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Smart plants for the right places



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*If you're new to our newsletter, cheers!  
For 28 years, our nonprofit has tested  
and selected plants that thrive in the  
intermountain regions and high plains, so  
you can create water-wise landscapes  
that are beautiful, low maintenance and  
have a positive environmental impact —  
no matter your skill level.*

*Photo: Yellow-flowered [Turquoise Tails blue sedum](#)  
(*Sedum sediforme*) shines in a water-wise front yard in  
Englewood, Colorado.*

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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 new Plant Select members:

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## In the garden with Grace

### Get to know heat-loving cherry skullcap



Join **Grace Johnson** of Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms as she offers a quick introduction to [cherry skullcap](#) (*Scutellaria suffrutescens*).

Grace shares why it's an awesome plant for heat islands in western landscapes. She also chats about the types of pollinators you may see.

Watch short  
video

***Note:** Cherry skullcap is hardy to zones 6–9, but it can overwinter in colder zones when placed in heat-absorbing locations. Watch Grace's video for success tips.*

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## Creating a low-water landscape in a traditional HOA

Inside the vibrant yard of Ryan and Allison Harter

Some people buy a house for the kitchen. Others crave mountain views or a spacious garage. For Plant Enthusiast Ryan Harter, it was all about the yard.

Ryan and his wife, Allison, bought a house in one of Denver's southernmost suburbs, so they could transform its traditional yard into a hummingbird and pollinator haven, all while saving water.

Read their  
story



*Photo: Ross Shrigley of Plant Select with Ryan and Allison Harter*

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## Autumn Amber sumac

### A low-growing, multi-season delight



Autumn Amber sumac (*Rhus trilobata* 'Autumn Amber') is a naturally-occurring selection of *Rhus trilobata*—a shrub native to every western state in the contiguous United States. Some three-leaf sumacs can reach up to six feet tall, but Autumn Amber sumac hugs the ground. It was selected from a wild population in New Mexico for its low habit, growing just 10 to 14 inches tall.

This native shrub thrives in the heat and the sun. In recent years, we've also discovered it grows well in dry shade. It's versatile!

Autumn Amber sumac spreads horizontally. Like other three-leaf sumacs, it can swallow up neighboring sidewalks with regular irrigation. Turn off the water to this shrub once it's established unless you have a large area to fill. (Autumn Amber doesn't need supplemental irrigation if you live in an area that gets summer monsoons and averages 12 or more inches of moisture per year.)

*Rhus trilobata* can produce inconspicuous spring flowers that are of special value to native bees. In late summer, red berries can appear, feeding birds.

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## Your plant questions... answered!

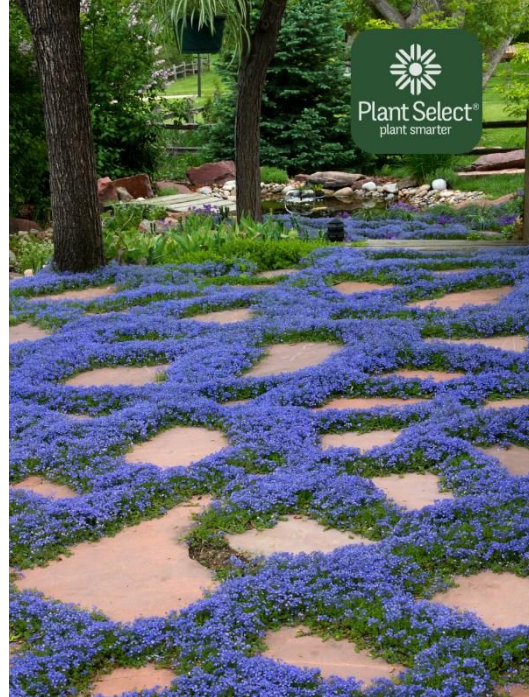
"Can I plant Turkish veronica between flagstones? How do I do it?"

Yes, Turkish veronica (*Veronica liwanensis*) can look lovely planted among flagstone paths and patios. It's low growing and drought tolerant.

Turkish veronica has limited tolerance

for foot traffic. Here's how to plant it so it thrives among flagstones!

See planting tips



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### August combos



CORONADO®  
hyssop



Avalanche White  
sun daisy



ORANGE CARPET®  
hummingbird trumpet

#### Botanical names:

*Agastache aurantiaca* 'P012S' | *Osteospermum* 'Avalanche' PP 22,705 | *Epilobium canum* subsp. *garrettii* 'PWWG01S'

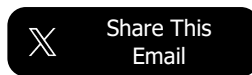
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