There are hundreds of plants that are appropriate for xeriscapes in Colorado Springs. Here are some ideas to get you started.

Keep in mind that even though a plant is on this list, it might not be appropriate for your situation. In addition, there are lots of plants that are not on this list that may be perfectly suited for your yard. Check with a nursery or landscape professional to discuss your specific situation.

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Trees
- Bristlecone pine
- Bur oak
- Crabapple*
- Goldenrain tree
- Hackberry
- Hawthorn
- Kentucky coffeetree
- Pinyon pine
- Ponderosa pine
- Tatarian maple
- Thornless honeylocust
- Upright juniper
- Vanderwolf pine
- Western catalpa

Shrubs
- Apache plume
- Barberry
- Blue mist spirea
- Bluestem jointfir
- Cotoneaster
- Currant
- Dwarf blue rabbitbrush
- Dwarf Korean lilac
- Fernbush
- Leadplant
- Mountain mahogany
- Mugo pine
- New Mexican privet
- Ninebark
- Potentilla
- Russian sage
- Siberian peashrub
- Serviceberry
- Spireas*
- Spreading juniper
- Three-leaf sumac
- Viburnum

Perennial flowers
- Basket-of-gold
- Blanket flower
- Blue salvia
- Buckwheat
- Candytuft
- Catmint
- Desert four o’clock
- Evening primrose
- Fall blooming asters
- False indigo
- Fringed sage
- Gay feather
- Hyssop
- Iris
- English lavender
- Moonshine yarrow
- Pasque flower
- Penstemons
- Peony
- Prairie coneflower
- Red valerian
- Yellow columbine

Ornamental grasses
- ‘Blond Ambition’
- Blue grama
- Big bluestem
- Blue oat grass*
- Giant sacaton
- Indian grass
- Karl Foerster feather reed *
- Korean feather reed*
- Little bluestem
- Mexican feather grass
- Switchgrass

*Can require moderate water

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Groundcovers

- Carpet bugle
- Creeping thyme
- Creeping veronica
- Germander
- Himalayan border jewel
- Iceplant
- Kinnikinnick
- Partridge feather
- Plumbago
- Prairie zinnia
- Sedum
- Sweet woodruff*
- Vinca minor
- Wall Germander
- Winecups

Spreading shrubs

- Creeping Oregon grape holly
- Hancock coralberry
- Gro-lo sumac
- Panchito manzanita
- ‘Pawnee Buttes’ sand cherry
- Spreading junipers

Alternative grasses for lawns

- Blue grama
- Buffalograss
- Fine fescue*

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Planting tips

- Low water doesn’t mean no water. Be sure to water your plants regularly during establishment, then gradually reduce irrigation.
- After planting, use mulch to reduce evaporation and weed growth.
- Use drip irrigation to deliver water right to the rootzone of the plant and reduce water waste.
- Space trees and shrubs according to their size at maturity.
- Always call 811 at least three days before you dig. One call gets your utility lines marked and helps protect you from injury and costly repairs.

Learn more: Call 668-8232 or visit waterwiseplants.org.