

Dr. Love's Favorite Native Plants and Where to Buy Them

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This list was derived from evaluations and observations made at the Aberdeen R & E Center and elsewhere in southern Idaho. It can be considered as a list of recommended plants for use in landscaping within the interior Northwest. Most of these plants will thrive anywhere in Idaho, from the deserts of the south, to the adjacent high country, and somewhat drier sites in the panhandle.

This list contains only names and descriptions. To see pictures of these plants, access your favorite search engine on the internet (Google, Yahoo, etc.), press the "Images" button above the search box, then search on the scientific name (e.g. "Acer glabrum" for Rocky Mountain maple). This should provide plenty of pictures, give you a feel for the beauty of these plants, and help you decide which ones to purchase.

The "sources" column in the list contains company abbreviations (e.g. TCN stands for Trail Creek Nursery). This information can be cross-referenced to the company contact information contained at the end of this document. Companies listed as a source include that plant in their latest catalog or species list. This is no guarantee of current availability.

Native Plant Lists

Scientific Name	Common Name	Sources	Description
Trees			
<i>Abies concolor</i>	White Fir	CHP, FFN, FNP, GBR, NWN, POW, PPL, PSW, WLN,	A large evergreen tree, to 100' tall. Similar in size and shape to blue spruce. The needles are large, soft and blue-green in color. An outstanding tree for any landscape that is large enough to accommodate its size. It will withstand drier conditions than most other large conifers, but will need some supplemental irrigation in a dry garden. Some varieties are in commerce.
<i>Acer glabrum</i>	Rocky Mountain maple	BBF, CHP, CSR, DCN, FFN, FNP,	A small tree or large shrub (to 20' tall) that mixes well with other

		GBR, NWN, NXP, POW, PPL, WLN	woody plants in the landscape and has nice yellow fall color. Tolerates shade. Can take normal irrigation but needs supplemental water in a dry garden.
<i>Acer grandidentatum</i>	Bigtooth maple	DWF, FFN, FNP, GBR, NXP, PPL, WLN	This is the tree that gives SE Idaho canyons the bright red color in the fall. Small to medium in size (to 30' tall). This is an outstanding tree for any landscape. Needs a little supplemental water in the dry garden.
<i>Betula occidentalis</i>	Water birch	BBF, CHP, CSR, DCN, FFN, FNP, GBN, GBR, POW, PPL, RCP, TCN, WLN	This is a common, small, multi-trunked tree that grows in many of Idaho's watersheds. The dark brown bark and nice form make it an excellent landscape specimen. It will grow very well next to a water feature but can also withstand moderately dry conditions in the garden.
<i>Celtis reticulata</i>	Netleaf hackberry	BBF, FNP, GBN, NXP, PSW, WLN	A small deciduous tree (to 15' tall) that is very drought hardy. Develops very interesting contorted architecture as it ages. Leaves yellow in the fall. Needs irrigation only in the driest part of the summer.
<i>Crataegus douglasii</i>	Douglas hawthorn	BBF, CHP, CSR, DCN, FFN, GBR, NWN, NXP, PPL, POW, RCP, WLN	A small tree or large shrub (to 15' tall) with white flowers in the spring and purple or red berries in the fall. Red fall color is outstanding. Needs minimal supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Juniperus scopulorum</i>	Rocky Mountain juniper	CSR, DCN, DWF, FFN, FNP, GBR, NWN, POW, PSW, RCP, TCN, WLN	One of the upright, locally common junipers (to 30' tall). Makes a nice tree if trained to 1 stem. Grows well in the traditional landscape or a dry garden where it needs supplemental irrigation only in the heat of summer.

<i>Picea engelmannii</i>	Engelmann spruce	BBF, FFN, FNP, GBR, NWN, POW, PSW, TCN, WLN	A very large evergreen tree (to 100' tall) with a somewhat open structure. Very good in windbreaks or large open spaces. Grows well in typical garden conditions and needs fairly regular irrigation in dry regions.
<i>Pinus aristata</i> or <i>Pinus longaeva</i>	Bristlecone pine	FFN, FNP, GBN, NWN, PPL, PSW, TCN, WLN	Slow growth and contorted shape makes this an interesting specimen in the yard. It will eventually grow to be 30' tall, or more. Grows well in a traditional landscape but will have more interesting shape in a dry garden. Needs a little supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Pinus edulis</i> <i>Pinus monophylla</i>	Pinyon pine	FFN, FNP, NXP, PPL, PSW, WLN	Beautiful small pine (to 20' tall) with rounded form. The growth is dense and color slightly bluish. The pine nuts are edible. This tree will not survive in a heavily irrigated garden and needs only occasional irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Pinus flexilis</i>	Limber pine	FFN, FNP, GBR, PPL, PSW, TCN, WLN	Medium-size pine with silver bark and soft needles. Grows well in a traditional landscape. Makes a good alternative for blue spruce or Scotch pine. Needs some supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	Ponderosa pine	BBF, CHP, DCN, FFN, FNP, GBR, NWN POW, PPL, PSW, WLN	Very large pine (to 100') with decorative, textured reddish bark. The needles are long and attractive. Needs lots of space but requires minimal water in the dry garden.
<i>Quercus gambelii</i>	Gambel Oak	DWF, FFN, FNP, GBR, PSW, WLN	This is the shrubby oak that lives on the hills above Salt Lake City. It makes a nice small tree (to 20' tall) if pruned properly. Grows well in the traditional landscape. Needs a little supplemental water in the dry garden.

Shrubs			
<i>Amelanchier utahensis</i> or <i>Amelanchier</i> <i>alnifolia</i>	Serviceberry	BBF, CHP, CSR, DCN, DWF, FFN, FNP, GBN, GBR, NXP, POW, PPL, PSW, RCP, TCN, WLN	A medium to tall shrub (to 15' tall, but there are shorter forms) with white flowers in the spring and edible purple berries in the fall. Leaves turn red in fall. Needs some supplemental irrigation in a dry garden. Many varieties are in commerce.
<i>Arctostaphylos patula</i>	Greenleaf manzanita	FFN, FNP, WLN	Small shrub (to 3') with shiny, evergreen leaves and dark red bark. This is an outstanding and unique landscape plant. Needs some supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	Bearberry (also called kinnick-kinnick)	BBF, CHP, CSR, DCN, DWF, FFN, FNP, GBR, NWN, POW, PPL, PRN, PSW, WBG, WLN	A short, spreading groundcover plant (to 1' tall) with shiny evergreen leaves. Decorative red berries follow pink flowers. Prefers some shade. Needs a little supplemental irrigation in a sunny situation.
<i>Ceanothus sanguineus</i>	Redstem ceanothus	CHN, CHP, DCN, FFN, POW	A medium-size (to 8' tall) deciduous form of ceanothus. It has large shiny leaves and produces large clusters of white flowers in late spring. Moderately drought tolerant but needs some irrigation in dry garden.
<i>Cercocarpus ledifolius</i>	Mountain mahogany	BBF, CHP, CSR, DCN, DWF, FFN, GBN, GBR, POW, PPL, PSW, RCP, WBG, WLN	A large shrub or small tree (to 15' tall) with grayish evergreen leaves. An irreplaceable specimen in the dry garden. Withstands very dry conditions and needs little or no supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Chamaebatiaria millefolium</i>	Desert fernbush	CSR, DJN, DWF, FNP, GBN, HCG, NXP, PPL, PSW, RCP, WBG, WLN	A small shrub (to 4' tall) with fern-like leaves and clusters of white flowers in early summer. An outstanding plant for the dry garden. Can survive very dry conditions but a small amount of supplemental irrigation in the dry garden improves appearance.

<i>Cornus sericea</i> (also called <i>Cornus stolonifera</i>)	Red-twig dogwood	BBF, CHP, CSR, DCN, DWF, FFN, FNP, GBN, GBR, NWN, NXP, OVF, POW, PPL, PSW, RCP, TCN, WBG, WLN	A medium to tall shrub (to 10' tall) with red stems that add winter accent. The leaves turn red in fall. Can be planted in shade. Grows very well in a traditional landscape. Needs consistent irrigation in the dry garden. Many varieties are in commerce, including dwarf types.
<i>Ericameria nauseosa</i>	Rubber rabbitbrush	BBF, CSR, DCN, DWF, FNP, GBR, NXP, POW, PPL, PSW, RCP, WLN	A moderately small shrub (to 5' tall) with gray-green or silver leaves and bright yellow flowers. The fall flowering habit is exceptional for creating color in a xeriscape situation. This plant can thrive in the dry garden without supplemental irrigation.
<i>Eriogonum corymbosum</i>	Lacy buckwheat	PSW	A shrubby plant (to 2' tall) that develops into a wiry sphere of tiny white or pink flowers. Blooms in late summer and into the fall. Can withstand very dry conditions with little or no irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Holodiscus dumosus</i> or <i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	Rockspray (rock spirea)	BBF, CHP, DCN, FFN, FNP, GBR, NWN, POW, PSW, RCP, TCN, WBG, WLN	A medium to tall shrub (to 8' tall) that produces masses of white flowers in early to mid-summer. Some plants produce nice reddish fall color. Can be planted in shade. Needs some supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Juniperis communis</i> <i>Juniperis occidentalis</i>	Juniper	FFN, FNP, GBR, PPL, SRP, TCN	Evergreen shrubs that come in many forms, from creeping to 6' tall. Many have more interesting foliage than their non-native counterparts. Needs very little supplemental irrigation in the dry garden. Some varieties are in commerce.

<i>Mahonia repens</i>	Creeping Oregon grape	BBR, CHP, CSR, DCN, FFN, FNP, GBR, POW, PPL, PSW, TCN	A small (to 1.5' tall) evergreen shrub with holly-like leaves. Yellow flowers give way to showy dark purple berries. Withstands shade and is an outstanding understory plant in the dry garden. Needs a little supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Penstemon fruticosus</i>	Bush penstemon	BBF, CHP, DCN, DJN, DWF, GBR, MTN, PLP, PPL, RCP, WBG	A small (to 1.5' tall) shrubby form of penstemon that is covered with huge purple flowers in early spring. The foliage is evergreen. Needs some supplemental irrigation in the dry garden. Prefers a place with winter snow cover.
<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i> or <i>Philadelphus microphyllus</i>	Syringa (mockorange)	BBF, CSR, CHP, DCN, DWF, FFN, FNP, GBR, HCG, NWN, NXP, POW, PPL, PSW, RCP	A medium to tall shrub (to 15' tall) that produces large white flowers that will flood the yard with wonderful fragrance. Will grow in a traditional landscape. Needs supplemental irrigation in a dry garden. Some varieties are in commerce.
<i>Physocarpus malvaceus</i>	Ninebark	BBF, CSR, FFN, GBR, NWN, NXP, POW, PPL, RCP, TCN	A small to medium shrub (to 6' tall) that produces white flowers in early summer and red color in fall. It can sucker and create a thicket. It tolerates shade or full sun. Grows fine in a traditional landscape. Needs supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	Cinquefoil	BBF, DCN, DWF, FFN, GBR, MTN, OVF, POW, PPL, PSW, SRP, TCN,	A small to medium shrub (to 4' tall) with small divided leaves and summer-long yellow, white or pink flowers. Can tolerate a traditional landscape. Needs a little supplemental irrigation in the dry garden. Many varieties are in commerce.

<i>Rhus glabra</i>	Smooth sumac	CHP, DCN, DWF, FFN, FNP, NWN, NXP, POW, PPL, PSW, RCP, TCN, WBG	Available in both tall (5') and dwarf (1') forms. It has divided, shiny green leaves and interesting flower panicles in summer followed by exceptional fall red color. Grows fine in a traditional landscape, but may be spread and form thickets. Needs very little supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Rhus trilobata</i>	Oak-leaf sumac (squawbush)	BBF, CHP, CSR, DWF, FFN, FNP, GBR, HCG, NXP, PPL, PSW, RCP, TCN, WBG	A nicely shaped, moderate-sized shrub with small shiny leaves, red fall berries, and outstanding fall red color. Can tolerate a traditional landscape. Can withstand very dry conditions but looks better with a little supplemental irrigation. Some varieties in commerce.
<i>Ribes aureum</i>	Golden currant	BBF, CHP, CSR, DCN, DWF, FFN, FNP, GBR, NWN, NXP, POW, PPL, PSW, RCP, TCN	Related to gooseberry. A medium size shrub (to 6' tall) that produces clusters of yellow flowers and late-summer edible yellow-orange, red, or purple berries. Tolerates shade. Tolerates a traditional landscape. Needs some supplemental irrigation in a dry garden. Some varieties in commerce.
<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	Red currant	CHP, CSR, DCN, FFN, NWN, NXP, POW, PPL	Similar to the golden currant but has red flower clusters and red berries. May need a little more supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Rosa woodsii</i> <i>Rosa nutkana</i>	Woods rose	BBF, CHP, CSR, DCN, DWF, FFN, FNP, GBR, NWN, NXP, POW, PPL, RCP, TCN	The common wild rose of our mountains. Small to medium in size (3 to 6') and tends to slowly spread by suckers. Large pink flowers in spring are followed by numerous dark red hips. Does well in a traditional landscape. Needs some supplemental irrigation. Can be grown in part shade or full sun.

<i>Salvia dorrii</i>	Purple sage	DCN, DJN, GEO, SRP	A small shrub (to 2' tall) with gray-green leaves and dark purple flowers. All parts of the plant produce a strong minty fragrance. A beautiful plant for the dry garden and requires no supplemental irrigation. Will not tolerate frequent irrigation.
<i>Salvia pachyphylla</i>	Big purple sage	DJN, DWF, HCG, PGN	Similar to purple sage, but grows larger (to 3' tall) and has larger leaves and flowers. Also, will not tolerate frequent irrigation.
<i>Sambucus caerulea</i>	Blue elderberry	BBR, CHP, CSR, FFN, FNP, GBR, NWN, NXP, POW	A tall shrub (to 12' tall) that is somewhat leggy. It is capped by large clusters of white flowers in summer and blue berries in fall. Withstands some shade. Does very well in a traditional landscape. Needs periodic irrigation in a dry garden. Many varieties are in commerce.
<i>Sorbus scopulina</i>	Mountain ash	BBF, FFN, FNP, GBR, NWN, POW, RCP	A tall shrub or small multi-trunk tree (to 15' tall). Has dark green divided leaves, large clusters of white summer flowers, and bright orange berries. Fall color is bright yellow. . Does well in a traditional landscape. Needs irrigation in a dry garden
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i> or <i>Symphoricarpos oreophilus</i>	Snowberry	BBR, CHP, CSR, DCN, DWF, FFN, GBR, NWN, NXP, PPL, RCP, TCN	A medium size shrub (to 6' tall) with small gray-green leaves and white berries in late summer through fall. Requires minimal supplemental irrigation. <i>S. oreophilus</i> prefers shade and suckers to form thickets.

Ornamental Grasses			
<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	Tufted hair grass	CHP, FFN, FNP, GBR, NXP, OVF, PPL, POW, SRP, WBG	A medium-sized grass (to 36" tall) with dark green leaves and arching gold seed heads. The heads stay intact through early winter. Grows well in a traditional landscape. Needs some supplemental irrigation in a dry garden. Some varieties are in commerce.
<i>Festuca arizonica</i>	Arizona fescue	FNP	A small grass (to 24" tall) with long, mounding basal leaves and upright, long-lasting seed heads. Needs a little supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Festuca idahoensis</i>	Idaho fescue	BBF, CSR, DCN, DWF, FFN, GBR, HCG, POW	A small grass (to 18" tall) with dark green or blue-green leaves. Seed heads remain attractive into the winter. Does not require supplemental irrigation but the leaves remain attractive longer with some water. Some varieties are in commerce.
<i>Oryzopsis hymenoides</i> or <i>Achnatherum hymedoides</i>	Indian ricegrass	BBF, DCN, DWF, NXP, POW, PSW	A medium-sized grass (to 36" tall) with long, stiff blades and masses of plummy seed heads. A very attractive plant. Does not require supplemental irrigation.
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switchgrass	SWF, FFN, FNP, HCG, OVF, PPL, WBG	A tall grass (to 60") with plummy red or purple seed heads. A very attractive plant for late-season accent. Will grow in a traditional garden. Needs supplemental irrigation in the dry garden. Two of the best varieties are 'Dallas Blues' and 'Heavy Metal'.
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little bluestem	FNP, GBN, HCG, PPL	A medium-sized grass (to 30" tall) with gray-green leaves and interesting fluffy seed heads. Turns a soft orange in fall. Needs no supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.

<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Indiangrass	DWF, FFN, HCG, PPL, PSW, WBG	A tall grass (to 60" tall) with dark green leaves and stiff, upright seed heads topped by dark brown plumes. Looks better with a little supplemental irrigation. Some varieties are in commerce.
<i>Sporobolus airoides</i>	Alkali sacaton	FNP, GBN, HCG, PSW,	A medium-sized grass (to 30" tall) with a mat of dark green leaves that give rise to numerous airy seed heads. Looks wonderful in the sunlight. Does not require supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Sporobolus wrightii</i>	Big sacaton	DWF, HCG, PSW	A very tall grass (to 75" tall) with large light green leaves and tall plummy seed heads. A nice option for a tall specimen plant. Nicer appearance with a little supplemental irrigation.

Perennials			
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	CHP, CSR, DCN, DWF, FFN, FNP, GBN, GEO, HCG, OVF, POW, PPL, PSW, TCN, WBG	Grows up to 18” tall. Fern-like leaves precede white, pink, or yellow flowers that last much of the summer. Can be somewhat invasive. Looks better with a little supplemental irrigation in a dry garden. Named varieties are in commerce.
<i>Agastache cana</i>	Hummingbird mint	DWF, FFN, , GEO, HCG, PGN, PPL, PSW, WBG	Grows to 36” tall. Covered with masses of reddish-purple flowers in mid to late summer. All parts of the plant are fragrant. A nice addition to the dry garden for late summer color. Requires some supplemental irrigation. Some varieties are in commerce.
<i>Agastache cusickii</i>	Cusick’s hyssop	GEO	Grows to 18” tall. A small, compact hyssop that produces white or pink flowers all summer long. Needs no supplemental irrigation to thrive, but may bloom longer with a little added water.
<i>Agastache rupestris</i>	Sunset hyssop	DJN, DWF, FFN, GEO, HCG, PGN, PPL, WBG	Grows to 36” tall. Late summer and fall flowers are a unique combination of orange and purple. Has a unique licorice fragrance. Very nice plant for late summer color. Requires some supplemental irrigation. Many varieties are in commerce.
<i>Aquilegia coerulea</i>	Rocky Mountain columbine	BBF, CHP, CSR, DJN, DWF, FNP, GBR, HCG, OVF, POW, PRN, PSW, SRP, TCN, WBG	Grows 24” tall. Very showy late spring blooms in colors of blue, pink and white. Grows well in light shade. Requires some supplemental irrigation. Tolerant of typical landscape conditions. Some varieties are in commerce.

<i>Aquilegia desertorum</i>	Desert columbine	FNP, HCG	Grows to 18" tall. One of the most drought hardy columbines. Produces masses of red and yellow blooms in late spring and early summer. Requires minimal supplemental irrigation to survive but will bloom longer with a little water.
<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	Western columbine	CBN, CSR, DCN, FFN, GBR, POW, PRN	Grows 30" tall. Nodding blooms of bright red and yellow. Grows well in light shade. May need some supplemental irrigation when grown in full sun.
<i>Aquilegia scopulorum</i>	Rock columbine	MTN, PRN	Grows 8" tall. A unique columbine with tidy mounds of blue foliage and beautiful blue flowers on short stems. Tolerates shade. Requires some supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Clematis hirsutissima</i>	Lion's beard	CGR, FNP	A very small shrub (to 1.5' tall) or perennial with finely divided leaves and drooping blue bell-like flowers. Needs some supplemental irrigation in a dry garden.
<i>Clematis scottii</i>	Sugarbowl clematis	CGR, HCG	A very small shrub (to 1.5' tall) or perennial with dark blue bell-like flowers. Needs some supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Purple coneflower	FFN, HCG, NXP, OVF, POW, PPL, PSW, TCN, WBG	Grows 36" tall. Summer-long blooms that look like purple sunflowers. Does better with a little supplemental irrigation. Many varieties are in commerce.
<i>Erigeron compositus</i>	Dwarf mountain fleabane	BCG, DWF, GBR, GGR, MTN, SRP	Grows 5" tall. A beautiful small rock garden daisy with white or light purple flowers. Requires a small amount of supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Erigeron flettii</i>	Flett's fleabane	SRP	Grows 8" tall. A very free-flowering daisy with large purple blooms. Wonderful for a short border or rock garden. Needs some supplemental irrigation in a dry garden.

<i>Eriogonum brevicaule</i>	Shortstem buckwheat	MTN	Grows 10” tall. A late season bloomer with dark yellow, long-lasting flowers. Exceptional plant for bring late-season color to the dry garden. Needs minimal supplemental water.
<i>Eriogonum caespitosum</i>	Mat buckwheat	GEO, GGR, MTN, PLP, SRP	Grows to 3” tall and spreads to 18” across. Produces small yellow pom-pom flowers in late spring. Outstanding rock garden specimen. Can withstand very dry conditions.
<i>Eriogonum compositum</i>	Arrowleaf buckwheat	DJN, MTN	Grows to 24” tall. A unique buckwheat with large, arrowhead shaped leaves. Flowers clusters are large and dark yellow or buff-colored. Blooms in the heat of summer. Can withstand very dry conditions.
<i>Eriogonum flavum</i>	Alpine golden buckwheat	BCG	Grows to 10” tall. Produces summer flowers in shades of yellow, pink, and red. Flower heads can be very large. Leaves are fuzzy and attractive. Needs minimal supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Eriogonum heracleoides</i>	Whorled buckwheat	BBF, DCN, DJN, DWF, GGR, RCP	Grows to 30” tall. Produces very large flower heads of buff, pink, or light yellow. Withstands competition with other plants better than most buckwheats. Withstands, but does not need, supplemental irrigation in a dry garden.
<i>Eriogonum jamesii</i>	Jame’s buckwheat	FNP, WBG	Grows to 12” tall. A free-flowering buckwheat with white or yellow blooms. Some forms develop good fall red leaf color. Can withstand very dry conditions.

<i>Eriogonum niveum</i>	Snowy buckwheat	DCN, POW	Grows to 24" tall. A unique buckwheat the produces flowers along much of the stem rather than in a head. Bloom period is late summer after most plants have declined. Flower color is white to pink. Needs a little supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Eriogonum ovalifolium</i>	Cushion buckwheat	DJN, DWF, MTN, PLP, GGR	Grows to 6" tall. Just the leaves of this plant are worthwhile in the low border or rock garden. It develops tight rounded mats of gray or silver leaves. Flowers are dainty pom-poms of white, yellow, pink, orange, or red. Can withstand very dry conditions.
<i>Eriogonum strictum</i>	Blue mountain buckwheat	DWF	Grows to 18" tall. Produces white or pink flowers very late in the summer. Very attractive buckwheat. Can withstand very dry conditions.
<i>Eriogonum thymoides</i>	Thyme buckwheat	DCN, DJN, PRN, SRP	Grows to 10" tall. This buckwheat actually grows as a very small shrub. It had buff or pink flowers and dark green leaves. It needs a well-drained soil and a dry site to thrive.
<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i>	Sulfur buckwheat	BBF, BCG, CSR, DCN, DJN, DWF, FFN, FNP, GBN, GBR, GEO, GGR, HCG, MTN, POW, PPL, PSW, RCP, SRP, WBG	Grows to 18" tall but there are many forms of this species. Most have yellow flowers, but many age to bright tones of pink and red. It blooms mid-summer and some will rebloom in the fall. Can withstand very dry conditions. Some varieties are in common.
<i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i>	Woolly sunflower	BBR, CHP, DCN, DWF, FFN, GEO, NXP, PLP, PRN, RCP, SRP	Grows to 8' tall. A very small yellow sunflower with fuzzy gray-green leaves. Blooms in early summer. Prefers a very dry, sunny site.

<i>Gaillardia aristata</i>	Blanketflower	CHP, DCN, DJN, DWF, FFN, FNP, GBN, GBR, GEO, HCG, NXP, OVF, POW, PPL, PSW, TCN, WBG	Grows to 30" tall. One showiest of the native wildflowers with yellow, yellow with red center, or red sunflower-like blooms. Blooms all summer if given a little supplemental irrigation. Many varieties in commerce.
<i>Geranium viscosissimum</i>	Sticky geranium	BBF, CSR, DCN, DWF, GBR, GEO, NXP, POW, TCN, WBG	Grows to 20" tall. A long-blooming plant with white to dark pink flowers. Grows very well in part shade. Can withstand a traditional landscape. Requires supplemental water in a dry garden.
<i>Heuchera cylindrica</i>	Roundleaf alumroot	DCN, GGR, PRN	Grows to 10" tall. Related to coral bells. This plant has round, bright green leaves and stiff, upright flower spikes that hold white blooms. Great rock garden plant. Needs supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Heuchera micrantha</i>	White flowered alumroot	CHP, PPL, PRN, WBG	Grows to 12" tall. This species has several forms, the best having small reddish leaves and graceful flower spikes with white blooms. It blooms in early summer. Needs supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Lupinus argenteus</i>	Silvery lupine	CSR, POW, PPL	Grows to 24" tall. This is the tall blue flowering lupine that is common to the deserts and mountains of Idaho. Does not need supplemental irrigation, but a little water will extend the bloom period.
<i>Monardella odoratissima</i>	Mountain beebalm	DCN, DJN, DWF, FNP, GBR, GEO, RCP, SRP	Grows to 8" tall. A small mint with remarkably fragrant foliage and pink early summer flowers. Requires no supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.

<i>Oenothera caespitosa</i>	Tufted evening primrose	CSR, DCN, DJN, DWF, FNP, GBN, GBR, PSW	Grows to 5” tall. A fabulous rock-garden plant the produces huge white flowers that fade pink by the end of each day. Flowering continues over a long period. Requires no supplemental irrigation but a little water may extend the bloom period.
<i>Penstemon ambiguus</i>	Gilia beardtongue	FNP, HCG, PSW	Grows 20” tall. An unusual penstemon in that the flowers are scattered throughout the plant rather than being clustered on a spike. Also, the flowers are light pink. A nice garden plant. Needs well-drained soil and a little supplemental irrigation.
<i>Penstemon attenuatus</i>	Sulfur penstemon	DCN, PLP, RCP	Grows to 24” tall. One of the few yellow-flowered penstemons. Blooms for a long period in early summer. Needs a little supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Penstemon azureus</i>	Azure penstemon		Grows to 20” tall. A beautiful penstemon with a shrubby growth habit, blue leaves, and intense dark blue flowers. This one is a gem. Requires a little supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Penstemon barbatus</i>	Beardlip penstemon	DJN, DWF, FFN, FNP, GBN, HCG, PGN, PPL, PSW, WBG	Grows to 50” tall. Has intense red flowers and a long bloom period. A better garden plant than the similar <i>Penstemon eatonii</i> . Needs a little supplemental irrigation in the dry garden. A few varieties are in commerce.
<i>Penstemon confertus</i>	Yellow penstemon	CHP, DJN, MTN, PLP	Grows 12” tall. This is a graceful little penstemon with tiny, but numerous, light yellow flowers. Needs a little supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.

<i>Penstemon cyananthus</i>	Wasatch penstemon	DWF, PLP, PPL, PSW	Grows 30" tall. This plant produces the most intensely blue flowers imaginable. It blooms for about 5 weeks in late spring. Needs a little supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Penstemon deustus</i>	Hot rocks penstemon	BBF, DWF, PLP, POW	Grows to 12" tall. This is one of the few white-flowered penstemons. It blooms in late spring for about a month. It will grow in the harshest of conditions and can get by with no irrigation.
<i>Penstemon glabrescens</i> also known as <i>Penstemon crandallii</i> var. <i>glabrescens</i>	Crandall's beardtongue	BCG, MTN	Grows 6" tall. This is an amazing plant with mat growth habit that spreads to 24" wide. It has needle-like leaves and fat, light blue flowers. It blooms on and off all summer. A great rock garden or low border plant. Needs a little supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Penstemon linarioides</i>	Toadflax penstemon	DWF, FNP, GGR, HCG, WBG	Grows 8" tall. Has a low growth habit, needle-like leaves, and a very long bloom period. The flowers are usually light blue. Needs a little supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Penstemon pinifolius</i>	Pineleaf penstemon	BCG, DCN, DWF, GEO, HCG, PPL, PSW, SRP, TCN, WBG	Grows to 12" tall. This a one of the best garden specimens of the penstemons. It has bright red (or occasionally yellow) flowers on an interesting plant with pine-needle type leaves. It is easy to grow. Needs a little supplemental irrigation in the dry garden. A few varieties are in commerce.
<i>Penstemon pseudospectabilis</i>	Desert penstemon	DJN, FNP, GBN, GEO, HCG, PLP, PSW	Grows to 40" tall. Produces long spikes of startlingly dark pink flowers in mid-summer. Very attractive. Needs some supplemental irrigation in a dry garden.

<i>Penstemon rostriflorus</i>	Bridge's penstemon	BCG, DJN, FNP, GEO	Grows to 24" tall. This is one of the best of the tall red-flowering penstemons. It is medium in height, highly branched, and blooms for a long time. Needs a little supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Penstemon sepalulus</i>	Littlecup penstemon		Grows to 24" tall. Shrubby in habit. Attractive blue-green foliage gives rise to numerous light bluish-purple flowers. Blooms over a long period of time. Needs some supplemental irrigation in a dry garden.
<i>Penstemon strictus</i>	Rocky Mountain penstemon	BBF, CSR, DCN, DJN, DWF, FFN, FNP, GBN, HCG, OVF, POW, PPL, PSW, TCN, WBG	Grows to 18" tall. This is one of the most commonly grown penstemons. It is easy to start and is grows well in nearly any soil. It has dark blue to purple flowers. It can survive without irrigation, but will bloom better with a little water in summer.
<i>Penstemon venustus</i>	Venus penstemon	BBF, DCN, DJN, DWF, PLP, RCP	Grows to 36" tall. One of the best large bush penstemons. Flowers are produced in abundance and are light purple in color. Needs a little supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Penstemon virens</i>	Front Range penstemon	DJN, HCG	Grows to 12" tall. A small penstemon with dark green leaves and dark blue flowers. It blooms early then often reblooms later in the year. Needs a little supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>	Mexican hat	DWF, FNP, GBN, GEO, HCG, PPL, PSW	Grows to 12" tall. Produces small yellow or maroon cone-flowers through much of the summer and fall. Great for adding late-season color. Needs a little supplemental irrigation in a dry garden.

<i>Salvia azurea</i>	Pitcher sage	DJN, DWF, HCG, PGN, PSW, WBG	Grows to 36” tall. Produces a mass of intensely blue flowers in late summer. One of the few salvias that will grow in cold climates. Needs a little supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.
<i>Sphaeralcea caespitosa</i>	Cushion globemallow		Grows to 4” tall. A very unique globemallow with mat growth habit and fuzzy silver leaves. Likes its cousins, it will bloom all summer long. Needs no irrigation to survive but may bloom longer with occasional added water.
<i>Stanleya pinnata</i>	Prince’s plume	DJN, FFN, FNP, GBN, HCG, PSW, WBG	Grows to 50” tall. Produces tall spikes of bright yellow flowers over much of the summer. The flaring form is as interesting as the color. Tolerates very dry conditions but may bloom longer with a little added water.
<i>Viguiera multiflora</i>	Showy goldeneye	DWF, GBN	Grows to 24” tall. Produces masses of small, yellow sunflowers from early summer until fall. Can be somewhat short-lived but will reseed itself. Needs a little supplemental irrigation in a dry garden.
<i>Zauschneria garretti</i>	Fire chalice	BCG, DJN, DWF, FFN, GEO, HCG, WBG	Grows to 12” tall. A cousin to the penstemons, this plant grows trumpet shaped flowers that are the reddest color possible. Needs a little supplemental irrigation in the dry garden.

Sources for Purchasing Native Plants

The following companies sell landscape-ready native plants grown in containers, including plants from Dr. Love's list. Some of the businesses are located in or near Idaho communities. Others are located in surrounding states but have mail-order capability and/or internet access to plant lists and order forms. These companies can be cross-referenced with the plants on the list. Company abbreviations (Abbrev.) coincide with those present in the "Source" column of the plant list. Abbreviations preceded by "*" indicate companies with large offerings of native plants adapted to Idaho.

Abbrev.	Company Name	Contact Information	Mail Order
BCG	Beaver Creek Greenhouse	4155 Deep Lake Boundary Road Colville, WA 99114 (250) 367-6279 Email: bvcreek@netidea.com Web: www.rockgardenplants.com	Yes
*BBF	Buffalo Berry Farm	#51 East Lake Fork Road Lake Fork, ID 83635 (208) 634-3062	
CHP	Champoeg Nursery	9661 Yergen Road NE Aurora, OR 97002 (503) 678-6348 Email: info@champoegnursery.com Web: http://www.champoegnursery.com	Yes
*CSR	Conservation Seeding and Restoration (Private and public restoration and landscaping)	506 Center Street West Kimberly, ID 83341 (208) 423-4835 Email: info@csr-inc.com Web: www.csr-inc.com	No
*DCN	Derby Canyon Natives	9750 Derby Canyon Road Peshastin, WA 98847 (509) 548-9404 Email: ted@derbycanyonnatives.com Web: www.derbycanyonnatives.com	Yes
*DJN	Desert Jewels Nursery	9809 East Upriver Drive Spokane, WA 99206 (509) 893-3771 Email: info@desertjewelnursery.com Web: www.desertjewelnursery.com	No
*DWF	Draggin' Wing Farm	5211 Hill Road Boise, ID 83703 (208) 345-4199 Email: diane@waterthriftyplants.com Web: www.waterthriftyplants.com	No

*FFN	Forest Farm Nursery	990 Tetherow Road Williams, OR 97544 (541) 846-6963 Email: plants@forestfarm.com Web: www.forestfarm.com	Yes
*FNP	Flagstaff Native Plant & Seed	400 E Butler Ave Flagstaff, AZ 86001 (928) 773-9406 Web: www.nativeplantandseed.com	Yes
*GEO	Geoscape Desert Nursery	1962 North Sparkling Place Meridian, ID 83646 (by appointment) (208) 884-1251 Email: kreglines@clearwire.net	Yes
GGR	Granite Gardens Rare Plants PO Box 4050 Sonora, CA 95370	PO Box 4050 Sonora, CA 95370 (209) 532-3029 Email: ggrp@sonnet.com Web: www.ggrareplants.com	Yes
*GBN	Great Basin Natives	75 W 300 S Holden, UT 84636 (801) 768-4422 Web: www.greatbasinnatives.com	Yes
*GBR	Great Bear Restoration	310 N. 4 th Street Hamilton, MT 59840 (406) 363-5410 Web: http://www.great-bear.biz/	No
*HCG	High Country Gardens	2902 Rufina Street Santa Fe, NM 87505 (800) 925-9387 Web: www.highcountrygardens.com	Yes
MTN	Mount Tahoma Nursery	28111 112 th Ave E Graham, WA 98338 (253) 847-9827 Email: rlupp@aol.com Web: www.backyardgardener.com/mttahoma/	Yes
*NWN	Nativeswest Nursery and Landscape	155 Falcon Ridge Kooskia, ID 83539 (888) 926-7707 Email: info@nativeswest.com Web: www.nativeswest.com	No

*NXP	Native & Xeric Plants	8625 Bill Burns Road Emmett, ID 83617 (208) 365-4331 Email: stew@nxplants.com Web: www.nativeandxericplants.com	No
OVF	Old Valley Farm	4557 Old Valley Road Eagle, ID 83616 (208) 939-2484 Web: www.oldvalleyfarm.com	No
PGN	Paradise Gardens Rare Plant Nursery	Rte 1, Box 2630 Black Mountain Road Bonners Ferry, ID 83805 Email: info@rareplantnursery.net Web: www.rareplantnursery.net	Yes
PLP	Planet Plants	5025 Sleepy Hollow Drive Reno, NV 89502 (703) 328-8764 Email: catalog@planetplants.com Web: www.planetplants.com	Yes
*POW	Plants of the Wild	123 State Line Road PO Box 866 Tekoa, WA 99033 (509) 284-2848 Email: Kathy@plantsofthewild.com Web: www.plantsofthewild.com	Yes
*PPL	Progressive Plants	10252 South Hwy U-111 Copperton, UT 84006 (888) 942-7333 Email: jeanine@progressiveplants.com Web: www.progressiveplants.com	Yes
PRN	Pacific Rim Native Plant Nursery	PO Box 413 Chilliwack, BC V2P 6J7 Canada (604) 792-9279 Email: plants@hillkeep.ca Web: www.hillkeep.ca	Yes
*PSW	Plants of the Southwest	3095 Agua Fria Road Santa Fe, NM 87507 (505) 438-8888 Email: plantsofthesouthwest@hotmail.com Web: www.plantsofthesouthwest.com	Yes
*RCP	Rugged Country Plants	53671 West Crockett Road Milton-Freewater, OR 97862 (541) 938-3970 Web: www.ruggedcountryplants.com	

SRP	Siskiyou Rare Plant Nursery	2825 Cummings Road Medford, OR 97501 (541) 535-7103 Email: customerservice@srpn.net Web: www.srpn.net	Yes
*TCN	Trail Creek Nursery	707 South Hwy 33 Victor, ID 83455 (208) 336-2470 Email: carolyntcn@silverstar.com Web: www.trailcreeknursery.com	No
*WBG	Willard Bay Gardens	7095 South Hwy 89 Willard, UT 84340 (801) 782-8984 Email: plants@willardbaygardens.com Web: www.willardbaygardens.com	No
*WLN	Wildland Nursery	370 E 600 N Joseph, UT 84739 (435) 527-1234 Email: janett@wildlandnursery.com Web: www.wildlandnursery.com	Yes

Many native are difficult find as landscape-ready plants. There are a number of excellent seed companies that sell seed of native plants. If you cannot find plants and are willing to grow your own from seed, options for expanding the plant palette are much greater. The following companies sell native plant seed. These companies are not cross-listed with the plant lists above, but most have web-based catalogues that can be perused at your convenience.

Local and Regional Sources of Native Plant Seed
<i>In-State</i>
Cedara Seed 118 Hwy 31 Swan Valley, ID 83449 Ph: 208-483-3684 Email: delbert684@cs.com
Conservation Seeding & Restoration, Inc 506 Center Street W Kimberly, ID 83341 Ph: 208-423-4835 Email: steven@csr-inc.com Web: www.csr-inc.com

JenCrops
1461 Thorn Creek Road
Genesee, ID 83832
Ph: 208-882-9143
Email: JenCrops@starband.net

Native Seed Foundation
Star Route
Moyie Springs, ID 83845
Ph: 208-267-7938
Email: info@nativeseedfoundation.com
Web: www.nativeseedfoundation.com

Northplan/Mountain Seed
PO Box 9107
Moscow, ID 83843
Ph: 208-882-8040
Email: norplan@moscow.com

Sun Mountain Natives
1406 East F Street
Moscow, ID 83843
Ph: 208-883-7611
Web: www.sunmountainnatives.com

Regional

Alplains
32315 Pine Crest Court
Kiowa, CO 80177
Ph: 303-621-2247
Email: alandean7@msn.com
Web: www.alplains.com

Comstock Seed
917 Hwy 88
Gardnerville, NV 89460
Ph: 775-265-0090
Email: ed@comstockseed.com
Web: www.comstockseed.com

Flagstaff Native Plant & Seed
400 E Butler Ave
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
Ph: 928-773-9406
Web: www.nativeplantandseed.com

Granite Seed

1697 West 2100 North

Lehi, UT 84043

Ph: 801-768-4422

Email: granite@graniteseed.com

Web: www.graniteseed.com

Northwest Native Seed

915 Davis Place S

Seattle, WA 98144

Email: oreonana@mbay.net

Plants of the Southwest

3095 Agua Fria Road

Santa Fe, NM 87507

Ph: 800-788-7333

Email: contact@plantsofthesouthwest.com

Web: www.plantsofthesouthwest.com

Rocky Mountain Rare Plants

1706 Deerpath Road

Franktown, CO 80116-9462

Fax: 303-265-9305

Email: staff@rmrp.com

Web: www.rmrp.com

Southwestern Native Seeds

PO Box 50503

Tucson, AZ 85703

Web: www.southwesternnativeseeds.com

Western Native Seed

PO Box 188

Coaldale, CO 81222

Ph: 719-942-3935

Email: info@westernnativeseed.com

Web: www.westernnativeseed.com

Wind River Seed

Route 1, Box 97

Manderson, WY 82432

Ph: 307-568-3361

Email: russ@windriverseed.com

Web: www.windriverseed.com