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Smart plants for the right places

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A warm welcome to our new members!

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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

Our 2023 plants are here!

We're excited to share our 2023 plant introductions with you, including four perennials and two shrubs. Watch as Ross Shrigley of Plant Select explores what makes each of these plants special and why they can make great additions to your waterwise landscapes.



Check out the new plants (short video)

Introducing three of our new plants

TUSHAR bluemat penstemon

Penstemon xylus

As our weather grows more extreme, we're on the lookout for regionally native plants from harsh climates. TUSHAR bluemat penstemon is a tough and tiny penstemon from Utah's Tushar Mountain range. It has lavender-blue flowers from June to July and steel-blue foliage year-round. This compact and xeric penstemon is ideal for crevice gardens, troughs and living mulches in sunny areas.



TIDY littleleaf peashrub

Caragana microphylla 'Tidy'

TIDY littleleaf peashrub takes heat, intense cold, poor soil and xeric conditions in stride. It can be trained as a small tree or a large shrub, and it works well as a windbreak, bird habitat or landscape tree. This shrub has airy, bright green, fern-like foliage, giving it a southwestern vibe. In the spring, it produces showy, yellow flowers. In the winter, it offers beautiful structure and interest.

Ultra Violet Salvia

Salvia 'Ultra Violet' PP 21,411

Ultra Violet Salvia is an exciting addition to the Plant Select program from horticulturist Lauren Springer. Hardy to Zone 5, this xeric western salvia is more cold hardy and compact than many *Salvia greggii* plants on the market. It blooms profusely with iridescent, deep purple flowers from July into fall. And it's resistant to deer and rabbits.



HOAs: How winter landscape practices can affect plants (And a simple tip to help!)

Did you know that your winter landscaping practices—like where you pile your snow and how you manage ice—can affect the health of your plants?

For example, if you use de-icing salts on sidewalks or streets, your plants can be exposed to them when ice melts and

water runs off. When that exposure is excessive, your plants can become stressed, dry out, turn yellow and die back. And often times, these issues don't show up until spring.

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Upcoming events with Plant Select that may interest you



Workshops

[Fort Collins Nursery Workshop](#)

Jan. 14 | Fort Collins, Colo.

- "New Waterwise Plants for Colorado's Changing Climate"

[ProGreen EXPO](#)

Jan. 31–Feb. 2 | Denver, Colo.

- "Trends & Plants for the Future"
- "How to Create Showstopping, Low-Water Landscapes Featuring Plant Select Plants"
- "Why Can't I Find the Plants I Want?"
- "Municipality Panel: Using Plant Select to Elevate Public Spaces"

[Rocky Mountain Green Expo](#)

Feb. 16 | Casper, Wyo.

- "New Waterwise Plants for Our Changing Western Climate"



Networking

Look for our booth and say hello!

[Utah Green Conference](#)

Jan. 23–25

Salt Lake City

[ProGreen EXPO](#)

Jan. 31–Feb. 2

Denver

[Rocky Mountain Green Expo](#)

Feb. 15–16

Casper

Start the new year strong as a 2023 Plant Select member

Plant Select exists because of our members. We couldn't do our plant research, trials and testing without your support.

Please become a **2023 Plant Select member**, and join us as we continue to redefine sustainable western gardens.

Now's a great time to join. We're hosting our **first-ever member webinar** with Annie Barrow of Denver Botanic Gardens on February 16. Annie is leading a session for our members on "Western Best Practices," so you can grow resilient plants



that establish faster. *Hint:* These are NOT your traditional planting practices. (If you're already a member, thank you! We'll email details soon.)

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