**El Paso County Native Plant List for Deer Resistant Plants**

**Why Native Plants?**

* They are adapted to our soils and climates
* 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

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| *Scientific Name* | Common Name | Mature Plant Size | Sun or Shade | Soil Preference |
| NATIVE SHRUBS | | | | |
| *Amorpha canescens* | Leadplant | 4' x 4' | fs | adaptable |
| *Artemisia tridentata* | Western sage | 4-6' x 3-6' | fs | well-drained |
| *Cornus sericea* | Dogwood | 6' x 8' | fs-ps | adaptable |
| *Fallugia paradoxa* | Apache Plume | 4-6' x 4-6' | fs-ps | well-drained,sandy |
| *Prunus virginia* | Chokecherry | 10-20' x 10-20' | ps-fs | adaptable |
| *Rhamnus smithii* | Smith's buckthorn | 8' x 8' | fs | adaptable |
| *Ribes aureum* | Golden currant | 6' x 5' | fs-ps | adaptable |
| *Ribes cereum* | Wax currant | 4' x 3' | fs | adaptable |
| *Cercocarpus ledifolius* | Curl Leaf Mountain mahogany | 15' x 15' | fs | well-drained |
| *Chrysothamnus nauseosus* | Rabbitbrush | 2-6' x 3-4' | fs | adaptable |
| *Forestiera neomexicana* | New Mexico privet | 12' x 12' | fs-ps | adaptable |
| *Rhamnus smithii* | Smith's buckthorn | 8' x 8' | fs | adaptable |
| *Potentilla fruticosa* | Shrubby cinquefoil | 4' x 4' | fs | adaptable |
| *Prunus americana* | American plum | 12' x 10' | fs-ps | adaptable |
| *Purshia tridentata* | Antelope bitterbrush | 5' x 4' | fs | well-drained |
| *Rubus deliciosus* | Boulder raspberry | 8' x 6' | fs-ps | adaptable |
| *Shepherdia argentea* | Silver buffaloberry | 6-15' x 8' | fs | adaptable |
| *Symphoricarpos albus* | Snowberry | 4' x 6' | fs-ps-s | adaptable |

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| NON-NATIVE (but xeric) SHRUBS | | | | |
| *Caryopteris × clandonensis* | Blue Mist spirea | 2' x 3' | fs | well-drained |
| *Chamaebatiara millefolium* | Fernbush | 3-4' x 3-4' | fs | adaptable |
| *Cotinus coggygria* 'Royal Purple' | Royal Purple' smoketree | 6' x 6' | fs-ps | adaptable |
| *Cytisus purgans* | Brooms | 3-4' x 5-6' | fs | adaptable |
| *Euonymus alatus* | Burning bush | 6-10' x 5-8' | fs-ps | adaptable |
| *Ligustrum vulgare* | Privet | 10' x 12' | fs-ps | well-drained |
| *Lonicera korolkowii* ‘Floribunda ’ | Blue Velvet honeysuckle | 12' x 8' | fs-ps | adaptable |
| *Mahonia aquifolium* | Oregon Grape holly | 3-6' x 3-4' | ps-s | loam |
| *Prunus tomentosa* | Nanking cherry | 8' x 8' | fs | adaptable |
| *Rhus aromatica* ‘Gro-Low’ | Gro-Low sumac | 3' x 6' | fs-ps | adaptable |

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| *Scientific Name* | Common Name | D/E | Mature Plant Size | Sun or Shade | Soil Preference |
| NATIVE TREES | | | | | |
| *Quercus gambelii* | Gambel oak | D | 5-15' x 10-15' | fs | well-drained |
| *Juniperus monosperma* | Oneseed juniper | E | 15-25' x 10-15' | fs | well-drained |
| *Juniperus scopulorum* | Rocky Mountain juniper | E | 15-25' x 5-15' | fs | well-drained |
| *Pinus ponderosa* | Ponderosa pine | E | 45-50' x 25-30' | fs | adaptable |
| NON-NATIVE (but xeric) TREES | | | | | |
| *Celtis occidentalis* | Common hackberry | D | 25-45' x 30-40' | fs | adaptable |
| *Gleditsia triacanthos inermis* | Thornless honeylocust | D | 30-60' x 25-50' | fs | adaptable |

D=Deciduous, E=Evergreen

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| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | *Scientific Name* | Common Name | Mature Plant Size | Sun or Shade | Soil Preference | | NATIVE CACTI & YUCCA | | | | | | *Yucca baccata* | Banana yucca | 1-2' x 4-6' | fs | adaptable | | *Yucca filamentosa* | Adam's needle | 4-8' x 2-3' | fs | adaptable | | *Yucca glauca* | Soapweed | 16-20" x 24-36" | fs | adaptable | |

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| Botanical name | Common Name | Mature Size | Sun or Shade | Soil Preference | Bloom Time | Bloom Color | |
| NATIVE PERENNIALS (Regional natives have a \*) | | | | | | |
| *Achillea millefolium* | Native yarrow | 12 "x 36" | fs | well-drained | summer | white (native) | |
| *Agastache cana\** | Double Bubble mint | 24-36" x 18" | fs | well-drained | summer-fall | pink | |
| *Agastache rupestris\** | Sunset hyssop | 24-26" x 18" | fs | well-drained | summer-fall | pink | |
| *Antennaria spp.* | Pussytoes | 2-6" x 12" | fs-ps | well-drained | spring-summer | cream, pink | |
| *Artemisia frigida* | Fringed sage | 12" x 18" | fs | well-drained | summer | n/a | |
| *Artemisia ludoviciana* | Prairie sage | 18" x 18" | fs | well-drained | summer | n/a | |
| *Asclepias tuberosa* | Butterfly weed | 18" x 18" | fs | well-drained, sandy | summer | orange | |
| *Aster/Symphyotrichon novae-angliae* | New England aster | 12-72' x 12-36' | fs | well-drained | late summer-fall | rose-purple, lavender, white | |
| *Berlandiera lyrata* | Chocolate flower | 18" x 18" | fs | well-drained | summer | yellow | |
| *Echinacea pallida* | Drooping coneflower | 24-36" x 12-18" | fs | well-drained | summer | pink to purple | |
| *Eriogonum umbellatum* | Sulphur flower | 6-12" x 12-24" | fs-ps | well-drained | late spring-summer | yellow | |
| *Eriogonum wrightii var. wrightii\** | Wright's buckwheat | 18-20" x 18-24" | fs-ps | adaptable | fall | white | |
| *Gaillardia aristata* | Blanket flower | 12" x 12" | fs | well-drained | summer-fall | yellow-orange | |
| *Geranium viscosissimum* | Sticky geranium | 12-24" x 12-24" | fs-ps | well-drained | spring-summer | pink-purple | |
| *Geum triflorum* | Prairie smoke | 6-24" x 6-12" | fs-ps | well-drained | late spring-summer | cream-pink | |
| *Helianthus maximiliana* | Maximilian sunflower | 48" x 48" | fs | well-drained | fall | yellow | |
| *Heliomeris multiflora* | Showy goldeneye | 18-30" x 18-30" | fs | well-drained | summer-fall | yellow | |
| *Liatris punctata* | Dotted gayfeather | 24" x 12" | fs-ps | well-drained, sandy | late summer | blue-purple | |
| *Liatris spicata\** | Gayfeather | 24-36" x 9-24" | fs | well-drained | mid-summer to fall | purple, rose-red or white | |
| *Linum lewisii* | Wild blue flax | 18" x 12" | fs | well-drained | late spring-early summer | blue | |
| *Melampodium leucanthum* | Blackfoot daisy | 10-12" x 10-20" | fs-ps | well-drained, rocky | spring-summer | white | |
| *Mirabilis multiflora* | Desert four-o'-clock | 18" x 48" | fs-ps | well-drained | late spring -summer | pink/lavendar | |
| *Monarda fistulosa* | Bee balm | 24" x 24" | fs | well-drained, fertile | summer | white/lavendar | |
| *Penstemon barbatus* | Scarlet Bugler penstemon | 24-36" x 12-24" | fs | well-drained | late spring summer | red-orange | |
| *Penstemon caespitosus* | Mat penstemon | 12-24" x 12-14" | fs | well-drained | spring-early summer | blue-violet | |
| *Penstemon eatonii* | Firecracker penstemon | 18-24" x 12-15"' | fs | well-drained | spring-summer | scarlet-red | |
| *Penstemon grandiflorus* 'Prairie Jewel' | Prairie Jewel penstemon | 30" x 12" | fs | well-drained | summer | lavender | |
| *Penstemon mensarum* | Grand mesa penstemon | 24-30" x 12-15" | fs-ps | adaptable | early summer | cobalt blue | |
| *Penstemon palmeri* | Palmer’s penstemon | 24-48" x 18-24" | fs | well-drained | early summer | pale pink | |
| *Penstemon secundiflorus* | Sidebells penstemon | 20" x 12" | fs-ps | rocky soils | summer | pink/purple | |
| *Penstemon strictus* | Rocky Mountain penstemon | 30" x 24" | fs-ps | well-drained | early summer | blue/purple | |
| *Penstemon virens* | Blue mist penstemon | 8" x 8-10" | fs | well-drained | late spring | blue | |
| *Ratibida columnifera* | Mexican Hat/Prairie coneflower | 18" x 12" | fs-ps | well-drained | summer | yellow/orange | |
| *Rudbeckia hirta* | Black-eyed Susan | 24" x 7-12" | fs-ps | Well-drained | summer | yellow/orange | |
| *Salvia dorrii\** | Desert purple sage | 18" x 30" | fs | well-drained | late spring to late summer | Purple | |
| *Salvia greggii\** | Texas sage | 24-36" x 18" | fs | well-drained | early summer | red, pink | |
| *Salvia pachyphylla\** | Mojave sage | 18-24" x 24-30" | fs | well-drained | mid-late summer | purple | |
| *Stanleya pinnata* | Prince's plume | 24-48" x 12-18" | fs | well-drained | spring | yellow | |
| *Zinnia grandiflora* | Prairie zinnia | 4-8" x 4-8" | fs-ps | well-drained | summer-fall | yellow | |
| *Zauschneria garrettii/Epilobium canum subsp. garrettii* 'Orange Carpet'\* | Orange Carpet hummingbird trumpet | 4-6" x 18-24" | fs-ps | sandy, loam | mid-late summer | red | |
| NON-NATIVE (but xeric) PERENNIALS | | | | | | |
| *Achillea filipendulina* | Fernleaf yarrow | 36" x 24" | fs | well-drained | summer | yellow | |
| *Achillea millefolium* | Yarrow hybrids | 18" x 18" | fs-ps | well-drained | summer | hybrids can be yellow, pink, orange, red | |
| *Achillea tomentosa* | Woolly yarrow | 6-12" x 18" | fs | well-drained | summer | white | |
| *Alyssum saxatile* | Alyssum | 6-12" x 12-18" | fs | well-drained | spring | yellow | |
| *Alyssum wulfenianum* | Mountain alyssum | 6-9" x 12-18" | fs | well-drained | spring | yellow | |
| *Anacyclus depressus* | Atlas daisy | 3" x 12" | fs | well-drained | summer | white | |
| *Artemisia* 'Powis Castle' | Powis Castle' sage | 30" x 60" | fs | well-drained | late summer-fall | n/a | |
| *Artemisia schmidtiana* | Silver mound sage | 6-12" x 12-18" | fs | well-drained | summer | n/a | |
| *Artemisia stelleriana* | Silver Brocade' perennial dusty miller sage | 4-8" x 12-14" | fs | well-drained | summer | n/a | |
| *Centaurea dealbata* 'Rosea’ | Persian cornflower | 24-36" x 18-24" | fs | well-drained | late spring-summer | rose-pink | |
| *Cerastium tomentosum* | Snow-in-summer | 6-12" x 6-18" | fs | well-drained | summer | white | |
| *Dianthus deltoides* | Maiden pink | 4-6" x 24" | fs | well-drained | late spring-summer | pink | |
| *Echinacea purpurea* | Purple coneflower | 36" x 24" | fs-ps | well-drained | summer to fall | pink-purple | |
| *Echinops ritro* | Small globe thistle | 24-36" x 12-24" | fs | well-drained | summer | blue | |
| *Echinops sphaerocephalus* | Great globe thistle | 24-36" x 24-36" | fs | well-drained | mid-late summer | white | |
| *Gaura lindheimeri* | Whirling butterflies | 36-60" x 12-24" | fs | well-drained | late summer-fall | white/pink | |
| *Geranium cantabrigiense* 'Biokovo' | Biokovo cranesbill | 10" x 36" | fs-ps | well-drained | early spring-summer | white | |
| *Geranium macrorrrhizum* | Bigroot cranesbill | 12-18" x 12-24" | fs-ps | well-drained | late spring-summer | purple-pink | |
| *Geranium sanguineum* | Cranesbill | 12-24" x 12-24" | fs-ps | well-drained | late spring-late summer | magenta-pink | |
| *Helianthemum nummularium* | Sunrose or rock rose | 6-12" x 18-36" | fs-ps | well-drained | late spring-early summer | pink or yellow | |
| *Iberis sempervirens* | Candytuft | 6-9" x 6-18" | fs | well-drained, gravelly | mid-spring to summer | white | |
| *Iris germanica* | Bearded iris | 12-30" x 12-24" | fs | well-drained | late spring-summer | various | |
| *Leucanthemum x superbum* 'Alaska' | Shasta daisy | 18-36" x 18-24" | fs | well-drained | mid-late summer | white | |
| *Lychnis coronaria* | Rose campion | 12-24" x 12-24" | fs-ps | well-drained | late spring-late summer | deep pink, white | |
| *Marrubium rotundifolium* | Silver edged horehound | 4" x 18" | s | adaptable | early summer | white | |
| *Nepeta sp* | Catmint | 10-24" x 12-24" | fs-ps | well-drained | late spring-summer | blue, white, pink | |
| *Origanum laevigatum* | Rosenkuppel' ornamental oregano | 12-18" x 12-18" | fs | well-drained | mid-summer to mid-fall | violet red | |
| *Perovskia atriplicifolia* | Russian sage | 36-60" x 24-36" | fs | well-drained | mid-summer-fall | lavender | |
| *Rudbeckia fulgida* 'Goldsturm' | Goldsturm black-eyed Susan | 24-36" x 12-24" | fs | well-drained | summer-fall | gold/orange | |
| *Rudbeckia triloba* | Three-lobed coneflower | 24-36" x 12-24" | fs | well-drained, moist | summer-fall | yellow | |
| *Ruschia hamata* | Trailing iceplant | 4-6" x 6-12" | fs | well-drained | summer | purple | |
| *Salvia officinalis* | Garden sage | 15-24" x 8-14" | fs | well-drained | summer | blue | |
| *Salvia sylvestris* | Meadow sage | 18-14" x 18" | fs | adaptable | spring | purple | |
| *Santolina chamaecyparissus* | Lavender cotton | 24" x 36-48" | fs | well-drained | summer | yellow | |
| *Saponaria lempergii* 'Max Frei' | Max Frei' giant soapwort | 6" x 18" | fs-ps | adaptable | early-late summer | pink | |
| *Saponaria ocymoides* | Soapwort | 6-8" x 12-24" | fs-ps | well-drained | late spring | pink | |
| *Stachys byzantina* | Lamb’s ears | 6-24" x 12-36" | fs-ps | weell-drained | late spring-summer | pink-purple | |
| *Veronica pectinata* | Woolly veronica | 2" x 18" | fs | well-drained | early-mid spring | lavender blue | |
| *Veronica spicata* | Spiked speedwell | 6-36" x 6-24" | fs | well-drained | spring-fall | pink, blue or white | |