RESOURCES FOR NATIVE PLANT LANDSCAPING IN THE FLATHEAD

BOOKS:

NATIVE PLANT IDENTIFICATION:


*Plants of Southern Interior British Columbia.* Parish, Coupé and Lloyd. 1996. Lone Pine Field Guide. This book provides keys and color photographs of wildflowers, trees, shrubs and some grasses. They are not all from our area, but the book is a good reference for Northwestern Montana.

*Vascular Plant Checklist for the Flathead National Forest.* Obtain through Flathead Chapter, Montana Native Plant Society, call 270-7028 for more information.


NATIVE PLANT GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING:


*High and Dry: Gardening with Cold-Hardy Dryland Plants.* Robert Nold. 2008. Timber Press. $34.95. Thorough but easy to read discussion on drought-resistant native plant gardening with details on recommended plants.


Can download or order a free copy. Has information on many Montana natives.


Waterwise and Native Plants for Missoula County. Helen Atthowe, et al. Available for $10 from the Missoula County Extension Service, 126 West Spruce, Missoula, MT 59802. Excellent information on specific native plant requirements. Covers many native species that do well in the Flathead area.

WEBSITES:

Brochure: Creating Native Landscapes in the Northern Rockies and Rocky Mountains. Download an on-line copy of their popular brochure on landscaping with native plants.

Gardening with Native Plants, Not local, but a lot of good information about gardening with natives. Contains a beautiful photo gallery organized by habitat

Colorado State University- http://herbarium.biology.colostate.edu/gardening.htm
Gardening with Native Plants There are about 50,000 herbarium specimens in the database and the entire collection is in the process of being computerized. There is also a brief gardening article.

Environmental Protection Agency - http://www.epa.gov/greenacres/
General information for the whole U.S. that includes the benefits of gardening with native plants and landscaping hints.

List of firewise plants for Montana, including non-native ornamentals

The Heritage Program- http://mtnhp.org/
The Heritage Program is Montana’s source for information on native plant species and habitat, emphasizing those of conservation concern; specific information on plant communities.

Idaho Native Plant Society- www.idahonativeplant.org
Great section labeled “Native Plants of Northern Idaho for Landscape and Reclamation’ has information on many Montana natives.

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center - http://www.wildflower.org/
With native plant listings by state, beautiful color photos of every plant, information on seed collecting and much more, this site is loaded with information on gardening and landscaping with native plants

Montana Native Plant Society - http://www.mtnativeplants.org/Home
The website provides contacts for local MNPS chapters, articles from the Society's newsletter, and provides links to Society publications, including an article on how to grow Echinacea, Guidelines for Selecting Horticultural Plant Material for Montana, and Recommended Species for Native Plant Gardening the Flathead.

Montana plants with accompanying photos. Great resource for plants in Montana.
Search Yard & Garden. This website allows you to order Extension Service publication online. The general information is good, but they offer little specific advice on natives, so care should be taken when selecting recommended species.

Website on Montana noxious weeds including photo identification guide and a range of management methods.

David Schmetterling’s blog on gardening in Missoula; how native plant gardening can be fun, educational, sustainable and meaningful.

Native Plants Journal and Native Plant Network - [http://www.nativeplantnetwork.org/](http://www.nativeplantnetwork.org/)
Provides information and abstracts for the *Native Plants Journal*, a practical guide for planting and growing native plants, and the Native Plant Network, which provides a searchable database of native plant production methods.

Natural Resources Conservation Service - [http://plants.usda.gov/](http://plants.usda.gov/)
This site provides a huge plant database with a photo gallery of many of the plants, fact sheets on individual species, links to other plant related sites and state and federal noxious weed lists.

Oregon Native Plant Society’s-Gardening - [http://www.npsoregon.org/landscaping1.html](http://www.npsoregon.org/landscaping1.html)

The "Wildflowers" link takes you to the Canadian Prairie Wildflowers page which is a native wildflowers list. This listing contains multiple beautiful color photographs of plants, descriptions and habitat information. Though oriented toward Saskatchewan, many of the species are also common to our prairie areas. A fantastic perennial gardening site, but not all species listed are natives.

Plant Native - [http://www.plantnative.org](http://www.plantnative.org)
Listings of sources for native plants references, native plant lists by state. Great section on ‘naturescaping’ principles. Based out of Portland, OR.

Replacing the former source guide, this is a newly researched statewide guide to sources of native plant material for your landscape needs.

Excellent site with many helpful links (for both the wet and dry sides of the state). The "Photos" link contains about 60 stunning photographs and information on habitat, blooming time and range.

Washington State University Extension Service - [http://gardening.wsu.edu/nwnative/](http://gardening.wsu.edu/nwnative/)
The Plant Identification Database contains descriptions, habitat, advantages/disadvantages, propagation information and photos or drawings. It is primarily of plants from wetter habitats.

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