

Drought and Heat Tolerant Perennials

Most of these plants can tolerate extreme heat in dry conditions. Those requiring watering during hot periods are marked (W). Heat tolerant plants can withstand long periods (up to 2 months) of temperatures exceeding 90° F.

These plants survive best by adding surface mulch to help protect the roots.

Achillea spp. - Yarrow
Anacyclus depressus - Mt. Atlas Daisy
Anaphalis margaritacea - Pearly Everlasting
Anthemis spp. - Golden Marguerite (W)
Arabis - Rock Cress (W)
Armeria maritima - Sea Pink
Artemisia spp. - Wormwood
Asclepias tuberosa - Butterfly Weed
Aurinia saxatilis - Basket-of-Gold
Catanche - Cupid's Dart.
Centaurea spp. - Cornflower
Centranthus ruber - Jupiter's Beard
Cerastium tomentosum - Snow-in-Summer
Ceratostigma plumbaginoides - Plumbago
Chrysanthemum coccineum - Painted Daisy
Chrysanthemum pacificum - Gold and Silver
Chrysanthemum parthenium - Feverfew (W)
Chrysanthemum x superbum - Shasta Daisy
Coreopsis verticillata - Threadleaf Coreopsis
Corydalis lutea - Yellow Corydalis
Dianthus spp. - Pinks, Carnation (W)
Delosperma - Ice Plant
Echinacea purpurea - Purple Cone Flower
Echinops - Globe Thistle
Erigeron - Fleabane
Eryngium - Sea Holly
Euphorbia - Cushion Spurge
Gaillardia spp. - Blanket Flower
Guara lindheimeri - White Guara
Gypsophila spp. - Baby's Breath
Helianthemum - Sun Rose

Heliopsis - Sunflower Heliopsis
Hemerocallis - Daylily
Iris germanica - German Bearded Iris
Kniphofia vuaria - Red Hot Poker
Lamium spp. - Dead Nettle
Lavandula angustifolia - English Lavender
Lewisia - Bitterroot
Liatris spicata - Gay Feather
Limonium latifolium - Statice
Linum - Flax
Malva - Mallow
Nepeta - Catmint
Oenothera (some) - Evening Primrose, Sundrops
Penstemon - Bearded Tongue
Perovskia spp. - Russian Sage
Phlox subulata - Moss Pink
Potentilla - Cinquefoil (W)
Pulsatilla - Pasque Flower
Rudbeckia - Coneflower, Black-eyed Susan (W)
Salvia - Sage
Santolina - Lavender Cotton
Saponaria ocymoides - Rock Soapwort
Scabiosa - Pincushion Flower
Sedum spp. - Stonecrop
Sempervivum - Hens-and-Chicks
Silene - Campion
Stachys byzantina - Lamb's Ear
Thermopsis - False Lupine
Tradescantia - Spiderwort
Verbena - Vervain