

Conservation Seedling Trees, Shrubs, and Wildflowers



Recommended choices for Gilpin County & surrounding areas:

Perennial Wildflowers

Black-Eyed Susan: showy yellow ray flowers

Blanket Flower: daisy-like flowers attract pollinators and birds

Colorado Blue Columbine: CO state flower, full sun or part shade

Rocky Mountain Penstemon: blue flowers attract hummingbirds

Wild Bergamot: or bee balm, lavender colored summer flowers

Fringed Sage: full sun, drought tolerant, aromatic silvery foliage

Trees and Shrubs

Antelope Bitterbrush: small to medium shrub with lightly fragrant, small, yellow flowers; important wildlife browse; drought tolerant; to 8,000'

Aspen: tall, deciduous tree for most mountain sites; not recommended for windbreaks; attractive fall colors; to 11,000' elevation.

Black Hills Spruce: Dense, tall spruce, needs extra moisture

Bristlecone Pine: medium to tall tree; does well on poor sites; up to 11,000' elev.

Buffaloberry: tall, drought tolerant shrub with silvery bark and leaves, with edible red berries; good wildlife habitat; to 7,500' elev.

Caragana: medium shrub; grows best on sandy to loamy soils; to 9,500'

Chokecherry: med. shrub, edible fruit; grows well on most soils; to 9,000'

Colorado Blue Spruce: tall tree; usually on moist soils but will do well on drier sites with supplemental water; to 9,500' elev.

Cotoneaster: medium shrub; grows well on most soils; to 9,500' elev.

Coyote Willow: 6' native shrubby willow of rivers and creeks; to 9,500'

Douglas-Fir: tall tree; grows best on east and north slopes; to 11,000' elev.

Engelmann Spruce: tall tree of subalpine zone; needs shade; 8,000'-11,000' elev.

Gambel Oak: native tall shrub of S. Colorado; drought tolerant; to 9,000'

Golden Currant: medium native shrub with bright yellow flowers and yellow to black edible fruit; good wildlife species; to 9,000' elev.

Golden Willow: medium to tall tree; needs moist soil or supplemental water; to 8,000' elev

Kremmling Cottonwood: broad leaf for mountain sites; to 8,500' elev.

Lanceleaf Cottonwood: rapid growing cottonwood grows up to 60', leaves may turn yellow in the fall, to 8500'

Lilac: tall shrub; grows well on most soils; to 8,000' elev., needs wind protection to bloom at elevation

Limber Pine: medium to tall tree, drought tolerant, native; very strong against wind; to 11,000' elev.

Lodgepole Pine: tall tree; grows well on most soils; to 11,000' elev.

Mountain Big Sagebrush: shrub, prefers well-drained soil; 7,700-9,500'

Mountain Mahogany: small shrub; fuzzy seed heads in fall; drought tolerant; important wildlife browse; needs southern exposure; to 8,500'

Nanking Cherry: medium shrub with edible fruit; good wildlife species; to 8,000' elev.

Native Plum: tall shrub or short tree with edible fruit; grows well on most soils; to 8,000' elev.; good wildlife species.

Narrowleaf Cottonwood: tall tree; requires moist conditions; to 9,500' elev.

Native Willow Mix: native collection of foothills riparian willows suited for streambank restoration; to 9,000' elev.

Peachleaf Willow: native, small tree of plains, rivers; to 9,500' elev.

Ponderosa Pine: tall tree; grows well on most soils, needs south or sw exposure at elevation, good windbreak species; to 9,000' elev.

Red-Osier Dogwood: medium tall shrub; prefers moist sites; attractive red stems with white flowers; to 9,000' elev.

Rocky Mountain Juniper: medium shrub, drought tolerant; good windbreak species; to 9,000' elev. Needs S or SW exposure

Sand cherry: low shrub with edible fruit; best on sandy to loamy soils; to 7,500' elev.; short-lived.

Serviceberry: tall shrub with edible fruit and attractive flowers; for mountain sites up to 9,000' elev.

Shrubby Cinquefoil: shrub, prefers moist areas, up to 11,500'

Southwest White Pine: native to SW CO, drought tolerant, needs S or SW exposure., to 9,000' elev.

Subalpine Fir: native fir with black/purple cones, requires shade and regular water, to 11,000'

Sumac: medium, drought tolerant shrub; grows well on most soils; to 8,000' elev.; good wildlife species.

Thinleaf Alder: med. tree, riparian or wetland areas; to 10,000'

Water Birch Multi-stemmed, small tree with reddish-brown bark; does best in riparian, wetland areas; to 10,000' elev.

Wax Currant: medium native shrub with edible red berries; to 11,000'

Western Snowberry: shrub needs full sun: up to 8,500'

White Fir: tall tree; grows best on east and north slopes; to 9,000' elev.; good Christmas tree species.

Woods Rose: low shrub with pink flowers; rose hips are high in vitamin C; grows well on most soils; to 9500' elev.; good wildlife species.

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