

# Broomfield Xeriscape Demonstration Garden

## Border Garden

Xeric Level: 

**Irrigation:** This garden is irrigated with popup irrigation heads

**Mulch:** The mulch used in this garden is from the City and County of Broomfield's tree recycling program. It is applied at a depth of 2-3 inches to curtail weed growth. No weed fabric has been used under the mulch in order to promote the spread of the plants and to allow the soil to be amended as the mulch breaks down.

### Plants featured in this garden include:

*Crataegus ambigua* – Russian Hawthorn tree: In addition to thriving in low-water landscapes, this small tree from the rose family blooms in late spring. The clusters of white flowers only last for a couple of weeks. They are followed by clusters of red berries in August. Winter interest is provided by the yellowish bark. Here it is used to provide structure to the garden.

*Cercocarpus* - Mountain Mahogany: Evergreen trees and shrubs are a welcome sight in the winter garden. Mountain Mahogany shrubs have fine-textured leaves that remain on the shrub throughout the winter. In this garden it is used as a backdrop for shorter plants in the front and as a partial screen to the parking area. The Mountain Mahogany shrub planted in the Pollinator Garden is placed as an accent plant that can be viewed from all sides. *Cercocarpus intricatus* is a Plant Select® introduction.

*Baptisia australis* – False Indigo: In garden design one looks for plants that provide multiple seasons of interest. This low-water-use perennial fits the bill. In spring it has blue pea-like flowers which are followed by black seed pods in the late summer. Many varieties and hybrids of *Baptisia* are available in the nurseries and online. Colors range from dark purple and lavender to white and yellow. For a jolt of color in the landscape check out *Baptisia* 'Screaming Yellow.'

*Hemerocallis fulva* 'Kwanzo Variegata': Variegated-leaf Daylily: Daylilies are a familiar sight in many gardens and have been for years. They are native to Asia and were then brought to North America. Many "escaped" from homesteads and naturalized along roadsides in the Eastern U.S. Though these low maintenance plants may require more water than your average cactus, they do have a place in the water-wise garden. This daylily is a bit unusual in that it has a double orange flower and variegated leaves.

*Geranium x cantabrigiense* 'Karmina': Cranesbill or Hardy Geranium: Groundcover plants are the socks and shoes to the taller species in the design. They complete the garden. A hardy (perennial) geranium or cranesbill has been used as a ground cover in this garden. It spreads nicely and complements the other plants. There are many varieties available.