

Xeriscaping Principles
for a Balanced Ecosystem
Abridged Powerpoint summary and Plant List
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Grasses and sedges

- Mexican Feather Grass
- Switch Grass
- Festuca sp.
- Blue Oat Grass
- Slender Blue Sedge (*Carex flacca*)
- *Carex elata* "Aurea" Bowles Golden Sedge
- Bronze Sedge
- *Hakonechloa macra*
- *Calamagrostis barchiyrtrica*

Perennials

- Papaver sp. Poppies
- papaver rhoeas Corn poor
- Papaver orientale
- Limonium Sea Lavender
- Blue Sea Holly Erygnium
- Dianthus sp
- Butterfly Weed *Asclepias tuberosa*
- Greek Valerian *Centranthus rubra*
- Joe Pie Weed *Eupatorium maculuatum*
- Aster sp.

- **Create Healthy Habitat**
- Add vines Clematis, or *Lonicera sempervirens*
- Grape vines *Vitus vinifera* 'Himrod', 'Vanessa' and Reliance' are ones to try

- Layering of herbs, flowering shrubs, dwarf trees and vines like honeysuckle up to 10' tall
- *Callicarpa dichotoma* Beauty Berry
- Use native shrubs:
- Dogwood, *cornus sericea*
- *Ribes Sangineum*
- Vaccinium, blueberries
- Weigelia
- Bulls for spring display
- Penstemon,
- Bees balm,
- columbines,
- larkspur
- Day lilies and lupines
- Scabiosa, Fox gloves and hollyhocks
- Love-in-a mist, *Nigella damascena*
- Achilliea (corymb flower heads..flat topped
- Alcea (red or purple hollyhock)

- Aster family (compositae)
- Echinacea
- Lavender
- Sedum Sp.
- Euphorbia rigida Silver Spurge
- Nepeta, Catmint
- Phlox paniculata
- umbel flower heads like carrots, parsley, sweet cicely, Queens Anne's Lace
- Annuals: cleomes, salvia, impatiens, petunias, nicotiana, fuschia, four o'clocks
- **Principles**
- Work with Natives who are adapted to the region.
- Group plants with similar needs together.
- Grow those with higher needs for water close to the house.
- Choose plants with long seasonal interest.
- Water wise transplants occur in the fall and winter months. Roots can get established.
- Tender plants that push the zone should be planted in Spring.