



## 13.1 Upper Gila Mountains



### Desert Marigold

*(Baileya multiradiata)*

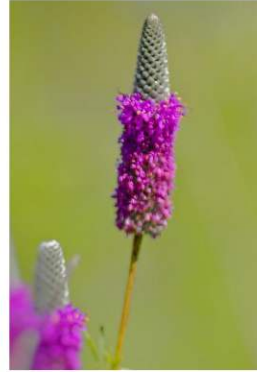


**LIGHT:** Full sun  
**WATER:** Low  
**SEASON OF INTEREST:** Spring through fall  
**HEIGHT:** 1-2 ft  
**DURATION:** Short-lived perennial  
 This deer and drought resistant plant can bear 20-50 flowers per year. While a short-lived perennial, it self seeds under favorable conditions.



### 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.  
 \*Considered noxious in TX



### Nuttall's Sunflower

*(Helianthus nuttallii)*



**LIGHT:** Full sun  
**WATER:** Average to high  
**SEASON OF INTEREST:** Fall  
**HEIGHT:** 3-8 ft  
**DURATION:** Perennial  
 This late-season flowering plant is an important source of nectar for migrating monarch butterflies in the fall and other pollinators. The seeds attract many birds, and are favored by goldfinches.



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### 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.



### 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.

\*Not native to NM



### 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

(*Symphotrichum 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.



### Smooth Aster

(*Symphotrichum laeve*)



**LIGHT:** Full sun  
**WATER:** Low to average  
**SEASON OF INTEREST:** Late summer through fall  
**HEIGHT:** 2-4 ft  
**DURATION:** Perennial  
 These small and densely blooming flowers are a striking blue to purple color with a golden-yellow center. This species has no serious pests or diseases.