

Six Pack: Adaptable

Plant as you wish! Plant-by-number design not included.



Looking to fill just a few empty spots in your garden? This six pack of adaptable low-water perennials works perfectly to help fill out your existing garden beds. These plants thrive in full sun and part shade exposure so they can tuck in your sun or part shade beds! You'll get a couple of grasses for height and movement, plus a couple of stunning red Columbine and blue Plumbago that will easily add splashes of colors to any existing garden bed.



Adaptable sun exposure - full sun or part shade (minimum of 6 hrs of direct or indirect sun per day)



Blooms spring to fall



Low to medium water needs



Hardiness maximum of 6,500 ft.

Individual Plant Information

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"



Full sun to part shade



Medium water needs



Blooms spring



Attracts butterflies, hummingbirds



Resists deer, 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.

KOREAN FEATHER REED GRASS - *Calamagrostis brachytricha*

QTY. 2



Clump-forming grass with stiff, upright foliage. It is accented by airy plumes in summer that fade to creamy white in fall. The seed heads provide food for birds and remain attractive throughout the winter.



Mature height 3-4'
Mature spread 2-3'



Full sun to part shade



Low water needs



Blooms late summer



Attracts birds



Resists deer, rabbits



CARE: It will adapt to any soil from sand to clay, and its tight clump can remain in place for years. It prefers evenly moist soil throughout the growing season; do not allow soil to completely dry out.

PLUMBAGO - *Ceratostigma plumbaginoides*

QTY. 2



This hardy perennial's striking blue flowers intermingle with shiny, green, ovate leaves that form an attractive spreading mound. In late autumn leaves turn burgundy red.



Mature height 8-12"
Mature spread 18-24"



Full sun to part shade



Low water needs



Blooms midsummer to fall



Attracts butterflies



Resists deer



CARE: During the winter, it will go dormant and it is late to emerge in spring so be sure to mark its spot in the garden to avoid accidental damage to the plant. Does not tolerate poorly drained soils.

Plant Maintenance by Season

MAINTENANCE TASKS	PLANT
SPRING (AFTER FIRST GROWING SEASON)	
Cut back old growth or winter damage to 4-6 inches before new growth begins to show.	Korean Feather Reed Grass, Plumbago
Divide mature plants, in early spring every 3 years, as needed.	Korean Feather Reed Grass, Plumbago
“Comb out” or remove dead foliage.	Crimson Star Columbine
SUMMER	
Allow some blooms to go to seed and self-sow.	Crimson Star Columbine
FALL	
Do not cut back! Wait until spring to avoid winter damage.	Plumbago
Cut plants down to basal foliage. Add some extra mulch around base for winter.	Crimson Star Columbine



NEED MORE INFO?

Refer to the Plant & Care Guide for more general planting, watering, and maintenance tips.

Refer to our online Garden Resources page for tips on turf removal, drip system conversion, pot and flat recycling, and more at ResourceCentral.org/gardens/garden-in-a-box-resources

Check out our Materials Reuse facility, located at 6400 Arapahoe Road in Boulder, for reclaimed materials and tools to help you prepare and outfit your garden for the year.