

# Drought Tolerant Plants

for

## South Central Idaho Area

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The following plants have very low water needs once they are well established

Common Name	Scientific Name	Comments
<b>EVERGREEN TREES</b>		
Western Juniper	<i>Juniperus occidentalis</i>	Idaho native - west side of State
Utah Juniper	<i>Juniperus osteosperma</i>	Idaho native - southeast area
Rocky Mountain Juniper	<i>Juniperus scopulorum</i>	Idaho native - southern part
Bristlecone Pine	<i>Pinus aristata</i>	Utah, Nevada, high mountains
Pinyon Pine	<i>Pinus edulis</i>	Utah Colorado
Singleleaf pinyon pine	<i>Pinus monophylla</i>	Idaho native - City of Rocks
Ponderosa pine	<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	Idaho native
<b>DECIDUOUS TREES</b>		
Amur Maple	<i>Acer ginnala</i>	red autumn color
Rocky Mountain Maple	<i>Acer glabrum</i>	TF County native
Big tooth Maple	<i>Acer grandidentatum</i>	SE Idaho native
Box Elder/ Manitoba Maple	<i>Acer negundo</i>	fast growing
Western Catalpa	<i>Catalpa speciosa</i>	white flowers
Western Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	purple fruit
Netted leaf Hackberry	<i>Celtis reticulata</i>	Twin Falls County native
American plum	<i>Prunus americana</i>	fruit good wildlife food
Rocky Mountain white oak	<i>Quercus gambelii</i>	excellent for wildlife
Bur Oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	large shade tree
Staghorn sumac	<i>Rhus typhina</i>	red autumn color
New Mexico Locust	<i>Robinia neomexicana</i>	to 15' tall, pink flowers
Black locust	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	fast growing, thorny

## EVERGREEN SHRUBS

Desert Ceanothus	Ceanothus greggii	3'-5' shrub, small white flwrs
Littleleaf mtn mahogany	Cercocarpus intricatus	3'-5' shrub
Curl leaf mtn mahogany	Cercocarpus ledifolius	Idaho native
Armstrong juniper	Juniperus chinensis	
Creeping juniper	Juniperus horizontalis	
Buffalo juniper	Juniperus sabina	
Tam juniper	Juniperus sabina var. tam.	
Oregon holly grape	Mahonia aquifolium	yellow flowers/blue berries
Creeping oregon grape	Mahonia repens	Twin Falls County native
Cliffrose	Purshia mexicana	Utah, Nevada, Arizona
Bitterbrush	Purshia tridentata	Twin Falls County native
Round leaf buffaloberry	Sheperdia rotundifolia	Very nice landscape plant

## DECIDUOUS SHRUBS

Saskatoon serviceberry	Amelanchier alnifolia	Idaho native
Great basin serviceberry	Amelanchier utahensis	
Leadplant	Amorpha canescens	3'tall, late summer flowers
Big sage	Artemesia tridentata	Idaho native
Fringed sage	Artemesia frigida	none woody - Idaho native
Four winged saltbrush	Atriplex canescens	Idaho native - 6' high
Corrugated saltbrush	Atriplex corrugata	SE Utah - 8" h., evergreen
Siberian peashrub	Caragana arborescens	yellow May flowers
Little leaf Sib. Peashrub	Caragana microphylla	more ornamental
True mountain mahogany	Cercocarpus montanus	semi evergreen
Fern bush	Chamaebataria millefolium	Idaho native
Rabbitbrush, chamisa	Chrysothamnus nauseosus	Idaho native
Apache Plume	Fallugia paradoxa	Utah, Nevada, Arizona
Snakeweed	Gutierrezia sarothrae	Idaho native
Sand Cherry	Prunus besseyi	edible fruit, 6' high
Chokecherry	Prunus virginiana	Idaho native
Golden currrent	Ribes aureum	Twin Falls County native
Skunkbush	Rhus trilobata	Idaho native
Buffaloberry	Shepherdia canadensis	good wildlife value

## PERENNIAL FLOWERS AND GROUNDCOVERS

Yarrow	Achillea spp	many colors
Sunset hyssop	Agastache rupestris	smells like licorice
Hyssop	Agastache spp	several species
Pussytoes	Antennaria spp	many species- Idaho native
Showy milk week	Asclepias speciosa	Idaho native
Butterfly weed	Asclepias tuberosa	yellow/orange flowers
Desert marigold	Baileya multiradiata	usually an annual, reseeds

Chocolate flower	Berlandiera lyrata	smells like chocolate
Poppy mallow	Callirhoe involucrata	wine red flwrs, low spreader
Fendler's sundrops	Calylophus hartwegii fendler	morning bloomer
Dwarf sundrops	Calylophus serrulatus	heavy bloomer all summer
Hardy plumbago	Ceratostigma plumbaginoides	adaptable to shade or sun
Buckwheat	Eriogonum spp	many species- Idaho native
Coin buckwheat	Eriogonum ovalifolia	Twin Falls County native
Sulfur buckwheat	Eriogonum umbellatum	foliage turns red in winter
Blanketflower	Gaillardia aristata	several forms
Rock rose	Helianthemum nummularium	many colors
Angelita daisy	Hymenoxys acaulis	blooms all summer & fall
Blue Flax	Linum perenne	Idaho native, reseeds
Giant four o'clock	Mirabilis multiflora	magenta blooms in evening
Pink evening primrose	Oenothera speciosa	blooms all summer & fall
White evening primrose	Oenothera caespitosa	large white flower
Ornamental oregano	Origanum libanoticum	cascading flowers
Bush penstemon	Penstemon amgibuus	pale pink flowers
Elfin Pink	Penst. barbatus 'elfin pink'	rose pink flowers
Fire cracker penstemon	Penstemon eatonii	beautiful red flowers
Dwarf penstemon	Penstemon nanus	early blooming, light blue 8"
Pine leaf penstemon	Penstemon pinifolius	long blooming
Pink Wild Snapdragon	Penstemon palmeri	a scented penstemon
Canyon penstemon	Penst. pseudospectabilis	grey foliage, rose pink flwrs
Rocky Mountain penstemon	Penstemon strictus	blue purple flower
Russian sage	Perovskia atriplicifolia	several forms
Purple prairieclover	Petalostemum purpureum	forms underground tuber
Hood's phlox	Phlox hoodii	TF County native
Long-leaf phlox	Phlox longifolia	TF County native
Paper flower	Psilostrophe tagetina	yellow flowers dry like paper
Prairie coneflower	Ratibida columnifera	several colors
Dorr's sage	Salvia dorrii var. dorrii	Idaho native, reseeds
Salvia 'May Night'	Salvia nemerosa	purple flowers
Prairie skullcap	Scutellaria resinosa	lavender blue flowers
Globe mallow	Sphaeralcea spp	Idaho native
Prince's plume	Stanleya pinnata	Idaho native
Partridge Feather	Tanacetum densum v aman	yellow flowers, evergreen
Woolly thyme	Thymus lanuginosus	evergreen groundcover
Turkish speedwell	Veronica liwanensis	2" groundcover, blue flwrs
Thyme-leaf speedwell	Veronica oltensis	1/2" high ground cover
Periwinkle	Vinca minor	low grower, good for shade
Hummingbird trumpet	Zauschneria garretii	Idaho native
Prairie zinnia	Zinnia grandiflora	golden yellow flowers

## GRASSES

Sideoats grama grass	Bouteloua curtipendula	short bunch grass
Blue gramma grass	Bouteloua gracilis	bunch and sod forming

Buffalo grass	Buchloe dactyloides	sod forming
Great basin wild rye	Elymus cinereus	Idaho native - 4'-6' tall
Idaho fescue	Festuca idahoensis	Idaho native
Blue fescue	Festuca ovina 'glauca'	several forms
Blue avena grass	Helictotrichon sempervirens	outstanding grass
Indian rice grass	Oryzopsis hymenoides	Idaho native
Needle & thread	Stipa Comata	Idaho native
Alkali Sacaton	Sporobolus aeroides	Airy seed heads 3'-4' high
Giant Sacaton	Sporobolus wrightii	Beautiful grass 6'+ high

## SUCCULENTS

These plants must have well drained soil and a sunny location.

Utah agave	Agave utahensis	all 4 subspecies are hardy
White spined hedgehog	Echinocereus albispinus	beautiful light pink flowers
Claret cup cactus	Echinocereus coccineus	blooms yellow, red, pink
Toroweep claret cup	Echin coccineus v toroweep	numerous red/pink blooms
Dagger spined hedgehog	Echinocereus engelmannii	large purple blooms
Claret cup cactus	Echinocereus triglochidiatus	can get several feet across
Beehive cactus	Escobarias vivipara	all varieties hardy, pink flwrs
Red yucca	Hesperaloe parviflora	hummingbirds love it
Bear grass	Nolina microcarpa	yucca relative
Texas bear grass	Nolina texana	very hardy here
Prickly pear cactus	Opuntia spp	many hardy species
Simpson foot cactus	Pediocactus simpsonii	Idaho native
Banana yucca	Yucca baccata	fruits look like a banana
Joshua tree	Yucca brevifolia	tree yucca to 20'+
Soap tree yucca	Yucca elata	beautiful tree yucca 10'+
Soap weed	Yucca glauca	narrow leaves, very hardy
Harriman yucca	Yucca harrimaniae	all varieties are hardy
Dwarf yucca	Yucca nana	never gets over 1' tall
Thompson yucca	Yucca thompsoniana	easy to grow, 8'-10' tall