

# Bees & Blooms

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A pollinator's dream, this garden will continue to flower from late spring through fall, tempting pollinators when there is little else for them to munch on. This garden will paint your landscape with an ever-changing and always striking southwestern sunrise with pinks, vibrant orange, and cool yellow hues.

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

## Individual Plant Information

**N** indicates a regionally native plant

### AUTUMN JOY SEDUM - *Sedum* 'Autumn Joy'

QTY. 4



An umbrella of flowers change from soft pink in August to a coppery bronze seedhead in November, atop pale green, succulent-like leaves.

- Mature height 18-24"  
Mature spread 12-18"
- Full sun
- Low water needs

- Blooms late summer to fall
- Attracts bees, birds, butterflies
- Resists deer, rabbits

**CARE:** Older plants tend to split in the center if not divided.

### AROMATIC ASTER - *Symphyotrichum oblongifolium*

QTY. 4



Aromatic Aster forms a bushy, rounded clump of narrow, glossy, dark green foliage covered by densely packed clusters of crimson-red flowers.

- Mature height 1-2'  
Mature spread 1-2'
- Adaptable
- Low water needs

- Blooms late summer to fall
- Attracts bees, butterflies
- Resists deer

**CARE:** Give this plenty of room to grow. It is susceptible to powdery mildew, a disease that can be prevented with good air circulation in well-draining soil. Keep in mind it spreads easily and can fill in open spaces, but if this is undesired cutting back before it seeds in the late summer is recommended.

### RED SALVIA - *Salvia greggii* **N**

QTY. 3



A many-branched, shrubby perennial with tiny, dark green leaves. Rich, magenta-red flowers are produced in large numbers through late summer, and are great for attracting hummingbirds.

- Mature height 18-36"  
Mature spread 1-2'
- Full sun
- Low water needs

- Blooms mid to late summer
- Attracts bees, birds, hummingbirds
- Resists deer, rabbits

**CARE:** Very low maintenance. Plants will stay most compact with little water and in well-drained soils. This flower is slow to emerge and a late-blooming regional native providing a rich nectar source when many other flowers have faded.

MAY NIGHT SALVIA - *Salvia nemorosa* 'May Night'

QTY. 3



A dense, upright clump with erect stalks rising from grayish-green, oblong leaves to present crowded spikes of violet-blue flowers from early to late summer.

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Mature height 18-24"  
Mature spread 12-28"



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms summer



Attracts bees, birds, butterflies



Resists deer, rabbits



**CARE:** This hardy plant is not fussy about soil and flourishes in full sun and low amounts of water.

MOONBEAM COREOPSIS - *Coreopsis verticillata* 'Moonbeam'

QTY. 3



Pale yellow daisy-like flowers cover an airy mound of fine dissected foliage. Prolific bloomer throughout the summer.

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



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms midsummer to fall



Attracts bees, butterflies



Resists deer, rabbits



**CARE:** Thrives in most soils except very heavy and very wet clay. Be sure to not let sit in wet soils for long. Often late to wake up from dormancy in the spring, could be helpful to mark its place in the summer.

PAPRIKA YARROW - *Achillea millefolium* 'Paprika' **N**

QTY. 2



Brick red flowers with yellow centers give this yarrow cultivar a unique place in the garden. Foliage is finely divided and feathery, in basal clumps.

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



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms summer



Attracts bees, birds, butterflies



Resists deer, rabbits



**CARE:** Best in hot, dry, sunny locations, these flowers thrive on neglect and do not need pampering. Basal foliage will remain attractive throughout the winter.

PRAIRIE WINECUPS - *Callirhoe involucrata* **N**

QTY. 2



These pink, chalice-shaped flowers complement the silver and deeply lobed foliage. Winecups will spread, creating a delightful mat of foliage studded with showy pink blooms.

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Mature height 6-12"  
Mature spread 2-3'



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms early summer to fall



Attracts bees, butterflies



Resists deer



**CARE:** Referred to as the "Buffalo Rose" because they grow well in dry, rocky areas like prairies, pastures, open woods, and roadsides. Winecups are incredibly drought resistant and foliage will stay green nearly all year. Due to long taproot, transplanting is not encouraged.

SUNSET HYSSOP - *Agastache rupestris* **N**

QTY. 3



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.

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



Adaptable



Low water needs



Blooms summer to fall



Attracts bees, birds, 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 SWAN CONEFLOWER - *Echinacea purpurea* 'White Swan' **N**

QTY. 5



Large, deep green leaves form a wide base becoming progressively smaller moving up the dainty, yet sturdy stems. Large, daisy-like flowers with white rays are held above the foliage throughout summer.

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Mature height 24-30"  
Mature spread 18-24"



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms mid to summer



Attracts bees, birds, butterflies



**CARE:** Division is not recommended due to long tap root.

# 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.

Autumn Joy Sedum, Aromatic Aster, Moonbeam Coreopsis  
Autumn Joy Sedum, Red Salvia, May Night Salvia, Moonbeam Coreopsis, Paprika Yarrow, Prairie Winecups, Sunset Hyssop, White Swan Coneflower

### SUMMER

Deadhead spent flowers to encourage new blooms and compact growth, and/or to minimize self-seeding.  
Water sparingly once established.

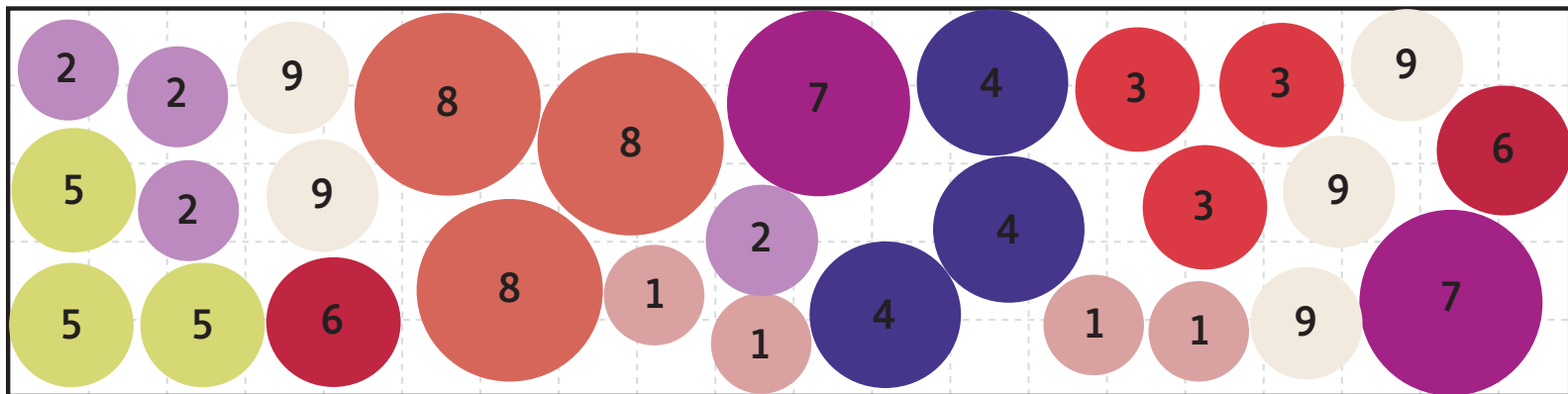
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Sunset Hyssop

### 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.

Autumn Joy Sedum, Red Salvia, May Night Salvia, Moonbeam Coreopsis, Paprika Yarrow, White Swan Coneflower  
Sunset Hyssop

## Plant-by-Number Design Suggestions



20' x 5' rectangle

SUGGESTED FRONT SIDE OF GARDEN

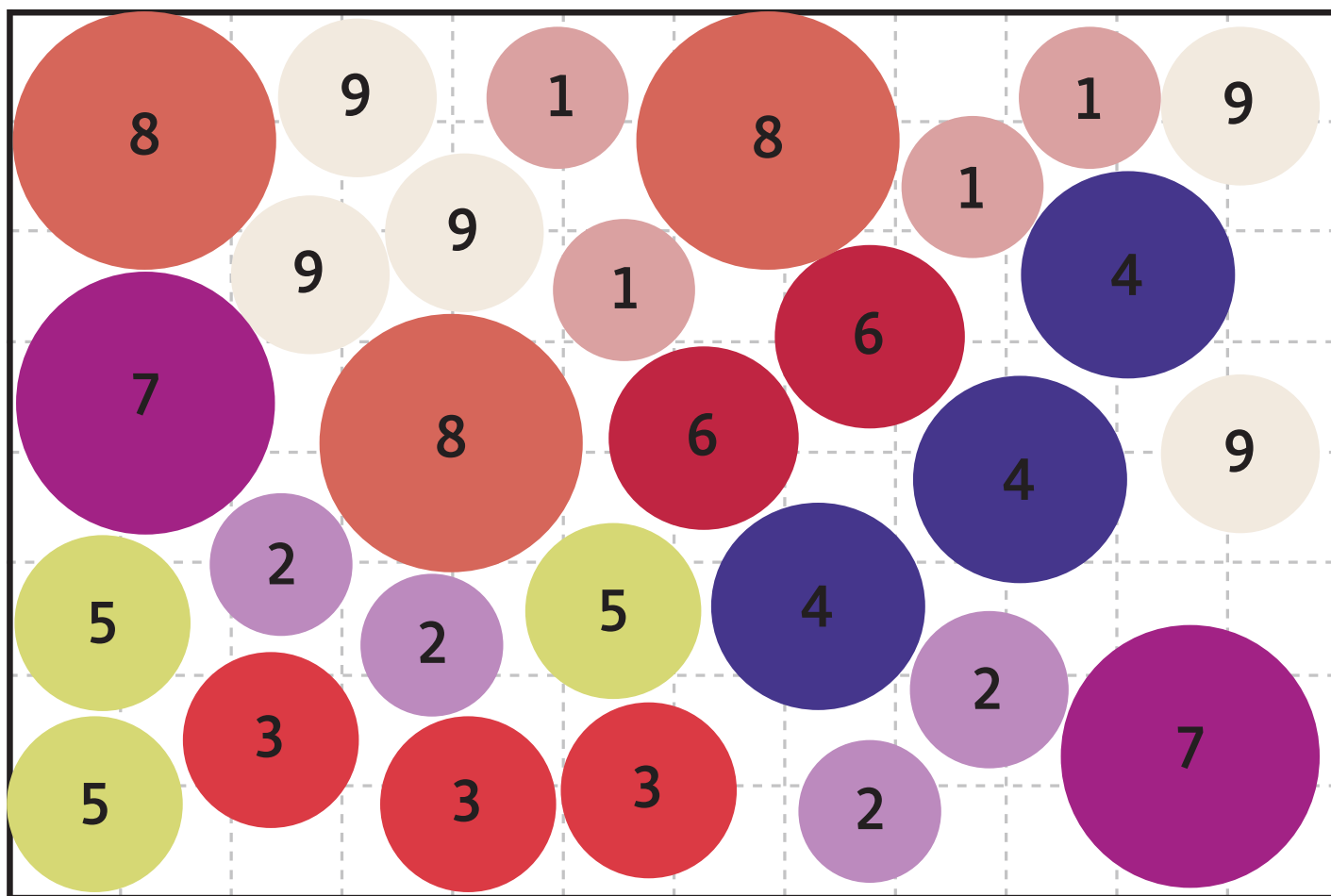
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## Key

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| 1. Autumn Joy Sedum (Qty. 4)   | 6. Paprika Yarrow (Qty. 2)        |
| 2. Aromatic Aster (Qty. 4)     | 7. Prairie Winecups (Qty. 2)      |
| 3. Red Salvia (Qty. 3)         | 8. Sunset Hyssop (Qty. 3)         |
| 4. May Night Salvia (Qty. 3)   | 9. White Swan Coneflower (Qty. 5) |
| 5. Moonbeam Coreopsis (Qty. 3) |                                   |

1 box = 1 square foot

Maps reflect showy bloom or foliage color.



12' x 8' rectangle

SUGGESTED FRONT SIDE OF GARDEN