

# Sunny Slope

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Have a full sun, sloped area of your yard that feels tough to grow grass or other plants in? We've heard your requests and are offering the Sunny Slope garden specifically for that tricky spot! Brighten up the slope with these perennials, organized in the planting maps provided by water needs, with the true drought tolerant plants up at the top of the slope and those with more adaptable needs towards the bottom.

- Full sun exposure (6 hrs of direct or indirect sun per day)
- Planting maps cover 100 sq. ft.
- Blooms spring to fall
- Very low to medium water needs
- Hardiness maximum of 7,000 ft.

## Individual Plant Information

**N** indicates a regionally native plant

### ANGELINA SEDUM - *Sedum rupestre* 'Angelina'

QTY. 3



Trailing mats of succulent, chartreuse, needle-like foliage form a low groundcover. The tips of the foliage often have a dark amber color.

- Mature height 4-6" Mature spread 12-18"
- Full sun
- Low water needs
- Blooms summer
- Attracts bees, butterflies
- Resists deer, rabbits

**CARE:** This stonecrop needs very little care and propagates by seed.

### BLAZE LITTLE BLUESTEM GRASS - *Schizachyrium scoparium* 'Blaze'

QTY. 3



A clump forming perennial native to prairies, open woods, and dry hills. Foliage is blue-gray turning copper red in autumn and rich golden orange in winter.

- Mature height 3-4' Mature spread 24-30"
- Full sun
- Low water needs
- Blooms fall
- Attracts birds, butterflies
- Resists rabbits

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

### CORONADO HYSSOP - *Agastache* 'Coronado'

QTY. 1



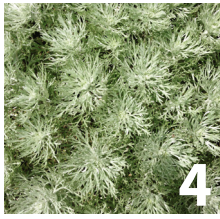
Bold spikes of sunset orange flowers, which have a wonderful root beer aroma, are borne from August to frost. Native to the American Southwest, it will thrive in our hot, dry climate in sun or partial shade.

- Mature height 24-30" Mature spread 18-24"
- Adaptable
- Low water needs
- Blooms midsummer to fall
- Attracts bees, butterflies, hummingbirds
- Resists deer, rabbits

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

FRINGED SAGE - *Artemesia frigida* N

QTY. 3



This strongly aromatic plant is covered in miniscule hairs giving it a soft, grey-green appearance. It will grow into a shiny pillow that remains all winter long.



Mature height 6-15"  
Mature spread 18-24"



Full sun



Very low water needs



Blooms late summer



Attracts bees, butterflies



Resists deer, rabbits



**CARE:** This plant grows prolifically in the arid mountains and prairies of the Western US in poor quality soils and tolerates drought very well.

MISSOURI EVENING PRIMROSE - *Oenothera macrocarpa* N

QTY. 6



Native to the High Plains this perennial has large, square lemon-yellow flowers. Although the flowers are only open for one evening, the plant will bloom again and again throughout the season.



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



Full sun



Low to medium water needs



Blooms late spring to summer



Attracts bees



Resists deer, rabbits



**CARE:** The Missouri Evening Primrose fares well in hot, dry areas with well-drained soil, and once established, it will become drought-tolerant. Prevent complete soil dryness, and maintain a mulch layer.

PINELEAF PENSTEMON - *Penstemon pinifolius* N

QTY. 3



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 midsummer months.



Mature height 6-8"  
Mature spread 12-25"



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms summer



Attracts bees, butterflies, 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. This semi-evergreen can be slow to establish, so be sure to weed around it regularly to improve establishment.

RASPBERRY ICEPLANT - *Delosperma* 'Granita Raspberry'

QTY. 3



This fast spreading, low-maintenance groundcover creates a thick mat of bright, raspberry colored blooms that are long lasting beginning in spring.



Mature height 1-2"  
Mature spread 10-12"



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms early summer to fall



Attracts bees, butterflies, hummingbirds



Resists deer



**CARE:** This succulent thrives in poor quality, well-drained sandy or gravel soils. Do not amend or add compost to the soil around this plant. Mulch with gravel or not at all. It is important to water consistently during the first growing season in order to establish an extensive root system.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PENSTEMON - *Penstemon strictus* N

QTY. 3



The brilliant, midnight blue flowers form on stout stalks arising from narrow, glossy green leaves. This semi-evergreen variety is native to the Rockies.



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



Adaptable



Low water needs



Blooms summer



Attracts bees, birds, butterflies



**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.

SERBIAN YARROW - *Achillea serbica*

QTY. 2



A compact mound of solid, slender, silvery gray leaves that remain evergreen are edged by tiny teeth. Thin stalks form flat-topped clusters of white flowers with pale yellow centers.



Mature height 4-8"  
Mature spread 12-15"



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms summer



Attracts bees, butterflies



Resists deer, rabbits



**CARE:** Easily grown in most types of soil, Serbian Yarrow is excellent for hot, dry, south and west facing slopes. Less aggressive than other yarrow varieties.

# 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.

If weather in the spring is rainy, place a plastic gallon milk jug with the bottom cut out over the plant to keep the ground around the plant dry. Leave the top off of the jug so the plants don't overheat in the sun.

Fringed Sage, Pineleaf Penstemon, Serbian Yarrow

Blaze Little Bluestem Grass, Coronado Hyssop, Missouri Evening Primrose, Pineleaf Penstemon, Rocky Mountain Penstemon, Serbian Yarrow

Angelina Sedum, Raspberry Ice Plant

### SUMMER

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

Water sparingly once established.

Fringed Sage, Missouri Evening Primrose, Serbian Yarrow

Angelina Sedum, Coronado Hyssop, Pineleaf Penstemon, Rocky Mountain Penstemon, Raspberry Ice Plant

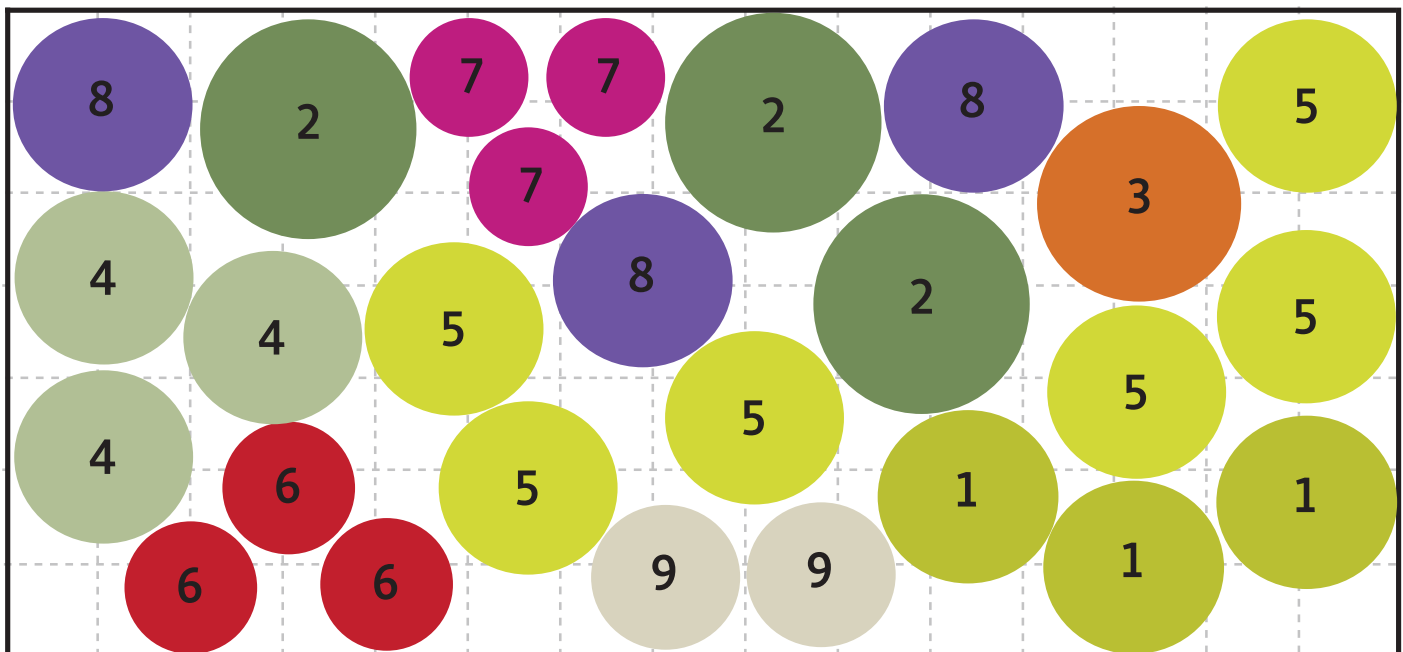
### FALL

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.

Blaze Little Bluestem Grass, Missouri Evening Primrose, Rocky Mountain Penstemon, Serbian Yarrow

Coronado Hyssop, Fringed Sage



15' x 7' rectangle

SUGGESTED FRONT SIDE OF GARDEN

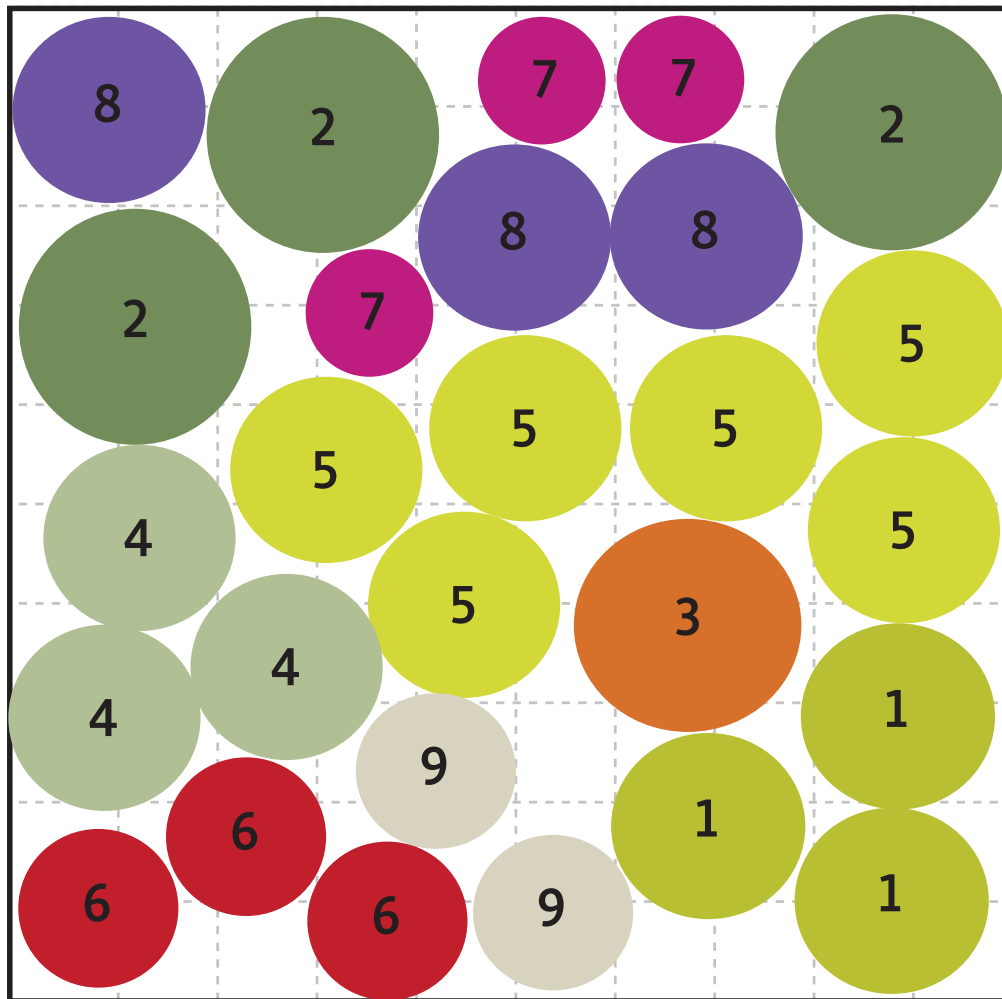
# Plant-by-Number Design Suggestions

## Key

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| 1. Angelina Sedum (Qty. 3)              | 6. Pineleaf Penstemon (Qty. 3)       |
| 2. Blaze Little Bluestem Grass (Qty. 3) | 7. Raspberry Ice Plant (Qty. 3)      |
| 3. Coronado Hyssop (Qty. 1)             | 8. Rocky Mountain Penstemon (Qty. 3) |
| 4. Fringed Sage (Qty. 3)                | 9. Serbian Yarrow (Qty. 2)           |
| 5. Missouri Evening Primrose (Qty. 6)   |                                      |

1 box = 1 square foot

Maps reflect showy bloom or foliage color.



10' x 10' square

SUGGESTED FRONT SIDE OF GARDEN