Sunset Garden

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Mirror the breathtaking beauty of a setting Colorado sun with the Sunset Garden. The seamless stream of pinks, oranges, golds, and reds featured in this garden evoke the majestic beauty of the setting sun. A serious feast for the eyes, this garden is also a delightful treat for our pollinator friends- birds, bees, and butterflies! The Sunset Garden fills about 74 square feet and showcases 15 waterwise plants.

- Full sun exposure (minimum of 6 hrs. of direct sun per day)
- Planting map covers 74 sq ft
- Blooms late spring to fall
- Xeric (low-medium water)
- Hardiness maximum of 7,000 ft

Individual Plant Information

APACHE PLUME - *Fallugia paradoxa*

QTY. 1

One of the showiest shrubs native to the western US. Beginning in late spring and continuing through summer, the plant blooms with single white flowers that set fluffy pink seed heads.

- Mature height 3-6’ Mature spread 3-6’
- Full sun
- Very low water needs
- Blooms late spring to summer
- Attracts bees, birds hummingbirds
- Resists deer, rabbits

CARE: A moderate to rapid grower in any well-drained soil. As a shrub, meant to have a unique shape, do not shear to shape. Cut selected larger branches if plant out grows space, otherwise leave it be. Typical shape is a cascading mound of texture, flowers and delicate seed heads.

DWARF FALL ASTER - *Aster novi-belgii* ‘Alert’

QTY. 2

Alert Aster forms a short, rounded clump of narrow, glossy, dark green foliage covered by densely packed clusters of magenta to crimson-red flowers.

- Mature height 12-15” Mature spread 12-18”
- Full sun
- Medium water needs
- Blooms late summer to fall
- Attracts butterflies
- Resists deer, reabbits

CARE: Give this plenty of room to grow. It is susceptible to powdery mildew, a disease that can be prevented with good air circulation and planting in rich, moist soil. Keep in mind it spreads easily and can be used as ground cover.

LITTLE BLUESTEM GRASS - *Schizachyrium scoparium*

QTY. 3

The kaleidoscope of colors in this grass starts as blue-gray pastels in the summer and becomes bronze tones in the fall with white fluffy seed heads.

- Mature height 3-4’ Mature spread 24-30”
- Full sun
- Low water needs
- Blooms fall
- Attracts birds
- Resists deer, rabbits

CARE: This highly adaptable grass is tolerant of sunbaked locations and poor soil of all varieties, and is ill-suited for shady, wet soils, which will lead to poor structure and floppy growth.

RED DAYLILY - *Hemerocallis* 'Pardon Me'

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 18-24"
  Mature spread 18-24"
- Full sun
- Low water needs
- Blooms summer
- Attracts butterflies, hummingbirds
- Resists rabbits

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

SEA KALE - *Crambe maritima*

QTY. 1

A large perennial with bold, blue-green foliage that is lobed and sharply toothed, it boasts huge panicles of small white flowers that are showy and sweetly scented.

- Mature height 4-6'
  Mature spread 2-4'
- Full sun
- Medium water needs
- Blooms summer
- Attracts bees, butterflies, hummingbirds
- Resists deer

CARE: We recommend trying not to divide or move this plant as it has a very deep and thick taproot system that is difficult to move once established. This is a very long lived perennial, but be sure to leave it alone for first two years.

SHASTA DAISY - *Leucanthemum x superbum* 'Crazy Daisy'

QTY. 1

A showy version of the common Shasta Daisy with fringed, soft-white petals surrounding a pale-yellow center atop sturdy green foliage.

- Mature height 18-24"
  Mature spread 18-24"
- Full sun
- Low water needs
- Blooms summmer
- Attracts butterflies
- Resists deer, rabbits

CARE: A very hardy and adaptable perennial that is extremely long blooming. Will grow well in average to well-draining soil.

SUNLIGHT HYSSOP - *Agastache aurantiaca* 'Sunlight'

QTY. 2

Native to the southwestern US, this hyssop has silvery green leaves on slim, branched stems with large numbers of curved, pale orange flowers from mid-summer until the first frost.

- Mature height 15-18"
  Mature spread 12-18"
- Full sun
- Low water needs
- Blooms mid summer to fall
- Attracts hummingbirds
- Resists deer, rabbits

CARE: Water regularly for the first season to establish the root system. Make sure the soil is well drained, as Hyssop does not tolerate soil that is constantly wet. After it is established, it is very drought tolerant.

WHITE WINDFLOWER - *Anemone x hybrida* 'Honorine Jobert'

QTY. 3

An award winning perennial with clusters of white flowers on long branching stems, held above mounds of dark green palmate leaves.

- Mature height 30-36"
  Mature spread 30-36"
- Filtered shade
- Medium water needs
- Blooms fall
- Attracts butterflies
- Resists deer, rabbits

CARE: White Windflower is a vigorous, low maintenance cultivar. It may be slow to emerge in the spring time, so be sure to mark its location in the garden.

YELLOW AVENS - *Geum chiloense* 'Lady Stratheden'

QTY. 2

Sparsely leaved stalks produce dark green leaves and yellowish orange double flowers. Blossoms remain on the plant for many weeks before they are carried away by the wind.

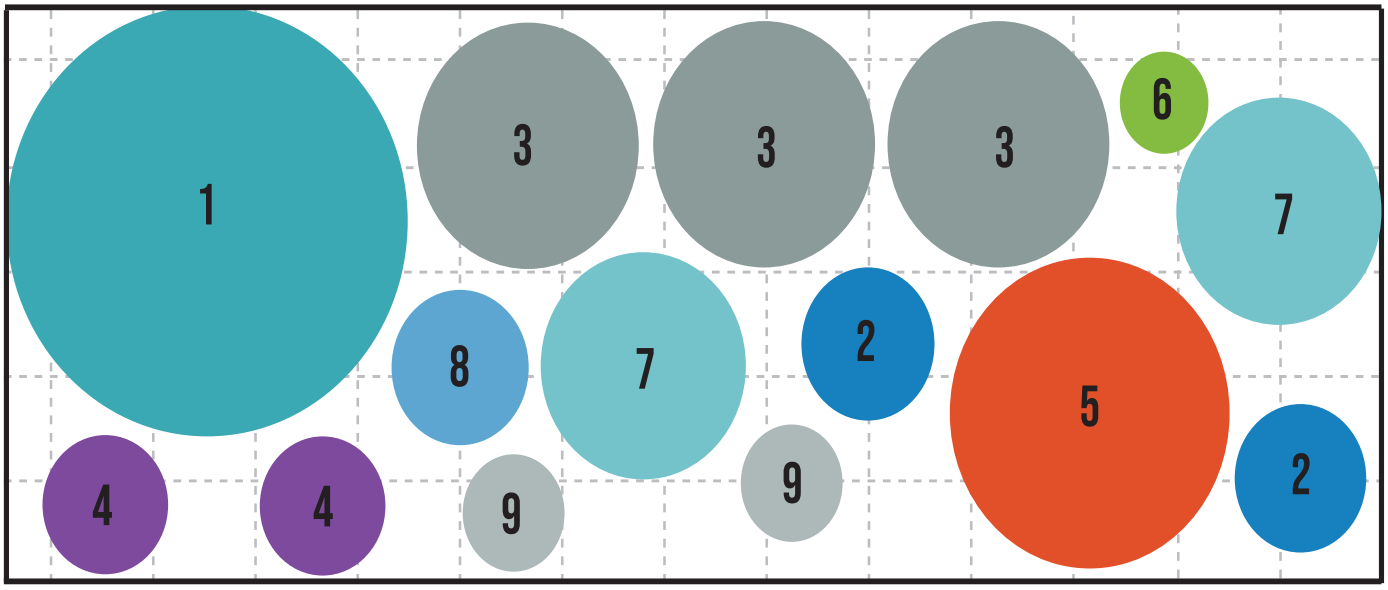
- Mature height 18-24"
  Mature spread 12-18"
- Adaptable
- Medium water needs
- Blooms late spring to mid summer
- Attracts bees, butterflies, hummingbirds
- Resists deer

CARE: This easy to care for variety appreciates well drained soil and regular watering during the first growing season to establish a strong root system.

Plant Maintenance By Season

MAINTENANCE TASKS	PLANT
SPRING (AFTER FIRST GROWING SEASON)	
Cut back old growth or winter damage as new growth begins to show.	Little Bluestem Grass, Sunlight Hyssop
“Comb out” or remove dead foliage.	Red Daylily
Divide mature plants every 2-3 years, as needed to reinvigorate growth and to contain spreading.	Dwarf Fall Aster, Red Daylily, Shasta Daisy, White Windflower, Yellow Avens
After a few growing seasons, if a smaller size is desired, prune a few large branches in early spring before new growth forms.	Apache Plume
SUMMER	
After blooming, foliage may become tattered. To freshen up, remove the worst leaves.	Sea Kale
Deadhead spent flowers to encourage new blooms and compact growth.	Dwarf Fall Aster, Red Daylily, Shasta Daisy Yellow Avens
Can leave a few spent blooms to allow fluffy seedheads to form.	Yellow Avens
Water sparingly once established.	Sunlight Hyssop
FALL	
Do not prune or cut back. Susceptible to winter damage if pruned.	Sunlight Hyssop
Leave last round of blooms to self-seed and provide food for the birds.	Little Bluestem Grass
Cut back after flowering in the late fall to refresh foliage.	Shasta Daisy, Yellow Avens
WINTER	
Cut to the ground in winter. Appreciate winter mulching to prevent root damage.	Sea Kale, White Windflower

Plant by Number Design Suggestions



13.5’ x 5.5’ rectangle
SUGGESTED FRONT SIDE OF GARDEN

Key

1. Apache Plume *(Qty.1)*
2. Dwarf Fall Red Aster *(Qty. 2)*
3. Little Bluestem Grass *(Qty. 3)*
4. Red Daylily *(Qty. 2)*
5. Sea Kale *(Qty. 1)*
6. Shasta Daisy *(Qty. 1)*
7. Sunlight Hyssop *(Qty. 2)*
8. White Windflower *(Qty. 1)*
9. Yellow Avens *(Qty. 2)*

1 box = 1 square foot