



FAVORITE PLANTS OF XERIC GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS

In the spring of 2008, members of the Xeric Garden Club selected the following as their favorite low and medium water-use plants. The most popular of these favorites are listed in bold type. Before choosing your plants, check their specific growing requirements and use those that are well-adapted to the conditions in your garden.

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	LIGHT	WATER
DESERT PLANTS			
Agave , spp.	Agave or Century plant (Havard, Palmeri, Neo Mexicana & others)	Full Sun	Low
Dasyliirion , spp.	Sotal (Green/Texas, Blue/Desert Spoon)	Sun/shade	Low+
Echinocereus, spp.	Hedgehog Cactus	Full Sun	Low
Hesperaloe Parviflora	Red/Yellow-flowering Yucca	Sun/shade	Low+
Nolina, spp.	Beargrass	Full Sun	Low+
Opuntia, spp.	Prickly pear (Spineless, Purple Engelmann, Santa Rita, Porcupine Brownspine, Starvation & others)	Full Sun	Low
Yucca , spp	Yucca (Datil/Banana, Soapweed/Narrow-leaf, New Mexico, Soft-leaf, Soaptree, Thompson)	Full Sun exc. Sun/shade for Soft-leaf	Low exc. Low+ for Soft-leaf
FLOWERING PLANTS & GROUND COVERS			
Achillea, spp.	Yarrow (Greek, Moonshine, Paprika & others)	Sun/shade	Low
Agastache , sp.	Hyssop (wild or bubblegum mint, sunset, licorice & others)	Full Sun	Medium
Artemisia, spp.	Southernwood, Sage (Fringed, Prairie) Wormwood & many others	Sun/shade	Medium
Berlandiera lyrata	Chocolate Flower	Full Sun	Low
Centranthus ruber	Red Valerian	Full Sun	Low+
Cerastium tomentosum	Snow in Summer	Sun/Shade	Medium
Ceratostima plumbaginoides	Dwarf Plumbago	Shade/sun	Medium
Delosperma, spp	Ice Plant (purple, yellow, tufted)	Full Sun	Low
Gaillardia x grandiflora	Gaillardia or Blanket Flower	Full Sun	Medium
Gaura lindheimeri	Gaura or Whirling Butterfly	Full Sun	Medium
Kniphobia uvaria	Red Hot Poker	Full Sun	Low+
Liatris punctata	Gayfeather	Full Sun	Low+
Linum perenne	Blue Flax	Full Sun	Medium
Mahonia repens	Creeping Mahonia	Sun/shade	Medium
Mirabilis multiflora	Giant Four O'Clock	Full Sun	Low+
Oenothera , spp.	Evening Primrose (Mexican, white, Missouri, Organ Mountain, others)	Sun/shade	Low+

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Penstemon, spp.	Penstemon (Bush, Narrowleaf, Scarlet Bugler, Cardinal, Palmer, Pineleaf, Desert, Rocky Mtn. and others)	Sun/shade	Low
Perovskia atriplicifolia	Russian Sage	Full Sun	Medium
Rosmarinus officinalis	Prostrata--Creeping Rosemary	Full Sun	Low+
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Salvia, spp.	Sage (Pitcher, Mexican, Garden & many others)	Full Sun	Medium
Santolina	Gray Lavender Cotton, Lavender Cotton (green)	Full Sun	Low
Sedum, spp.	Stonecrop, Autumn Joy, Dragon's Blood & others	Sun/shade	Medium
Sempervivum tectorum	Hens and Chicks	Full sun	Medium
Thymus	Thyme, (Creeping, culinary, others)	Sun/shade	Medium
Verbena, spp.	Verbena (Fern, Sandpaper, Western, Garden & others)	Full Sun	Medium
Veronica, spp	Speedwell (Silver, Turkish, others)	Sun/shade	Medium
Zauschneria californica	Hummingbird Plant	Full Sun	Medium
GRASSES			
Bouteloua gracilis	Blue Grama	Full Sun	Low+
Festuca ovina glauca	Blue Fescue	Full Sun	Medium
Muhlenbergia, spp	Muhly Grass (Bush, Purple, Gulf) Deer Grass, Regal Mist & others	Full Sun	Medium
Nisella tennisima (Stipa)	Threadgrass	Full Sun	Low+
Oryzopsis hymenoides	Indian Ricegrass	Full Sun	Low
TREES & SHRUBS			
Artemesia, spp	Sage (Silver, Sand, Big) Powis Castle, & others	Full Sun	Low+
Buddleia davidii nanhoensis	Dwarf Butterfly Bush	Sun/shade	Medium
Caesalpinia gilliesii	Yellow Bird of Paradise	Full Sun	Low
Cercis, spp	Redbud (Eastern, Western, Oklahoma)	Sun/shade	Medium
Cercocarpus ledifolia	Curl-leaf Mountain Mahogany	Full Sun	Low+
Chamaebatiaria millefolium	Fernbush	Full Sun	Low+
Chilopsis linearis	Desert Willow	Full Sun	Low+
Cotinus coggygia	Smoketree	Full Sun	Medium
Cowania mexicana	Cliffrose	Full Sun	Low
Ericameria nauseosus	Chamisa, Rabbitbush	Full Sun	Low
Fallugia paradoxa	Apache Plume	Full Sun	Low
Forestiera neomexicana	New Mexico Olive, NM Privet	Sun/shade	Medium
Lavandula augustifolia	English Lavender	Sun/shade	Medium
Pinus, spp.	Pines (Limber, Ponderosa, Pinon & others)	Full Sun	Medium
Pistachia chinensis	Chinese Pistache	Full Sun	Medium
Quercus, spp.	Oaks (Chinquapin, Texas Red, Cork, Shrub Live, Gambel & others)	Sun/shade	Medium
Rhus, spp.	Sumac (Cutleaf, Littleleaf, Three-leaf & others)	Full Sun	Low+
Rosemarinus officinalis	Upright Rosemary	Sun/shade	Low+
Salvia greggii	Autumn or Cherry Sage	Sun/shade	Medium
Vitex agnus-castus	Vitex, Chaste Tree	Full Sun	Medium
VINES			
Lonicera japonica, sp	Honeysuckle (Hall's, Coral & others)	Full Sun	Medium
Rosa banksiae	Lady Banks Rose	Full Sun	Medium
Wisteria	Wisteria	Sun/shade	Medium
<i>Plants for this list were selected from the City of Albuquerque Plant List</i>			