

Low Growing Plants or Groundcovers



Prairie (Desert) zinnia

Zinnia grandiflora



- Family: Asteraceae
- Native to southwest U.S. including New Mexico.
- Less than 1 foot tall but spreading over a 2-4 foot area.
- Spreads by seed and rhizomes.
- Yellow-orange blooms: Begins flowering in late spring and then throughout summer.
- Very low water-use.
- Full sun.
- Dies back to ground then reemerges in spring.

Purple iceplant *Delosperma cooperi*



- Family: Aizoaceae
- Introduced (South Africa).
- Height: less than 6 inches; can spread to 2 feet or more.
- Succulent groundcover.
- Purple to pinkish-purple blooms from early summer into fall.
- Low water-use, full sun.
- New plants can be started from stem cuttings.

Greek germander *Teucrium aroanium*



- Family: Lamiaceae
- Introduced – Mediterranean
- Low-growing (6-inch) spreading to 2 feet.
- Forms dense mat.
- Smells like thyme.
- Violet blooms from late May/early June through fall frost.
- Cut spent flowers frequently for densest bloom.