

# 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	<i>Acer negundo</i>	fast growing
Western Catalpa	<i>Catalpa speciosa</i>	white flowers
Western Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	purple fruit
Netleaf Hackberry	<i>Celtis reticulata</i>	Twin Falls County native
American Plum	<i>Prunus americana</i>	fruit good wildlife food
Gambel 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 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
Roundleaf Buffaloberry	Sheperdia rotundifolia	Very nice landscape plant

## DECIDUOUS SHRUBS

Saskatoon Serviceberry	Amelanchier alnifolia	Idaho native
Utah Serviceberry	Amelanchier utahensis	
Leadplant	Amorpha canescens	3'tall, late summer flowers
Big Sagebrush	Artemisia tridentata	Idaho native
Fringed Sage	Artemisia frigida	none woody - Idaho native
Four-wing Saltbush	Atriplex canescens	Idaho native - 6' high
Corrugated Saltbush	Atriplex corrugata	SE Utah - 8" h., evergreen
Siberian Peashrub	Caragana arborescens	yellow May flowers
Littleleaf Siberian Peashrub	Caragana microphylla	more ornamental
True Mountain Mahogany	Cercocarpus montanus	semi evergreen
Fernbush	Chamaebataria millefolium	Idaho native
Rabbitbrush	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 Currant	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 native in ID
Showy Milkweed	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 ovalifolium	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 Penstemon	Penst. barbatus 'Elfin Pink'	rose pink flowers
Firecracker Penstemon	Penstemon eatonii	beautiful red flowers
Dwarf Penstemon	Penstemon nanus	early blooming, light blue 8"
Pineleaf Penstemon	Penstemon pinifolius	long blooming
Palmer Penstemon	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
Globemallow	Sphaeralcea spp	Idaho native
Prince's Plume	Stanleya pinnata	Idaho native
Partridge Feather	Tanacetum densum v aman	yellow flowers, evergreen
Wooly 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
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Blue Grama Grass	<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>	bunch and sod forming
Buffalo-grass	<i>Buchloe dactyloides</i>	sod forming
Great Basin Wildrye	<i>Elymus cinereus</i>	Idaho native - 4'-6' tall
Idaho Fescue	<i>Festuca idahoensis</i>	Idaho native
Blue Fescue	<i>Festuca ovina</i> 'glauca'	several forms
Blue Avena Grass	<i>Helictotrichon sempervirens</i>	outstanding grass
Indian Ricegrass	<i>Oryzopsis hymenoides</i>	Idaho native
Needle & Thread Grass	<i>Stipa Comata</i>	Idaho native
Alkali Sacaton	<i>Sporobolus aeroides</i>	Airy seed heads 3'-4' high
Giant Sacaton	<i>Sporobolus wrightii</i>	Beautiful grass 6'+ high

## SUCCULENTS

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

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