

# 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'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:**

- Carol Avery – Individual Ambassador
- Darrell Smith – Individual Ambassador
- Mario Seminara – Individual Ambassador
- Rachel Taylor – Individual Ambassador
- Renee Law – Individual Ambassador
- Sarah Morelli – 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 Plant Select's 2025 plants!**

# 2025 New Plants Plant Select



Each year, we select a small set of plants that have excelled in our multi-site, multi-year trials. Cooperating nurseries and botanic gardens help grow the plants for market.

We're excited to share our [2025 plants](#) with you. You'll find elevation-defying plants, a "keystone" pollinator plant, and a shrub that's a delight for the senses.

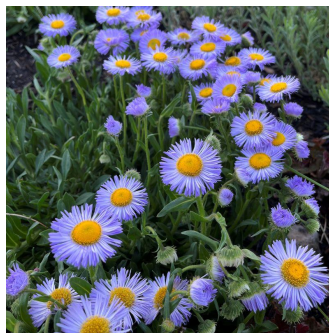
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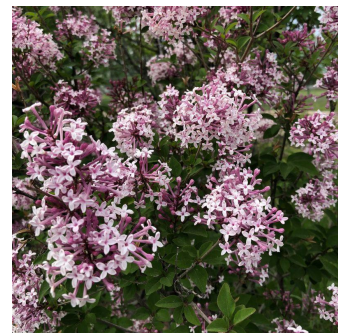
**Rocky Mountain goldenrod**  
*Solidago multiradiata*

A dwarf, early-season goldenrod that offers big benefits for pollinators



**RAMBLER[™] mountain fleabane**  
*Erigeron formosissimus*  
'P022S'

A charming, Rocky Mountain wildflower that excels at high elevations



**PINK ON REPEAT[™] lilac**  
*Syringa pubescens* subsp.  
*microphylla* 'Cheyenne'

A fragrant, repeat-blooming, pink lilac that's very resilient

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## "Where can I find your 2025 plants?"

High Country Gardens, a long-time Plant Select member, has all of our 2025 plants in stock as of the send date of this newsletter. Worth noting, you can find [70+ Plant Select® plants](#) in the Plant Select section on the High Country Gardens website. Order now



for spring delivery.

Online

Garden  
centers

Visit [Plant Select garden centers](#) this spring and ask for Plant Select's new plants. It can take a season for some retailers to carry our newest selections. (It varies by garden center.) However, many garden centers will order the plants for you, if they don't have them in stock.

Wholesale

Landscape professionals: Reach out to [Plant Select wholesale members](#) by end of February and ask for these plants. Many wholesalers will order the plants for you, if they don't have them in stock.

## In the garden with Grace

### Silver plants for attractive winter landscapes

You're probably heard of evergreen plants, but what about "eversilver" plants?

Watch as Horticulturist Grace Johnson of [Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms](#) shares six of her favorite silver-leaved perennials from Plant Select for attractive winter landscapes.

Watch video



## Winter watering during mild, dry winters

Is it necessary?

Over the last few months, we've had mild temperatures and low moisture in parts of Colorado, Wyoming and the West. These conditions can be tough on trees, shrubs and perennials—even some low-water plants!

Take a look at how mild temperatures and dry

# Winter Watering Tips

For mild, dry winters



(Why even some **low-water plants** need a drink)

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winters can affect plants, which plants may benefit from winter watering, and helpful tips for irrigating during winter.

[Read article](#)

## Upcoming events that may interest you

[Idaho Horticulture Expo](#), Boise, Idaho: Jan. 22–24

- Check out the talk from Mike Bone of Denver Botanic Gardens: *Plant Select–Resilient Plants for Extreme Places* (January 22, 3:30 pm)

[ProGreen Expo](#), Denver, Colo.: Jan. 28–30

- Check out the Plant Select talk: *And the 2025 Winners Are...* (January 29, 1 pm)
- Visit the Plant Select/CSU booth

[Rocky Mountain Green Expo](#), Casper, Wyo.: Feb. 12–13

[Landscaping with Colorado Native Plants](#), Fort Collins, Colo.:

March 8

- Visit the Plant Select booth

Plant Select Annual Conference, Denver Botanic Gardens,  
Thursday, June 26



## Welcoming a new partner and collaborator

It's time to make it Instagram official—or newsletter official, as the case may be.

[Utah State University](#) has become one of Plant Select's university affiliates.

Collaborating with Utah State University (in addition to Colorado State University) allows us to tap into a wider array of plants for our region and expand our

trials, so we can share more of the best plants with western gardeners!



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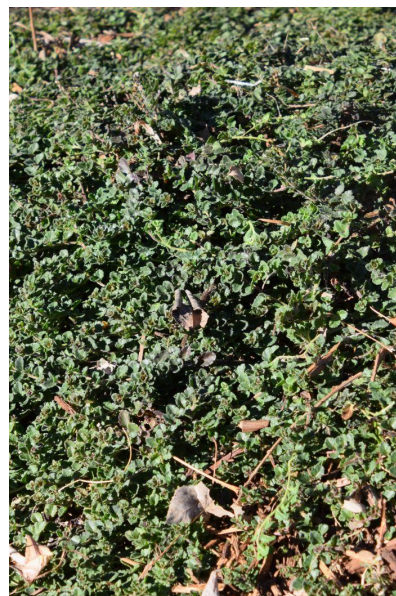
### Winter groundcovers: Eye-catching textures



WINTER FIRE®  
sedum



Partridge feather



CRYSTAL RIVER®  
veronica

#### Botanical names:

*Petrosedum rupestre* 'Rice Creek' | *Tanacetum densum* ssp. *Amani* | *Veronica* 'Reavis'

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