**Common Landscape Plants and Native Alternatives**

**Trees**

● Instead of Callery Pear (Pyrus calleryana) Serviceberry (Amelanchier alnifolia)

● Instead of Silver Maple (Acer saccharinum) Bigtooth Maple (Acer grandidentatum)

● Instead of Cockspur Hawthorn (Crataegus crus-galli) Common Hoptree (Ptelea trifoliata)

● Instead of Cranberrybush Viburnum (Viburnum opulus) Chokecherry (Prunus virginiana)

● Instead of Smokebush (Cotinus coggygria) Gambel Oak (Quercus gambelii)

**Shrubs**

● Instead of Russian Sage (Perovskia atriplicifolia) Leadplant (Amorpha canescens)

● Instead of a Lilac (Syringa vulgaris) Rock Spirea (Holodiscus dumosus)

● Instead of Wintercreeper (Euonymus fortunei) Grape Holly (Mahonia repens)

● Instead of Barberry (Berberis thunbergii) Three-leaf Sumac (Rhus trilobata)

● Instead of Bumald Spirea (Spiraea x bumalda) Apache Plume (Fallugia paradoxa)

● Instead of Forsythia (Forsythia x intermedia) Golden Current (Ribes aureum)

● Instead of Butterfly Bush (Buddleja davidii) Fernbush (Chamaebatiaria millefolium)

● Instead of Boxwood (Buxus sp.) Smith's buckthorn (Rhamnus smithii)

● Instead of a Shrub Rose (Rosa sp.) Stansbury’s cliffrose (Cowania stansburiana)

● Instead of a Shrub Rose (Rosa sp.) Boulder Raspberry (Rubus deliciosus)

● Instead of Blue Mist Spirea (Caryopteris x clandonensis) Desert 4 O’Clock (Mirabilis multiflora)

● Instead of Burning Bush (Euonymus alatus) Red-osier dogwood (Cornus sericea)

● Instead of Columnar Buckthorn (Rhamnus frangula) Rocky Mountain Maple (Acer glabrum)

**Perennials**

● Instead of Periwinkle (Vinca minor) Roundleaf Snowberry (Symphoricarpos rotundifolius)

● Instead of Tickseed (Coreopsis verticillata) Chocolate Flower (Berlandiera lyrata)

● Instead of Chives (Allium schoenoprasum) Wild Blue Flax (Linum lewisii)

● Instead of Mums (Chrysanthemum morifolium) Baby Blue Rabbitbrush (Chrysothamnus nauseosus)

● Instead of Silvermound (Artemisia schmidtiana) Fringed Sage (Artemisia frigida)

● Instead of May Night Salvia (Salvia nemorosa) Front Range Beardtongue (Penstemon virens)

● Instead of Zinnias (Zinnia sp.) Blanketflower (Gaillardia aristata)

● Instead of Crocus (Crocus sp.) Pasque Flower (Pulsatilla patens)

● Instead of Oregano (Origanum vulgare) Beebalm (Monarda fistulosa)

● Instead of Delphinium (Delphinium grandiflorum) Rocky Mountain Penstemon (Penstemon strictus)

● Instead of Garden Phlox (Phlox paniculata) Rocky Mountain Beeplant (Cleome serrulata)

● Instead of a Daylily (Hemerocallis hybrids) Desert Princesplume (Stanleya pinnata)

**Grasses**

● Instead of Blue Avena (Helictotrichon sempervirens) Little Bluestem (Schizachyrium scoparium)

● Instead of Miscanthus (Miscanthus sinensis) Indian grass (Sorghastrum nutans)

● Instead of Karl Foerster (Calamagrostis x acutiflora) Little Bluestem (Schizachyrium scoparium)

**Sources for Native Plants**

Colorado Native Plant Society (conps.org)

● Virtual Plant Sales

● Quarterly newsletter

● Publications (one of my favorites: Low-Water Native Plants for Colorado Gardens)

Harlequin’s Gardens (Boulder) High Plains Nursery (Loveland)

● Wholesale only Chelsea Gardens (Clifton)

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