

# Water Conscious Landscaping for the Cow Creek GCD

## Part 4- Annual and Perennial Flowers

The plants on the list below that are followed by a (p) are perennial in Kendall County most years. In unusually cold winters, they may die completely, especially if they are not mulched. Those followed by an (a) usually last a single season, but if the weather is unusually mild they may live more than one year.

These plants are fairly drought resistant once established but will need regular watering when first planted. Varieties followed by \* are at least partially deer resistant. Like shrubs, if they are fed with chemical fertilizers they tend to make more succulent growth, which is favored by deer. This is not a complete list, but represents varieties that are usually available at local nurseries at the proper season.

*Anisicanthus* (p) - reseeds profusely, making it somewhat invasive

*American Beautyberry* \* (p) - may have lavender, purple, or white berries

*Asclepias* (p)

*Betony* \* (p)

*Blackfoot Daisy* \* (p)

*Bluebonnet* \* (a)

*Buddleia* \* (p)

*Bulbine* (p) - may have orange or yellow flowers

*Calylophus* \* (p)

*Chile Pequin* (p)

*Canna* (p) - dwarf and standard types available

*Columbine* \* (p) - red and yellow varieties available

*Copper Canyon Daisy* \* (p)

*Coralberry* \* (p)

*Coreopsis* \* (p)

*Dahlberg Daisy* \* (a)

*Damianita* \* (p)

*Erigeron* (p)

*Esperanza* \* (p)

*Fall Aster* \* (p)

*Firebush* (p)

*Garden Phlox* (p)

*Gaura* \* (p)

*Gayfeather* \* (p)

*Gomphrena* (a) - also called southern bachelor buttons

*Iris* (p) - many varieties available

*Lantana* \* (p) -many varieties available

*Madagascar Periwinkle* \* (a) - sometimes called annual vinca

*Mexican Bird of Paradise* \* (p) - also called "Pride of Barbados"

*Mexican Honeysuckle* (p)

*Mexican Mint Marigold* \* (p)

*Mexican Oregano* \* (p)

*Mexican Petunia* (p)

*Pansy* (a)

*Plumbago* (p)

*Portulaca* (a)

*Purple coneflower* \* (p)

*Purslane* (a)

*Rudbeckia* \* (p)

*Shrimp Plant* (p)

*Skullcap* \* (p)- pink and white forms best

*Society Garlic* \* (p)

*Salvia* \* (p) - a huge number of varieties available

*Texas Star Hibiscus* (p)

*Thryallis* (p)

*Turk's Cap* \* (p)

*Winecup* \* (p)

*Yarrow* \* (p)

*Zexmania* \* (p)