






Native Shadows

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Brighten the partially shaded areas of your yard with Native Shadows, our first garden for shadier areas with plants all native to our region. Native pollinators will delight in the bright and fragrant blooms that will thrive all season long in your areas of dappled shade.

-  Adaptable sun exposure (requires 4 to 6 hrs of direct or indirect sun per day)
-  Planting maps cover 100 sq. ft.
-  Blooms late spring to fall
-  Low to medium water needs
-  Hardiness maximum of 7,500 ft.

Individual Plant Information

N indicates a regionally native plant

ANISE HYSSOP - *Agastache foeniculum* **N**


QTY. 2



This native variety of hyssop boasts spikes of lavender blue flowers atop triangular, dark green leaves on stout, square stems.

-  Mature height 2-4'
Mature spread 18-24"
-  Adaptable
-  Low water needs

-  Blooms summer to fall
-  Attracts bees, butterflies
-  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. Anise Hyssops prefer more shade than other, more southern varieties.



FIRECRACKER PENSTEMON - *Penstemon eatonii* **N**


QTY. 5



Clusters of tubular, fiery-red flowers adorn the upright stalks of this Penstemon. Foliage is dark green with paddle-shaped leaves. This evergreen variety is native to the western US.

-  Mature height 18-24"
Mature spread 12-18"
-  Adaptable
-  Low water needs

-  Blooms early summer
-  Attracts hummingbirds
-  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. Plant high so as to avoid burying the crown. Mulch with bark sparingly or use gravel or pine needles. Water sparingly once established.

NATIVE BLACK-EYED SUSAN - *Rudbeckia hirta* **N**


QTY. 2



Native to North America, Black-eyed Susans feature a dark central disc surrounded by a bright, golden ray of petals above stiff, hairy stems and dark green foliage.

-  Mature height 18-24"
Mature spread 18-24"
-  Adaptable
-  Medium water needs

-  Blooms summer to fall
-  Attracts butterflies
-  Resists deer

 **CARE:** Easily grown in well-drained soils when planted in full sun. It is considered a short-lived perennial that typically survives 4-6 years, but it will spread by seed. Appreciates a little extra moisture in well drained soils but still a drought tolerant plant.

NATIVE BLUE HAREBELL - *Campanula rotundifolia* **N**

QTY. 6



Coming from the Latin word campana meaning "bell," this perennial features loose rosettes of foliage with blue, bell-shaped flowers on wiry stems.



Mature height 6-18"
Mature spread 12-18"



Partial shade



Low water needs



Blooms spring to summer



Attracts bees, butterflies



Resists deer, rabbits



CARE: This adaptable plant performs well on rocky mountain slopes, dry meadows and prairies, and open woods with moist soils.

SMOOTH ASTER - *Symphyotrichum laeve* **N**

QTY. 1



Long, narrow, smooth leaves are large at the base of the plant, growing smaller as they ascend the stems. The stems branch profusely, ending in many small, showy blossoms with blue to purplish petals.



Mature height 2-4'
Mature spread 15-24"



Adaptable



Low water needs



Blooms late summer to fall



Attracts bees, butterflies



Resists deer



CARE: This native plant will be easy to take care of. It will self-propagate by its non-aggressive rhizomatous roots. If this is undesired, division is recommended.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLUMBINE - *Aquilegia coerulea* **N**

QTY. 5



The Colorado state flower! It is noted for its large, rich violet flowers with white centers and long spurs mounted on arching stems over blue-green foliage.



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



Partial shade



Medium water needs



Blooms late spring to summer



Attracts bees, birds, butterflies



Resists deer, rabbits



CARE: Avoid heavy, soggy soil. Division is not recommended, mature plants do not like to be disturbed. If foliage becomes ragged during high heat, cut foliage back to 3 inches above ground and new leaves will grow in.

SHOWY FLEABANE - *Erigeron speciosus* **N**

QTY. 4



A thick clump of rich green foliage producing loosely branched stems with yellow-centered daisies surrounded by lavender-blue rays.



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



Adaptable



Low water needs



Blooms early to mid summer



Attracts bees, butterflies



Resists deer



CARE: This hardy perennial is undemanding and easy to grow.

STICKY GERANIUM - *Geranium viscosissimum* **N**

QTY. 3



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"



Partial shade



Low water needs



Blooms late spring to summer



Attracts bees, butterflies



Resists deer



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.

SWITCHGRASS - *Panicum virgatum* **N**

QTY. 2



Switchgrass forms elegantly tall, dense stands of green changing to deep red throughout the summer and ending the season as a burgundy wine color in the fall.



Mature height 3-5'
Mature spread 18-24"



Adaptable



Low water needs



Blooms late summer



Attracts birds



CARE: Extremely drought tolerant and grows well in any type of soil. Grass can spread by rhizomes if given the space, so division is recommended to control growth habit.

Plant Maintenance by Season

MAINTENANCE TASKS

PLANT

SPRING (AFTER FIRST GROWING SEASON)

Divide mature plants in early spring every 3-4 years, as desired.

Cut back old growth or winter damage in mid to late spring.

Showy Fleabane, Switchgrass, Sticky Geranium

Anise Hyssop, Firecracker Penstemon, Native Black-Eyed Susan, Smooth Aster, Rocky Mountain Columbine, Switchgrass

SUMMER

Deadhead spent flowers to encourage new blooms and/or minimize self-seeding.

Water sparingly once established.

Anise Hyssop, Native Black-Eyed Susan, Native Blue Harebell, Rocky Mountain Columbine, Showy Fleabane

Anise Hyssop, Firecracker Penstemon

FALL

Leave last round of blooms to self-seed and/or to provide food for birds.

Do not prune or cut back! Wait until spring to cut back to avoid crown rot.

Firecracker Penstemon, Native Black-Eyed Susan, Rocky Mountain Columbine, Showy Fleabane

Anise Hyssop

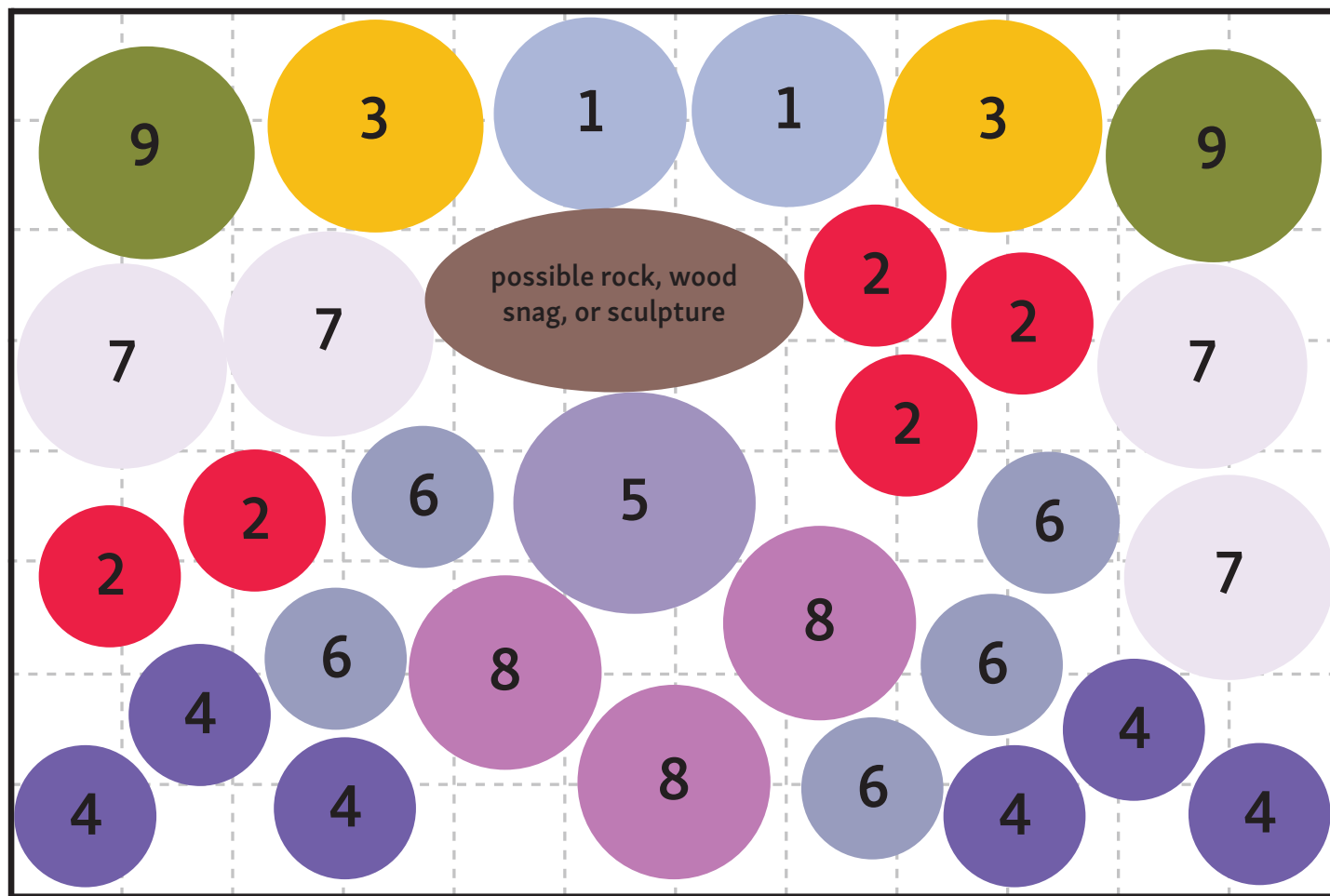
Plant-by-Number Design Suggestion

Key

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| 1. Anise Hyssop (Qty. 2) | 6. Rocky Mountain Columbine (Qty. 5) |
| 2. Firecracker Penstemon (Qty. 5) | 7. Showy Fleabane (Qty. 4) |
| 3. Native Black-Eyed Susan (Qty. 2) | 8. Sticky Geranium (Qty. 3) |
| 4. Native Blue Harebell (Qty. 6) | 9. Switchgrass (Qty. 2) |
| 5. Smooth Aster (Qty. 1) | |

1 box = 1 square foot

Maps reflect showy bloom or foliage color.



12' x 8' rectangle

SUGGESTED FRONT SIDE OF GARDEN