



## 10.2 Warm Deserts



### Fleabane Daisy

(*Erigeron speciosus*)



**LIGHT:** Full sun  
**WATER:** Average  
**SEASON OF INTEREST:** Summer through fall  
**HEIGHT:** 1-2 ft  
**DURATION:** Perennial  
 This long blooming and virtually disease free flower provides resources to pollinators for months. Cut it back to encourage more flowers and growth.

\*Not native in CA and TX



### Desert Marigold

(*Baileya multiradiata*)



**LIGHT:** Full sun  
**WATER:** Low  
**SEASON OF INTEREST:** Spring through fall  
**HEIGHT:** 1-2 ft  
**DURATION:** Short-lived perennial  
 This deer and drought resistant plant can bear 20-50 flowers per year. While a short-lived perennial, it self seeds under favorable conditions.



### Blanketflower or Firewheel

(*Gaillardia pulchella*)



**LIGHT:** Full sun  
**WATER:** Low  
**SEASON OF INTEREST:** Spring through fall  
**HEIGHT:** 1-2 ft  
**DURATION:** Short-lived perennial  
 This showy flower has a striking red center up to 2 inches across and abundant nectar. This easy to grow plant has no serious pests or diseases, and readily self seeds.

\*Not native to CA or NV



### Common Sunflower

(*Helianthus annuus*)

\*Considered noxious in TX



**LIGHT:** Full sun  
**WATER:** Low to average  
**SEASON OF INTEREST:** Mid through late summer  
**HEIGHT:** 3-10 ft (dwarf varieties available)  
**DURATION:** Annual  
 These tall and showy flowers are easy and fun to grow, and the seeds are great for birds. Put only one plant in each pot and provide support as the plant grows.



### Tahoka Daisy

(*Machaeranthera tanacetifolia*)



**LIGHT:** Full sun to partial sun  
**WATER:** Low to average  
**SEASON OF INTEREST:** Late summer through fall  
**HEIGHT:** 0.5-2 ft  
**DURATION:** Annual  
 This species have striking purple flowers and fern-like foliage. It has no serious pests or diseases, and is particularly attractive to butterflies.



### Desert or Globe Mallow

(*Sphaeralcea ambigua*)



**LIGHT:** Full sun  
**WATER:** Low  
**SEASON OF INTEREST:** Spring through fall  
**HEIGHT:** 2-4 ft  
**DURATION:** Perennial  
 This bushy plant has striking flowers that are typically orange, but other varieties are available. Disease and drought resistant. Cut back the plant after it flowers to get more blooms.

\*Not native to NM or TX