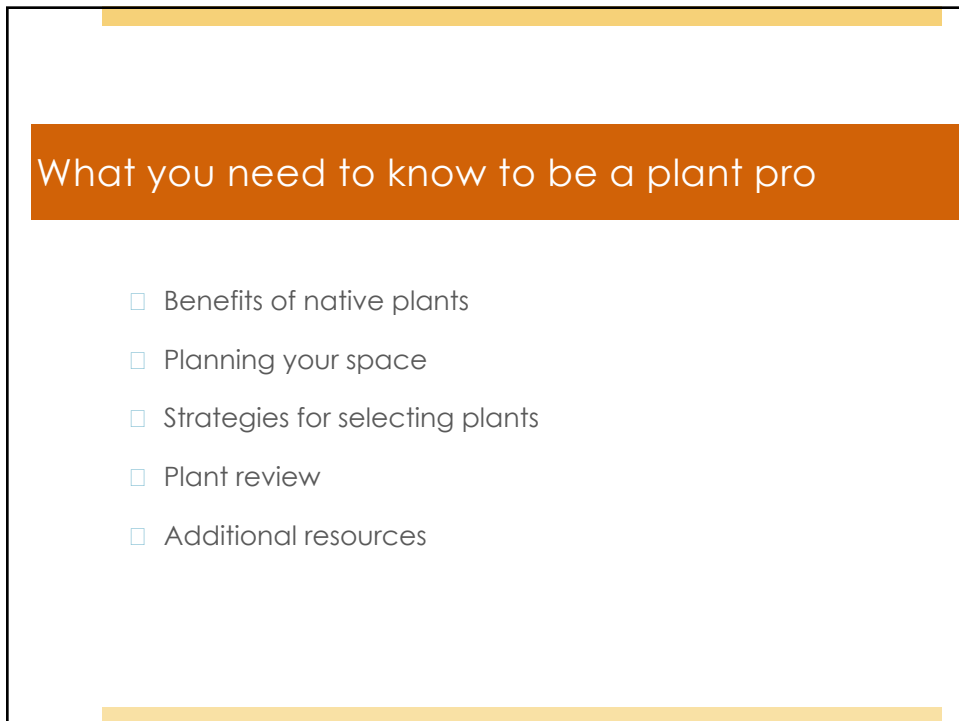


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What is native?



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Why native plants?

1. Long and thoughtful observation
2. Start at the top of your watershed
3. Always plan an overflow
- 4. Start with small and simple strategies**
5. Spread, slow and sink
6. Maximize living/organic groundcover
7. Stack functions
8. Continually evaluate

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Less Irrigation

This is your Creosote



This is your Creosote on irrigation



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Less Maintenance

- Select the right location and your native plants will need little to no maintenance
- Less irrigation also means less maintenance
- Leave debris to become mulch and have even less maintenance!



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Less Fertilizer

Native plants have evolved in native soil conditions



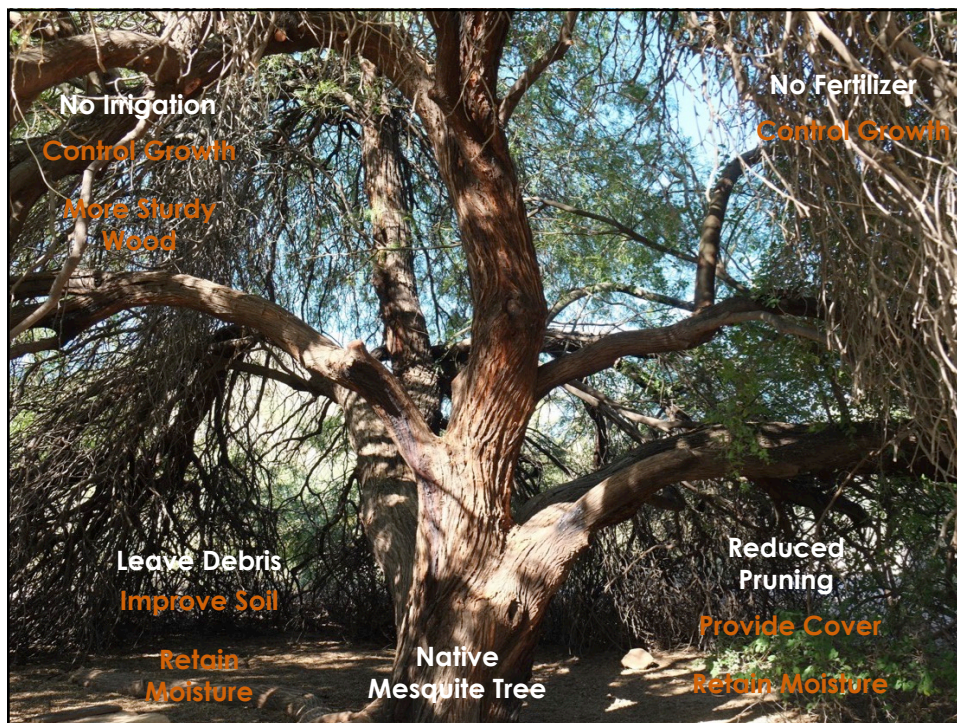
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More Habitat

- Native plants are essential to preserve biodiversity as specialist species depend on them for survival
- To create habitat provide: food, water, cover, and places to raise young
- National Wildlife Foundation
- City of Glendale, Wildlife Garden Guide



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Strategies for Selecting Your Plants

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Understand your space

- What does the yard look like, including any existing features?
- Are there utilities to avoid? (Bluestake – Arizona 811)
- Are there any grading/drainage concerns?
- Do you have any soil issues, such as caliche?
- Where are shaded areas? Exposed areas? East? West?
- Can you provide irrigation? If so what methods are available?
- Are there any views you want to maintain or screen?
- What positive aspects do you want to maintain?

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Understand your goals

What do you want your landscape to do for you?

- Shade
- Screening (visual or sound)
- Dining, living, playing, relaxing
- Wildlife habitat
- Support water harvesting features
- Beauty/Aesthetics

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Make yourself a diagram

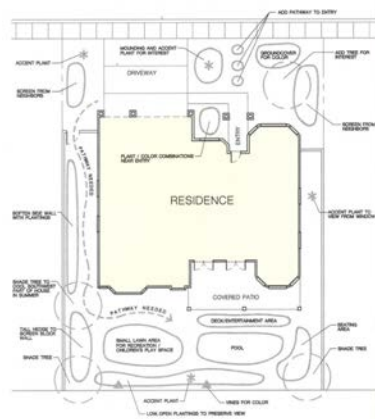


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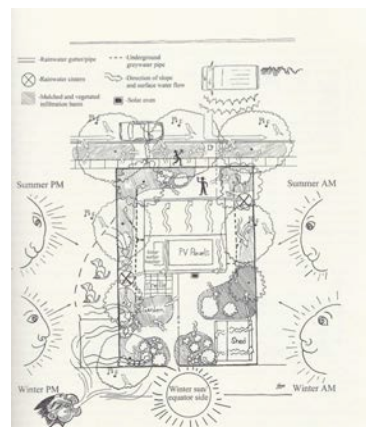
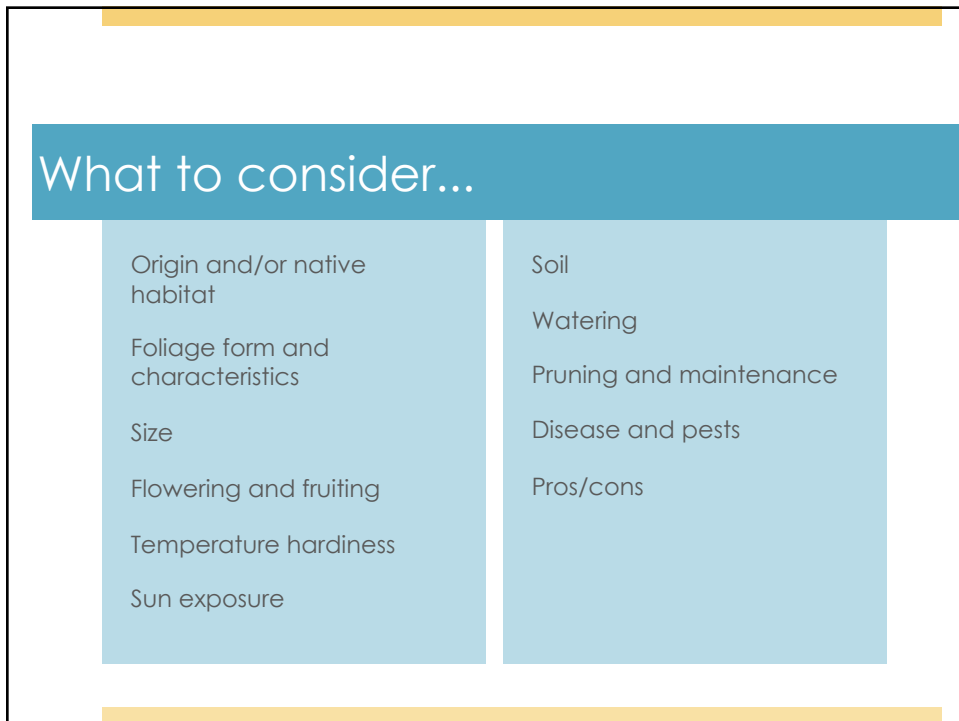


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What to consider...

Origin and/or native habitat	Soil
Foliage form and characteristics	Watering
Size	Pruning and maintenance
Flowering and fruiting	Disease and pests
Temperature hardiness	Pros/cons
Sun exposure	

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Trees

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Blue Palo Verde

Parkinsonia florida

Form: Partially deciduous; rounded

Size: 30' H & W

Flowers: Yellow flowers; April

Exposure: Full sun

Distinct trait: Slight blue tint

Pro/con: Fast growing, large canopy, good for habitat



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Blue Palo Verde (*Parkinsonia florida*)



Desert Museum Hybrid

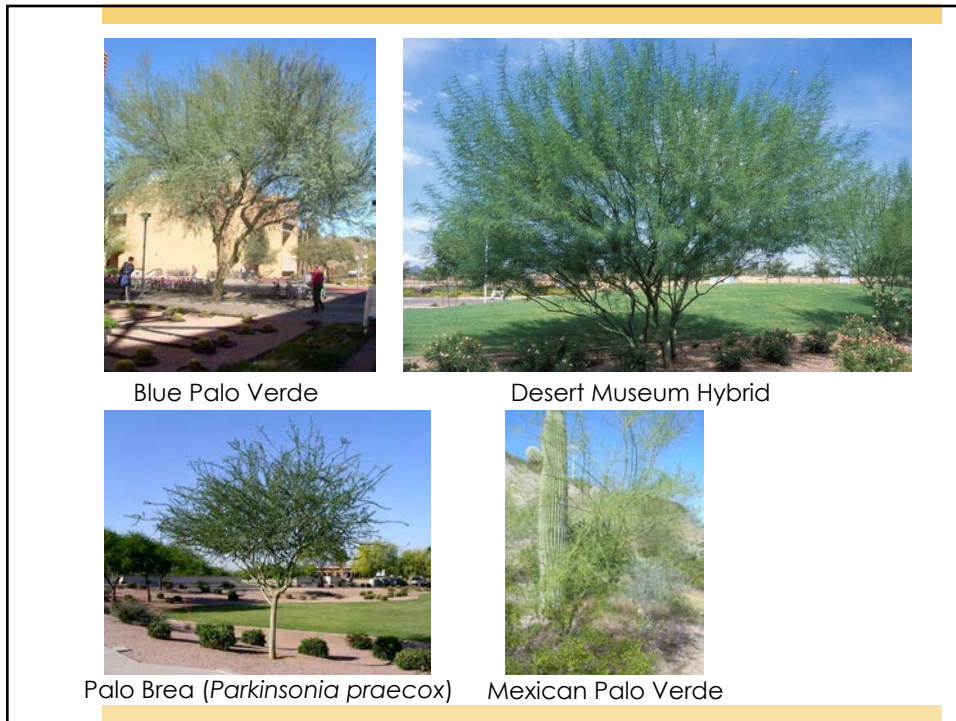


Little Leaf (*Parkinsonia microphylla*)



Mexican Palo (*Parkinsonia aculeata*)

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Arizona/Velvet Mesquite

Prosopis velutina

Form: Partially deciduous; sprawling

Size: 20'-50' H & 15'-25'W

Flowers: Inconspicuous; late May

Exposure: Full sun

Distinct trait: Thorns, rounded leaflets

Pro/con: Fast growing, large canopy, edible pods, good for habitat




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Mesquite hybrids



Prosopis x 'Phoenix'
-thornless hybrid
-Mountain States Nursery



Prosopis x 'AZT Seedless'
-seedless hybrid
-Arid Zone Trees Nursery

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Desert Willow

Chilopsis linearis

Form: Deciduous; upright

Size: 15'-35' H&W

Flowers: White-pink; late spring-fall

Exposure: Full sun

Distinct trait: Long leaves, trumpet flowers

Pro/con: Attracts pollinators, many cultivars, smaller patio tree



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Trees

Screwbean Mesquite

Prosopis pubescens

Desert Ironwood

Olneya tesota

Little Leaf Palo Verde

Parkinsonia microphylla

Feather Bush Tree

Lysiloma watsonii

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Shrubs

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Chuparosa

Justicia californica

Form: Loose, spreading

Size: 2'-6' H & W

Flowers: Salmon; cool season

Exposure: Full sun, partial shade

Distinct trait: Tubular flower, green succulent stems

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Brittlebush

Encelia farinosa

Form: Rounded

Size: 3'-5' H & W

Flowers: Yellow; late winter-spring

Exposure: Full sun

Distinct trait: Triangular, silver foliage

Pro/con: Fast growing, easy color



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Creosote

Larrea tridentata

Form: Irregular, varying density

Size: 3'-8' H & W

Flowers: Yellow; spring, with rains

Exposure: Full sun

Distinct trait: Smell, fuzzy seed pods

Pro/con: Consistent once established, drought tolerant



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Shrubs

Triangle-Leaf Bursage
Ambrosia deltoidea

Hop Bush
Dodonea viscosa

Fairy Duster
Calliandra eriophylla

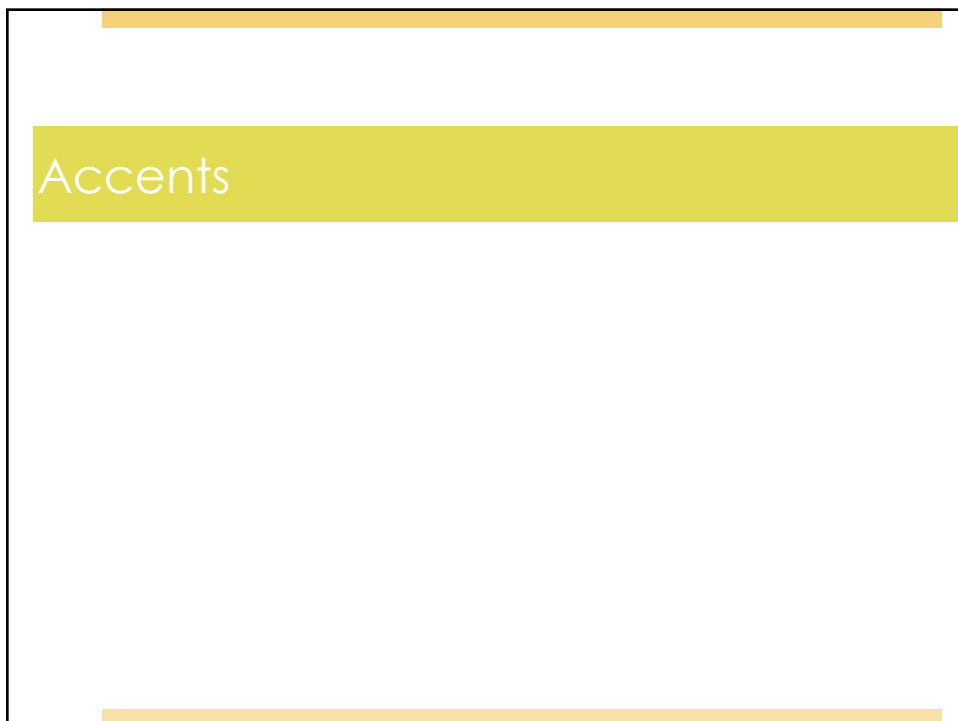
Desert Hackberry
Celtis pallida

Turpentine Bush
Ericameria laricifolia

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Desert Milkweed

Asclepias subulata

Form: Upright, rigid green stems

Size: 2'-4'

Flowers: Pale yellow, spring-fall

Exposure: Full sun

Distinct trait: Thin green stems, branching

Pro/con: Monarch host, sparse appearance, no shade



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Parry's Agave

Agave parryi.

Form: Upright, rigid pineapple leaves

Size: Approx 3' x 3'

Flowers: Large, tall spikes, only flowers once



Exposure: Full sun, will take some shade

Distinct trait: Gray color, thorny margins


Pro/con: Hardy, unique accent




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Agave attenuata



Queen Victoria Agave



Century Plant



Webber's Agave

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Engelmann's Prickly Pear

Opuntia engelmannii

Form: Large pads, spreading habit


Size: 6'HT x 15W'

Flowers: Yellow/Orange/Pink

Exposure: Full sun, some shade

Distinct trait: Teardrop pads, glochids & spines

Pro/con: Edible fruit, large & thorny



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Ocotillo

Fouquieria splendens

Form: Upright, tall, rigid branches

Size: Up to 15'

Flowers: Red flower spikes, Feb-Mar

Exposure: Full sun

Distinct trait: Thorny, upright branches

Pro/con: Unique accent, pollinators



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Accents

Saguaro

Carnegiea gigantea

Englemann's Hedgehog Cactus

Echinocereus englemannii

Organ Pipe Cactus

Stenocereus thurberi

Ocotillo

Fouquieria splendens

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Grasses

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Deer grass

Muhlenbergia rigens

Form: Large, airy bunch grass

Size: 3'-5'

Flowers: Flower spikes

Exposure: Full sun, some part shade

Distinct trait: Leaves approx. 1/8"

Pro/con: Versatile, large grass



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Deer grass

Muhly grass
(*Muhlenbergia capillaris*)

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The image contains two photographs of grasses. The left photograph shows a clump of Deer grass with long, thin, golden-brown blades radiating from a central point. The right photograph shows a clump of Muhly grass with long, thin blades and a dense, rounded, pinkish-purple seed head. The background of the right photo shows a paved area and a building.

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Blue grama

Bouteloua gracilis

Form: Short bunchgrass

Size: 2'

Flowers: Green-purple; spring-summer

Exposure: Full sun

Distinct trait: Comblike seedheads

Pro/con: Fast grower, small, stabilize slopes



The image features a photograph of Blue grama grass, a short bunchgrass with a dense, upright growth habit and a golden-brown color. It is growing in a rocky, arid environment. The text on the left provides detailed information about the plant's characteristics and uses.

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Annuals/Perennials

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Parry's Penstemon

Penstemon parryi

Form: Herbaceous rosettes

Size: 3'-4'

Flowers: Large, magenta spikes, Feb-Mar

Exposure: Full sun, part shade

Distinct trait: Tubular flowers

Pro/con: Pollinators, many varieties, reseeds,



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Globe mallow

Sphaeralcea ambigua

Form: Irregular, bush

Size: 2'-4'

Flowers: Orange/many colors, winter-spring

Exposure: Full sun

Distinct trait: Round, paper-like flowers

Pro/con: Color, pollinators, rangy



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Desert Marigold

Baileya multiradiata

Form: Clumping, rosette

Size: Up to 2'

Flowers: Yellow; winter-spring

Exposure: Full sun

Distinct trait: Curly, silver foliage

Pro/con: Hardy, reseeds,



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Annuals/Perennials

Chocolate Flower

Berlandiera lyrata

Paperflower

Psilosophe cooperi

Firecracker Penstemon

Penstemon eatonii

Mt. Lemon Marigold

Tagetes lemonnii

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Where Can You Learn More?

- Virtual Library of Phoenix Landscape Plants (Dr. Chris Martin, ASU)
- ADWR Low Water Use Plant List
- AMWUA (www.amwua.org/plants)
- Sunset Western Garden Book
- Native Plants for Southwestern Landscapes (Judy Mielke)
- Mountain States Nursery (www.mswn.com)

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Where Can You Find Native Plants?

- Get the most selection from local nurseries
- Arizona Nursery Association (www.azna.org)
 - Dig It Nursery (Phoenix, AZ)
 - Agave Farms (Phoenix, AZ)
 - Berridge Nursery (Phoenix, AZ)
 - Treeland Nurseries (Mesa, AZ)
- Desert Botanical Garden Plant Sales (Spring/Fall)

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