

Plant Select®

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 waterwise landscapes that are beautiful, low maintenance and have a positive environmental impact — no matter your skill level.



Plant Select crevice garden at [Conservation Garden Park](#) in West Jordan, Utah with: [Smoky Hills skullcap](#) (*Scutellaria resinosa* 'Smoky Hills'), [hummingbird trumpet mint](#) (*Monardella macrantha* 'Marian Sampson'), [STARBURST™ ice plant](#) (*Delosperma floribundum*) and [Goldhill golden aster](#) (*Heterotheca jonesii* x *villosa* 'Goldhill')

Photo courtesy of Gar-Yin Anderson, Conservation Garden Park

Plant Select's goal is to create smart plant choices for a new

A warm welcome to our new Plant Select members:

- [Youngblood Landworks](#) – Denver, Colo. – Landscape Professional Member
- Elissa Stein – 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



Join us for a day of learning and inspiration Thursday, June 26

You're invited to our [2025 Annual Conference](#) on June 26 at Denver Botanic Gardens.

Expand your knowledge

Enjoy presentations on topics ranging from how to craft more meaningful outdoor spaces, to amazing regional pollinators and the plants they love, to plants and gardens that rise to the challenge of being both visually stunning and ecologically responsible, despite extreme heat and drought.

Plus, join us in celebrating our annual award winners.

Meet this year's speakers

- Emmanuel Didier (Didier Design Studio)
- Guy Banner (Red Butte Garden & Arboretum)
- Sonya Anderson (Denver Botanic Gardens) and Amy Yarger (Butterfly Pavilion)
- Nich Boynton and Robb Smith (Edwards Greenhouse, Boise)



Less than 100 seats left...

This event typically sells out. Save your spot today!
(Early bird pricing ends on Friday, April 18.)

[Learn more & save your seat](#)

Many thanks to our conference sponsors:

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PINK ON REPEAT™ lilac

A fragrant lilac that blooms twice a year? Yes, please!



New for 2025... **PINK ON REPEAT™ lilac** (*Syringa pubescens* subsp. *microphylla* 'Cheyenne') is a wonderfully fragrant, moderately-sized lilac. It produces enchanting pink flowers from mid-May into early June. Then, in late summer, it produces another wave of blooms.

And it's tough! It adapts well to our tricky western soils and erratic weather. This lilac has grown at the Cheyenne horticultural station in Wyoming for decades with natural moisture only.

While it tolerates drier conditions, it looks the best with moderate water.

Watch short
video

See plant description

Where to find PINK ON REPEAT™ lilac

Wholesale: [Fort Collins Wholesale Nursery](#) has an abundant supply.

Gardeners: Please ask for it from [Plant Select retailers](#). If your favorite garden center doesn't have it, they may be able to order it. [High Country Gardens carries it](#) too.

NATIVE PLANT FEATURE

Littleleaf mountain mahogany

A native shrub for sunny, dry locations

Littleleaf mountain mahogany (*Cercocarpus intricatus*) is a broadleaf evergreen shrub that's [native to parts of the Southwest](#), including western Colorado, Utah, northern Arizona and central California.

This slow-growing shrub thrives in sunny, dry locations and grows in clay soil to sand. It rarely needs supplemental water once established, but it grows lusher with some moisture.

Dense, twiggy branches with narrow leaves offer year-round cover for songbirds and create places for them to forage. In the spring, petite, red-yellow flowers blanket the shrub, providing nectar for native bees. Once pollinated, long-tailed seeds appear, creating a feathery “glow.”

Littleleaf mountain mahogany can get lanky over time. You can prune it to keep a dense shape. We’ve even seen this native shrub sheared like a hedge, so it can be used in formal landscapes too.

[Get plant details here](#)



Where to find littleleaf mountain mahogany

Littleleaf mountain mahogany quantities are up this year! Ask for it at [Plant Select retailers](#) and [wholesalers](#) this spring. If your favorite plant source doesn't have it, they may be able to order it for you.

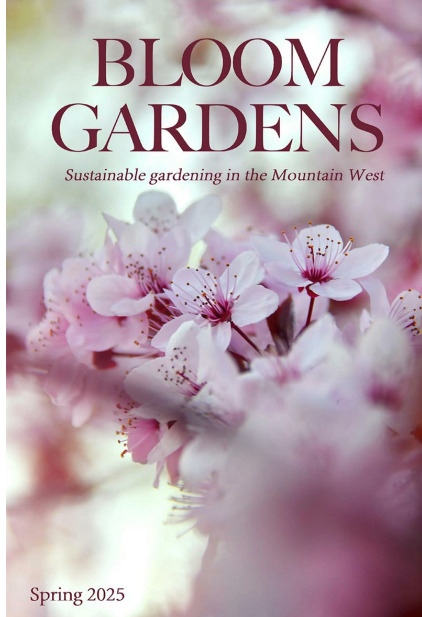
Fill your landscape with the sweetness of spring

Imagine stepping outside your home and getting swept up in a wave of scents: Earthy. Sweet. Floral. Citrusy.

Ah, spring!

Discover spring-flowering shrubs and perennials that offer lovely scents for waterwise western landscapes.

[See Bloom Gardens article >](#)



Like teenagers on a Saturday morning...

Some plants are slow to wake up in the spring. See examples of late risers and discover why some plants take longer to emerge from dormancy.

[Get the scoop >](#)



*Dwarf leadplant (*Amorpha nana*) and giant sacaton grass (*Sporobolus wrightii*) green up late. Worth the wait!*



Calling all rock gardeners You're invited to the Peaks to Prairies Symposium

Love collecting unusual plants? Getting into crevice gardens? Just want to learn, learn, learn? Join the **North American Rock Garden Society (NARGS)** from June 12–16 for their Peaks to Prairies Symposium in Cheyenne, Wyoming. You'll enjoy featured talks and daily excursions to private gardens, public gardens and unique nurseries in Wyoming and northern Colorado.

This year's speakers represent a new wave of rock gardening talents, including:

- **Kenton Seth**, a crevice garden guru and co-author of "The Crevice Garden"
- **Mike Kintgen**, an alpine plant expert and rock garden aficionado
- **Connor Smith**, a world traveler on the forefront of European rock gardening
- **Local specialists** who will offer insights into Wyoming's rich geology and botany

Get event details here

Must be a NARGS member to attend. [Here's how to join.](#)

Spring plant sales

Find native and well-adapted plants from Plant Select



Denver Botanic Gardens

May 9–10: Denver, Colorado

The Gardens on Spring Creek

May 17–18: Fort Collins, Colorado



Red Butte Garden

May 9–10: Salt Lake City, Utah

Idaho Botanical Garden

May 9–10: Boise, Idaho

You may need to register for the events above. See their websites for details.

Smart plants for the right places

Hummingbirds are headed north. Are you ready?



HALF PINT®
penstemon



SILVERTON®
bluemat



Coral Baby
penstemon

penstemon

Botanical names:

Penstemon pinifolius 'Compactum' | *Penstemon linarioides* subsp. *coloradoensis* 'P014S' |
Penstemon barbatus 'Coral Baby'

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