



Drought Tolerant Plants Suitable for Arkansas Landscapes

Below are groups of plants that should survive our dry Arkansas summers. Some may be included in more than one list. If you choose some of these plants to use in your landscape, research further in a good garden reference book to discover individual characteristics such as the type of soil needed and the degree of drought tolerance a plant has. Several plants are identified as “native plants.” These, in addition to others you may see growing along the side of roadways and in fields throughout central Arkansas, have proven they can withstand the climate we experience in Pulaski County. When you reference garden books, keep in mind that the term “dry” means something different to western gardeners than to those in other areas of the country. In central Arkansas we usually have adequate water in winter and spring but we suffer more from drought in summer and early autumn. Experience and experimentation will reveal those plants that will work for you.

TREES	PERENNIALS	Groundsel (native)
Arborvitae	Artemisia	Holly Species
Arizona Cypress	Baby’s Breath	Hydrangea - Peegee
Chaste Tree (Vitex)	Bearded Iris	Huckleberry (native)
Crapemyrtle (tree)	Candytuft	Japanese Garden Juniper
Ginkgo	Daffodils	Mugo Pine
Golden Raintree	Daylilies	Nandina
Hawthorne (native)	Dianthus	Red Chokeberry (native)
Honeylocust (native)	Gaura “Siskiyou Pink”	Barberry
Pin Oak (native)	German Statice	Shore Juniper
Redbud (native)	Lamb’s Ear	Spicebush (native)
Red Maple	Penstemon (native)	Spirea
Russian Olive	Phlox - Downy (native)	Thorny Elaeagnus
Shortleaf Pine (native)	Russian Sage	Variegated Privet
Shumard Oak (native)	Sedum	Wax Myrtle
Smoketree Native)	Snow in Summer	Yaupon Holly
Smooth Sumac (native)	Stoke’s Aster	Yucca
Southern Red Oak (native)	Torch Lily	
Oak Species	Yarrow	
Elm Species		
ANNUAL FLOWERS	SHRUBS	VINES
Cleome	Beauty Berry (native)	American Bittersweet
Cosmos	Beautybush	Cypress Vine (annual)
Globe Amaranth	Blue Rug Juniper	Hyacinth Bean (annual)
Gloriosa Daisy	Burford Holly	Trumpet Honeysuckle
Purslane	Chinese Juniper	Morning Glory (annual)
Lantana	Crimson Pygmy Barberry	Silver Lace
Marigolds	Crapemyrtle	Yellow Jessamine
Moss Rose	Arborvitae	
Periwinkle	Flowering Quince	
	Forsythia	
	Santolina	

<u>GROUNDCOVERS</u>	<u>WILDFLOWERS</u>	<u>HERBS</u>
Asian Jasmine	Bee Balm	Artemesia
Boston Ivy	Bird Foot's Violet	Bee Balm
Carolina Yellow Jessamine	Black Eyed Susan	Cone Flowers
Creeping St. John's Wort	Butterfly Weed	Dill (annual)
Creeping Thyme	Coreopsis	Fennel
Junipers, all cultivars	Evening Primrose	Garlic
Liriope, all cultivars	False Indigo	Hyssop
Mondograss	Gaillardia	Lavender
Nandinas (dwarf)	Hardy Ageratum	Oregano
Sedums	Joe Pye Weed	Ox-eye Daisy (native)
Showy Evening Primrose	Liatris	Rosemary
Yaupons, all cultivars	Ox-eye Daisy	Sage
	Purple Coneflower	Santalinas
<u>GRASSES</u>	Queen Anne's Lace	Savory
Bermuda (lawn)	Sundrop	Sweet Marjoram
Bluestem Grass (ornamental)	Verbena	Tansy
Fountain Grass (ornamental)	Yarrow	Thyme
Gulf Muhly Grass (ornamental)		Verbena Canadensis
Love Grass (ornamental)		Veronica (native)
Pampas Grass (ornamental)		Wild Aster (native)
Miscanthus Grass (ornamental)		Wild Mints (native)
Ravenna Grass (ornamental)		
Reed Grass (ornamental)		
Ribbon Grass (ornamental)		

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