

Directions

Nix Natural Area is at 1745 Hoffman Mill Road. From Lemay turn east onto Poudre River Drive. This is between Mulberry and Riverside. Proceed on the paved road 0.8 mile to Nix Natural Area. From the Poudre River Trail, look for the white farm house between Lemay and Timberline. Take the spur trail

Hours

The buildings at the Native Plant Demonstration Gardens are offices and maintenance facilities for the City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Program and are open Monday through Friday, 8 am - 5 pm or by special arrangement. The gardens and Nix Natural Area are open year-round, 5 am - 11pm.

Contact Us

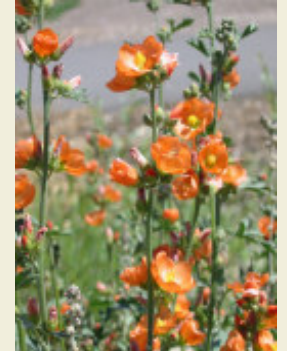
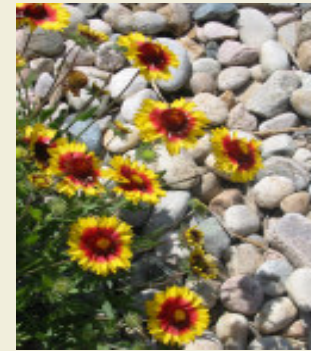
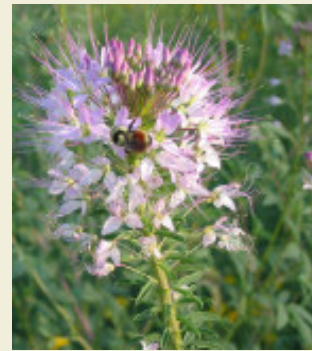
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Nix Natural Area Native Plant Demonstration Gardens

Discover the beauty of Colorado's native plants.



The gardens surrounding the City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Program's offices at Nix Natural Area are beautiful, diverse and hardy because the plants are adapted to our region. Use native plants like these in your own garden and you'll save money, water and maintenance.

Take a stroll among the gardens, each with a different theme. These plants, combined with several water elements, are interesting year-round and provide food, water, cover and shelter to lots of wildlife.



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GARDEN THEMES AND TIMELINE

The Natural Areas Program moved to Nix Natural Area in October, 2001. Landscaping and planting began the following year and is still in progress. Most trees and shrubs were planted in 2002. The art piece, “Hidden Habitats” was installed in 2002, and “Prairie Bouquet” in 2006, both by local artist, Joe McGrane.

Fruit Garden - An assemblage of berry-bearing shrubs that birds feast upon. Provides cover for birds, rabbits, snakes and foxes. Planted spring, 2002.

Butterfly Garden - A profusion of flowers provide nectar for adult butterflies and food for caterpillars. Installed and planted 2003.

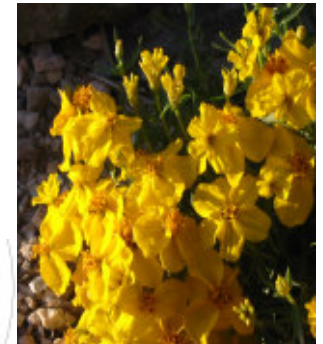
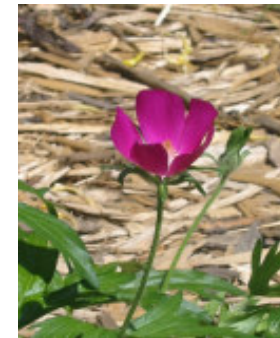
Fort Collins Garden - Features plants native to Fort Collins. Grasses seeded in 2002; wildflowers in 2004.

Rock Garden - A variety of plants at home among the rocks (*in progress*).

Water Gardens - Trees and shrubs planted in 2007. Water feature is not yet installed. The pond and stream will show the importance of water in a dry climate.

Parking Lot Gardens - They're not boring or high maintenance! Planted 2002.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Got an itch to plant and pull weeds? The Natural Areas Program needs volunteers to help in the gardens at Nix Natural Area. Interested? Please contact the Natural Areas Volunteer Coordinator at 970-416-2480.

