

**Recommended Ground Cover**  
**Desert Ridge HOA Beautification Committee**  
**Updated 4/2022**

PLANTS FOR THE YARD

Common name	Scientific name	Exposure	Hardiness	Water needs	Rate of growth/Size	Foliage/Flower
Raspberry Fuzzies	Acalypha monostachya	Full sun/part shade	10 degrees	Moderate	1 x 3 feet	Coppery. Loses foliage at first frost
Trailing Lantana	Lantana montevidensis	Full sun	25 degrees	Moderate	Fast 1 x 4	Evergreen. Lavender/white flowers all year. Attracts butterflies
Trailing Gazania	Gazania rigens	Full sun	15	Low. May die if overwatered	1 x 2	Evergreen. Orange, bronze, yellow flowers in spring and winter
Damianita	Chrysactinia mexicana	Full/reflected sun	0 degrees	Very low	Slow 2 x 2 feet	Evergreen Golden yellow flower spring and fall
Lantana* Not all are evergreen	Lantana hybrid 'Golden'	Full sun	28 degrees	Moderate	Fast 2 x 3 feet	Evergreen Yellow, orange, golden. Year around
Gazania	Gazania	Full sun	28 degrees	Low	6 x 12 inches	<b>Can become invasive</b> Red/orange spring,summer,fall

Verbena* Gooding Moss Sandpaper Peruvian Purple	Verbena goodingii Glandularia pulchelia Pulchella gracillor		25 degrees 15 degrees		18' x 3' 2' x 5' 10' x 5'	Purple, pink, lavender, white
Rosemary* Trailing	Rosmarinus officinalis	Full	15 degrees	Low	Moderate	Blue Winter and spring
Sage* Blue Sage Mealy Cup						
Katie Ruellia	Ruellia simplex 'Katie'	Full/partial	28 degrees	Moderate	1' x 2'	Purple in fall
Hummingbird Flower						
Tecoma* Orange Bells Orange Jubilee Argentie Tecoma	Bignoniaceae Tecoma X Alata  Tecoma Garrocha	Full/partial	May die from severe frost but comes back	Moderate	Up to 8' x 45'	Salmon and orange thu warm weather
Cape Honeysuckle	Tecoma Capensis			Low	Vine or shrub	

\*All varieties, but check details for specific location

PLANTS FOR BANKS/EROSION CONTROL

Common Name	Scientific Name	Exposure	Hardiness	Water Needs	Growth Rate	Size	Foliage/Flower
Trailing Acacia	Acacia redolens	Full/reflected sun	15 degrees	Low	Fast	Prostrate form 1 x 10 feet. Upright forms can reach 4-5 feet	Evergreen. Small yellow flowers in spring
Blue Euphorbia	Euphorbia rigida	Full sun	15	Very low	Slow/moderate	2 x 3 feet	Evergreen. Chartreuse flowers in spring

Myoporum	Myoporum parvifolium	Full/partial sun	20 degrees	May die if overwatered	Fast	1 x 6 foot	Evergreen. Small white flowers in spring
Raspberry Fuzzies							
Sage, esp. Bursage							
Sumac							
Trailing Lantana	Lantana montevidensis	Full sun	25 degrees	Moderate	Fast 1 x 4	Evergreen. Lavender/white flowers all year. Attracts butterflies	Trailing Lantana
Rosemary* Trailing	Rosmarinus officinalis	Full	15 degrees	Low	Moderate	Blue Winter and spring	Rosemary* Trailing
Texas Frog Plant							
Holly Agave							
Gopher Plant							