



CMG GardenNotes #580

Native Plants

References and Review Material

Reading/Reference Materials

CSU GardenNotes

- <https://cmg.extension.colostate.edu/volunteer-information/cmg-gardennotes-class-handouts/>.
- #581, *Native Grasses for Use in Colorado Landscapes*.
- #582, *Native Plants Reference List*.
- #583, *Sources of Colorado Native Plants*.

CSU Extension Fact Sheets

- <https://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/yard-garden/>.
- #7.242, *Native Herbaceous Perennials for Colorado Landscapes*.
- #7.421, *Native Trees for Colorado Landscapes*.
- #7.422, *Native Shrubs for Colorado Landscapes*.

Planttalk Colorado™

- <http://planttalk.org>.

Other

- Low-Water Native Plants for Colorado Gardens: Front Range & Foothills, <https://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/native/FrontRangeSm.pdf>.
- Low-Water Native Plants for Colorado Gardens: Mountains 7,500' and Above, <https://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/native/MountainsSm.pdf>.
- Low-Water Native Plants for Colorado Gardens: Prairie and Plains, <https://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/native/PrairieSm.pdf>.
- Low-Water Native Plants for Colorado Gardens: Southeastern Colorado, <https://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/native/SESm.pdf>.
- Low-Water Native Plants for Colorado Gardens: Western Slope – Below 7,000', <https://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/native/WestSlopeSm.pdf>.

Review Questions

1. List five benefits of using native plants in the landscape.
2. Why will native plants never be on the State noxious weed list?
3. Name one reason a straight species may be more beneficial as habitat than a cultivar or a nativar.

4. Why is it hard to find native plants in nurseries/garden centers?
5. All native plants can survive on natural rain and snowfall in your yard. True or False? Explain your answer.