

2023 Build Your Backyard Refuge Day

seed packet information



Purple Prairie Clover *Dalea purpurea*

2' X 2' Deciduous, Full Sun, Water: Dry+, Blooms in Summer
Habitat value: Nectar and pollen for bees; seeds for birds

From Plants of the Southwest: Slender airy perennial to 2 ft. with bright purple flowers. Wonderful dried, keeps its color. Nitrogen fixer. Deep rooted. Very drought tolerant. Wildlife food and habitat; attracts beneficial insects. Blooms in midsummer. Soak seed 6-8 hours in hot water and sow in spring.



Sand Ricegrass *Eriocoma hymenoides*

18" X 18" Deciduous, Full Sun, Water: Dry RW, Blooms: Spring
Habitat value: Larval food; seeds for birds through winter

From Plants of the Southwest: The 1-2' flowering stems are beautifully airy and graceful. A great sandy soil meadow or reclamation grass. Full sun, extremely drought-tolerant. Sow 1.5" deep in fall or winter or cold stratify 1-2 months and sow in spring.



Engelmann's Daisy *Engelmannia peristenia*

2' X 18" Deciduous, Full Sun, Water: Dry+, Blooms Spring-Fall
Habitat value: Nectar and pollen for bees and butterflies; seeds for birds

From Plants of the Southwest: Cheerful Texas roadside wildflower. Opens in the evening, closes in the heat of the day. Upright or spreading 3 ft. perennial bears 3-5 flowers at the top of each stem; blooms all season. Sow anytime.



Blanketflower *Gaillardia pulchella*

1' X 1' Deciduous, Full Sun, Water: Dry, Blooms Summer-Fall
Habitat value: Butterflies, bees, hummingbirds; seeds for birds

From Plants of the Southwest: Delicate red and yellow annual daisy. Blooms all summer, 2 ft. Sun loving, any soil type. A good cut flower. Sow in fall in the south, spring in cold winter areas.



Sunflower *Helianthus annuus*

Size varies Deciduous, Full Sun, Medium water, Blooms Summer-Fall
Habitat value: Pollen and nectar for bees; seeds for birds; winter cover for birds
sunflowers provide great winter cover for birds. Should be left standing until spring, then last year's growth removed to make room for the new season of growth.

From Plants of the Southwest: A robust annual to 10 ft. with heart-shaped leaves and many 4" yellow sunflowers. Ancestor of cultivated varieties. Its seeds are loved by birds. Blooms summer into fall. Sow spring or fall.



New Mexican Sunflower *Helianthus maximiliani*

6' X 8' Deciduous, Full Sun, Medium water, Blooms Summer-Fall
Habitat value: pollen and nectar for bees; fall / winter seed and cover for birds

From Plants of the Southwest: Broad perennial 5-8 ft. tall with 3" flowers along the stalk, like a hollyhock. Bursts into bloom in late fall, and its seeds bring in lesser goldfinches. Cut to the ground each winter. Sow anytime.



Mexican Hat *Ratibida columnifera*

32" X 32" Deciduous, Full Sun, Water: Dry +,
Blooms Spring-Summer

Habitat value: Butterflies, bees; birdseeds

From Plants of the Southwest: Same species as Yellow Coneflower. Mexican Hat has mahogany red petals sometimes outlined with yellow.

Crosses easily with Yellow Prairie Coneflower. Sow anytime.



Blue Sage *Salvia azurea var grandiflora*

3' X 3' Deciduous Sun/shade Medium water
Blooms Summer-Fall *Habitat value:* Bees, seeds for birds;

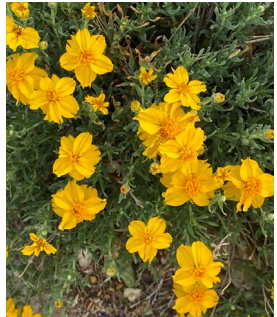
From Plants of the Southwest: Vigorous, aromatic foliage and airy, 4 ft. tall spikes crammed with large, sky blue flowers in fall. Perennial. Sow in spring.



Chocolate Flower (*Berlandieria lyrata*)

1' X 2' Deciduous Full Sun Dry RW Spring-Fall bees, butterflies nectar; seeds for birds

From Plants of the Southwest: A must for chocolate lovers! The smell of chocolate fills the morning air. Grows 1.5 ft. tall & wide with coarse leaves & cheerful, pale yellow flowers with maroon centers. Blooms in summer. Opens in the morning, nods in afternoon heat. Good for dried arrangements. Sow anytime.



Desert Zinnia (*Zinnia grandiflora*)

8" X 16" Deciduous Full Sun Dry RW Summer-Fall Butterflies, bees

From Plants of the Southwest: A spectacular bedding and border perennial. This plant forms a ground hugging cushion less than 6" tall, covered with yellow flowers, orange centers, summer to fall. We've seen Prairie Zinnia on almost vertical hillsides. Vanishes in winter, but don't worry, you'll see it next summer. Sow spring and summer. Slow to germinate.



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