**El Paso County Native Plant List to Attract Pollinators**

**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

| *Botanical Name* | Common Name | Water | | Sun or  Shade | Preferred  Soil | Mature Plant  Size | Flower  Color |
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| EARLY SEASON |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| *Amelanchier alnifolia* | Saskatoon serviceberry | l-m | Fs-ps | | well-drained | 15’ X 15’ | White |
| *Amorpha canescens* | Leadplant | l | fs | | adaptable | 4’ X 4’ | Bluish purple |
| *Aquilegia chrysantha* | Golden columbine | l-m | Fs-ps | | well-drained | 30” X 18” | Yellow |
| *Arctostaphylos uva-uris* | Bearberry, Kinnikinnick | l-m | fs-ps | | well-drained | 0.5-1’ X 3-6’ | White-to-pink |
| *Arctostaphylos x coloradoensis* | Manzanita | l | fs-ps | | well-drained | 1’ X 2-3’ | Pink |
| *Clematis scottii* | Scott’s sugarbowls | l-m |  | | well-drained | 12” X 18” | Blue/purple |
| *Geranium viscosissimum* | Sticky geranium | l-m |  | | well-drained | 12-24” X 12 – 24” | Pink-purple |
| *Geum triflorum* | Prairie smoke | l-m |  | | well-drained | 6-24” X 6-12” | Cream-pink |
| *Linum lewisii* | Wild blue flax | l | FS | | well-drained | 18’ X 12” | Blue |
| *Mahonia fremontii* | Fremont mahonia | l | fs | | adaptable | 6-10' x 6-10' | yellow |
| *Mahonia repens* | Creeping mahonia | l | fs-ps-s | | adaptable | 1' x 4' | yellow |
| *Mirabilis multiflora* | Desert four-o'-clock | l-m | fs-ps | | well-drained | 18" x 48" | pink/lavendar |
| *Oenothera caespitosa* | White evening primrose | l | fs | | well-drained | 6" x 12" | white to pink |
| *Oenothera macrocarpa* | Ozark sundrops | l | fs | | well-drained | 3-6" x 6-12" | yellow |
| *Penstemon barbatus* | Scarlet Bugler penstemon | l | fs | | well-drained | 24-36" x 12-24" | red-orange |
| *Penstemon eatonii* | Firecracker penstemon | l | fs | | well-drained | 18-24" x 12-15"' | scarlet-red |
| *Penstemon mensarum* | Grand mesa penstemon | l-m | fs-ps | | adaptable | 24-30" x 12-15" | cobalt blue |
| *Penstemon virens* | Blue mist penstemon | l | fs | | well-drained | 8" x 8-10" | blue |
| *Philadelphus microphyllus* | Littleleaf mockorange | l | fs-ps | | sandy to loam | 4' x 5' | white |
| *Prunus americana* | American plum | l | fs-ps | | adaptable | 12' x 10' | white |
| *Prunus besseyi* | Western sandcherry | l-m | fs | | well-drained | 6' x 5' | white |
| *Prunus virginia* | Chokecherry | l-m | ps-fs | | adaptable | 10-20' x 10-20' | white |
| *Pulsatilla (Anemone) patens* | Pasque flower | l-m | fs | | well-drained | 3-12" x 3-6" | white, blue-purple |
| *Purshia tridentata* | Antelope bitterbrush | l | fs | | well-drained | 5' x 4' | cream |
| *Rhus trilobata* | Three Leaf sumac | l | fs | | adaptable | 4-6' x 5-8' | insig |
| *Ribes aureum* | Golden currant | l-m | fs-ps | | adaptable | 6' x 5' | yellow |
| *Ribes cereum* | Wax currant | l | fs | | adaptable | 4' x 3' | pink |
| *Rosa woodsii* | Wood's rose | m | fs-ps | | loam | 3-5' x 4-5' | pink |
| *Rubus deliciosus* | Boulder raspberry | l-m | fs-ps | | adaptable | 8' x 6' | white |
| *Sphaeralcea coccinea* | Scarlet globemallow | l | fs | | tolerates clay | 10" x 10" | red/orange |
| *Stanleya pinnata* | Prince's plume | l | fsw | | well-drained | 24-48" x 12-18" | yellow |
| *Verbena bipinnatifida* | Spreading verbena | l-m | fs | | well-drained | 6" x 12" | rose/purple |
| MID-SEASON |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| *Achillea millefolium* | Yarrow | l | fs | | well-drained | 12 "x 36" | white (native), various (cultivars) |
| *Anaphalis margaritacea* | Pearly everlasting | l-m | fs | | well-drained, moist | 12-20" x 24" | cream |
| *Asclepias tuberosa* | Butterfly weed | l | fs | | well-drained, sandy | 18" x 18" | orange |
| *Berlandiera lyrata* | Chocolate flower | l | fs | | well-drained | 18" x 18" | yellow |
| *Callirhoe involucrata* | Prairie winecup | l | fs | | well-drained | 36" x 12" | magenta |
| *Campanula rotundifolia* | Harebells | l | fs-ps | | well-drained | 12" x 6" | blue |
| *Coreopsis tinctoria* | Plains coreopsis | l-m | fs | | well-drained | 24-36" x 12-18" | yellow |
| *Dalea purpurea* | Prairie clover | l | fs | | well-drained | 18" x 18" | purple |
| *Echinacea pallida* | Drooping coneflower | l | fs | | well-drained | 24-36" x 12-18" | pink to purple |
| *Erigeron speciosus* | Showy daisy | l-m | fs-ps | | well-drained, fertile | 12-18" x 12-18" | purple |
| *Fallugia paradoxa* | Apache plume | l | fs | | adaptable | 6' x 6' | white |
| *Gaillardia aristata* | Blanket flower | l | fs | | well-drained | 12" x 12" | yellow-orange |
| *Heliomeris multiflora* | Showy goldeneye | l-m | fs | | well-drained | 18-30" x 18-30" | yellow |
| *Holodiscus dumosus* | Rock spirea | l | fs-ps | | adaptable | 7' x 9' | cream |
| *Ipomopsis aggregata* | Scarlet gilia | l | fs | | well-drained | 12-30" x 12" | red, pink, white |
| *Lupinus argenteus* | Silvery lupine | l | fs | | well-drained | 12-36" x 12-24" | white-deep purple |
| *Monarda fistulosa* | Bee balm | l | fs | | well-drained, fertile | 24" x 24" | white/lavendar |
| *Penstemon grandiflorus 'Prairie Jewel'* | Prairie Jewel penstemon | l-m | fs | | well-drained | 30" x 12" | lavender |
| *Penstemon palmeri* | Palmer’s penstemon | l | fs | | well-drained | 24-48" x 18-24" | pale pink |
| *Penstemon secundiflorus* | Sidebells penstemon | l-m | fs-ps | | rocky soils | 20" x 12" | pink/purple |
| *Penstemon strictus* | Rocky Mountain penstemon | l | fs-ps | | well-drained | 30" x 24" | blue/purple |
| *Potentilla fruticosa* | Shrubby cinquefoil | l-m | fs | | adaptable | 4' x 4' | yellow |
| *Ratibida columnifera* | Prairie coneflower 'Mexican Hat' | l | fs-ps | | well-drained | 18" x 12" | yellow/orange |
| *Rudbeckia hirta* | Black-eyed Susan | l-m | fs-ps | | Well-drained | 24" x 7-12" | yellow/orange |
| *Symphoricarpos albus* | Snowberry | l-m | fs-ps-s | | adaptable | 4' x 6' | white to pink |
| *Tradescantia occidentalis* | Spiderwort | l-m | fs-ps | | well-drained | 12-24" x 12-18" | pink/purple |
| LATE SEASON |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| *Aster/Symphyotrichon laevis* | Smooth aster | l-m | fs-ps | | well-drained | 24-36" x 12-18" | pale violet |
| *Aster/Symphyotrichon novae-angliae* | New England aster | l-m | fs | | well-drained | 12-72' x 12-36' | rose-purple, lavender, white |
| *Aster/Symphyotrichon porteri* | Porter aster | l | fs-ps | | well-drained | 12-18" x 12-24" | white |
| *Chrysothamnus nauseosus* | Rabbitbrush | l | fs | | adaptable | 2-6' x 3-4' | yellow |
| *Gutierrezia sarothrae* | Broom snakeweed | l | fs | | adaptable | 12-18" x 12-18" | yellow |
| *Helianthus maximilliana* | Santa Fe sunflower | l-m | fs | | well-drained | 48" x 48" | yellow |
| *Liatris punctata* | Dotted gayfeather | l-m | fs-ps | | well-drained, sandy | 24" x 12" | blue-purple |
| *Machaeranthera (Dieteria) bigelovii* | Tansy aster | l | fs | | adaptable | 6-30"x 12-24" | purple |
| *Solidago spp.* | Goldenrod | l | fs | | adaptable | varies | yellow |
| *Zinnia grandiflora* | Prairie zinnia | l | fs-ps | | well-drained | 4-8" x 4-8" | yellow |