**El Paso County Native Plant that Grow in Clay Soil**

* These native plants are adapted to clay soils
* They are easier to maintain and require little or no soil amendments, fertilizer, or pesticides
* Require little or no supplemental irrigation – once established
* Support our native birds, bees, butterflies, and insects

| *Scientific Name* | Common Name | Mature Plant Size | Sun or Shade | Water Requirements |
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| *Achilea millefolium* | Yarrow | 12" X 36" | fs | l |
| *Allium cernuum* | Nodding onion | 20" X 12" | fs | l-m |
| *Amorpha canescens* | Lead plant | 4' X 4' | fs | l |
| *Amsonia jonesii* | Jone's bluestar | 12" X 10-12" | fs | l-m |
| *Andropogon gerardii* | Big bluestem | 72-96" X 24-36" | fs-ps | l-m |
| *Artemisia ludoviciana* | White sage | 18" X 18" | fs | l |
| *Asclepias speciosa* | Showy milkweed | 24-36" X 48" | fs | l |
| *Aster sp.* | Asters | 24-36" X 12-18" | fs-ps | l-m |
| *Berlandiera lyrate* | Chocolate flower | 18" X 18" | fs | l-m |
| *Bouteloua gracilis* | Blue grama | 12-14" X 12-18" | fs-ps | l-m |
| *Callirhoe involucrata* | Prairie winecups | 36" X 12" | fs | l |
| *Cornus sericea* | Red twig dogwood | 6' X 8' | fs-ps | l-m |
| *Dalea purpurea* | Purple prairie clover | 18" X 18" | fs | l |
| *Echinacea angustifolia* | Narrow-leaf coneflower | 12-24" X 9- 18" | fs-ps | l |
| *Eriogonum umbellatum* | Sulfur flower | 6-12" X 12-36" | fs-ps | l |
| *Geum trifolium* | Prairie smoke | 6-24" X 6-12" | fs-ps | l-m |
| *Helianthus maximiliana* | Maximilian sunflower | 48" X 48"  | fs | l-m |
| *Liatris punctata* | Dotted gayfeather | 24" X 12" | fs-ps | l-m |
| *Mirabilis multiflora* | Desert/showy four-o'clock | 18" X 48" | fs-ps | l-m |
| *Monarda fistulosa* | Bee balm | 24" X 24" | fs | l |
| *Panicum virgatum* | Switchgrass | 36-60" X 18-24" | fs | l-m |
| *Rhus trilobata* | Three leaf sumac | 4-6' X 5-8' | fs | l |
| *Rudbeckia hirta* | Black eyed Susan | 24" X 7-12" | fs-ps | l-m |
| *Sphaeralcea coccinea* | Scarlet globemallow | 10” X 10” | fs | l |

**Keys:**

Sun Requirements: fs = Full Sun, ps = Partial Shade, s = Shade

Water Requirements: l = low, m - medium