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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

### Want to attract monarchs?

This native plant is often available early in the season only

Put this beauty on our radar at the plant nursery this spring: **Blazing star meadow gayfeather** (*Liatris ligulistylus*). Native to [Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, New Mexico and more](#), this August bloomer is a magnet for butterflies, including monarchs.

But there's a catch: [Blazing star meadow gayfeather](#) often isn't available after July, and it doesn't love growing in a container.

In this quick video, **Ross Shrigley** of Plant Select will introduce you to *Liatris ligulistylus*, share what to expect when you see this plant at the garden center and discuss how you can help more native plants make it onto garden center benches.



Watch this quick video

## Beauty in the details



Top from left to right: [Dwarf beach-head iris](#), [PAWNEE BUTTES® Sand Cherry](#).  
Bottom: [Turkish Veronica](#), [DENVER GOLD® columbine](#), [Golden Candles](#)

Our thanks to [Mike McRoberts Photography](#) for his beautiful images!

## Save your seat for the Plant Select Annual Conference

Thursday, June 9 | 8:15 am–3:15 pm  
Denver Botanic Gardens  
1007 York St. | Denver, Colo.



Hey there, **Plant Select** members, **master gardeners** and **plant enthusiasts**! We hope you'll join us for this uplifting day and help us celebrate 25 years of unique plants for our western landscapes.

Our speakers include Kenton Seth, author of *The Crevice Garden: How to Make the Perfect Home for Plants From Rocky Places*. At ProGreen this year, Kenton co-  
led a western meadows presentation that got a lot of buzz! You'll also hear from Kevin Williams of Denver Botanic Gardens and Daniel Burcham of Colorado State University.

Your day at the conference will include the annual awards ceremony, a tour of Denver Botanic Gardens and opportunities to connect with like-minded people.

The conference is in-person this year, so seats are limited. Don't miss out!

Get your ticket here

Nominate a deserving individual or organization (by April 25, 2022)



## Spring Plant Sale

Friday, May 6– Saturday, May 7  
Denver Botanic Gardens | Denver, Colo.

Are you looking for beautiful plants that thrive in semi-arid gardens? Yes, please!

Visit the Denver Botanic Garden's Spring Plant Sale to snag popular and hard-to-find perennials, shrubs and trees from Plant Select. You'll find a full list of your Plant Select options on pages 22 and 23 of this [Spring Plant Sale shopping guide](#)

*Please note: The Bring on the Heat plant sale at local garden centers has been rescheduled for 2023 due to unforeseen circumstances. We'll see you next year!*



Plant Select Garden and Iris Garden at [Denver Botanic Gardens–Chatfield Farms](#)

## Can you lower your water bill with drought-tolerant plants? (And how much?)

Whether you're an HOA or an individual homeowner, these are interesting questions to explore. Consider this...



**Water prices likely will go up.**

Why? For one thing, more people are moving to the West. According to *US News & World Report*, the states of Utah, Idaho, Texas, North Dakota, Nevada, Colorado and Washington saw the biggest growth in residents over the last decade (2010 to 2020)—from 18% population growth in Utah, to 15% growth in Washington.

Our population is growing. Unfortunately, our water supply is not...

[See the full article](#)

## Celebrating long-time Plant Select landscape members: Alpine Gardens, Fort Collins, Colo.

How would you describe your business in one sentence?

Alpine Gardens is an award-winning landscape company that creates landscapes that mirror the desires of our customers and Colorado's beautiful countryside.

Where are you located?

Fort Collins, Colorado, but we work throughout northern Colorado and southern Wyoming.

Why did you become a landscape member?

We respected the people who were starting Plant Select and thought the idea of locally recommended plants was great.



[Check out their full interview  
\(including their favorite Plant Select plant\)](#)

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## Expand your skills with these upcoming events

Wednesday, April 20: [Best Practices in Western Horticulture](#)

Online class (registration required)

Led by Annie Barrow of Denver Botanic Gardens | [Resource Central](#)

Thursday, May 26: [Waterwise Perennials Tour](#)

In-person event (registration required)

[Conservation Garden Park](#) | West Jordan, Utah

May 16–August 7: [Native Plants in the Landscape Course](#)

Online course (purchase required)

[Credit](#) and [non-credit](#) options available | Colorado State University

Would you like to grow your native plant skills? This 12-week, college-level course is ideal for anyone who wants to learn which native plants work well in North American landscapes and the fundamentals of landscape design. You'll create your own native plant list for where you live. (Ideal for people across North America—not limited to Colorado.)

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