

Gaillardia grandiflora



Photo by: Bob Perry

Common Name: Blanket Flower

Family: Asteraceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: Grows 2'-3' high, in a clumping fashion, with colorful red to yellow flowers from June through fall.

Water needs: Low to moderate supplemental water.

Special Features: Often planted by seed on slopes for erosion control.

Adaptable to poor quality soils. For longest show of color, remove spent flower heads.

Gaura lindheimeri



Photo by: Bob Perry

Common Name: Gaura

Family: Onagraceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: Produces numerous stems 3'-4' high with white or pink flowers along the stem and on top, from spring through summer.

Water needs: Low supplemental water.

Special Features: Cut stems back to rejuvenate plants.

Helianthemum nummularium



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Common Name: Sunrose

Family: Cistaceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: A low growing plant 6"-8" high and 2'-3' across, with usually single, rose-like flowers in a variety of colors.

Water needs: Low supplemental water, avoid over watering.

Special Features: Showy color display in spring through early summer.

Hemerocallis hybrids



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Common Name: Daylily

Family: Liliaceae

Light: Full to partial sun.

Characteristics of plant: Grows to 3' high with flowers in colors of yellows, purples, reds and orange, from late spring through summer.

Water needs: Moderate supplemental water.

Special Features: Cold and drought tolerant.

Heuchera maxima



Photo by: John Game

Common Name: Island Coral Bells

Family: Saxifragaceae

Light: Partial shade.

Characteristics of plant: 12"-18" high by 3'-4' across with numerous spikes of white to pink flowers.

Water needs: Low supplemental water.

Special Features: Often used to complement native oaks.

Hunnemannia fumariifolia



Photo by: unknown

Common Name: Mexican Tulip Poppy

Family: Papaveraceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: Grows to 3' tall and 15"-18" across, with grey-green foliage and bright yellow flowers, spring through fall.

Water needs: Low supplemental water. Usually treated as an annual. Reseeds.

Iris douglasiana hybrids

Perennials



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Common Name: Douglas Iris

Family: Iridaceae

Light: Partial sun.

Characteristics of plant: 12"-18" high by 1'-2' across with showy blue-purple flowers.

Water needs: Low to moderate supplemental water in rich soil.

Special Features: Great in plantings under trees, in borders, and along waterfalls and rock gardens. New hybrids available in yellow, white, mauve and brown.

Iris



Photo by: unknown

Common Name: Bearded Iris

Family: Iridaceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: A 16"-4' clumping perennial, with flowers in colors of lavender, blue, white, pink, orange, red and yellow, in mid to late spring.

Water needs: Low supplemental water.

Special Features: Often used for cut flowers, in borders and mass plantings.