



Plant Select®

Smart plants for the right places

CLICK TO SEARCH RIGHT PLANT RIGHT  
PLACE

*If you're new to our e-newsletter, cheers! For 27 years, our non-profit has tested & selected plants that thrive in the high plains & intermountain regions, so you can create waterwise landscapes that are stunning, low maintenance & have a positive environmental impact—no matter what your skill level.*

---

**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:**

- Beth Thurston – Individual Ambassador
- Connie Lucero – Individual Ambassador
- Jeff Andersen – Individual Ambassador
- Katy Bohn – Individual Ambassador
- Mikel Stevens – Individual Ambassador
- Sandy Charles – Individual Ambassador
- Scott Smith – 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](#)

---

**Introducing our new plants for 2024!**  
Tough plants for tough western conditions

Explore our [2024 plant introductions](#) with Ross Shrigley of Plant Select. You'll find three, low-water



perennials and a regionally-native xeric tree.

Our 2024 plants are problem solvers, whether they grow in part shade, resist nibbling rabbits and deer, offer winter beauty or offer habitat (depending on the plant).

[See the 2024 plants \(quick video\)](#)

[Get details on Plant Select's new plants](#)

## Upcoming events that may interest you

We'd love to see you this winter

[2024 Utah Green Industry Conference & Trade Show](#) | Sandy, Utah  
January 22–24, 2024

[2024 ProGreen Expo](#) | Denver, Colo.  
January 30–February 1, 2024

[Landscaping With Colorado Native Plants Conference](#) | Boulder, Colo.  
February 24, 2024

[High Plains Landscape Symposium](#) | Fort Collins, Colo.  
March 2, 2024

[Envisioning a Changing DurangoScape 2024](#) | Durango, Colo.  
March 16, 2024



## HOAs: What does "winter interest" mean with plants?

When a plant has winter interest, it has a special quality that adds beauty or intrigue to a winter landscape.

For example... a plant with winter interest may have attractive or intriguing leaves, stems or bark. It may add texture, color, structure, shape, movement or sound. (Imagine an ornamental grass dancing in the wind.) It may offer habitat, inviting

birds and other wildlife. It may glisten with snow or frost—or glow in the winter sun.

When you create a landscape with winter interest, it looks captivating in the depths of winter, rather than barren or boring. It's a celebration of the four seasons of a garden, including the natural decay of plants before spring.



*Chieftain manzanita (Arctostaphylos x coloradensis 'Chieftain') is a good example of a plant with winter interest. This low-growing shrub adds a pop of color, texture and visual warmth to a western winter landscape.*

## Create an attractive winter landscape Plants with winter interest

The Plant Select palette offers many plants with winter interest and resilience, so you can create a landscape that shines year round. Here are just a few examples, showing their appearance in different seasons.

### KANNAH CREEK® buckwheat

*Eriogonum umbellatum* var.  
*aureum* (below)



### Partridge feather

*Tanacetum densum* ssp.  
*Amani*  
(below)



### WINTER FIRE® sedum

*Petrosedum rupestre* 'Rice  
Creek'  
(below)



## Standing Ovation little bluestem grass

*Schizachyrium scoparium* 'Standing Ovation'

Photo credit: North Creek Nurseries  
(below)



## Blonde Ambition blue grama grass

*Bouteloua gracilis* 'Blonde Ambition'  
(below)



## Woodward columnar juniper

*Juniperus scopulorum*  
'Woodward'  
(below)



## Tidy littleleaf peashrub

*Caragana microphylla*  
'Tidy'  
(below)



---

## Show your support for resilient plant choices Become a 2024 Plant Select member

Plant Select exists because of our members—from growers and garden centers, to landscape professionals, to individuals. Our non-profit couldn't do its plant research, trials and outreach without your support!

Please join us as we continue to redefine western landscapes and introduce smart plant choices inspired by the high plains and intermountain regions.



**Plant Select**<sup>®</sup>  
plant smarter

Become a Plant Select member

## Now's a great time to join Plant Select

Our winter webinar series for Plant Select members has awesome talks coming up from regional experts. Join today and enjoy!



**JANUARY 18:**  
The Making of  
Stylized Prairie  
and Meadow  
Gardens

Bryan Fischer  
from [The Gardens  
on Spring Creek](#)



**FEBRUARY 8:**  
Regional Natives  
for Western  
Gardens

Mike Kintgen  
from [Denver  
Botanic Gardens](#)



**FEBRUARY 21:**  
Naturalistic  
Landscaping –  
Establishing  
Meadow Gardens  
From Seed

John Murgel from  
[Colorado State  
University  
Extension](#)



**MARCH 21:**  
Western  
Pollinators, Plants  
& Best Practices

Lisa Mason from  
[Colorado State  
University  
Extension](#)

Become a Plant Select member

## Smart plants for the right places

Winter in the forecast... summer on our minds...



Mongolian snowflakes  
clematis



Avalanche white sun  
daisy



Silver  
sage

Botanical names:

*Clematis hexapetala* | *Osteospermum* 'Avalanche' | *Salvia argentea*

---

Share this e-newsletter:



% Colorado State University  
1173 Campus Delivery  
Fort Collins, CO 80523-1173  
PH: (970)-481-3429

DENVER BOTANIC  
GARDENS

Colorado  
State  
University

