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
*Tetraneuris 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 containers

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 establish, 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 Pistashe  
_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 fellow daisies spring & fall  
Very drought tolerant, but moderate water encourages flowering in summer  
Full sun, loves heat  
Shear annually to prevent woodiness

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 farinacea*

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  
*Tulbaghia violacea*

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 drummondi*

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

Wooly Butterfly Bush

*Buddleia 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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