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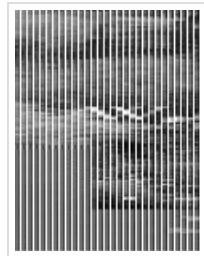
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#### Abstract

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10 Water-wise Plants. 'Shenandoah' prairie switchgrass is compact and colorful. (*Panicum virgatum* 'Shenandoah'). Why are asters so often overlooked for inclusion in landscapes? Our North American native species provide fabulous late-summer and fall flowers, offering valuable nectar to butterflies and bees as they prepare for winter. 'Raydon's Favorite' is hands down one of the best, with large lavender-blue flowers, attractive mint-scented foliage, and a sturdy upright growing habit. Landscaping with Native Plants of the Intermountain Region - Idaho Native Plant Society(13 pp, 457 K, About PDF). Illinois. Illinois' Best Plants. LaBonte Park's Outdoor Learning Center Water-Wise and Native Plant Demonstration Garden—University of Wyoming Extension Service(49 pp, 4.5 MB, About PDF). Wyoming. The WyoScape Xeric Demonstration Garden—University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service(46 pp, 3.4 MB, About PDF). Today, native plants and water conservation are subjects of vital interest to cities, offices, homeowners, and agriculture alike, as all are affected by the growing shortage of water in the Intermountain region. This comprehensive volume provides specific information about shrubs, trees, grasses, forbs, and cacti that are native to most states in the Intermountain West, and that can be used in landscaping to conserve water, reflect and preserve the region's landscape character, and help protect its ecological integrity. The book is an invaluable guide for the professional landscaper, hort Native Plants as a Cornerstone of the Drought Resistant Landscape. We have an incredible native flora in North America from which to choose for planting into a drought resistant (or waterwise) landscape. Yet it's important to understand the "one size fits all" philosophy doesn't necessary work when picking plants for different parts of the country. I recommend choosing plants by: Matching their water needs with the average rain and snowfall of where they are to be planted (See our precipitation map). Knowing your soil type (clay, sand, loam etc.) and making sure the plant's soil preference mat