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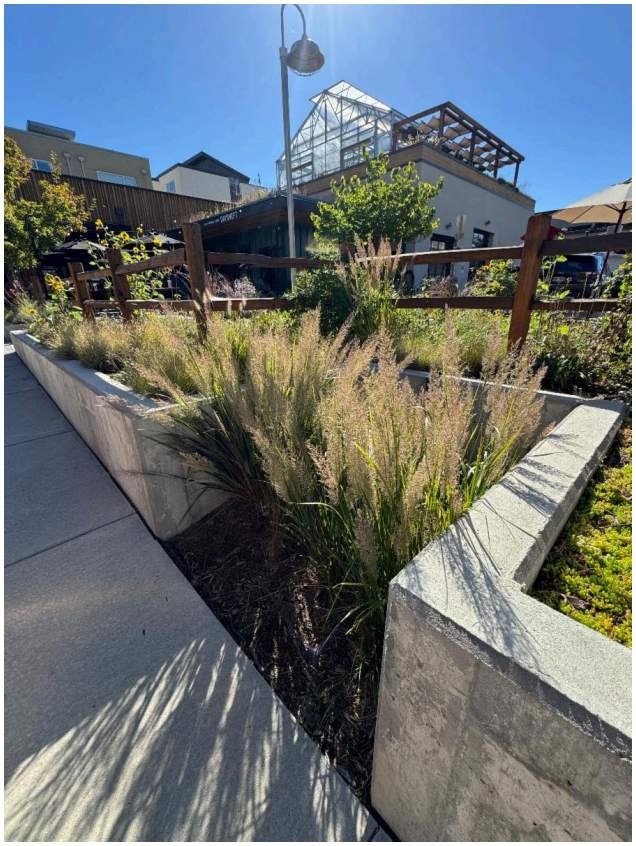


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If you're new to our newsletter, cheers!

For 29 years, our nonprofit has tested and selected resilient, low-water plants that thrive in the high plains and intermountain regions, so you can create waterwise landscapes that are beautiful, low maintenance, and have a positive environmental impact—no matter your skill level.

Pictured: *Korean feather reed grass (Calamagrostis brachytricha) shimmers in the early fall sunlight in Englewood, Colorado.*



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:

- **Darling Roots** - Evergreen, Colo. - Retail Garden Center Member
- **Environmental Designs LLC** - Brighton, Colo. - Landscape Professional Member

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- **Catherine Lenox** - Individual Ambassador
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- **Nancy Petruso** - Individual Ambassador
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- **Sue Attaway** - 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

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3 advantages to planting in early fall

Many perennials and shrubs benefit from early autumn planting



Strong root development

When the soil is warm but air temperatures are cooling off, plants put their energy into developing their root systems.

Less plant stress

Plants aren't trying to establish both roots ***and*** top growth, like they are during the heat of summer. There's less stress on new plants.

Less irrigation

Shorter days and cooler daytime temps mean plants don't need as much water to establish healthy root systems as they do earlier in the season.

The result? These plants often see much bigger growth in the spring.

Get tips on overwintering new plants >

***If you live at a higher elevation**, it's typically better to plant in spring through mid-August.*
More on planting in mountain areas >

***Please follow your water provider's guidelines** if restrictions are in place. If hand watering is discouraged or banned in your area, it isn't the right season for fall planting.*

Summer may be wrapping up...

but the blooms keep coming

Have you noticed that autumns are lasting longer and freezes are coming later?

Add **fall season extenders** to your landscape! These drought-tolerant plants keep blooming and blooming—often until hard freezes. You'll get lovely, late-season color that will have neighbors stopping to admire your autumn landscape. Plus, you'll feed pollinators that are still foraging for food.

Here's a little inspiration:



Chocolate flower
Berlandiera lyrata



Ultra Violet salvia
Salvia 'Ultra Violet'



WINDWALKER® Royal Red salvia
Salvia darcyi x *S. microphylla* 'PWIN03S'



Autumn Sapphire™ sage
Salvia reptans 'P016S'

Explore 18+ fall season extenders

NATIVE PLANT FEATURE

Giant sacaton grass

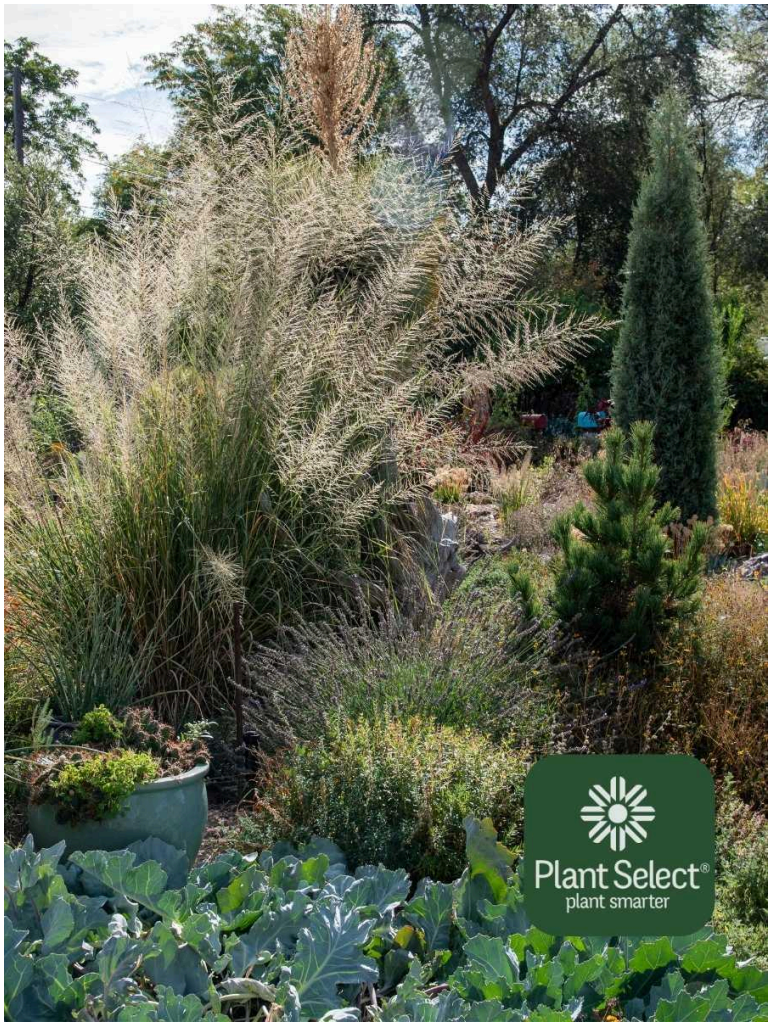
A majestic native grass that thrives in dry conditions



Looking for a regionally native grass that doesn't need much water?

Check out giant sacaton grass (*Sporobolus wrightii*). It's native to the southwestern United States, including New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, and southern Utah.

The golden seed heads on giant sacaton can easily reach six feet tall, making this grass **an excellent alternative** to large, thirsty grasses like maiden grasses (*Miscanthus*) and pampas grasses.

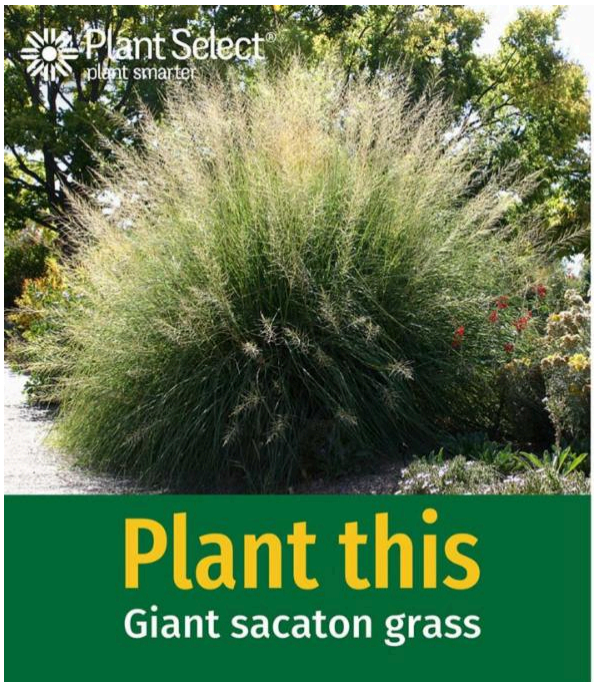


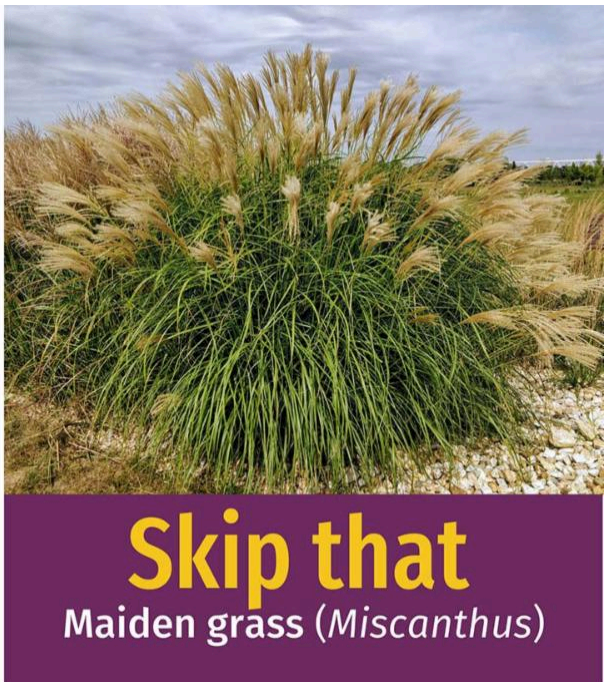
Giant sacaton grass was one of the first grasses in the Plant Select program. It tolerates low water conditions well, thriving in hot and sunny locations. In the winter, it holds up well to snow.

According to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, this grass offers nesting materials and seeds for seed-eating birds. It's moderately deer resistant.

Plant giant sacaton where it has room to grow. It takes about 2 to 3 years to reach its full size. (Worth the wait!) Add bulbs or short-lived perennials to fill in the space while you wait.

See plant details





Giant sacaton grass (*Sporobolus wrightii*) thrives with little water.

Maiden grasses *(Miscanthus)* typically prefer moist soils and can require frequent irrigation in our semi-arid climate.

Plant availability

Giant sacaton grass should be more widely available in 2027. Let your local Plant Select retailer know you want them to carry this grass!

The ideal time to plant giant sacaton grass is in the late spring and early summer.

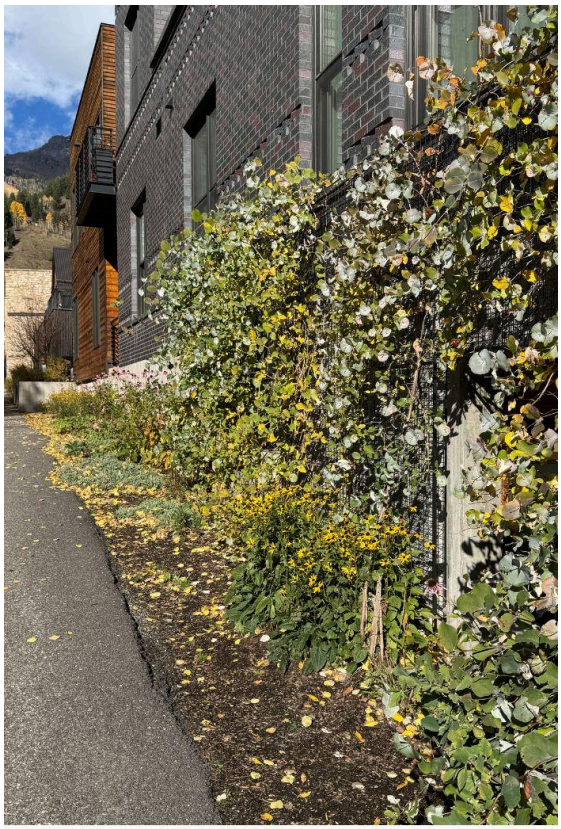
Thriving in the high country

KINTZLEY'S GHOST® honeysuckle

KINTZLEY'S GHOST® honeysuckle (*Lonicera reticulata* 'P015S') is an eye-catching, silver-toned honeysuckle, and it's having a moment in mountain towns. We've spotted it happily growing in Vail, Colorado and brightening a side street in Telluride, Colorado.



Vail Village, Colo.
8,150 feet in elevation
Early August



Town of Telluride, Colo.
8,750 feet in elevation
Mid October

Learn about this honeysuckle

(And ask for it next spring!)

Mark your calendar

2027 conferences that may interest you

January

Idaho Horticulture Expo 2027 | Jan. 20-22 | Boise
Utah Green Conference 2027 | Jan. 25-27 | Sandy, Utah
ProGreen Expo 2027 | Jan. 26-28 | Denver

February

Rocky Mountain Green Expo | Feb. 10-11 | Casper, Wyo.
Think Trees: Urban Tree Care Conference | Feb. 11-12 | Albuquerque
Landscaping With Colorado Native Plants Conference | Feb. 27 | Golden, Colo.

June

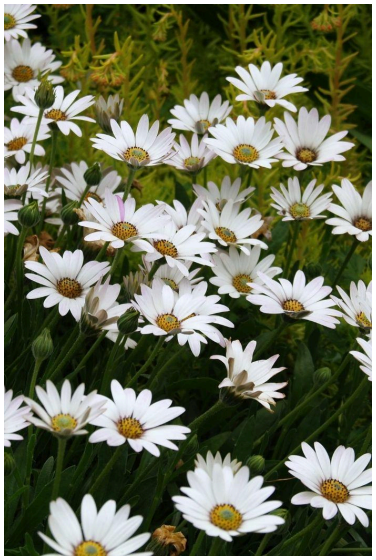
Plant Select Annual Conference | June 17 | Denver

Smart plants for the right places

Perennials that often rebloom in late summer and early fall



Coral Baby penstemon



Avalanche white sun daisy



CORAL CANYON® twinspur

Botanical names:
Penstemon barbatus 'Coral Baby' | *Osteospermum* "Avalanche' | *Diascia integerrima* 'P009S'

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