

30 Great Landscape Plants for Fall Planting

Apache Plume

Fallugia paradoxa

Arizona native
Large shrub, semi-evergreen
4-5' tall, 4-5' wide if untrimmed
White single-petal flowers spring & summer
followed by silvery-purple feather-like
plumes that glow in sunlight
Little water, full sun, loves heat
Great desert shrub!

Angelita Daisy

Tetranneuris acaulis

Evergreen, small grassy tuft with yellow
daisies rising above
Deadhead to promote continuous flowering
Can flower 9 months of the year
Rock gardens, small accents
Good drainage, full sun, heat lover
Moderate water to start, then little water

Arizona Ash

Fraxinus velutina

Native Arizona tree in washes
Great shade tree 30-50' x 20'
Deciduous
Grows fast with more regular water

Arizona Yellow Bells

Tecoma stans

Arizona native
Small shrubby tree – deciduous
Freezes here – comes back from roots in
spring
8-9' tall
Bright yellow tubular flowers
Good pollinator plant!

Artichoke Agave

Agave truncate

Native variety of *Agave huachuicensus*
Moderate size 3' x 3'
Beautiful form for garden accents or in con-
tainers

Autumn Sage or Red Salvia

Salvia greggii

Small, semi-evergreen perennial shrub 3' x 3'
Red tubular flowers early spring thru frost
Hummingbird magnet!
Many varieties based on flower color; *i.e.*
'Furman's Red', 'Cherry Red', 'Pink'
Full sun, part shade
Water regularly to establish, then light water

Black Dalea - Upright Dalea

Dalea frutescens

Evergreen, mounded growth 3' x 4'
Purple flower clusters in cooler weather fall
thru spring
Full sun
Little to moderate water
Good drainage
A Southwest native

Blackfoot Daisy

Melampodium leucanthum

Native to southern Arizona
Semi-evergreen
Perennial 1'tall x 2-3' wide ground cover
White honey-scented daisies spring thru fall
Full sun
Little water once established, good drainage
Cut back in late fall if scraggly

Blue Salvia

Salvia chamaedryoides

Small, semi-evergreen shrub 2' x 2'
Silver-green-blue leaves
Neon blue tubular flowers spring thru fall
Looks like the blue sister to *Salvia greggii*
Hummingbirds
Full sun, part shade
Water regularly to estab-
lish, then light water



Blue Yucca

Yucca rigida

Blue blades, edged by gold
Looks nice with Golden Barrel Cactus
Stays close to ground when young 2' x 2'
Rises slowly on a 4-5' trunk in later years

Chaste Tree

Vitex agnus-castus

Small desert tree, 10-20' x 10'
Usually multi-trunked, interesting form
Deciduous
Beautiful blue flower spikes summer thru fall
Full sun
Little to moderate water
Small garden tree

Chinese Pistache

Pistacia chinensis

Great desert shade tree
Deciduous
Awkward looking when young – have faith –
gets gorgeous
Provides lovely fall color – orange-scarlet
Tolerates wide variety of conditions in soil and
moisture levels
One of the best!

Damianita

Chrysactinia Mexicana

Evergreen small, shrubby, 2' x 2'
Evergreen, deep green needle-line foliage
Strongly aromatic foliage
Covered with bright yellow daisies spring & fall
Very drought tolerant, but moderate water
encourages flowering in summer
Full sun, loves heat
Shear annually to prevent woodiness

Desert Spoon

Dasylirion wheeleri

Native succulent
Evergreen great desert form
4-5' x 4-5'
Full sun, very little
water

**Desert Willow**

Chilopsis linearis

Native tree to washes
Deciduous
Moderate-fast growth, depending on water
Fragrance exuded
Pink or burgundy orchid-like flowers
Loved by hummingbirds

Giant Hesperaloe

Hesperaloe funifera

Evergreen
Favorite succulent
4-5' tall x 3-4' side
Stands rigid, very stately
Great accent or specimen plant
Looks good in containers!
Full sun, very little water

Glossy Abelia

Abelia grandiflora

Large, semi-evergreen shrub
Fountain-like growth
Can be 5' tall x 5' wide if not trimmed
White tubular flowers spring, then summer,
followed by pink sepal petals
Full sun, part shade
Water to establish, then light to moderate
water

Gregg or Little Leaf Ash

Fraxinus greggii

A favorite smaller, shrubby multi-trunk tree
Bright green leaves, evergreen
Great accent or garden tree
Good privacy by windows

Gaura

Gaura lindheimeri

Long-lived perennial, 2' x 3' when mature
Semi-evergreen
Airy leaves, branching flower spikes, white
or pink flowers at end above plant
Full sun
Moderate water to start, then very drought
tolerant
May have occasional die-back, recovers
nicely
Butterflies

Lady Banks' or Tombstone Rose

Rosa banksia

Large, fast-growing vining rose
Blooms white or yellow in spring at Easter time
Fast wall or fence cover
Semi-evergreen
Drought tolerant after established

Lavender Spice or Mexican Oregano

Poliomintha maderensis

Small woody shrub, 3' x 2' perennial
Covered with whirls of lavender tubular flowers spring thru fall, long bloom season
Hummingbirds and butterflies
Full sun, part shade
Water regularly to establish, then light water
Tolerant of many soils
Leaves have strong oregano aroma

Mealycup Sage

Salvia farinaceae

Arizona native
Small, shrubby perennial
Can freeze to ground, comes back in spring
Thin blue leaves, neon blue flower spikes
Hummingbirds & butterflies love this plant
Good pollinator plant
Full sun, part shade

Red Yucca

Hesperaloe parviflora

Evergreen
Favorite succulent
2-3' x 2-3'
Multiple spikes full of coral flowers spring thru summer
Hummingbirds love the flowers
Full sun, very little water

Rock or Moss Verbena

Glandularia (verbena) pulchella

Southern Arizona native
Great ground cover 6' tall by 2-3' wide
Perennial
Cut back each winter
Bright purple flowers spring thru fall
Full sun, part shade, drought tolerant
Butterflies

Russian Sage

Perovskia atriplicifolia

Small woody based perennial shrub
Very heat & drought resistant once established
Can send up additional shoots to create cluster of plants
2' x 3'
Silvery blue flower spikes summer thru fall
Full sun, part shade
Cut back after freeze

Sandpaper Verbena

Verbena rigida

Full sun, part shade
Little water once established
1' tall, 2-3' wide groundcover accent
Perennial
Deep, bright purple flowers
Butterflies love this plant!
Water regularly to establish, then light water

Society Garlic green or variegated leaves

Tulbaghia violaceae

A favorite, great accent plant or in clusters
Grassy clump, perennial 18' x 18'
Purple flowers on multiple stalks rise high above plant spring thru fall
Full sun, part shade
Water to establish, then light water
Very tolerant of multiple conditions, even the wet around ponds

Sun Drops

Calylophus drummondii

Perennial groundcover 1' tall x 2-3' wide
Full sun, little water after established
Semi-evergreen
Bright green foliage
Bright yellow flowers spring thru fall
Cut back in winter for fuller growth
Rock gardens, accents, borders



Sweet Acacia*Acacia smallii*

Large desert tree 30-40' tall
 Deciduous in colder climates
 Bright green leaves, bright yellow
 ball-shaped flowers in late spring
 Full sun, loves heat
 Little water

Tangerine Crossvine*Bignonia capreolata*

Fast growing evergreen vine
 Attaches with tendrils
 Large orange trumpet flowers
 Hummingbirds love it!

Texas Ranger*Leucophyllum frutescens*

Large desert shrub
 Full sun, heat lover, little water
 Semi-evergreen
 Many varieties which vary in shades of
 green for leaves, and various shades of
 pink-purple flowers
 'Green Cloud', 'Compacta', Rio Bravo',
 'Heavenly Cloud' are just a few varieties

Trailing Indigo*Dalea greggii*

Southwest native
 Excellent groundcover 1' tall x 3' wide
 Semi-evergreen
 Good in soil erosion control
 Full sun, loves heat
 Deep infrequent watering, good drainage
 Purple flowers spring, early summer

Trumpet or Coral Honeysuckle*Lonicera sempervirens*

Fast growing, twirling, evergreen vine (slower
 first year)
 Long, slender tubular orange flower clusters
 Hummingbirds cannot resist

Woolly Butterfly Bush*Buddlia marrubifolia*

Native to Southwest
 Full sun, hot location
 Large, evergreen shrub 3-4' tall and wide
 Silver leaves, small ball-shaped orange
 flowers spring & summer
 Hummingbirds and butterflies
 Very drought tolerant once established
 Good drainage a necessity

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