

From Grasslands to Gardens Resources

Seven essential principles for successful low water landscaping (Xeriscaping):

Appropriate planning and design, Soil improvement, Plant selection,
Practical turf areas, Watering, Use of mulch and Maintenance.

Sources of information

Suggested plants and techniques for smart low water landscaping:

- <https://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/yard-garden/>
- <https://www.weldmastergardeners.org/Home>
- <https://www.larimer.gov/extension/Yard-Garden>
- <https://urbanfarmcolorado.com/when-to-plant/>

Planting vegetables in Colorado

- <https://csuhort.blogspot.com/p/csu-extension-spring-gardening-webinars.html>

Free garden webinars

- <https://plantselect.org/>
- Resource Central: Waterwise Yard Seminars: gardeninfo@resourcecentral.org

Denver Water online handbook

- https://www.denverwater.org/sites/default/files/2017-05/Water_Wise_Landscape_Handbook.pdf
- Sunset Garden Book (ongoing publication)
<https://www.sunset.com/garden/interactive-western-garden-book>

General web search starting point: plants native to Colorado, water wise plants, Xeriscape plants, drought resistant plants

Sources of Plants

- Growing Gardens of Colorado-Boulder location <https://growinggardens.org/>
- Denver Botanic Gardens-York Street, Denver <https://www.botanicgardens.org/events>
- Lawn and Garden centers,
- Seasonal grocery and hardware stores offerings

Display Gardens for Low Water planting

- Shadow Grass Demonstration Garden 1812 Celestial Ln
- CSU Extension Xeriscape Demonstration Garden 9595 Nelson Rd D
- Northern Water Demonstration Garden 220 Water Ave, Berthoud
- Denver Botanic Gardens-York Street, Denver <https://www.botanicgardens.org/events>
- Colorado WaterWise Demo Gardens along the front range <https://coloradowaterwise.org>

Get inspired to put on your gardening gloves and start creating your bird-friendly space with the [Gardening for Birds webinar](#). In this free recording, staff from Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Audubon's [Plants for Birds](#) program discuss how to choose native plants that will thrive and why messy is beautiful, and give tips on creating gardens that meet the needs of birds.

Additional information on landscape conservation

The Network for Landscape Conservation is a project of the Center for Large Landscape Conservation, P.O. Box 1587, Bozeman, MT 59771 www.largelandscapes.org