



Summary and Notes from the 2011 Demonstration Garden Surveys

More than 80 public gardens around the Rocky Mountain and High Plains region are currently partners with the Plant Select® program. Education of visitors is a high priority for all of these gardens, offering opportunities for communities to learn about appropriate garden and landscape choices for their unique, local environment conditions. To learn more about these garden partners, visit our website at www.plantselect.org. Maps, images, driving directions, and more information about each garden are posted and updated regularly.

Highlights

- 66 Demonstration gardens participated in the 2011 plant evaluations
 - 103 plants were rated on a 1-9 scale
 - Rating average of 8.0-8.9: 5
 - Rating average of 7.0-7.9: 51
 - Rating average of 6.0-6.9: 37
 - Rating average of 5.0-5.9: 10
- No plants received an average score of less than 5.0
- 56 gardens reported a combined total of 1,650,560 visitors during the 2011 season!

2011 Detailed Plant Rating Averages

SCIENTIFIC NAME	TRADE OR COMMON NAME	AVERAGE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
<i>Acer tataricum</i> 'GARANN' PP 15,023	HOT WINGS® Tatarian Maple	7.88	32
<i>Agastache aurantiaca</i>	CORONADO® Hyssop	7.42	31
<i>Agastache</i> 'Pstessene'	CORONADO® Red Hyssop	6.18	16
<i>Agastache cana</i> 'Sinning' PP 13,673	SONORAN SUNSET® Hyssop	6.89	37
<i>Agastache rupestris</i>	SUNSET® Hyssop	7.62	47
<i>Aquilegia chrysantha</i>	DENVER GOLD® Columbine	7.82	45
<i>Amsonia jonesii</i>	Colorado desert bluestar	6.92	13
<i>Anchusa capensis</i>	Cape forget-me-not	8	3
<i>Anthemis marschalliana</i>	Filigree daisy	8	1
<i>Aquilegia</i> 'Colorado Violet & White'	REMEMBRANCE® Columbine	5.71	21
<i>Arctostaphylos x coloradoensis</i>	Mock Bearberry Manzanita	7.32	28
<i>Arctostaphylos x coloradoensis</i>	Panchito Manzanita	6.66	32
<i>Artemisia versicolor</i> 'Sea Foam'	Sea Foam Artemisia	7.56	39
<i>Berlandiera lyrata</i>	Chocolate Flower	7.13	39
<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i> 'Blonde Ambition' PP 22,048	Blonde Ambition blue grama grass	6.86	14
<i>Buddleia alternifolia</i> 'Argentea'	Silver Fountain Butterfly Bush	7.76	29

<i>Calamagrostis brachytricha</i>	Korean Feather Reed Grass	7.29	37
<i>Callirhoe involucrata</i>	Winecups	7.31	49
<i>Calylophus serrulatus</i> 'Prairie Lode'	Prairie Lode sundrops	6.3	20
Littleleaf Mountain Mahogany	<i>Cercocarpus intricatus</i>	7.16	32
<i>Chamaebatiaria millefolium</i>	Fernbush	7.46	39
<i>Chrysothamnus nauseosus</i> var. <i>nauseosus</i>	Baby blue rabbitbrush	7	15
<i>Clematis integrifolia</i>	MONGOLIAN BELLS [®] Clematis	6.45	40
<i>Crataegus ambigua</i>	Russian hawthorn	8.59	17
<i>Cytisus purgans</i>	SPANISH GOLD [®] Broom	6.68	37
<i>Daphne x burkwoodii</i> 'Carol Mackie'	Carol Mackie Daphne	7.71	28
<i>Delosperma dyeri</i> 'Psdold'	RED MOUNTAIN [®] Ice Plant	6.3	20
<i>Delosperma</i> 'John Proffitt'	TABLE MOUNTAIN [®] Ice Plant	7.31	32
<i>Delosperma</i> 'Kelaidis' ^{PP 13,876}	MESA VERDE [®] Ice Plant	6.59	32
<i>Delosperma floribundum</i>	STARBURST [®] Ice Plant	6.12	19
<i>Delosperma</i> 'Psfave'	Lavender Ice ice plant	6.8	25
<i>Delosperma</i> 'P001S'	FIRE SPINNER [®] ice plant	6.8	5
<i>Dianthus</i> 'First Love'	FIRST LOVE [®] Dianthus	6.87	30
<i>Diascia integerrima</i>	CORAL CANYON [®] Twinspur	7.17	35
<i>Digitalis obscura</i>	SUNSET [®] Foxglove	7	25
<i>Digitalis thapsi</i>	SPANISH PEAKS [®] Foxglove	6.69	16
<i>Dolichos lablab</i> 'Ruby Moon'	Ruby Moon Hyacinth Bean	6.78	23
<i>Echium amoenum</i>	Red Feathers	6.84	37
<i>Ephedra equisetina</i>	Bluestem Joint Fir	7.44	36
<i>Epilobium fleischeri</i>	Alpine Willowherb	6.78	18
<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i> var. <i>aureum</i> 'Psdowns'	KANNAH CREEK [®] Buckwheat	7.39	38
<i>Eriogonum wrightii</i> var. <i>wrightii</i>	Snow Mesa buckwheat	6.5	6
<i>Erodium chrysanthum</i>	Golden storksbill	6	9
<i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>	Apache Plume	7.8	40
<i>Gazania krebsiana</i>	TANAGER [®] Gazania	5.61	18
<i>Gazania linearis</i>	COLORADO GOLD [®] Gazania	6.63	38
<i>Geranium magniflorum</i>	LA VETA LACE [®] Geranium	7.2	30
<i>Heptacodium miconioides</i>	Seven-Son Flower	6.4	20
<i>Hesperaloe parviflora</i>	Red Yucca	7.11	35
<i>Heuchera sanguinea</i> 'Snow Angel'	Snow Angel Coral Bells	7.36	31
<i>Jamesia americana</i>	Waxflower	6.27	15
<i>Kniphofia caulescens</i>	Regal torchlily	6.14	29
<i>Lonicera korolkowii</i> 'Floribunda'	BLUE VELVET [®] Honeysuckle	7.79	19
<i>Lonicera reticulata</i>	KINTZLEY'S GHOST [®] Honeysuckle	7.57	28
<i>Marrubium rotundifolium</i>	Silverheels Horehound	7.62	34
<i>Nepeta</i> 'Psfike' ^{PP18,904}	LITTLE TRUDY [®] Catnip	7.16	45
<i>Oenothera macrocarpa</i> subsp. <i>incana</i>	SILVER BLADE [®] Evening Primrose	7.57	37
<i>Origanum libanoticum</i>	Hopflower Oregano	7.74	31
<i>Osteospermum barberiae</i> var. <i>compactum</i>	PURPLE MOUNTAIN [®] Sun Daisy	5.42	26
<i>Osteospermum</i> sp.	LAVENDER MIST [®] Sun Daisy	5.81	16
<i>Osteospermum</i> 'Avalanche' ^{PPAF}	Avalanche white sun daisy	8	6
<i>Paxistima canbyi</i>	Mountain Lover	5.38	16
<i>Penstemon grandiflorus</i>	PRAIRIE JEWEL [®] Penstemon	7.21	34

<i>Penstemon linarioides</i> var. <i>coloradoensis</i>	SILVERTON® Bluemat Penstemon	6.8	25
<i>Penstemon mensarum</i>	Grand Mesa penstemon	7.33	9
<i>Penstemon x mexicali</i>	PIKES PEAK PURPLE® Penstemon	7.63	38
<i>Penstemon x mexicali</i>	RED ROCKS® Penstemon	7.26	38
<i>Penstemon x mexicali</i> 'Psmyers'	SHADOW MOUNTAIN® Penstemon	7	24
<i>Penstemon rostriflorus</i>	Bridges' Penstemon	7.11	28
<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>	Cheyenne® Mock Orange	7.23	35
<i>Phlomis cashmeriana</i>	Cashmere Sage	7	27
<i>Picea glauca</i> 'Pendula'	Weeping white spruce	7.5	2
<i>Prunus besseyi</i>	PAWNEE BUTTES® Sand Cherry	7.56	45
<i>Prunus nigra</i> 'Princess Kay'	Princess Kay Plum	6.5	10
<i>Rhamnus smithii</i>	Smith Buckthorn	5.27	11
<i>Ribes uva-crispa</i> 'Red Jacket'	Comanche Gooseberry	6.88	8
<i>Rosa</i> 'Ruby Voodoo'	Ruby Voodoo rose	5.88	8
<i>Rosa glauca</i> , <i>R. rubrifolia</i>	Red leaf rose	7.44	36
<i>Rudbeckia</i> 'Denver Daisy'	Denver Daisy	7.21	28
<i>Salvia argentea</i>	Silver Sage	6.82	34
<i>Salvia daghestanica</i>	PLATINUM® Sage	6.61	36
<i>Salvia darcyi</i> 'Pscarl'	VERMILION BLUFFS® Mexican Sage	8.13	24
<i>Salvia greggii</i> 'Furman's Red'	Furman's Red Sage	7.35	26
<i>Salvia greggii</i>	Wild Thing Sage	7.47	19
<i>Salvia pachyphylla</i>	Mojave Sage	7.29	24
<i>Satureja montana</i> var. <i>illyrica</i>	Purple Winter Savory	6.86	22
<i>Scrophularia macrantha</i>	Red Birds in a Tree	6.67	36
<i>Scutellaria suffrutescens</i>	Cherry Skullcap	6.53	15
<i>Seseli gummiferum</i>	Moon Carrot	6.79	29
<i>Sibiraea laevigata</i>	Siberian Spirea	5.82	11
<i>Sporobolus wrightii</i>	Giant Sacaton	7.89	37
<i>Tanacetum densum</i> ssp. <i>amani</i>	Partridge Feather	7.15	34
<i>Tanacetum cinerariifolium</i>	Dalmation daisy	6	4
<i>Verbena bipinnatifida</i>	VALLEY LAVENDER® Plains Verbena	6	15
<i>Veronica liwanensis</i>	Turkish Veronica	7.66	41
<i>Veronica</i> x 'Reavis'	CRYSTAL RIVER® Veronica	7.54	33
<i>Viola x wittrockiana</i>	BLUE VELVET® Pansy	5.5	6
<i>Viola x wittrockiana</i>	Northern Lights Pansy	5	8
<i>Viburnum x rhytidophylloides</i> 'Alleghany'	Alleghany Viburnum	7.19	21
<i>Viola corsica</i>	Corsican Violet	6.71	24
<i>Vitus</i> x 'St. Theresa Seedless'	St. Theresa Seedless Grape	7.5	8
<i>Xanthoceras sorbifolium</i> 'Psgan'	CLEAR CREEK® Golden Yellowhorn	6.58	12
<i>Zauschneria garrettii</i>	ORANGE CARPET® Hummingbird Trumpet	7.85	48

Plant Select® Demonstration Garden 2011 Top Plants Lists

Top Plants for 3000-5500 ft Elevations

SCIENTIFIC NAME	TRADE OR COMMON NAME	AVERAGE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
<i>Osteospermum</i> 'Avalanche' ^{PPAF}	Avalanche white sun daisy	9	3
<i>Crataegus ambigua</i>	Russian hawthorn	8.7	11
<i>Acer tataricum</i> 'GARANN' PP 15,023	HOT WINGS® Tatarian Maple	8.1	20
<i>Daphne x burkwoodii</i> 'Carol Mackie'	Carol Mackie Daphne	8.1	15
<i>Lonicera korolkowii</i> 'Floribunda'	BLUE VELVET® Honeysuckle	8.1	8
<i>Salvia darcyi</i> 'Pscarl'	VERMILION BLUFFS® Mexican Sage	8.1	18
<i>Sporobolus wrightii</i>	Giant Sacaton	8	22
<i>Vitus</i> x 'St. Theresa Seedless'	St. Theresa Seedless Grape	8	4
<i>Zauschneria garrettii</i>	ORANGE CARPET® Hummingbird Trumpet	8	33
<i>Aquilegia chrysantha</i>	DENVER GOLD® Columbine	7.9	28

Top Plants for 5500-7500 ft Elevations

SCIENTIFIC NAME	TRADE OR COMMON NAME	AVERAGE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
<i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>	Apache Plume	8.5	11
<i>Crataegus ambigua</i>	Russian hawthorn	8.4	5
<i>Salvia darcyi</i> 'Pscarl'	VERMILION BLUFFS® Mexican Sage	8.4	5
<i>Origanum libanoticum</i>	Hopflower Oregano	8.2	11
<i>Lonicera reticulata</i>	KINTZLEY'S GHOST® Honeysuckle	8	12
<i>Zauschneria garrettii</i>	ORANGE CARPET® Hummingbird Trumpet	8	11
<i>Buddleia alternifolia</i> 'Argentea'	Silver Fountain Butterfly Bush	7.9	10
<i>Chamaebatiaria millefolium</i>	Fernbush	7.9	11
<i>Penstemon x mexicali</i>	PIKES PEAK PURPLE® Penstemon	7.9	10
<i>Veronica</i> x 'Reavis'	CRYSTAL RIVER® Veronica	7.9	10

Top Plants for Elevations over 7500 ft

SCIENTIFIC NAME	TRADE OR COMMON NAME	AVERAGE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
<i>Lonicera reticulata</i>	KINTZLEY'S GHOST® Honeysuckle	8.5	2
<i>Aquilegia chrysantha</i>	DENVER GOLD® Columbine	8.4	5
<i>Delosperma</i> 'Kelaidis' ^{PP 13,876}	MESA VERDE® Ice Plant	8	3
<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>	Cheyenne® Mock Orange	7.8	6
<i>Prunus besseyi</i>	PAWNEE BUTTES® Sand Cherry	7.8	5
<i>Viola corsica</i>	Corsican Violet	7.8	4
<i>Artemisia versicolor</i> 'Sea Foam'	Sea Foam Artemisia	7.5	4
<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i> 'Blonde Ambition' ^{PP 22,048}	Blonde Ambition blue grama grass	7.5	2
<i>Cytisus purgans</i>	SPANISH GOLD® Broom	7.5	4
<i>Dianthus</i> 'First Love'	FIRST LOVE® Dianthus	7.5	6
<i>Jamesia americana</i>	Waxflower	7.5	2

Top 30 Plants by Overall Rating

	SCIENTIFIC NAME	TRADE OR COMMON NAME	AVERAGE
1.	<i>Crataegus ambigua</i>	Russian hawthorn	8.59
2.	<i>Salvia darcyi</i> 'Pscarl'	VERMILION BLUFFS [®] Mexican Sage	8.13
3.	<i>Anchusa capensis</i>	Cape forget-me-not	8
4.	<i>Anthemis marschalliana</i>	Filigree daisy	8
5.	<i>Osteospermum</i> 'Avalanche' ^{PPAF}	Avalanche white sun daisy	8
6.	<i>Sporobolus wrightii</i>	Giant Sacaton	7.89
7.	<i>Acer tataricum</i> 'GARANN' PP 15,023	HOT WINGS [®] Tatarian Maple	7.88
8.	<i>Zauschneria garrettii</i>	ORANGE CARPET [®] Hummingbird Trumpet	7.85
9.	<i>Aquilegia chrysantha</i>	DENVER GOLD [®] Columbine	7.82
10.	<i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>	Apache Plume	7.8
11.	<i>Lonicera korolkowii</i> 'Floribunda'	BLUE VELVET [®] Honeysuckle	7.79
12.	<i>Buddleia alternifolia</i> 'Argentea'	Silver Fountain Butterfly Bush	7.76
13.	<i>Origanum libanoticum</i>	Hopflower Oregano	7.74
14.	<i>Daphne x burkwoodii</i> 'Carol Mackie'	Carol Mackie Daphne	7.71
15.	<i>Veronica liwanensis</i>	Turkish Veronica	7.66
16.	<i>Penstemon x mexicali</i>	PIKES PEAK PURPLE [®] Penstemon	7.63
17.	<i>Agastache rupestris</i>	SUNSET [®] Hyssop	7.62
18.	<i>Marrubium rotundifolium</i>	Silverheels Horehound	7.62
19.	<i>Lonicera reticulata</i>	KINTZLEY'S GHOST [®] Honeysuckle	7.57
20.	<i>Oenothera macrocarpa</i> subsp. <i>incana</i>	SILVER BLADE [®] Evening Primrose	7.57
21.	<i>Artemisia versicolor</i> 'Sea Foam'	Sea Foam Artemisia	7.56
22.	<i>Prunus besseyi</i>	PAWNEE BUTTES [®] Sand Cherry	7.56
23.	<i>Veronica</i> x 'Reavis'	CRYSTAL RIVER [®] Veronica	7.54
24.	<i>Picea glauca</i> 'Pendula'	Weeping white spruce	7.5
25.	<i>Vitus</i> x 'St. Theresa Seedless'	St. Theresa Seedless Grape	7.5
26.	<i>Salvia greggii</i>	Wild Thing Sage	7.47
27.	<i>Chamaebatiaria millefolium</i>	Fernbush	7.46
28.	<i>Ephedra equisetina</i>	Bluestem Joint Fir	7.44
29.	<i>Rosa glauca</i> , <i>R. rubrifolia</i>	Red leaf rose	7.44
30.	<i>Agastache aurantiaca</i>	CORONADO [®] Hyssop	7.42