12.1 Western Sierra Madre Piedmont

**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.

**Purple Prairie Clover**  
(*Dalea purpurea*)  
LIGHT: Full sun  
WATER: Low to average  
SEASON OF INTEREST: Summer  
HEIGHT: 1-3 ft  
DURATION: Perennial  
This showy flower blooms for 4-6 weeks during the summer, after which birds feed on the seeds. This plant is deer and pest resistant, and self seeds under the right conditions.  
*Not native in AZ*

**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.

**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.

**Common Sunflower**  
(*Helianthus annuus*)  
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.

**Silvery Lupine**  
(*Lupinus argenteus*)  
LIGHT: Full sun  
WATER: Low  
SEASON OF INTEREST: Summer  
HEIGHT: 1-3 ft  
DURATION: Perennial  
This species has stunning silvery-green leaves with spikes of blue to violet flowers. They are particularly attractive to hummingbirds and butterflies. Plant in a deep pot due to long roots.
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**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.

**Mexican Hat Plant**  
(*Ratibida columnifera*)

- **LIGHT:** Full sun  
- **WATER:** Low  
- **SEASON OF INTEREST:** Late spring through fall  
- **HEIGHT:** 1-3 ft  
- **DURATION:** Perennial  

This long-blooming plant offers consistent pollen, as well as seeds for birds well into the fall. It is relatively disease and pest free.

**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*

**White Heath Aster**  
(*Symphyotrichum ericoides*)

- **LIGHT:** Full sun  
- **WATER:** Low to average  
- **SEASON OF INTEREST:** Late summer through fall  
- **HEIGHT:** 1-3 ft  
- **DURATION:** Perennial  

This densely blooming and compact plant resembles a spreading Juniper shrub when not in bloom. This low maintenance species does not have any serious pests or diseases.