

**2019 Landscaping with Colorado Native Plants Conference**  
**Plant This, Not That: CO Native Plant Alternatives to Common Garden Plants**

**Trees**

- Instead of Callery Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*) Serviceberry (*Amelanchier alnifolia*)
- Instead of Paper Birch (*Betula papyrifera*) Aspen (*Populus tremuloides*)
- Instead of Russian Olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*) Silver Buffaloberry (*Shepherdia argentea*)
- 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*) Rockspirea (*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 Grass (*Helictotrichon sempervirens*) Yucca (*Yucca glauca*) or Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)
- Instead of Miscanthus (*Miscanthus sinensis*) Indian grass (*Sorghastrum nutans*) or Alkali Sacaton (*Sporobolus airoides*)
- Instead of Karl Foerster (*Calamagrostis x acutiflora*) Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)