

REPORT TO NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY STATE BOARD  
GRANT TO UPDATE AND EXPAND  
CENTRAL NEW MEXICO GARDENS,  
A NATIVE PLANT SELECTION GUIDE 2005

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First I want to thank the Board for providing the funds to update the 2005 book, Central New Mexico Gardens, a Native Plant Selection Guide. The 2005 book was a fine contribution to native plant gardening in central New Mexico. I compliment the originators of the 2005 book — Sally Wasowski, Carolyn Dodson, Peggy Wells and others.

By 2016, it was clear that the 2005 book needed to be updated and converted to a format that would make it available to a wider audience, an audience that wants to choose native plants for their gardens. I submitted a Grant Request to fund a 2017 Updated and Expanded Edition. The following additions and changes have been added to the new 2017 edition as follows:

1. The 2005 edition was a printed book. The 2017 version is an electronic edition, one that is accessible on the website of the New Mexico Native Plant Society. This means available to anyone that has a computer or a handheld device. It provides an easily accessible, portable source of information available to anyone with an i-phone or i-pad when shopping for plants. All of the plants in this book are natives.
2. In 2005 there were far fewer native plants available in New Mexico Nurseries. The 2017 edition has expanded the number of plants to 118 .
3. Since 2005, the scientific names of some of the plants have changed. The 2017 guide includes the updated names.
4. As we went thru the update process, we realized we should add a new element to this Update. Educating the public about the importance of interconnections between plants and pollinators is extremely important. It is widely understood that pollinators are critical to the survival of the native plants they pollinate.

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5. In the plant descriptions in the new edition we have included the names of the pollinators, if they are known. If the pollinator is not known, the phrase "Pollinator: Not yet identified" has been added. It is hoped that when a plant is mentioned, the user of this guide will come to think "What is the pollinator?" and they will connect the plant with its pollinator.
6. We have also included a link to the "Invasive Plant List of New Mexico and the Watch List of Possible Invasive Plants of New Mexico." It is hoped that readers will check these lists and be careful not to use invasive plants.
7. To further a deeper understanding by the reader of what is meant by a native plant, the following sections written by Bob Sivinski for NPSNM were included:
  - Definition of a Native Plant
  - Reasons why it is important to use native plants.
8. A paragraph has been added in the Introduction empathizing the importance of avoiding the use of pesticides or herbicides. (Holm)
9. The Update provides two ways to locate a specific plant:

First way: By typing the plant name in the Search Box. This method requires the reader know the correct spelling of the plant name.

A second way is to use the Index located at the end of the document. All the plants in the Index are listed by their scientific name and common name. This is an easy and fast way to locate a plant without needing to know the exact spelling of the plant name.
10. The following sections have been updated:

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- Suggested Information Sources
- Book List
- Websites of Interest

11. This is an "on line" document and as new information becomes available, the information can easily be added to keep this document current. It becomes an easily updated reference guide.

AND NOW, these are the people that made this project possible: Tom Stewart who gave support and guidance when needed and proofed the guide, George Miller for his wonderful plant photos and proofing, Peggy Wells who wrote the material on new plants, Bob Sivinski who checked the plant list for non-natives, Ted Hodoba who added plant photos and their descriptions, and Virginia Burris for recognizing the need to upgrade the 2005 book and for coordinating the project. And thanks again to the Native Plant Society of New Mexico for its unwavering support.

Thank you.

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