

Mountain Shadows

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Perfect for the part shade area of your landscape, this 98 sq ft garden offers unique xeric perennials that stand out in a crowd. Relax in your yard's dappled shade and enjoy the eye-catching reds and creamy whites that sway atop the purples and blues that creep along the bottom of the garden.



Partial shade exposure
(requires only 4 hrs. of direct or indirect sun per day)



Planting map covers 98 sq ft



Blooms early spring to fall



Low water needs



Hardiness maximum of 6,500 ft

Individual Plant Information

ALPINE ASTER - *Aster alpinus* 'Goliath'

QTY. 4



Large lilac-blue "daisies" with yellow centers are followed by fluffy seed heads above a low lying clump of grey green leaves.



Mature height
6-12"



Mature spread
15-18"



Attracts butterflies
and bees



Resists deer and
rabbits



CARE: Short lived, but a hardy and low-maintenance perennial. Prefers well drained soils. Amend thick clay soil with compost. If too much or too little moisture, they may lose lower foliage and fail to bloom. Can be short lived in hot, humid climates so be sure to plant in an area that avoids mid-day sun.

BLUE CRANESBILL - *Geranium* 'Johnson's Blue'

QTY. 1



Large, grayish-green leaves create a broad, rounded clump that casts violet-blue, wide-faced flowers with white centers.



Mature height
18-24"



Mature spread
2-3'



Attracts butterflies
and bees



Resists deer and
rabbits



CARE: Although this variety can tolerate drought, it appreciates moist, well-drained soils in its first year.

CAREY QUINN RED DAYLILY - *Hemerocallis* 'Carey Quinn'

QTY. 2



Velvety red, wide flaring petals create large, bell-shaped flowers with golden throats. Their long, slender, bright green leaves form an attractive thick clump.



Mature height
2-3'



Mature spread
2-3'



Attracts bees,
butterflies and
hummingbirds



CARE: A very hardy and adaptable perennial, they are a low-maintenance plant that thrive in most conditions.

CLUSTERED BELLFLOWER - *Campanula glomerata* 'Superba'

QTY. 2



Tight, charming clusters of large violet flowers sit atop glossy, dark green leaves that provide a striking contrast to any landscape.



Mature height
18-24"



Mature spread
12-18"



Attracts bees,
butterflies and
hummingbirds



Resists deer and
rabbits



CARE: The Clustered Bellflower is adaptable but if possible, prefers full sun to partial sun with average to well-draining soils. Prefers some shade and regular moisture in warmer climates.

CORSICAN VIOLET - *Viola corsica*

QTY. 4



Prolific purplish-blue flowers hang over a low growing tuft of rich green foliage. Corsican Violets can self-seed over time to create a river of purple blooms.



Mature height
6-8"



Mature spread
6-8"



CARE: This plant will self sow well when the conditions of the site suits it. More reliably perennial than most other pansies, it is both drought and shade tolerant. Corsican violets do enjoy compost enriched soils! They will also do well in sun to partial shade exposure.

CRIMSON STAR COLUMBINE - *Aquilegia* 'Crimson Star'

QTY. 2



The Crimson Star Columbine is a robust, spectacular variety with fern-like foliage and long spurred crimson-red flowers with a white center.



Mature height
24-30"



Mature spread
24-30"



Attracts butterflies
and hummingbirds



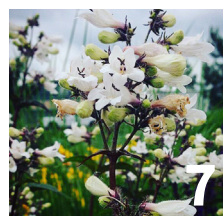
Resists deer and
rabbits



CARE: A truly shade-tolerant plant, placement in partial shade will prolong flowering. Avoid heavy, soggy soil but provide moist soil! Division is not recommended. Considered a short-lived perennial but will self-seed readily. Goes dormant mid-summer, so you may want to mark its spot with a stake so that you don't accidentally dig it up or weed it out.

HUSKER RED PENSTEMON - *Penstemon digitalis* 'Husker Red'

QTY. 2



A thick mound of striking reddish-green foliage with erect stalks carry open spires of pure white flowers with hints of pink.



Mature height
2-3'



Mature spread
18-24"



Attracts bees,
butterflies and
hummingbirds



Resists deer



CARE: Plants may be staked if necessary to support growth. Does appreciate some sun, and may begin to flop if it's not getting enough.

NORTHERN SEA OATS GRASS - *Chasmanthium latifolium*

QTY. 3



A native grass with bamboo-like foliage and delightful nodding seed heads that rustle in the breeze from late summer to winter.



Mature height
2-3'



Mature spread
18-24"



Attracts birds



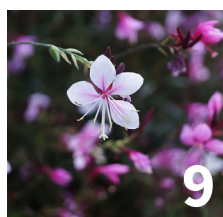
Resists deer



CARE: This grass enjoys moist soils; however, a drier location will keep its expansion in check. It will reseed easily, so be sure to remove unwanted clumps if it begins to expand aggressively.

PINK WHIRLING BUTTERFLIES - *Gaura lindheimeri* 'Pink Cloud'

QTY. 2



A loosley branching perennial with wand-like panicles, it gives the impression of butterflies whirling in the breeze with its delicate but tough pink flowers.



Mature height
2-3'



Mature spread
2-3'



Attracts butterflies
and hummingbirds



Resists deer and
rabbits



CARE: An extremely low-maintenance plant! Division is not necessary or recommended due to its deep tap root. Prefers well drained soils, so it appreciates added compost to its planting hole if planting in heavy clay soils.



Its silky pink flowers with delicate purple lines are attractive in early summer, and are followed by red-toned leaves on long stalks in the fall.



Mature height
1-3'



Mature spread
18-24"



Attracts bees and butterflies



CARE: A low-maintenance plant that does not like to be overwatered. Plants become woody with age and can be divided as necessary in spring.



Creamy white clusters of small, hooded flowers bloom atop silvery, green leaves that make this groundcover a striking perennial even when not blooming.



Mature height
6-12"



Mature spread
12-18"



Attracts bees



Resists deer and rabbits



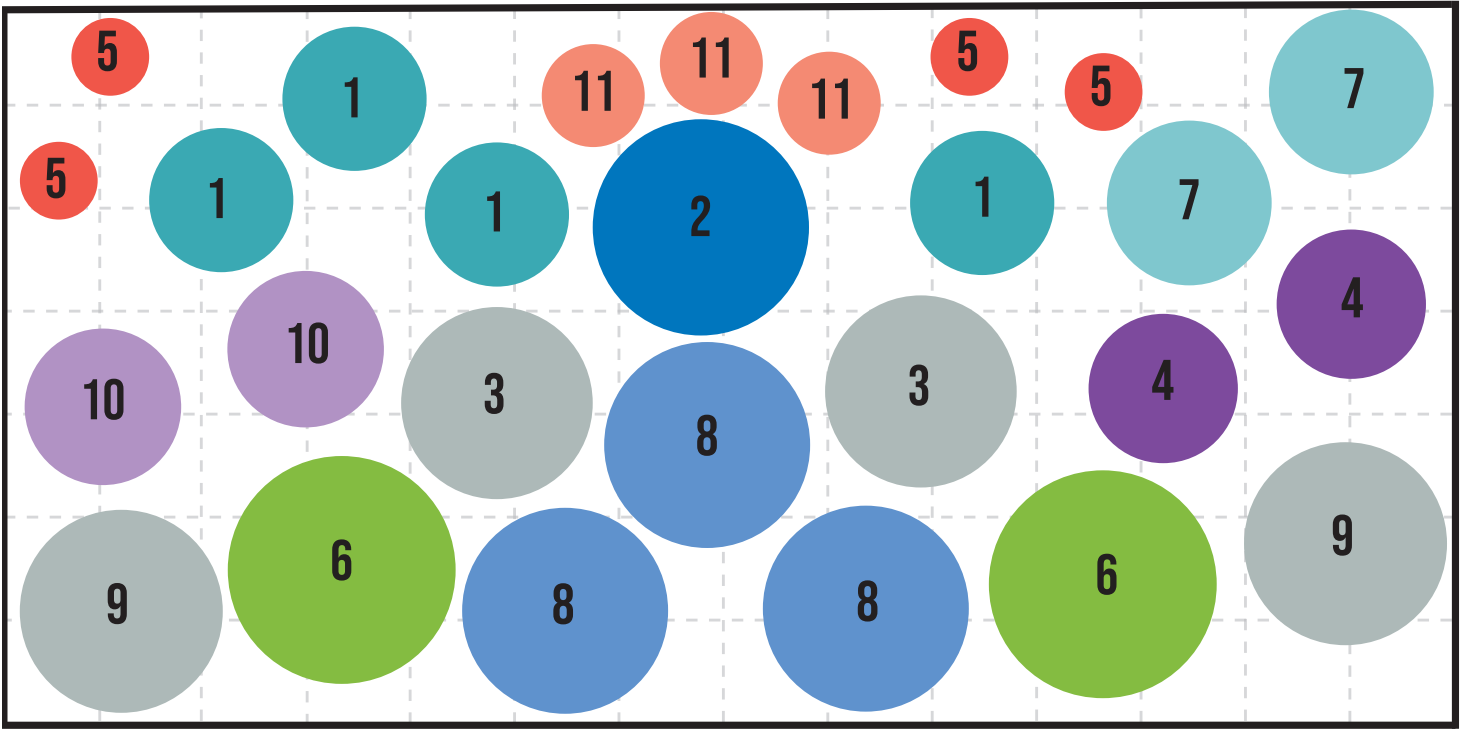
CARE: Avoid planting in full sun and dry soil. Appreciates regular watering to get established, but can tolerate drought after first year.

Plant Maintenance By Season

MAINTENANCE TASKS	PLANT
SPRING (AFTER FIRST GROWING SEASON)	
Cut back old growth to 2-3 inches before new growth begins to show.	Alpine Aster, Clustered Bellflower, White Nancy Nettle
Divide mature plants, in early spring (or autumn), every 3 years, as needed.	Alpine Aster, Blue Cranesbill, Carey Quinn Red Daylily, Husker Red Penstemon
"Comb out" or remove dead foliage.	Carey Quinn Red Daylily, Crimson Star Columbine, Pink Whirling Butterflies
SUMMER	
Once established, deadhead to encourage compact growth.	Alpine Aster, Blue Cranesbill, Carey Quinn Red Daylily, Sticky Geranium
Deadhead first round of spent flowers to encourage new blooms and/or minimize self seeding.	Clustered Bellflower, Corsican Violet, Husker Red Penstemon, Pink Whirling Butterflies, Sticky Geranium, White Nancy Nettle
Mark its spot to avoid weeding it out as it goes dormant mid-summer.	Crimson Star Columbine
FALL	
Leave last round of blooms to self seed, to provide food for birds, or to protect from the cold.	Alpine Aster, Corsican Violet, Husker Red Penstemon, Northern Sea Oats Grass, White Nancy Nettle
Cut back leaving leaves at the base once blooming has finished.	Clustered Bellflower, Crismson Star Columbine
WINTER	
Once plant turns gray in late winter, cut it back leaving leaves at the base.	Northern Sea Oats Grass

Plant by Number Design Suggestions

7' x 14' rectangle
SUGGESTED FRONT SIDE OF GARDEN



Key

- 1. Alpine Aster (Qty. 4)
- 2. Blue Cranesbill (Qty. 1)
- 3. Carey Quinn Red Daylily (Qty. 2)
- 4. Clustered Bellflower (Qty. 2)
- 5. Corsican Violet (Qty. 4)
- 6. Crimson Star Columbine (Qty. 2)
- 7. Husker Red Penstemon (Qty. 2)
- 8. Northern Sea Oats Grass (Qty. 3)
- 9. Pink Whirling Butterflies (Qty. 2)
- 10. Sticky Geranium (Qty. 2)
- 11. White Nancy Nettle (Qty. 3)

1 box = 1 square