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Smart plants for the right places

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

For 29 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.



Caption: A vibrant park strip (aka, inferno strip) in Denver featuring fuschia-colored [Table Mountain ice plant](#) (*Delosperma* 'John Proffitt'). **Photo credit:** Ann Kendall.

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:

- [Four Seasons Greenhouse & Nursery](#) - Cortez, Colo. - Retail Garden Center Member
- [Katherine Noble & Associates, LLC](#) - Ketchum, Idaho - Landscape Professional Member
- [Adam Grove](#) - Individual Ambassador
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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

Join us for our 2026 Annual Conference on June 11

New: Get an in-person or livestream ticket

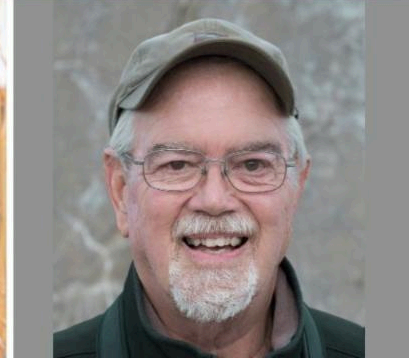
You're invited to our 2026 Annual Conference—a fun day of inspiration, celebration and idea sharing for plant enthusiasts!

Date: Thurs, June 11 | 8:30 am - 4 pm MT

New ticket options: Attend in person **or** get a livestream ticket (the latter makes it easy to participate even if you live far away!)

In-person location: [Denver Botanic Gardens](#)

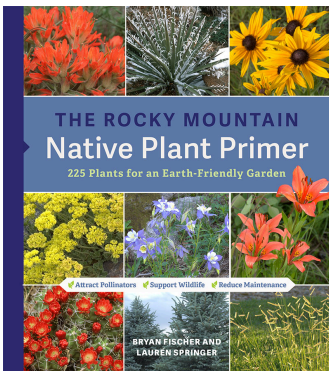
Save your spot here



Speakers and presentations:

- **Lauren Springer | Designing immersive plantings:** A garden maker's perspectives
- **Bryan Fischer | A fresh look at native plants:** Contextualizing native plants and gardens; plus, "best of" and overlooked natives for western gardens
- **Kenton Seth | Trees for the apocalypse:** Species and strategies for our changing and unknown future
- **Pat Hayward | Hummer havens:** Where plants, people and hummingbirds connect
- **Dave Leatherman | How and why bird diets change during the year:** And how our gardens play a role
- **Plant Select Annual Awards | A brief celebration** of the people who exemplify and advance the Plant Select program

[See full descriptions of our talks and speakers >](#)



If you attend in person...

Lauren Springer and Bryan Fischer will be signing their new book at lunch: *The Rocky Mountain Native Plant Primer*





Hold your spot!

- In-person ticket: \$95
- Livestream ticket: \$65

Our in-person event sells out every year, and we expect high demand this year. **Don't wait!**

(Want early access to future Plant Select events—often at special rates? [Become a member!](#))

Get your ticket today

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NEW PLANTS FOR 2026

UNFORGETTABLE™ hummingbird trumpet

Take your late season blooms to another level

Plantswoman **Lauren Springer** isn't just speaking at our 2026 Annual Conference. She also contributed one of our 2026 plants: [UNFORGETTABLE™ hummingbird trumpet](#) (*Epilobium x canum* 'PUND03S').

UNFORGETTABLE™ has a different look than our [ORANGE CARPET® hummingbird trumpet](#). It has a full, tidy and upright form, growing up to two feet tall. The foliage is narrower and more symmetrical, and it has long flowers that start blooming in late August until frost.

This perennial is an awesome addition if you want vibrant, late season blooms and you'd like to support late migrating hummingbirds.

Zones: 4-8

Elevation: 2500-6000 feet

Sun: Full sun

Soil: Clay, loam, sandy



[Get more plant details](#)

In the garden with Grace

How to successfully move perennials



Have perennials you'd like to relocate? Watch as **Grace Johnson** of [Denver Botanic Gardens](#) shares tips on how she

Early spring and fall can be good times to move plants because temps are cooler and plants don't need as much water.

successfully moves plants in her Plant Select Demonstration Garden.

Worth noting... tap rooted plants often don't transplant well. [Get more info on transplanting](#) from the University of Arizona Extension.

Watch Grace's video

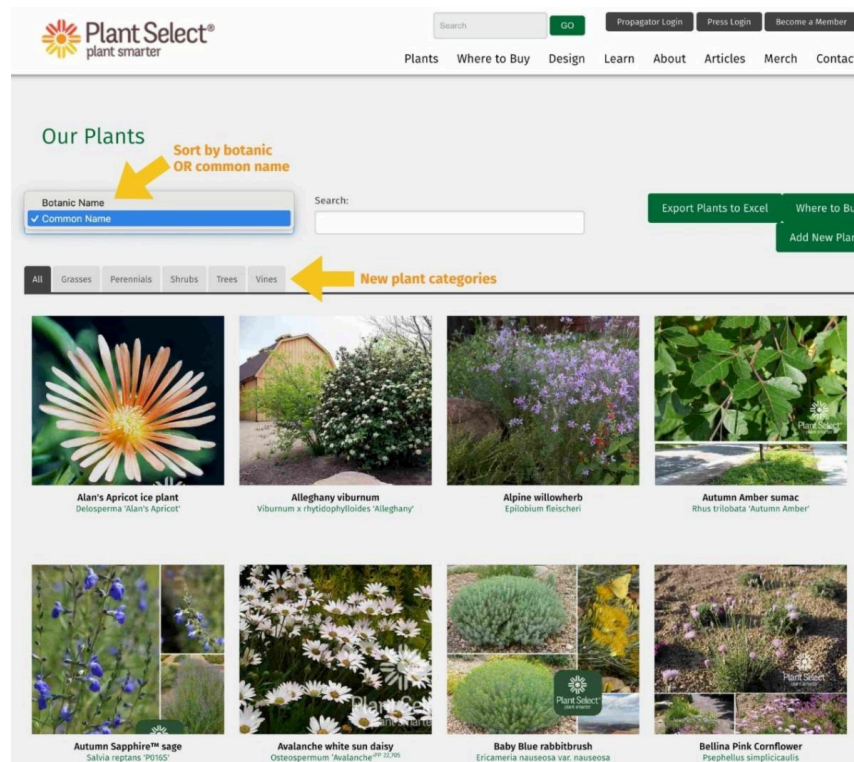
New website improvements

Easily find waterwise plant info!

We've [improved the Plants section](#) of PlantSelect.org, so you can get waterwise plant info in just a couple of clicks.



For example, you can now look for plants by categories (grasses, perennials, shrubs, trees and vines). You also can sort plants by both common name and botanical name.



See all the improvements here

Your plant questions... answered!
"If a plant is branded, does that mean it's hybridized?"

For Plant Select plants, the short answer is no. A better answer is: It depends on the plant.

We know there's a misconception that all branded plants are hybridized, but that is incorrect for Plant Select plants.

It's a much more nuanced topic.

[Read full article](#)

Pictured: RAMBLER™ mountain fleabane (*Erigeron formosissimus* 'P022S') is an example of a branded plant that is not a hybrid. It was selected from a wild population for unique, naturally-occurring characteristics. It can be grown from seed or a cutting.



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Early blooming perennials
(typically April at lower elevations in the West)



LITTLE TRUDY®
catmint



Golden candles



CRYSTAL RIVER®
veronica

Botanical names:

Nepeta 'Psfike' PP 18,904 | *Thermopsis lanceolata* (syn. *Thermopsis lupinoides*) | *Veronica* 'Reavis'

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