

Broomfield Xeriscape Demonstration Garden

Rock Garden

Xeric Level: 

Irrigation: A popup irrigation systems provides the water in this garden.

Mulch: A combination of gravel and organic mulch are used in this garden.

Featured Plants:

Acer tataricum 'GarAnn' - Hot wings maple: This is a small tree, perfect for a home landscape. The common name is from the bright red samaras that cover the tree in the summer. After it is established in the landscape, this Plant Select® tree requires only moderate or low levels of supplemental irrigation.

Agave – Agave: We have included a hardy agave plant in this garden as an accent plant. Though cacti and succulents are stereotypical of what people expect in the garden, you will see that it co-exists well with other, more mainstream plants in this water-wise garden.

Hesperaloe parviflora - Red Yucca: Succulent, leathery leaves and grass-like foliage don't seem like phrases that would be used to describe the same plant, but in this case they do. And rising from this foliage are tall red flower stalks with coral-pink flowers that hummingbirds love. This Plant Select® introduction is very xeric and very low maintenance.

Marrubium rotundifolium – Silverheels Horehound: The fuzzy leaves of this Plant Select® groundcover are accented by white edges. It forms a broad mat, even in nutrient-poor soils. It needs well-drained soils to thrive.

Delosperma – Ice Plant: Native to a semi-arid region in South Africa, these succulents were first introduced by Plant Select® in 1998. Since then several new selections with vibrant and soft color options have been presented. Once established, they require very little supplemental water. Some patches may not survive wet winters.

Geum triflorum – Prairie Smoke or Old Man's Whiskers: This North American native prairie plant produces pink flowers in the late spring. The seeds that follow form a puff with feathery tails that act as sails in dispersing the seeds. The attractively notched foliage forms low leafy rosettes.