

# Six Pack: Full Sun, Warm Tones

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



Looking to just fill a few empty spots in your full sun garden? Perhaps you just need to add a few additional warm tones to your garden? This six pack of full sun, low-water perennials works perfectly to help fill out your existing garden beds with warm-toned beauties. The orange of the Gay Butterfly, red of the Pineleaf Penstemon, and bronze of the Little Bluestem grass in fall complete this warm-toned six pack.



Full sun exposure  
(requires a minimum of 6 hrs of direct sun per day)



Blooms summer to fall



Low water needs



Hardiness maximum of 8,000 ft.

## Individual Plant Information

### GAY BUTTERFLY - *Asclepias tuberosa*

QTY. 2



Intense tangerine-orange flower clusters invite droves of butterflies. A host plant for Monarchs in particular, but hummingbirds also cherish its abundant nectar.



Mature height 18-36"  
Mature spread 18-24"



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms summer



Attracts butterflies,  
hummingbirds



Resists deer



**CARE:** Low maintenance and tough, it is slow to establish (2-3 years) but long lived. It's late to emerge in spring but will self-sow readily. Asclepias do best in sunny locations with sandy soils but tolerate poor or average soils. Division not recommended due to long taproot.

### LITTLE BLUESTEM GRASS - *Schizachyrium scoparium*

QTY. 2



This native grass' kaleidoscope of colors start as blue-gray pastels in the summer and become 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.

### PINELEAF PENSTEMON - *Penstemon pinifolius*

QTY. 2



This low, creeping penstemon features tubular, scarlet-orange flowers with yellow throats. The prolific blooms rest atop soft, green needle-like foliage, covering the plant throughout the mid-summer months.



Mature height 6-8"  
Mature spread 12-15"



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms  
midsummer



Attracts birds



Resists deer,  
rabbits



**CARE:** Penstemon varieties prefer not to be overcrowded and prefer maximum heat and sun exposure. Avoid enriching the soil around these finicky plants — it will shorten their lifespan. This semi-evergreen can be slow to establish, so be sure to weed around it regularly to improve establishment.

# Plant Maintenance by Season

MAINTENANCE TASKS	PLANT
<b>SPRING</b> (AFTER FIRST GROWING SEASON)	
Cut back old growth or winter damage to 4-6 inches before new growth begins to show.	Gay Butterfly, Little Bluestem Grass, Pineleaf Penstemon
Divide mature plants, in early spring every 3 years, as needed.	Pineleaf Penstemon
<b>SUMMER</b>	
Deadhead spent flowers to encourage new blooms.	Gay Butterfly
<b>FALL</b>	
Leave last blooms to self-seed and/or feed the birds come winter.	Gay Butterfly, Little Bluestem Grass



## 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](https://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.