

Hardy Plants For the High Plains

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Common Questions

Can I just substitute perennial plants for annual flowers?

Are perennials less work than annuals?

What qualities should I look for in a perennial?

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Annuals

- Reoccurring Cost
- Planted every year
- Seasonal interest
- Beautiful show

Perennials

- One time cost
- Maintained every year
- Multi-season interest
- Reliable show
- Flowers fade (3-4 weeks)

Ice Ice Baby –Vanilla Ice (1990)

Eric Clapton (1970-still performing)

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Climate

Bad Weather



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Wind



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Drought



Zone 4

Drought tolerant

Pest resistant

Small leaves

Vigorous growth

Bottlebrush buckeye



Aesculus parviflora

Blanket Flower



Russian Sage



Perovskia atriplicifolia

Korean Feather Reed Grass



Calamagrostis brachytricha



Henry Hudson Shrub Rose

Canadian Explorer Series

Rosa X hybrida



Limonium latifolium

Sea Lavender

Lungwort



Brunnera macrophylla

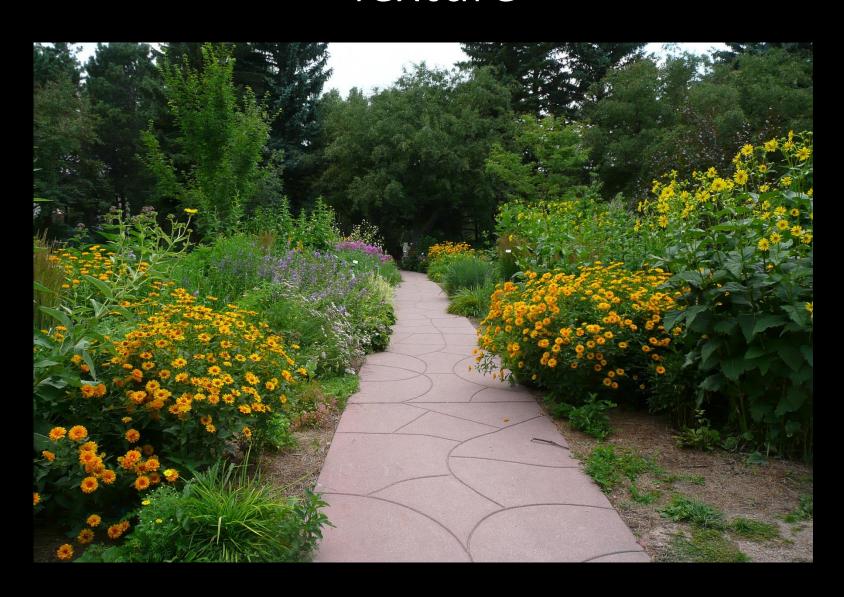
Symphony of plants



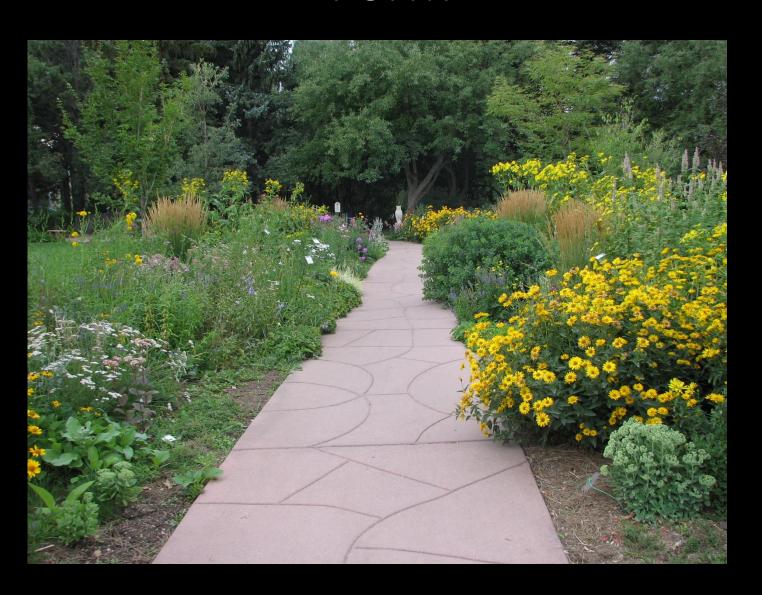
Texture



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Form



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Color



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Planning

Planting

Watering



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Fertilizing

Cleaning

Pruning



