

URBAN LOW-HEIGHT MEADOWS



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR XERIC SOILS

Cities have replaced vibrant prairies and lush forests all over the globe but urban meadows can bring refreshingly wild elements back into the built landscape. Beautiful urban meadows inspire us with their constant movement and energy: buzzing pollinators, wind blown grasses and striking colors that emerge over the seasons. We love meadows for their dynamism, but this complexity requires smart planting design and thoughtful management practices.

Not all meadow plants are neat enough to aesthetically fit into high visibility urban spaces nor are they all adapted to tough city conditions. Here are some species that thrive in urban conditions, bring the beauty of wild places right back into our lives, and help balance the effects urbanization has on our environment.



plant palette for xeric soils in full sun

Agastache foeniculum, *Allium cernuum*, *Asclepias tuberosa*, *Asclepias verticillata* [8], *Baptisia australis* [9], *Bouteloua curtipendula*, *Carex amphibola* [15], *Deschampsia cespitosa*, *Echinacea purpurea* [7], *Eragrostis spectabilis* [11], *Eupatorium hyssopifolium* [2], *Lupinus perennis*, *Monarda bradburiana* [10], *Monarda fistulosa*, *Monarda punctata* [3, 14], *Oenothera fruticosa* 'Fireworks' [13], *Panicum 'Cape Breeze'* [5], *Panicum virgatum* 'Shenandoah', *Rudbeckia fulgida* var. *fulgida* [1], *Schizachyrium scoparium* 'Standing Ovation' [12], *Scutellaria incana* [4], *Solidago graminifolia*, *Solidago odora* [6], *Sporobolus heterolepis*

