



Drought Tolerant Perennials

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The following is a list of herbaceous plants that are drought tolerant, once established. Some of those listed may not look “pretty” in a severe drought, but usually survive. Those marked with (*) are native to North America.

PERENNIALS

Achillea sp.-Yarrow
Agastache foeniculum - Anise Hyssop*
Arabis procurrens - Rock Cress
Asclepias tuberosa - Butterfly Weed*
Amsonia sp. - Blue Star Flower*
Artemisia ludoviciana - Wormwood*
Asclepias tuberosa - Butterfly Weed*
Aster divaricatus - White Wood Aster*
Aster ericoides - Heath Aster*
Aster laevis - Smooth Aster*
Aster lateriflorus - Calico Aster*
Aster novae-angliae - New England Aster*
Aster novi-belgii - New York Aster*
Aurinia saxatile - Basket of Gold
Baptisia australis - False Blue Indigo*
Boltonia asteroides - Boltonia*
Calamintha nepeta - Savory Catmint
Centaurea montana - Mountain Bluet
Centranthus ruber - Red Valerian
Chrysanthemum nipponicum - Nippon or Montauk Daisy
Coreopsis tripteris - Tall Coreopsis*
Coreopsis verticillata - Threadleaf Coreopsis*
Dianthus sp.- Pinks, Carnations
Dictamnus albus - Gas Plant
Echinacea purpurea - Purple Coneflower*
Echinops ritro - Globe Thistle
Epimedium sp.- Barrenwort
Eryngium sp.- Sea Holly
Euphorbia amygdaloides ‘Rubra’
Euphorbia dulcis ‘Chameleon’
Euphorbia polychroma - Cushion Spurge
Gaura lindheimeri - White Gaura*
Gallardia x grandiflora - Blanket Flower
Geranium macrorrhizum - Bigroot Geranium
Helleborus foetidus - Bearsfoot Hellebore
Helleborus niger - Christmas Rose
Helleborus orientalis hybrids - Lenten Rose

Hemerocallis - Daylily
Hibiscus moscheutos - Common Mallow *
Hosta sp.- Hosta
Hypericum androsaemum - St. John's Wort
Lavandula sp. - Lavender
Liatris aspera - Rough Blazing Star*
Liatris spicata - Spike Gayfeather*
Liriope spicata; *L. muscari* - Lily-Turf
Nepeta sp. - Catnip
Origanum vulgare- Oregano
Penstemon digitalis - Smooth White Penstemon*
Perovskia atriplicifolia - Russian Sage
Phlox subulata - Moss Phlox*
Phlox stolonifera - Creeping Phlox*
Polygonatum commutatum - Great Solomon's Seal*
Rudbeckia fulgida - Black Eyed Susan*
Rudbeckia laciniata - Cutleaf Coneflower*
Salvia x sylvestris (superba, nemorsa) - Salvia
Sedum sp.- Sedum
Sempervivum sp.- Hens and Chicks
Stachys byzantina- Lamb's Ears
Stokesia laevis- Stokes' Aster*
Thymus sp. -Thyme
Verbascum sp.- Mullein
Yucca filamentosa - Adam's Needle*

Ornamental Grasses:

Andropogon gerardii - Big Bluestem
Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Karl Foerster'-Feather Reed Grass
Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Overdam'
Carex morrowii 'Ice Dance' ; *C.*'Variegata' - Sedge
Carex 'Evergold' - Sedge
Carex pennsylvanica - Sedge*
Chasmanthium latifolium - Northern Sea Oats*
Eragrostis spectabilis - Purple Love Grass*
Festuca glauca - Blue Fescue
Panicum virgatum - Switch Grass*
Schizachyrium scoparium - Little Bluestem*
Sorghastrum nutans- Indian Grass*
Sporobolus heterolepis- Prairie Dropseed*

Ferns:

Dennstaedtia punctilobula - Hay-scented Fern
Dryopteris marginalis - Wood Fern