

Rainbow Delight

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Bring a rainbow of color to your yard that attracts pollinators and onlookers alike with the Rainbow Delight garden. Pollinators will be enticed in the spring as soon as the weather warms up with fragrant Catmint and show-stopping Iceplant blooms. The Aster, Bee Balm, and Prairie Yellow Coneflower, a classic garden color-combo of purple and pale yellow, sustain bees and other pollinators until late in the summer and fall.

- Full sun exposure (minimum of 6 hrs of direct sun per day)
- Planting maps cover 100 sq. ft.
- Blooms early spring to fall
- Low water needs
- Hardiness maximum of 6,500 ft.

Individual Plant Information

N indicates a native plant

ANGELINA STONECROP - *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.

BLANKET FLOWER - *Gaillardia aristata* **N**

QTY. 2



The Native Blanket Flower boasts large daisies with reddish-brown/orange centers circled by ray flowers of yellow/bronze.

- Mature height 18-24" Mature spread 18-24"
- Full sun
- Low water needs
- Blooms midsummer
- Attracts bees, birds, butterflies

CARE: Blanket Flowers appreciate a bit of pampering the first season, and then take off on their own. Avoid planting in rich, moist soils, which can make the plants floppy and shorten their life-span. Once established it is very low maintenance, adaptable, and easy to grow.

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

QTY. 3



Smooth Asters form a short, rounded clump of narrow, glossy, dark green foliage covered by densely packed clusters of lavender-colored flowers.

- Mature height 2-4' Mature spread 12-18"
- 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.

PRAIRIE YELLOW CONEFLOWER - *Ratibida columnifera* N

QTY. 2



Its linear, bright green leaves create an airy clump with several slender stalks capped by yellow flowers with drooping rays surrounding a tall, brown center.



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



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms summer



Attracts bees, butterflies



Resists deer



CARE: Prairie Coneflower is very drought tolerant and undiscerning about soil types. It thrives in full, hot sun.

FIRESPINNER ICEPLANT - *Delosperma* 'Firespinner'

QTY. 2



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



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



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms spring to early summer



Attracts bees, butterflies



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.

GRANITA RASPBERRY ICEPLANT - *Delosperma cooperi*

QTY. 2



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 spring to early summer



Attracts bees, butterflies



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.

KOREAN FEATHER REED GRASS - *Calamagrostis brachytricha*

QTY. 1



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



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.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PENSTEMON - *Penstemon strictus* N

QTY. 4



Brilliantly colored, tubular flowers form on stout stalks arising from narrow, glossy green leaves. Bees and hummingbirds can't resist the bright blooms, making penstemons a must-have show stopper for pollinator gardens.



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



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms summer



Attracts bees, birds, butterflies



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.

NATIVE LAVENDER BEE BALM - *Monarda fitsulosa* var. *mentifolia* N

QTY. 2



A flowering member of the mint family, its signature fountain-shaped blooms and aromatic foliage is reminiscent of mint and orange making it hard to forget.



Mature height 2-3'
Mature spread 12-18"



Adaptable



Low water needs



Blooms midsummer



Attracts bees, birds, butterflies, hummingbirds



Resists deer, rabbits



CARE: In general, this hardy perennial thrives best in moist to slightly dry soils in sunny, dry locations. If you'd like a bushier plant, cut back stem tips early in the season.



Upright-spreading, square stems with aromatic, soft, gray-green leaves form a large groundcover. Clusters of lavender blossoms are showy throughout the summer.



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



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms late spring to summer



Attracts bees, birds



Resists deer



CARE: When provided with a well-drained location and plenty of sun, this plant will thrive and repeatedly bloom throughout the summer.



Its large, long-spurred, yet dainty, red and cream-colored flowers dangle gracefully above attractive lobed blue-green leaflets.



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



Adaptable



Low water needs



Blooms late spring to early summer



Attracts bees, birds, butterflies



Resists deer, rabbits



CARE: Columbines are relatively short lived, so allow some of the plants to seed and self-sow by leaving spent blooms in the fall.

Plant Maintenance by Season

MAINTENANCE TASKS

PLANT

SPRING (AFTER FIRST GROWING SEASON)

Cut back old growth or winter damage before new growth begins to show.

Divide mature plants in early spring every 3 years, as needed.

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.

Blanket Flower, Smooth Aster, Prairie Yellow Coneflower, Korean Feather Reed Grass, Rocky Mountain Penstemon, Native Lavender Bee Balm, Little Trudy Catmint, Crimson Star Columbine

Smooth Aster, Prairie Yellow Coneflower, Korean Feather Reed Grass, Rocky Mountain Penstemon, Native Lavender Bee Balm, Little Trudy Catmint

Angelina Stonecrop, Fire Spinner Iceplant, Granita Raspberry Iceplant

SUMMER

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

Water sparingly once established.

Blanket Flower, Prairie Yellow Coneflower, Rocky Mountain Penstemon, Native Lavender Bee Balm, Walker's Low Catmint

Angelina Stonecrop, Fire Spinner Iceplant, Granita Raspberry Iceplant

FALL

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

Do not prune or cut back! Plant susceptible to winter damage if pruned. It's best to wait until spring.

Blanket Flower, Smooth Aster, Prairie Yellow Coneflower, Korean Feather Reed Grass, Penstemon Mix, Red Bee Balm, Walker's Low Catmint, Crimson Red Columbine

Smooth Aster, Crimson Red Columbine

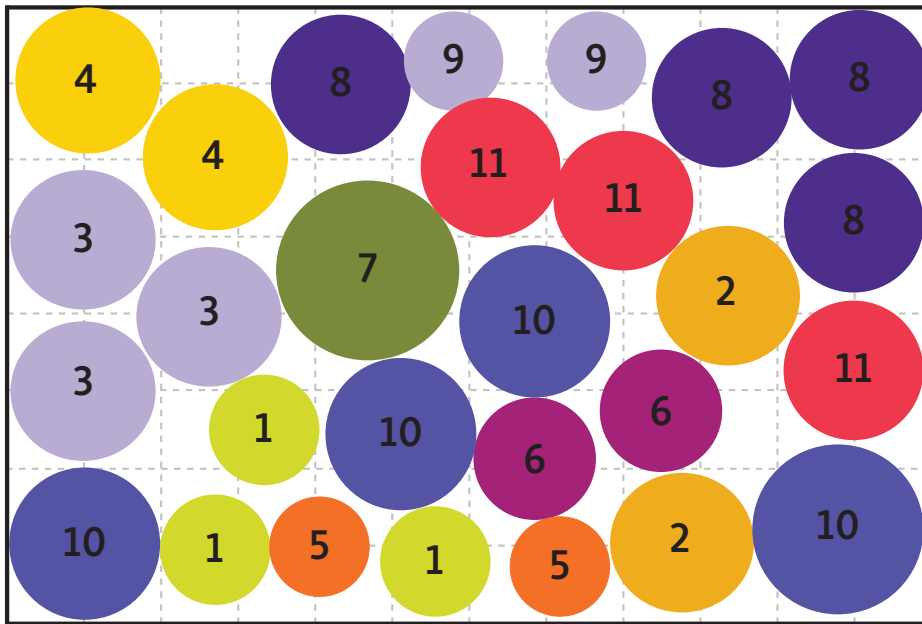
Plant-by-Number Design Suggestions

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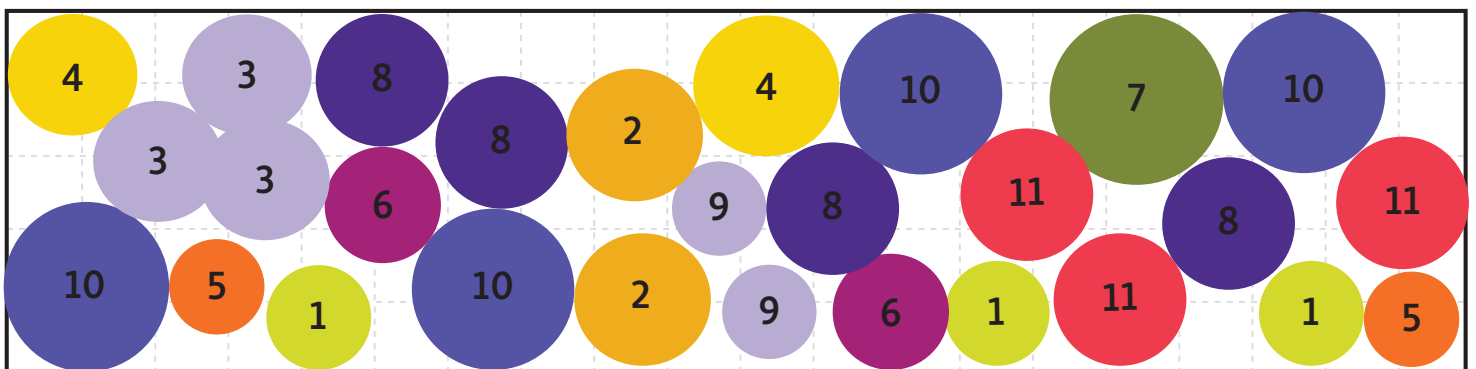
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| 1. Angelina Sedum (Qty. 3) | 7. Korean Feather Reed Grass (Qty. 1) |
| 2. Blanket Flower (Qty. 2) | 8. Rocky Mountain Penstemon (Qty. 4) |
| 3. Smooth Aster (Qty. 3) | 9. Native Lavender Bee Balm (Qty. 2) |
| 4. Prairie Yellow Coneflower (Qty. 2) | 10. Little Trudy Catmint (Qty. 4) |
| 5. Fire Spinner Iceplant (Qty. 2) | 11. Crimson Star Columbine (Qty. 3) |
| 6. Granita Raspberry Iceplant (Qty. 2) | |

Maps reflect showy bloom or foliage color.

1 box = 1 square foot



8' x 12' rectangle
SUGGESTED FRONT SIDE OF GARDEN



5' x 20' rectangle
SUGGESTED FRONT SIDE OF GARDEN