

Drought Tolerant Shrubs (WSU)

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<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i> ● N	Western serviceberry	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i> ●	Cherry laurel
<i>Artemisia</i> spp. N	Sagebrush/Wormwood	<i>Pyracantha coccinea</i>	Firethorn
<i>Berberis koreana</i> ●	Korean barberry	<i>Rhus trilobata</i> N	Three leaf sumac
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i> ●	Japanese barberry	<i>Ribes aureum</i> N	Golden currant
<i>Caragana arborescens</i>	Siberian peashrub	<i>Ribes sanguineum</i> ● N	Winter currant
<i>Caryopteris xclandonensis</i> ●@	Blue spirea	<i>Rosa nutkana</i> ● N	Nootka rose
<i>Ceanothus velutinus</i> N	Snowbrush ceanothus	<i>Rosa rubrifolia</i> ●@	Redleaf rose
<i>Chaenomeles</i> spp. ●@	Flowering quince	<i>Rosa rugosa</i> ●	Rugosa rose
<i>Chamaebatiaria millefolium</i> N	Fernbush	<i>Salix exigua</i> N	Coyote willow
<i>Cornus sericea</i> N	Redosier dogwood	<i>Spiraea betulifolia</i> ● N @	Birchleaf spirea
<i>Cotoneaster apiculatus</i> @	Cranberry cotoneaster	<i>Spiraea japonica</i>	Japanese spirea
<i>Cotoneaster lucidus</i> ●@	Hedge cotoneaster	<i>Spiraea nipponica</i>	Nippon spirea
<i>Daphne xburkwoodii</i> ●	Burkwood daphne	<i>Spiraea thunbergii</i>	Thunberg spirea
<i>Dasiphora fruticosa</i> N	Bush cinquefoil	<i>Spiraea xvanhouttei</i> ●	Vanhoutte spirea
<i>Diervilla sessilifolia</i> ●	Bush honeysuckle	<i>Symphoricarpos</i> spp. ● N @	Snowberry
<i>Ericameria (Chrys</i> N	Rabbitbrush	<i>Syringa</i> spp. ●	Lilac
<i>Euonymus alatus</i>	Burning bush	<i>Syringa reticulata</i>	Japanese tree lilac
<i>Forsythia</i> spp.	Forsythia	<i>Taxus</i> spp. ● N	Yew
<i>Holodiscus discolor</i> ● N	Ocean spray	<i>Viburnum xburkwoodii</i> ●	Burkwood viburnum
<i>Hypericum</i> spp. ●	Hypericum	<i>Viburnum xcarlcephalum</i>	Fragrant snowball
<i>Juniperus</i> spp. N	Juniper	<i>Viburnum lantana</i> ●	Wayfaring tree
<i>Kerria japonica</i> ●	Japanese kerria	<i>Yucca</i> spp.	Yucca
<i>Kolkwitzia amabilis</i> ●	Beauty bush		
<i>Lonicera xylosteum</i> ●	Fly honeysuckle		
<i>Ligustrum obtusifolium</i>	Border privet		
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i> ●	Common privet		
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i> ● N @	Oregon grape		
<i>Paxistima myrsinites</i> ● N	Oregon boxwood		
<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i> ● N	Wild mockorange		
<i>Photinia pyrifolia (Aronia arbutifolia)</i> ●	Red chokeberry		
<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i> ● N	Western ninebark		
<i>Physocarpus malvaceus</i> ● N	Mallow ninebark		
<i>Picea abies 'Nidiformis'</i>	Bird's nest spruce		



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<i>Achillea</i> spp. N@	Yarrow
<i>Alchemilla mollis</i> ●@	Lady's mantle
<i>Aquilegia</i> spp. ●N@	Columbine
<i>Armeria maritima</i> N@	Sea pink
<i>Aurinia saxatilis</i> ●	Basket-of-gold
<i>Bergenia</i> spp. ●	Bergenia
<i>Campanula</i> spp. ●N@	Bellflower
<i>Catananche caerulea</i>	Cupid's dart
<i>Centranthus ruber</i> ●	Jupiter's beard
<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i>	Threadleaf coreopsis
<i>Corydalis lutea</i> ●@	Yellow corydalis
<i>Dianthus</i> spp.	Pink
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> ●@	Purple coneflower
<i>Epimedium</i> spp. ●	Bishop's hat
<i>Eremurus stenophyllus</i>	Foxtail lily
<i>Erigeron caespitosus</i> N@	Tufted fleabane
<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i> N	Buckwheat
<i>Euphorbia amygdaloides</i> 'Rubra' ●@	Red wood spurge
<i>Euphorbia griffithii</i> 'Fireglow'	Fireglow spurge
<i>Eurybia divaricata</i> ● (Aster <i>divaricatus</i>)	White wood aster
<i>Gaillardia</i> spp. N	Blanketflower
<i>Geranium</i> spp. ●@	Hardy geranium
<i>Geum triflorum</i> @	Prairie smoke
<i>Globularia</i> spp.	Globe daisy
<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	Sunrose
<i>Helleborus orientalis</i> ●@	Lenten rose
<i>Hemerocallis</i> spp. ●	Daylily
<i>Heuchera</i> spp. ●N	Coralbells
<i>Hosta</i> spp. ●	Plantain lily
<i>Iberis sempervirens</i>	Evergreen candytuft
<i>Iris</i> spp. N	Iris
<i>Knautia macedonica</i>	Crimson pincushion flower
<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i> @	Lavender
<i>Liatris</i> spp.	Gayfeather
<i>Limonium gerberi</i> (<i>latifolium</i>)	Sea lavender
<i>Linum perenne</i> N@	Blue flax
<i>Paeonia</i> spp. N	Peony
<i>Papaver orientale</i> @	Oriental poppy
<i>Penstemon</i> spp. N@	Beardtongue

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<i>Perovskia atriplicifolia</i>	Russian sage
<i>Phlomis russeliana</i>	Hardy Jerusalem sage
<i>Pulsatilla vulgaris</i> @	Pasque flower
<i>Rudbeckia</i> spp.	Gloriosa daisy
<i>Salvia</i> spp. @	Sage
<i>Santolina chamaecyparissus</i>	Lavender cotton
<i>Sedum</i> spp. ●	Sedum
<i>Sempervivum</i> spp.	Hen and chicks
<i>Stachys byzantina</i>	amb's ears
<i>Symphytum grandiflorum</i> ●	Yellow comfrey
<i>Synthyris missurica</i> N	Kittentails
<i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i> ●	Germander

Scientific name / Common name Grasses

<i>Calamagrostis</i> × <i>acutiflora</i> 'Karl Foerster'	Feather reed grass
<i>Festuca ovina</i> var. <i>glauca</i> ●@	Blue fescue
<i>Helictotrichon sempervirens</i> ●@	Blue oat grass
<i>Luzula sylvatica</i> ●@	Greater woodrush
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Morning Light' ●@	Maiden grass
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switch grass
<i>Pennisetum villosum</i>	Feathertop grass
<i>Sesleria</i> spp. ●	Moor grass

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<i>Antennaria</i> spp. N		Pussytoes
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> • N		Kinnikinnick
<i>Asarum caudatum</i> • N		Wild ginger
<i>Cerastium tomentosum</i>		Snow-in-summer
<i>Cotoneaster horizontalis</i>		Rockspray cotoneaster
<i>Dryas octopetala</i> N		Mountain avens
<i>Epimedium</i> spp. •		Bishop's hat
<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i> N		Buckwheat
<i>Euphorbia amygdaloides</i> •		Mrs. Robb's Bonnet
<i>Fragaria chiloensis</i> N		Beach strawberry
<i>Galium odoratum</i> @		Sweet Woodruff
<i>Globularia</i> spp.		Globe daisy
<i>Gypsophila repens</i>		Creeping baby's breath
<i>Hypericum calycinum</i> •		St. John's wort
<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i>		Creeping juniper
<i>Lamium</i> ssp. •		Dead nettle
<i>Luzula sylvatica</i> •		Greater woodrush
<i>Mahonia repens</i> • N		Creeping mahonia
<i>Microbiota decussata</i> •		Russian arborvitae
<i>Potentilla tridentata</i> •		Wineleaf cinquefoil
<i>Rhus trilobata</i> N		Three leaf sumac
<i>Sedum</i> spp. • N		Stonecrop
<i>Stachys byzantina</i>		Lamb's ears
<i>Symphytum grandiflorum</i> •		Yellow comfrey
<i>Teucrium canadense</i>		Creeping germander
<i>Thymus</i> spp.		Thyme
<i>Veronica liwanensis</i> •		Turkish speedwell
<i>Veronica pectinata</i> •		Wooly veronica
<i>Vinca minor</i> @ •		Periwinkle

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Drought Tolerant Annuals (WSU)

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Scientific name	/	Common name
<i>Clarkia amoena</i> N		Godetia
<i>Cleome hasslerana</i> •		Spider flower
<i>Cosmos</i> spp. @		Cosmos
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i> @		California poppy
<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>		Blanket flower
<i>Gazania</i> spp.		Gazania
<i>Glandularia</i> × <i>hybrida</i>		Verbena
<i>Gomphrena globosa</i>		Globe amaranth
<i>Helianthus annuus</i> N@		Sunflower
<i>Helichrysum bracteatum</i>		Strawflower
<i>Ipomoea</i> spp.		Morning glory
<i>Lantana</i> spp. •		Lantana
<i>Lavatera trimestris</i>		Mallow
<i>Limonium sinuatum</i>		Statice
<i>Lobularia maritima</i> •		Sweet alyssum
<i>Melampodium paludosum</i>		Bush zinnia
<i>Papaver</i> spp. @		Poppy
<i>Petunia</i> × <i>atkinsiana</i> •		Petunia
<i>Portulaca grandiflora</i>		Moss rose
<i>Sanvitalia procumbens</i>		Creeping zinnia
<i>Senecio cineraria</i>		Dusty miller
<i>Tagetes tenuifolia</i>		Signet marigold
<i>Tithonia rotundifolia</i>		Mexican sunflower
<i>Tropaeolum majus</i> •		Nasturtium

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