

APPENDIX A – PREFERRED PLANTING LIST

PREFERRED PLANTING LIST FOR GUNNISON RECOMMENDED BY THE CSU EXTENSION						
HARDINESS RATINGS:		WATER:		SUN:		
1. Good		M – Moist		○ = Full Sun		
2. Acceptable		A – Adaptable		◐ = Partial Shade		
3. May be tolerant		D – Dry		● = Shade		
TREES – CONIFERS						
Botanical Name	Common Name	Hardiness	Water	Sun	Spread/Height	Comments
<i>Abies concolor</i>	White Fir	1	M/A	○	20'/30'	Native to CO
<i>Juniperus scopulorum</i>	Common Juniper (upright)	1	D	○	12'/30'	Native to Gunnison County
<i>Picea pungens</i>	Colorado Blue Spruce	1	A	○/◐	30'/60'	Native to Gunnison County
<i>Pinus arustata</i>	Bristlecone Pine / Foxtail Pine	1	D	○/◐	20'/40'	Native to Gunnison County
<i>Pinus engelmannii</i>	Englemann Spruce	1	M/A	○/◐		Native to Gunnison County
<i>Pinus flexilis</i>	Limber Pine	1	D	○	30'/50'	Native to Gunnison County
<i>Pinus nigra</i>	Austrian Pine	2	A/D	○	40'/60'	
<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	Ponderosa Pine	1	D	○	25'/60'	Native to Gunnison County
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	Douglas Fir	1	A	○/◐	25'/80'	Native to Gunnison County
TREES – DECIDUOUS						
Botanical Name	Common Name	Hardiness	Water	Sun	Spread/Height	Comments
<i>Acer ginnala</i>	Amur Maple	2	M/A	○	20'/20'	
<i>Acer tataricum</i>	Tatarian Maple	2	M/A	A	20'/25'	
<i>Alnus incana</i>	Gray Alder	1	M	○/◐	20'/30'	Native to Gunnison County
<i>Betula occidentalis</i>	Western River Birch	1	M	○	25'/25'	Native to CO
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	2	A/D	○	40'/50'	“Patmore” and “Marshall” seedless
<i>Malus cultivars</i>	Crabapple	2	A	○	25'/25'	Choose cold-hardy cultivars
<i>Populus alba</i>	White Poplar	2	A	○	40'/50'	
<i>Populus angustifolia</i>	Narrow Leaf Cottonwood	1	M/A	○	30'/60'	Native to Gunnison County
<i>Populus deltoids</i>	Plains Cottonwood	1	M/A	○	40'/60'	Native to CO
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Aspen	1	M/A	○	30'/50'	Native to Gunnison County
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Chokecherry	1	A	○	25'/30'	Cultivar “Canada Red”
<i>Sorbus acuparia</i>	European Mountain Ash	2	A	○	25'/25'	
SHRUBS - EVERGREEN						
Botanical Name	Common Name	Hardiness	Water	Sun	Spread/Height	Comments
<i>Cytissus purgans</i>	“Spanish Gold” Broom	2	A/D	○	3'/5'	
<i>Juniperus chinensis cultivars</i>	Chinese Juniper	1	A/D	○	12'/3'	Choose cold-hardy cultivars
<i>Juniperus horizontalis cultivars</i>	Creeping Juniper	2	A	○	8'/1'	Choose cold-hardy cultivars
<i>Juniperus Sabina cultivars</i>	Savin Juniper	2	A/D	○	8'/2'	Choose cold-hardy cultivars
<i>Pinus mugo</i>	Mugo Pine	1	A/D	○	10'/10'	
SHRUBS - DECIDUOUS						
Botanical Name	Common Name	Hardiness	Water	Sun	Spread/Height	Comments
<i>Acer glabrum</i>	Rocky Mountain Maple	1	D	○	10'/15'	Native to Gunnison County
<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	Saskatoon Serviceberry	1	A/D	○/◐	12'/12'	Native to Gunnison County
<i>Amelanchier Canadensis</i>	Canadian Serviceberry	1	A	○	12'/12'	
<i>Artemisia tridentate</i>	Big Sagebrush	1	D	○	4'/4'	Native to Gunnison County

SHRUBS – DECIDUOUS (CONTINUED)						
Botanical Name	Common Name	Hardiness	Water	Sun	Spread/Height	Comments
<i>Caragana arborescens</i>	Siberian Peashrub	1	D	○	12/15'	
<i>Cercocarpus intricatus</i>	Little Leaf Mountain Mahogany	1	D	○	4/4'	Native to CO
<i>Cercocarpus ledifolius</i>	Curlleaf Mountain Mahogany	1	D	○	8/8'	Native to CO
<i>Cercocarpus montanus</i>	Mountain Mahogany	1	D	○/●	6/6'	Native to Gunnison County
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Red-osier Dogwood	1	M/A	A	3/3'	Native to Gunnison County
<i>Cotoneaster acutifolia</i>	Peking Cotoneaster	1	D	○/●	6/3'	
<i>Ericameria nauseosus</i>	Rabbit Brush	1	D/A	○	4/4'	Native to Gunnison County
<i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>	Apache plume	1	D/A	○	4/4'	Native to Gunnison County
<i>Holodiscus dumosus</i>	Rock Spiraea	1	A/D	○/●	5/5'	Native to Gunnison County
<i>Lonicera involucrate</i>	Twinberry Honeysuckle	1	M/A	○/●	6/8'	Native to Gunnison County
<i>Lonicera tartarica</i>	Honeysuckle	1	A/D	○/●	8/8'	
<i>Philadelphus microphyllus</i>	Little Leaf Mock Orange	1	A	○	6/6'	Native to CO
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Common Ninebark	2	A	○	8/8'	Native to CO
<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	Potentilla	1	A	○	3/3'	Native to Gunnison County
<i>Prunus besseyi</i>	Sand Cherry	1	A/D	○	6/6'	Native to CO
<i>Prunus tomentosa</i>	Nanking Cherry	1	A	○	12/10'	
<i>Prunus x cistena</i>	Purple Leaf Sand Cherry	1	A	○	6/8'	
<i>Quercus gambelii</i>	Gambel Oak	2	D	○/●	12/20'	Native to Gunnison County
<i>Rhus glabra</i>	Smooth Sumac	1	A/D	○	8/10'	
<i>Rhus trilobata</i>	Three-leaf Sumac	1	D	○	6/6'	Native to Gunnison County
<i>Rhus typhina</i>	Staghorn Sumac	2	A	○	10/10'	Nice fall color, yellow, orange, red
<i>Ribes alpinum</i>	Alpine Currant	1	A	○/●	6/6'	
<i>Ribes Aureum</i>	Golden Currant	1	A/D	○/●	8/8'	
<i>Ribes cereum</i>	Wax Currant	1	D	○	4/4'	Native to Gunnison County
<i>Robina neomexicana</i>	New Mexican Locust	2	D	○	12/20'	
<i>Rosa foetida bicolor</i>	Copper Rose	1	A/D	○	8/10'	
<i>Rosa rugosa</i>	Rugosa Rose	1	A/D	○	6/4'	
<i>Rubus cultivars</i>	Cultivated Raspberries	1	A/M	○	5/10'	
<i>Rubus deliciosus</i>	Thimbleberry	1	A	○	6/6'	Native to Gunnison County
<i>Salix purpurea</i>	Dwarf Arctic Willow	1	M/A	○/●	6/6'	
<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	Black Elderberry	2	M/A	○	12/12'	
<i>Sambucus racemosa</i>	Red Elderberry	1	M/A	○/●	12/12'	Native to Gunnison County
<i>Shepherdia argentea</i>	Silver Buffaloberry	1	D	○	12/15'	
<i>Chepherdia Canadensis</i>	Buffaloberry	1	A/D	○	4/6'	Native to Gunnison County
<i>Spiraea nipponica</i>	Nippon Spiraea	2	A	○/●	5/5'	
<i>Spiraea x bumalda</i>	Hybrid Japanese Spiraea	2	A	○/●	4/3'	
<i>Spiraea x vanhouttei</i>	Vanhoutte Spiraea	2	A	○/●	8/6'	
<i>Symphoricarpos rotundifolius</i>	Snowberry	2	A/D	○/●	6/3'	Native to Gunnison County
<i>Syringia vulgaris</i>	Common Lilac	1	A/D	○	12/20'	
<i>Viburnum opulus var. americanum</i>	American Cranberry Bush Viburnum	1	M/A	○	6/6'	

FLOWERS - PERENNIALS								
BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	HARDINESS	WATER	SUN	SPREAD/HT.	FLOWER COLOR	BLOOM TIME	NATIVE
<i>Achillea filipendulina</i>	Yarrow, tall yellow	1	D	○	2/5'	yellow	summer	
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow, common white	1	D	○	3/2'	white	Summer	
<i>Aquilegia chrysantha</i>	Golden Columbine	1	A	○/●	18"/36"	Yellow	summer	X
<i>Aquilegia caerulea</i>	Rocky Mt Columbine	1	A	●/●	18"/24"	blue w/ white center	summer	X
<i>Alcea rosea</i>	Hollyhocks	1	D/A	○	3/6'	various	early summer-fall	
<i>Alyssum montanum</i>	Basket of Gold	1	A	○	18'/12'	mustard yellow	mid spring	
<i>Artemisia frigid</i>	Fringed Sage	1	D	○	1/2'	Gray/blue foliage	Summer	X
<i>Campanula rotundiflora</i>	Harebell (Bluebell Bellflower)	1	D	○/●	18"/18"	Blue	Late spring-summer	X
<i>Cerastium tomentosum</i>	Snow in Summer	1	A	○/●	10"/10"	White	Spring-summer	X
<i>Chamerion angusifolium</i>	Fireweed	1	A	○	2/2'	Pink	Summer	X
<i>Chrysanthemum coccineum</i>	Painted Daisy	1	A	○	18"/24"	Various	Late spring-summer	
<i>Chrysanthemum maximum</i>	Shasta Daisy	1	A	○	2/3'	White	Summer	
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	Lily of the Valley	1	M	●/●	15"/12"	White	Late spring	
<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Lance-leaf Coreopsis	1	A	○	2/2'	Yellow	Early-mid summer	
<i>Coreopsis tinctoria</i>	Plains Coreopsis	1	A	○	15"/15"	Yellow w/ red center	Mid-summer	
<i>Delphinium spp. and cultivars</i>	Larkspur	1	A	○	3/5'	Various	Summer	
<i>Dianthus spp. and cultivars</i>	Dianthus	1	A	○	12"/12"	Various	Mid-summer	
<i>Dicentra spectabilis</i>	Bleeding Heart	1	A	●	2/3'	Pink	Late spring early summer	
<i>Digitalis grandiflora</i>	Floxglove	1	M/A	○/●	18"/30"	Yellow, pink, white	Late spring-early summer	
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Purple Coneflower	1	A/D	○	2/3'	Lavender-purple	Mid-late summer	
<i>Erigeron speciosus</i>	Fleabane	1	A	○	2/2'	White	Summer	X
<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i>	Sulfur Flower / Buckwheat	1	D	○	6"/2'	Yellow	Summer	X
<i>Erythrocoma triflora</i>	Prairie Smoke	1	M/A	○/●	9"/10"	Pink	Early summer	X
<i>Gaillardia aristata</i>	Blanketflower	1	D	○	2/2'	Yellow w/ red center		X
<i>Hemerocallis cultivars</i>	Daylily	1	D	○	3/3'	Orange, yellow	Mid-summer	
<i>Hosta cultivars</i>	Plantain Lily	2	A	●	2/2'	White	Late summer	
<i>Iberis sempervirens</i>	Candytuft	1	A	○	2/1'	White	Late spring early summer	
<i>Ipomopsis aggregate</i>	Scarlet Gilia	1	D/A	○	1/2'	Red	Summer	X
<i>Iris cultivars</i>	Iris	1	M	○	18"/36"	Many	summer	
<i>Liatris punctata</i>	Dotted Blazing Star	1	A/D	○	18"/24"	Lavender-purple	Mid-late summer	
<i>Linum lewisii</i>	Blue Flax	1	D	○	18"/24"	Blue	Late spring-mid summer	
<i>Lupinus cultivars</i>	Lupine	1	A	○	2/3'	Various	Spring-summer	
<i>Lychnis chalcedonica</i>	Maltese Cross	1	A	○	18"/24"	Scarlet	Mid-summer	
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Beebalm	1	D/A	○	1/1'	Pink	Summer	
<i>Oenothera caespitosa</i>	Evening Primrose	1	D	○	1/3'	White/yellow	Summer	
<i>Papaver nudicaule</i>	Iceland Poppy	1	A	○	18"/24"	Various	Spring-summer	
<i>Papaver orientalis</i>	Oriental Poppy	1	M/A	○	18"/18"	Orange	summer	

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<i>Penstemon</i> spp and cultivars	Penstemon	1	A	○	2/3'	Many	Spring-summer	
<i>Perovskia atriplicifolia</i>	Russian Sage	2	D/A	○	4/4'	Purple	Summer	
<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	Phlox	1	A	○	2/3'	Various	Mid-late summer	
<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	Obedient Plant	1	A	○/●	2/3'	White	Late summer-fall	
<i>Polemonium caeruleum</i>	Jacob's Ladder	2	A	●/●	18"/24"	Blue	Late spring-summer	X
<i>Pulsatilla patens</i>	Pasque Flower	1	D/A	○/●	9"/9"	Purple	Spring	X
<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>	Mexican Hat	1	A	○	2/3'	Golden	Summer	X
<i>Ruidbeckia fulgida</i>	Black-Eyed Susan	1	A/D	○	2/2'	Yellow w/ green eye	Summer	
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black-Eyed Susan	1	A/D	○	2/3'	Yellow w/ brown eye	summer	X
<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	Goldenrod	1	A	○	24"/24"	Yellow	Late summer	X
<i>Thermopsis Montana</i>	Golden Banner	1	A	○/●	2/3'	Golden	Spring	X
<i>Tradescantia andersoniana</i>	Spiderwort	1	A	○/●	2/2'	Magenta pink	Early summer	
<i>Veronica spicata</i>	Speedwell	1	A	○	18"/18"	Various	summer	
<i>Viola Corsica</i>	Corsican Violet	1	A	○	6"/12"	Purple	Spring and summer	
<i>Yucca harrimanaea</i>	Yucca	1	D	○	3/3'	White	Summer	X

BULBS						
BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	HARDINESS	WATER	SUN	FLOWER COLOR	BLOOM TIME
<i>Chionodoxa lucilae</i>	Chionodoxa	1	A	○	Various	Spring
<i>Crocus</i>	Crocus	1	A	○	Purple & white	Early spring
<i>Hyacinthus orientalis</i>	Hyacinth	1	A	○	Blue	Spring
<i>Narcissus</i>	Daffodils	1	A	○	Various	Spring
<i>Tulipa</i>	Tulips	1	A	○	Various	Spring

GROUND COVERS							
BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	HARDINESS	WATER	SUN	SPREAD/HT.	NATIVE	
<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Bugleweed	2	A/D	●	6"/3'		
<i>Antennaria sp.</i>	Pussytoes	1	D	○	3"/3'	Native to Gunnison County	
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	Kinnikinnick	1	A/D	●	6"/3'	Native to Gunnison County	
<i>Cerastium tomentosum</i>	Snow in Summer	1	D/A	○	6"/3'		
<i>Fragaria Americana</i>	Wild Strawberry	1	A/D	○	6"/3'		
<i>Galium odoratum</i>	Sweet William	2	A	●/●	6"/10"		
<i>Geranium</i> cultivars	Cranesbill	2	A	○/●	6"/4'		
<i>Heuchera</i> cultivars	Coral Bells	1	A	●/●	1/2'		
<i>Mahonia repens</i>	Creeping Barberry	1	A/D	○/●	1/3'	Native to Gunnison County	
<i>Nepeta x faassenii</i>	Catmint	1	D	○	2/3'		
<i>Paxistima myrsinites</i>	Mountain Lover	2	A	●/●	2/2'	Native to Gunnison County	
<i>Phlox subulata</i>	Creeping Phlox	2	A/D	○/●	6"/3'		
<i>Sedum</i> cultivars	Stonecrop	2	D/A	○/●	6"/3'		
<i>Thymus pseudolanuginosis</i>	Wooly Thyme	2	A/D	○	3"/3'		
<i>Veronica liwanensis</i>	Turkish Veronica	1	A	○/●	3"/3'		
<i>Vinca minor</i>	Periwinkle	2	A	○/●	6"/10'		

VINES					
BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	HARDINESS	WATER	SUN	COMMENTS
<i>Clematis x jackmanii</i>	Purple Clematis	2	A	○	
<i>Euonymus fortunei</i>	Wintercreeper	1	A/D	A	
<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	Virginia Creeper	1	A	○/●	
<i>Quinquefoia englemanni</i>	Engleman Ivy	1	A	○/●	