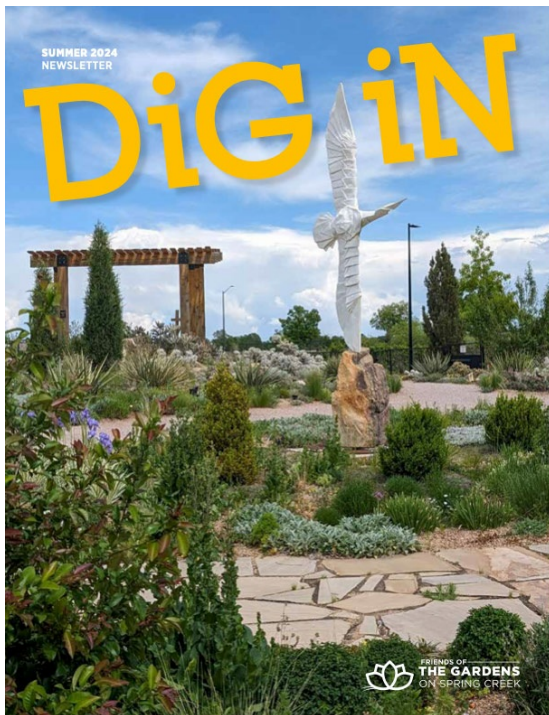
**CORONADO® Red hyssop**  
*Agastache* 'Pstessene'

Has beautiful red and maroon colors that evoke the red rock and sandstone hues that are so common across the West. It's a beauty!

## Hyssop success tips

- Plant hyssops in **hot, full sun locations** that have **porous soils**.
- **Avoid locations** with winter shade and/or sitting snow.
- Wait **until spring** to cut back old growth to improve winter hardiness.
- Be careful not to overwater. Hyssops like it on the **dry side** once established.
- Sit back and relax! There's **no need** to fertilize hyssops or to deadhead flowers.

## Transforming the western plant palette



How does Plant Select test and pick plants? Why does Plant Select have a deep connection with Fort Collins? Explore these topics and more in our article in [The Gardens on Spring Creek](#)'s summer magazine.

[Read article](#)

## Upcoming events

**Plant Select members:** Our next member webinar will feature Lisa Negri, founder of [SummerHome Garden](#)—an urban “pocket park” that hums with life amid Denver’s urban

dwellings. Sept. 26, 2024. Look for the sign-up email from Ross Shrigley.

**Wyoming master gardeners:** Join Ross Shrigley of Plant Select at the [Wyoming State Master Gardener Conference](#) in Douglas, Wyoming. Check out his talk on Oct. 5, 2024.

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### Xeric plants for late-summer landscapes

Supplemental irrigation is rarely needed after these plants are established!



Mojave sage



Giant sacaton  
grass



Gold on blue prairie  
zinnia

#### Botanical names:

*Salvia pachyphylla* | *Sporobolus wrightii* | *Zinnia grandiflora* 'Gold on Blue'

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