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**Brochure Text for 2017 plants**

Photos for all new 2017 plants here: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/8ajfhszr4otzlw4/AAC2zebqVMu_4Or9gdoBclm5a?dl=0>

1. **Sungari redbead cotoneaster**

*Cotoneaster racemiflorus* var. *soongoricus*

**Shrub**

**Size:** 6-8’ tall by 6-8’ wide

**Blooms:** white flower in late spring

**Sun:** full sun to part shade

**Water:** moderate to xeric

**Hardiness:** USDA Zones 3-8

**Soils:** adaptable

**Pairs well with:**

-Apache plume

-Redleaf rose

-Giant sacaton

A gracefully arching larger shrub with dark green leaves above and gray-white beneath. Abundant red fruit in early fall. From the Cheyenne High Plains Horticulture Research Station, where it has survived for 40+ years receiving only natural precipitation. Thought to be one of the hardiest of all the cotoneasters, this shrub is resistant to most pests and diseases.

**Other benefits**

* Attracts birds
* Deer resistant
* Good for hedges and windbreaks – easily pruned

1. **Shangri-la sage**

*Salvia moorcroftiana x indica*

**Perennial**

**Size:** 2-3’ tall x 2-3’ wide

**Blooms:** Lavender, late spring-early summer

**Sun:** full sun to part shade

**Water:** moderate to dry

**Hardiness:** USDA Zones 5-9

**Soils:** adaptable

**Pairs well with:**

-Spanish Gold® broom

-Kannah Creek® buckwheat

-Ruby Voodoo rose

This hybrid sage has attractive blue-grey, wide leaves topped by lavender-blue flowers with a purple spotted paler lip. Flowering lasts for about a month from late spring into early summer. Cut stems down to ground when blossoms fade to allow basal leaves to flourish again. Discovered as a chance seedling at Suncrest Nurseries, Watsonville CA

**Other benefits:**

* Deer resistant
* Attracts pollinators

1. **Thin Man Indian Grass**

*Sorghastrum nutans* 'Thin Man'PPAF

**Ornamental grass**

**Size:** 6 ft. tall x 24-30” wide

**Blooms:** Golden bronze in late summer

**Sun:** full sun

**Water:** moderate to xeric

**Hardiness:** USDA Zones 4-9

**Soils:** adaptable

**Pairs well with:**

**-**Bridges’ penstemon

-Windwalker® royal red salvia

-Wild Thing sage

A selected form of native Indian grass, Thin Man has stunning blue foliage and a narrow, upright habit. Blooming in late summer, the showy flowers mature to spikes of seeds that feed songbirds and other seed- eating animals in fall. Selected from a population originally collected near Clovis, NM, Thin Man is more xeric and tolerant of dry Western growing conditions than other varieties that hail from wetter regions of the country. Grow on the dry side once established to enhance the blue foliage color. *(Limited availability in 2017)*

**Other benefits**

* Deer resistant
* Winter interest

**4. Snowmass® blue-eyed veronica**

*Veronica* x ‘P018S’

**Groundcover**

**Size:** 1-2” x 15-18” wide

**Blooms:** white with blue eye, late spring-early summer

**Sun:** full sun to part shade

**Water:** moderate to xeric

**Hardiness:** USDA Zones 3-10

**Soils:** adaptable

**Pairs well with:**

-Table Mountain® ice plant

-Turkish veronica

-Little Trudy® catmint

Small, glossy, rounded leaves form a dense mat, covered by a stunning display of small, four-petaled white flowers with a blue eye. A perfect complement to spring bulbs, continuing to bloom after the bulbs have faded. It fills in quickly, spreading by stems which root into the soil. Beautiful as a groundcover among flagstones and patio pavers, along a walkway, or as a border in a sunny or partly shaded garden.

**Other benefits:**

* Deer resistant
* Evergreen
* Attracts pollinators

**Petites**

1. **Wee One dwarf English lavender**

*Lavandula angustifolia* 'Wee One'

**Evergreen shrublet**

**Size:** 8-10” tall x 12-15” wide

**Blooms:** Lavender-blue and dark blue calyxes, late spring

**Sun:** full sun

**Water:** dry to xeric

**Hardiness**: USDA Zones 5-10

**Soils:** adaptable

**Pairs well with:**

-Goldhill golden-aster

-Alan’s Apricot ice plant

-Colorado Gold® gazania

A wonderful dwarf English lavender with compact heads of lavender-blue flowers and dark blue calyxes, this tight growing little beauty is great for small spaces. Slow-growing and very xeric, Wee One has excellent heat tolerance and cold hardiness. Depending on garden conditions, it will reach its mature size in two or three growing seasons.

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**Other benefits**

* Deer resistant
* Good for pollinators
* Winter interest

***This section should be 2-panel facing spread***

***Penstemon photos here:*** <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/26hljom437hfzxo/AACunU2vI4OxY6ocpU0ebUiKa?dl=0>

**Penstemons for pollinators**

280 wild species of penstemons (or beardtongues) are found only in North America, many in the Western U.S. Plant blue, purple or white-flowering penstemon to attract bees and bees and other types of insects; pink or red-flowering types species are mainly pollinated by hummingbirds. Try some of these award winning penstemons to attract the pollinators listed here to your own garden.

**Hummingbirds:** Hummingbirds species arrive or migrate through all season long so be sure to provide a wide variety of these, and other nectar-rich plants with continuous blooms from early spring through fall.

**Bees**. Some rub their backs against the anthers, some enter the flowers upside down, and some swallow the pollen then regurgitate it later for their developing young. Worker honey bees collect pollen and roll it into balls and carry it back to the hive.

**Bumblebees.** Females carry moistened pollen on their hind legs, but some are known to cut a slit into the base of a narrow penstemon flower, removing nectar without contacting the anthers ("nectar robbing.")

**Flies.** There are dozens of small flies known to pollinate penstemon flowers. Some collect nectar with their long tongues. On cool mornings you might also find some sleeping in the flowers.

**Hawkmoths.** Although they’re most active at dawn and dusk, they may also be observed visiting flowers throughout the day at higher altitudes.

Be sure to add these beautiful Plant Select® penstemon winners to your habitat-friendly garden and landscapes.

**Prairie Jewel®**

*P. grandiflorus* 'P010S'

Size: 24-30” h x 8-10” w

USDA Zones 3-9

**Silverton® bluemat penstemon**

*P. linarioides* var. *coloradoensis* 'P014S'

Size: 8-12” h x 12-16” w

USDA Zones 4-10

**Grand Mesa beardtongue**

*P. mensarum*

Size: 24-30” h x 10-16” w

USDA Zones 4-9

**Desert beardtongue**

*P. pseudospectabilis*

Size: 28-32” h x 14-18” w

USDA Zones 5-9

**Bridges' penstemon**

*P. rostriflorus*

Size: 28-32” x 24-30” w

USDA Zones 4b-8

**Coral Baby**

*P.* x 'Coral Baby'

Size: 16-20” h x 12-14” w

USDA Zones 5-8

**Carolyn's HopePPAF**

Size: 14-18” h x 12-14” w

USDA Zones 4b-8

**Pike’s Peak Purple®**

Size: 14-18” h x 12-14” w

USDA Zones 4b-8

**Red Rocks®**

Size: 14-18” h x 12-14” w

USDA Zones 4b-8

**Shadow Mountain®**

Size: 18-24” h x 14-18” w

USDA Zones 4b-8

**Windwalker® garnet**

Size: 14-18” h x 12-14” w

USDA Zones 4b-8