



Summary and Notes from the 2013 Demonstration Garden Surveys

Over 70 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 environmental conditions. To learn more about these garden partners, visit www.plantselect.org. Maps, images, driving directions, and more information about each garden are posted and updated regularly.

Highlights

- 63 Demonstration gardens participated in the 2013 plant evaluations
- 118 plants were rated on a 1-9 scale
 - Rating average of 8.0-8.9: 5
 - Rating average of 7.0-7.9: 65
 - Rating average of 6.0-6.9: 41
 - Rating average of 5.0-5.9: 6
 - Rating average of 4.0-4.9: 1
- The overall winner (scoring 7.89 out of possible 9.00 points) reported by 75% of the gardens was Blonde Ambition blue grama grass.
- 61 gardens reported a combined total of 1,665,125 visitors during the 2013 season!

2013 Detailed Plant Rating Averages (alpha by botanic name)

SCIENTIFIC NAME	TRADE OR COMMON NAME	AVERAGE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
<i>Acer tataricum</i> 'GARANN' ^{PP 15,023}	HOT WINGS® Tatarian Maple	7.88	40
<i>Agastache aurantiaca</i>	CORONADO® Hyssop	7.31	26
<i>Agastache</i> 'Pstessene'	CORONADO® Red Hyssop	7.22	18
<i>Agastache cana</i> 'Sinning' ^{PP 13,673}	SONORAN SUNSET® Hyssop	7.85	34
<i>Agastache rupestris</i>	SUNSET® Hyssop	7.85	41
<i>Amsonia jonesii</i>	Colorado desert bluestar	6.12	26
<i>Anchusa capensis</i>	Cape forget-me-not	6.31	13
<i>Anthemis marschalliana</i>	Filigree daisy	6.75	20
<i>Aquilegia chrysantha</i>	DENVER GOLD® Columbine	7.22	51
<i>Aquilegia</i> 'Colorado Violet & White'	REMEMBRANCE® Columbine	6.42	26
<i>Arctostaphylos x coloradoensis</i> 'Chieftain'	Chieftain Manzanita	6.63	16
<i>Arctostaphylos x coloradoensis</i>	Mock Bearberry Manzanita	7.32	31
<i>Arctostaphylos x coloradoensis</i>	Panchito Manzanita	7.55	29
<i>Artemisia versicolor</i> 'Sea Foam'	Sea Foam Artemisia	7.28	47

<i>Berlandiera lyrata</i>	Chocolate Flower	7.75	44
<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i> 'Blonde Ambition' ^{PP 22,048}	Blonde Ambition blue grama grass	7.89	47
SCIENTIFIC NAME	TRADE OR COMMON NAME	AVERAGE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
<i>Buddleia alternifolia</i> 'Argentea'	Silver Fountain Butterfly Bush	8.10	31
<i>Calamagrostis brachytricha</i>	Korean Feather Reed Grass	7.03	38
<i>Callirhoe involucrata</i>	Winecups	7.36	50
<i>Calylophus serrulatus</i> 'Prairie Lode'	Prairie Lode sundrops	6.63	19
<i>Cercocarpus intricatus</i>	Littleleaf Mountain Mahogany	7.12	41
<i>Chamaebatiaria millefolium</i>	Fernbush	7.49	41
<i>Chrysothamnus nauseosus</i> var. <i>nauseosus</i>	Baby blue rabbitbrush	7.00	41
<i>Clematis integrifolia</i>	MONGOLIAN BELLS [®] Clematis	6.71	38
<i>Crambe maritima</i>	Curly leaf sea kale	6.27	11
<i>Crataegus ambigua</i>	Russian hawthorn	8.06	18
<i>Cytisus purgans</i>	SPANISH GOLD [®] Broom	7.29	35
<i>Daphne x burkwoodii</i> 'Carol Mackie'	Carol Mackie Daphne	7.40	35
<i>Delosperma dyeri</i> 'Psdold'	RED MOUNTAIN [®] Ice Plant	6.27	15
<i>Delosperma</i> 'John Proffitt'	TABLE MOUNTAIN [®] Ice Plant	7.15	34
<i>Delosperma</i> 'Kelaidis' ^{PP 13,876}	MESA VERDE [®] Ice Plant	7.09	33
<i>Delosperma floribundum</i>	STARBURST [®] Ice Plant	6.45	20
<i>Delosperma</i> 'Psfave'	Lavender Ice ice plant	6.67	27
<i>Delosperma</i> 'P001S'	FIRE SPINNER [®] ice plant	6.97	30
<i>Dianthus</i> 'First Love'	FIRST LOVE [®] Dianthus	7.10	20
<i>Diascia integerrima</i>	CORAL CANYON [®] Twinspur	6.79	29
<i>Digitalis obscura</i>	SUNSET [®] Foxglove	7.04	28
<i>Digitalis thapsi</i>	SPANISH PEAKS [®] Foxglove	6.95	21
<i>Echinacea tennesseensis</i>	Tennessee purple coneflower	7.15	26
<i>Dolichos lablab</i> 'Ruby Moon'	Ruby Moon Hyacinth Bean	8.17	6
<i>Echium amoenum</i>	Red Feathers	7.05	42
<i>Ephedra equisetina</i>	Bluestem Joint Fir	7.35	40
<i>Epilobium fleischeri</i>	Alpine Willowherb	6.08	13
<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i> var. <i>aureum</i> 'Psdowns'	KANNAH CREEK [®] Buckwheat	7.62	45
<i>Eriogonum wrightii</i> var. <i>wrightii</i>	Snow Mesa buckwheat	8.17	6
<i>Erodium chrysanthum</i>	Golden storksbill	7.38	40
<i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>	Apache Plume	7.85	48
<i>Gazania krebsiana</i>	TANAGER [®] Gazania	5.56	9
<i>Gazania linearis</i>	COLORADO GOLD [®] Gazania	6.94	34
<i>Geranium magniflorum</i>	LA VETA LACE [®] Geranium	6.93	28
<i>Heptacodium miconioides</i>	Seven-Son Flower	7.22	27
<i>Hesperaloe parviflora</i>	Red Yucca	7.25	36
<i>Heuchera sanguinea</i> 'Snow Angel'	Snow Angel Coral Bells	6.32	34
<i>Jamesia americana</i>	Waxflower	5.71	21
<i>Kniphofia caulescens</i>	Regal torchlily	6.43	28
<i>Linum narbonense</i>	Narbonne blue flax	6.70	10

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<i>Lonicera korolkowii</i> 'Floribunda'	BLUE VELVET® Honeysuckle	7.54	13
<i>Lonicera reticulata</i>	KINTZLEY'S GHOST® Honeysuckle	7.53	38
<i>Marrubium rotundifolium</i>	Silverheels Horehound	7.54	39
<i>Monardella macrantha</i> 'Marian Sampson'	Hummingbird red trumpet mint	6.50	6
<i>Muhlenbergia reverchonii</i>	UNDAUNTED® ruby muhly	7.20	5
<i>Nepeta</i> 'Psfike' ^{PP18,904}	LITTLE TRUDY® Catmint	7.44	52
<i>Oenothera macrocarpa</i> subsp. <i>incana</i>	SILVER BLADE® Evening Primrose	7.09	45
<i>Origanum libanoticum</i>	Hopflower Oregano	7.68	38
<i>Osteospermum barberiae</i> var. <i>compactum</i>	PURPLE MOUNTAIN® Sun Daisy	7.00	23
<i>Osteospermum</i> sp.	LAVENDER MIST® Sun Daisy	6.63	16
<i>Osteospermum</i> 'Avalanche' ^{PP 22,705}	Avalanche white sun daisy	7.36	33
<i>Paxistima canbyi</i>	Mountain Lover	6.43	14
<i>Penstemon grandiflorus</i>	PRAIRIE JEWEL® Penstemon	7.70	43
<i>Penstemon linarioides</i> var. <i>coloradoensis</i>	SILVERTON® Bluemat Penstemon	6.67	33
<i>Penstemon mensarum</i>	Grand Mesa penstemon	8.00	15
<i>Penstemon x mexicali</i>	PIKES PEAK PURPLE® Penstemon	7.29	42
<i>Penstemon x mexicali</i>	RED ROCKS® Penstemon	7.46	39
<i>Penstemon x mexicali</i> 'Carolyn's Hope' ^{PPAF}	Carolyn's Hope pink penstemon	7.00	1
<i>Penstemon x mexicali</i>	WINDWALKER® garnet penstemon	6.00	2
<i>Penstemon x mexicali</i> 'Psmyers'	SHADOW MOUNTAIN® Penstemon	7.32	25
<i>Penstemon rostriflorus</i>	Bridges' Penstemon	7.34	29
<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>	CHEYENNE® Mock Orange	7.11	38
<i>Phlomis cashmeriana</i>	Cashmere Sage	6.68	38
<i>Phlox bifida</i>	SNOWMASS® phlox	5.50	4
<i>Picea glauca</i> 'Pendula'	Weeping white spruce	7.25	16
<i>Prunus besseyi</i>	PAWNEE BUTTES® Sand Cherry	7.55	49
<i>Rhamnus smithii</i>	Smith Buckthorn	6.38	8
<i>Ribes uva-crispa</i> 'Red Jacket'	Comanche Gooseberry	6.80	10
<i>Rosa</i> 'Ruby Voodoo'	Ruby Voodoo rose	7.11	28
<i>Rosa glauca</i> , <i>R. rubrifolia</i>	Red leaf rose	7.41	34
<i>Rudbeckia</i> 'Denver Daisy'	Denver Daisy	7.21	19
<i>Salvia argentea</i>	Silver Sage	6.35	34
<i>Salvia daghestanica</i>	PLATINUM® Sage	7.25	32
<i>Salvia darcyi</i> 'Pscarl'	VERMILION BLUFFS® Mexican Sage	7.71	21
<i>Salvia greggii</i> 'Furman's Red'	Furman's Red Sage	6.85	20
<i>Salvia greggii</i>	Wild Thing Sage	6.90	21
<i>Salvia pachyphylla</i>	Mojave Sage	7.66	32
<i>Satureja montana</i> var. <i>illyrica</i>	Purple Winter Savory	6.93	28
<i>Scrophularia macrantha</i>	Red Birds in a Tree	6.91	35
<i>Scutellaria resinosa</i> 'Smoky Hills'	Smoky Hills blue skullcap	7.57	7
<i>Scutellaria suffrutescens</i>	Cherry Skullcap	6.67	18
<i>Sedum sediforme</i>	Turquoise Tails sedum	7.00	21
<i>Seseli gummiferum</i>	Moon Carrot	7.27	26

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<i>Sibiraea laevigata</i>	Siberian Spirea	5.82	11
<i>Sporobolus wrightii</i>	Giant Sacaton	7.64	39
<i>Tanacetum cinerariifolium</i>	Dalmatian daisy	6.36	14
<i>Tanacetum densum ssp. amani</i>	Partridge Feather	6.87	39
<i>Verbena bipinnatifida</i>	VALLEY LAVENDER® Plains Verbena	6.39	18
<i>Veronica liwanensis</i>	Turkish Veronica	7.20	44
<i>Veronica</i> x 'Reavis'	CRYSTAL RIVER® Veronica	7.31	35
<i>Viola</i> x <i>wittrockiana</i>	BLUE VELVET® Pansy	4.67	3
<i>Viola</i> x <i>wittrockiana</i>	Northern Lights Pansy	5.25	4
<i>Viburnum x rhytidophylloides</i> 'Alleghany'	Alleghany Viburnum	7.79	24
<i>Viola corsica</i>	Corsican Violet	6.41	17
<i>Vitis</i> x 'St. Theresa Seedless'	St. Theresa Seedless Grape	6.62	21
<i>Xanthoceras sorbifolium</i> 'Psgan'	CLEAR CREEK® Golden Yellowhorn	6.67	12
<i>Zauschneria garrettii</i>	ORANGE CARPET® Hummingbird Trumpet	7.66	47

Plant Select® Petites Rating Averages

SCIENTIFIC NAME	TRADE OR COMMON NAME	AVERAGE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
<i>Androsace sarmentosa</i> 'Chumbyi'	Chumbyi rock jasmine	7.33	3
<i>Clematis scottii</i>	Scott's sugarbowl	6.25	4
<i>Geranium dalmaticum</i>	Dalmatian pink cranesbill	7.25	4
<i>Heuchera pulchella</i>	Sandia coralbells	7.50	6
<i>Primula elatior</i>	Oxlip primrose	5.20	5

Plant Select® Demonstration Garden 2013 “Top Ten” Plants

Top Plants for 3000-5500 ft Elevations

(reported by at least half of participating gardens at this elevation range)

SCIENTIFIC NAME	TRADE OR COMMON NAME	AVERAGE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES (Out of 34)
<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i> 'Blonde Ambition' ^{PP 22,048}	Blonde Ambition blue grama grass	8.35	26
<i>Sporobolus wrightii</i>	Giant Sacaton	8.15	20
<i>Salvia pachyphylla</i>	Mojave Sage	8.11	18
<i>Buddleia alternifolia</i> 'Argentea'	Silver Fountain Butterfly Bush	8.05	20
<i>Veronica</i> x 'Reavis'	CRYSTAL RIVER® Veronica	7.94	17
<i>Acer tataricum</i> 'GARANN' ^{PP 15,023}	HOT WINGS® Tatarian Maple	7.91	22
<i>Agastache cana</i> 'Sinning' ^{PP 13,673}	SONORAN SUNSET® Hyssop	7.90	20
<i>Zauschneria garrettii</i>	ORANGE CARPET® Hummingbird Trumpet	7.79	28
<i>Agastache rupestris</i>	SUNSET® Hyssop	7.74	23
<i>Berlandiera lyrata</i>	Chocolate Flower	7.73	26

Top Plants for 5500-7500 ft Elevations

(reported by at least half of participating gardens at this elevation range)

SCIENTIFIC NAME	TRADE OR COMMON NAME	AVERAGE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES (Out of 22)
<i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>	Apache Plume	8.47	15
<i>Buddleia alternifolia</i> 'Argentea'	Silver Fountain Butterfly Bush	8.18	11
<i>Acer tataricum</i> 'GARANN' ^{PP 15,023}	HOT WINGS [®] Tatarian Maple	8.07	15
<i>Agastache rupestris</i>	SUNSET [®] Hyssop	8.00	17
<i>Ephedra equisetina</i>	Bluestem Joint Fir	7.89	18
<i>Agastache cana</i> 'Sinning' ^{PP 13,673}	SONORAN SUNSET [®] Hyssop	7.83	12
<i>Penstemon grandiflorus</i>	PRAIRIE JEWEL [®] Penstemon	7.82	17
<i>Berlandiera lyrata</i>	Chocolate Flower	7.81	16
<i>Lonicera reticulata</i>	KINTZLEY'S GHOST [®] Honeysuckle	7.78	18
<i>Origanum libanoticum</i>	Hopflower Oregano	7.73	15

Top Plants for Elevations over 7500 ft

(reported by at least half of participating gardens at this elevation)

SCIENTIFIC NAME	TRADE OR COMMON NAME	AVERAGE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES (Out of 5)
<i>Nepeta</i> 'Psfike' ^{PP18,904}	LITTLE TRUDY [®] Catmint	9.00	4
<i>Aquilegia</i> 'Colorado Violet & White'	REMEMBRANCE [®] Columbine	8.33	3
<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>	CHEYENNE [®] Mock Orange	8.00	5
<i>Artemisia versicolor</i> 'Sea Foam'	Sea Foam Artemisia	8.00	3
<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i> var. <i>aureum</i> 'Psdowns'	KANNAH CREEK [®] Buckwheat	8.00	3
<i>Lonicera reticulata</i>	KINTZLEY'S GHOST [®] Honeysuckle	8.00	3
<i>Marrubium rotundifolium</i>	Silverheels Horehound	8.00	3
<i>Penstemon grandiflorus</i>	PRAIRIE JEWEL [®] Penstemon	8.00	4
<i>Echium amoenum</i>	Red Feathers	7.75	4
<i>Chamaebatiaria millefolium</i>	Fernbush	7.67	3

Top 20 Plants by Overall Rating

(reported by at least half of gardens participating)

	SCIENTIFIC NAME	TRADE OR COMMON NAME	AVERAGE
1.	<i>Buddleia alternifolia</i> 'Argentea'	Silver Fountain Butterfly Bush	8.10
2.	<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i> 'Blonde Ambition' ^{PP 22,048}	Blonde Ambition blue grama grass	7.89
3.	<i>Acer tataricum</i> 'GARANN' ^{PP 15,023}	HOT WINGS [®] Tatarian Maple	7.88
4.	<i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>	Apache Plume	7.85
5.	<i>Agastache rupestris</i>	SUNSET [®] Hyssop	7.85
6.	<i>Agastache cana</i> 'Sinning' ^{PP 13,673}	SONORAN SUNSET [®] Hyssop	7.85
7.	<i>Berlandiera lyrata</i>	Chocolate Flower	7.75

8.	<i>Penstemon grandiflorus</i>	PRAIRIE JEWEL [®] Penstemon	7.70
9.	<i>Origanum libanoticum</i>	Hopflower Oregano	7.68
10.	<i>Zauschneria garrettii</i>	ORANGE CARPET [®] Hummingbird Trumpet	7.66
11.	<i>Salvia pachyphylla</i>	Mojave Sage	7.66
12.	<i>Sporobolus wrightii</i>	Giant Sacaton	7.64
13.	<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i> var. <i>aureum</i> 'Psdowns'	KANNAH CREEK [®] Buckwheat	7.62
14.	<i>Prunus besseyi</i>	PAWNEE BUTTES [®] Sand Cherry	7.55
15.	<i>Marrubium rotundifolium</i>	Silverheels Horehound	7.54
16.	<i>Lonicera reticulata</i>	KINTZLEY'S GHOST [®] Honeysuckle	7.53
17.	<i>Chamaebatiaria millefolium</i>	Fernbush	7.49
18.	<i>Penstemon x mexicali</i>	RED ROCKS [®] Penstemon	7.46
19.	<i>Nepeta</i> 'Psfike' ^{PP18,904}	LITTLE TRUDY [®] Catnip	7.44
20.	<i>Rosa glauca</i> , <i>R. rubrifolia</i>	Red leaf rose	7.41

Gardens Participating in Survey

Alamosa Community Greenhouse
Aurora Xeriscape Demonstration Garden

Betty Ford Alpine Gardens

BLM-Anasazi Heritage Center
Butterfly Pavilion
Carnegie Public Library Demo Garden
Cheyenne Mountain Zoo
Cliffrose Plant Select Demo Garden
Colorado Springs Utilities Xeriscape
Conservation Garden Park

Conservation Gardens at Northern Water

Converse County Master Gardeners
Crowley County Courthouse Garden
CSU Ext San Miguel County Fairgrounds
CSU Ext Summit County, Sue Cruth
Memorial
CSU Extension Adams County Fairgrounds
CSU Extension Arapahoe County
CSU Extension Broomfield Xeriscape
Garden

CSU Extension Denver
CSU Extension Douglas County
CSU Extension Eagle

CSU Extension Elbert County
CSU Extension Gilpin County
CSU Extension Gunnison County
Fairgrounds

CSU Extension Jefferson County Gardens
CSU Extension Morgan County
CSU Extension Phillips County
CSU Remington
Durango Public Library Demonstration Gdn
Erie Community Park
Fort Collins Xeriscape Garden

Gardens on Spring Creek
Greeley Water Department Xeriscape
Garden
Harlequin's Gardens Plant Select Garden
High Plains Environmental Center

Highlands Garden Village
Home on the Range Gardens
Horticultural Art Society of CO Spgs

Idaho Botanical Garden
Left Hand Water District/WaterWise
Garden

Monarch Spur Park
Montrose Botanical Society

Natrona County ARLC
Otero County Courthouse Garden

Parker, Town of PACE garden
Pueblo West Xeriscape Demonstration
Gdn
Red Butte Garden & Arboretum
Riverside Cemetery
Sanctuary Center
SE Colorado Water Conservancy District
Sedalia Demonstration Gardens
Sister City Plaza Garden
Sound Garden at Glenwood Spgs Comm.
Ctr

Thompson Park Garden
Thornton Fire Station 5 Water-Wise Gdn
Town of Basalt Main Entrance Garden

Treasure Island Garden
University of CO at Colorado Springs
Western Colorado Botanic Gardens

Westminster/The Heritage Golf Course

Yampa River Botanic Park

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