



# MONTANA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Montana Native Plant Source Guide  
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Gumbo Lily *Oenothera cespitosa*





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### Introduction

The Montana Native Plant Society Landscaping and Revegetation Committee presents this partial list of Montana businesses selling Montana native plants. Native Plant Sources that are members of MNPS are highlighted in this document. Thank you for your support. MNPS does not specifically endorse or certify the providers listed here. At the same time, MNPS strongly encourages the public to support businesses that sell native plants and to ask businesses that do not, to become part of the “Plant Native Now” initiative. MNPS encourages all nurseries, garden centers, and landscape companies that do business in the State of Montana to offer Montana native plant species plants and seeds. MNPS challenges the nursery industry to better educate the public on the important role that Montana native plant species play in the landscape environments which MNPS has been advocating for for over three decades.

It is important to try and find the origin of the plants and seeds being sold as many of them may be coming from areas not adapted to the Montana climate. MNPS has tried to identify sources as much as possible in this document. This guide is meant to be a living document and will be updated regularly to keep it current. **Please don't print this document as it will be updated regularly.** Addresses, corrections, and comments are welcome. Please send comments to the MNPS Landscaping and Revegetation Committee at P. O. Box 8783 or email: Patrick Plantenberg at [m2andp2@mt.net](mailto:m2andp2@mt.net) or call Patrick at 406-431-4615.

This Source Guide is organized by cities in Montana. Plant nomenclature is based on Lesica P., 2012. *Manual of Vascular Plants of Montana*. Brit Press. 771 pages. Appendix A is a Seed Certification primer.



Mountain ash *Sorbus scopulina*

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## Arlee, MT

1. Native Ideals Seed Company  
 Rebecca Shoemaker  
 406-552-9059  
[Rebecca@nativeideals.com](mailto:Rebecca@nativeideals.com)  
[www.nativeideals.com](http://www.nativeideals.com)  
 31046 Jocko Rd.  
 Arlee, MT 59821



- o Native Ideals Seed Farm provides the West with high quality native wildflower seeds that save water, conserve pollinators, and improve wildlife habitat. Native ideals offers seed packets of 24 species of Montana native wildflowers. Also, there are four seed mixes: pollinators, low maintenance, deer resistant, and “Penstemonium”. Native Ideals grows them so they know you can too. Can be purchased online or at garden stores across Montana. Seeds only. 100% native. Wholesale inquiries invited.

## Belgrade, MT

2. Wagner Nursery and Landscaping Company  
 Jessica Macdonald  
 406-388-2559  
[Jessica@wagnernursery.com](mailto:Jessica@wagnernursery.com)  
[www.wagnernursery.net](http://www.wagnernursery.net)  
[www.facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) Garden Center Wagner Nursery & Landscaping Co.  
 200 Kendall Court  
 Belgrade, MT 59714

- Full-service nursery and landscaping company. Carry many Montana native trees, shrubs, perennials, and grasses. Shrubs include the Montana native chokecherry which can be hard to find. Best known for great landscape design often using very large native rock.

3. Westscape Native Wholesale Nursery  
Sarah Urban  
[petalsmet@gmail.com](mailto:petalsmet@gmail.com)  
406-451-9225 Sarah  
Cali, Greenhouse Manager  
406-570-2026 Greenhouse  
406-388-1116 Office  
[Westscapenursery@gmail.com](mailto:Westscapenursery@gmail.com)  
[www.westscapenursery.com](http://www.westscapenursery.com)  
110 Progressive Drive  
Belgrade, MT 59714



- Wholesale grower specializing in trees, shrubs, wildflowers, grasses, and wetland species. Containerized plants with 70% Montana natives. Contract growing available. Check online plant species availability.

## Bigfork, MT

4. Swan River Gardens and Nursery  
Tamus and Lisa Gannon  
406-837-3375  
[lisa@swanrivergardens.com](mailto:lisa@swanrivergardens.com)  
[www.swanrivergardens.com](http://www.swanrivergardens.com)  
175 Swan River Road  
Bigfork, MT 59911

- Full-service garden center and nursery. Hardy trees, shrubs, perennials, ground covers, and seed. Limited Montana native species selection which can be accessed using online inventory.

## Big Sky, MT

5. Wildwood Nursery-Garden Center  
San Goveia  
406-995-4818  
[san@wildwoodbigky.com](mailto:san@wildwoodbigky.com)  
[www.wildwoodbigsky.com](http://www.wildwoodbigsky.com)  
47770 Gallatin Road, Highway 191  
Big Sky, MT 59716

- Wildwood is in Big Sky, MT. Wildwood specializes in native plants along with introduced varieties that have been proven to perform well in their high altitude and short season. They also have native plant seed mixes for 6000'-9000' at Big Sky.

## Big Timber, MT

6. Blake Nursery  
Sandi Blake or Armory Blake  
406-932-4195  
[info@blakenursery.com](mailto:info@blakenursery.com)  
[www.blakenursery.com](http://www.blakenursery.com)  
[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) Company Blake Nursery  
316 Otter Creek Road  
Big Timber, MT 59011



- Blake Nursery is a full-service retail/wholesale landscape nursery. Blake provides a huge selection of hardy quality plants including many Montana natives. Plus, they offer quality landscape design, installation, and maintenance services. A "Gardener's Paradise" with an excellent website.

## Billings, MT

7. Canyon Creek Nursery  
Ann McKean  
406-652-1010  
[annm@canyoncreeknursery.net](mailto:annm@canyoncreeknursery.net)  
[www.canyoncreeknursery.net](http://www.canyoncreeknursery.net)  
1730 South 48<sup>th</sup> Street West  
Billings, MT 59106
- Canyon Creek Nursery is a retail/wholesale nursery serving the Billings area with trees, shrubs, perennials, and grasses. Good selection of Montana native plants and seeking to expand their selection.
8. Good Earth Works Company and Nursery  
Darrin Spooner and Jeff Spooner  
473-573-5155  
[james@goodearthworks.net](mailto:james@goodearthworks.net)  
[www.goodearthwroks.net](http://www.goodearthwroks.net)  
4215 Highway 312  
Billings, MT 59105

- James Prchal is Nursery Manager and Lisa Norby is Nursery Assistant. Full-service retail nursery offering a great selection of trees, shrubs, perennials, and grasses for the Billings area- including a good selection of Montana native plants.

9. Roots Garden Center  
Shaun Hopkins  
406-656-4288  
[Info@billingslandscape.com](mailto:Info@billingslandscape.com)  
[www.billingslandscape.com](http://www.billingslandscape.com)  
2147 Poly Drive  
Billings, MT 59102

- Roots Garden Center is a nursery and garden center with a coffeehouse and an art gallery of local art. Roots grows a variety of quality trees, shrubs, and perennials suited to the Billings area. Their catalog includes regionally native species along with a number of plants native to North America. The nursery catalog is available online. Contact Roots for specific availability questions.

10. SMK Plants

- Mike and Sandy King sold the tissue culture business, so it is no longer growing native plants.

11. Sylvan Nursery and Landscaping  
Andy Kautz  
406-656-5169  
[andy@sylvannursery-mt.com](mailto:andy@sylvannursery-mt.com)  
[www.sylvannursery-mt.com](http://www.sylvannursery-mt.com)  
7300 Danford Road  
Billings, MT 59106

- Full-service nursery and landscaping business. A full selection of annuals, perennials, and shrubs with a limited selection of Montana natives. However, they are looking to expand their Montana native selection in the future.

12. The Garden Avenue Greenhouse and Garden Center  
Shelli Gayvert  
406-259-6266  
[gardenavegreenhouse@gmail.com](mailto:gardenavegreenhouse@gmail.com)  
[www.gardenavenuegreenhouse.com](http://www.gardenavenuegreenhouse.com)  
219 Garden Avenue  
Billings, MT 59101



- The Garden Avenue Greenhouse and Garden Center is family owned and the oldest greenhouse and nursery in Yellowstone County. This wholesale/retail nursery is full-service with perennials, trees, and shrubs suited to Montana's tough climate.

## Bozeman, MT

13. Cashman Nursery and Landscaping  
Denise Montgomery  
406-587-3406  
[info@cashmannursery.com](mailto:info@cashmannursery.com)  
[www.cashmannursery.com](http://www.cashmannursery.com)  
2055 Springhill Road  
Bozeman, MT 59718

- Cashman's full-service garden center stocks a huge selection of Northern grown trees, shrubs, over 300 varieties of perennial flowers, bedding plants, seeds, and garden related items. Cashman has a great selection of Montana native trees, shrubs, perennials, and grasses.

14. Kenyon Noble Garden Center  
Lois Bolton or Troy Heusel  
406-586-2384  
[troyh@kenyonnoble.com](mailto:troyh@kenyonnoble.com)  
[www.kenyonnoble.com](http://www.kenyonnoble.com)  
1243 N. Oak Street  
Bozeman, MT 59715

- During the growing season, the Kenyon Noble Garden Center has an excellent selection of Montana native perennials, grasses, and shrubs. They also offer tree species that are native to Montana. Weekly availability updates are on their garden center link in summer months.

## Butte, MT

15. Wagner Nursery and Landscape  
Ruby Anderson  
406-782-5855  
[ruby@wagnernursery.net](mailto:ruby@wagnernursery.net)  
[www.wagnernursery.net](http://www.wagnernursery.net)  
23 Holiday Drive  
Butte, MT 59701

- Full-service nursery with extensive selection of trees, shrubs, perennials, and grasses. Montana native plant selection has been limited but due to customer demand, the nursery is going to significantly expand its Montana native plant selection for 2022.

## Columbia Falls, MT

16. Columbia Nursery and Landscape  
David Conner  
406-892-0339  
[Dave179@centurytel.net](mailto:Dave179@centurytel.net)  
[www.columbiafallsnursery.com](http://www.columbiafallsnursery.com)  
[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) Garden Center Columbia Nursery and Landscape  
2544 9<sup>th</sup> Street W  
Columbia Falls, MT 59912
- Local retail nursery with trees, evergreens, fruit trees, shrubs, perennials, flowers, veggies, and a gift shop. Limited selection of Montana native plants.

## Corvallis, MT

17. Canyon View Nursery  
Roger Joy  
406-961-4648  
[canyonviewnursery@hotmail.com](mailto:canyonviewnursery@hotmail.com)  
[www.canyonviewnursery.com](http://www.canyonviewnursery.com)  
335 Quast Lane  
Corvallis, MT 59828
- Canyon View Nursery specializes in growing unique and rare heritage varieties of apples, pear, cherry, and plum trees. It is wholesale only with other tree species and a small selection of Montana native trees, shrubs, and sweetgrass.

## Dillon, MT

18. Roxi's Greenhouse and Nursery  
Roxi LaFeevers  
406-683-4248  
Text message 406-660-0269  
[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) Garden Center Roxi's Greenhouse and Nursery  
3 Baldy View Drive  
Dillon, MT59725
- Full-service garden center and nursery that offers organic soils, fertilizer, and pest control. The large assortment of trees, shrubs, perennials, and grasses are especially picked for the high desert steppe of southwest Montana. Limited selection of Montana natives however will be expanding in this area.
19. Allen's Landscape and Nursery  
Bill Allen  
406-683-4243

[allenlandscapemt@gmail.com](mailto:allenlandscapemt@gmail.com)

[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) Business Source Allen's Landscape and Nursery

16 Pierce Drive

Dillon, MT 59725

- Retail nursery specializing in high altitude and "natural landscapes". Native trees, shrubs, perennials, and grasses are available, plus a variety of non-natives.

## Fairfield, MT

20. Treasure State Seed Inc.

Chad Becker

406-467-2557

[treasure@3rivers.net](mailto:treasure@3rivers.net)

[www.treasurestateseed.com](http://www.treasurestateseed.com)

2380 US Highway 89

Fairfield, MT 59436

- Retail/wholesale seed business. Specializes in evaluation, production, processing, and marketing of quality grass, legume, turf, reclamation, and specialty and cereal grain seed. A "Montana Wildflower Mix" is available, but it includes some non-natives. They can mix whatever mix you desire, and they can get most Montana native grass seed species.

## Glendive, MT

21. Ranch and Farm Ace Hardware

Judy Carlson

406-365-4711

[ranchfgarden@gmail.com](mailto:ranchfgarden@gmail.com)

[www.ranchandfarmsupply.com](http://www.ranchandfarmsupply.com)

[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) Ranch and Farm@ranchandfarmglendive

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) Ranch and Farm Ace Hardware

207 Harmon Street

Glendive, MT 59330

- Full-service nursery and garden center. Offers limited selection of Montana native trees, shrubs, perennials, and grasses.

## Great Falls, MT

22. Tilleraas Landscape and Nursery

Sarah Kleinschmidt

405-453-8448

[sarah@tilleraas-nursery.com](mailto:sarah@tilleraas-nursery.com)

[www.tilleraas-nursery.com](http://www.tilleraas-nursery.com)

[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) Garden Center Tilleraas Landscape and Nursery

100 32<sup>nd</sup> Street SW  
Great Falls, MT 59404-4000

- Full-service garden center and nursery. Limited selection of Montana native trees, and shrubs, However, great selection of Montana perennials, grasses, and wetland plants. Offer many educational programs including “Firewise Planting”, “Wetlands”, and “Erosion Control”. Also, participate in the Heritage Apple Program.

23. Forde Nursery  
Sarah Kenyon, Sara Park  
406-727-0950  
[mail@forde-nursery.com](mailto:mail@forde-nursery.com)  
[www.forde-nursery.com](http://www.forde-nursery.com)  
2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW  
Great Falls, MT 59404

- Forde Nursery is a full-service garden center and landscaping operation. Forde carries an extensive inventory of trees, shrubs, vines, ground covers, annuals, perennials, ferns, and ornamental grasses. A complete list of their inventory is found online in their “plant finder”. There is a limited selection of Montana native plants.

24. North 40 Outfitters  
April Jansen  
406-761-7441  
[April.jansen@north40.com](mailto:April.jansen@north40.com)  
[www.north40.com](http://www.north40.com)  
4400 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South  
Great Falls, MT 59405

- North 40 Outfitters - East has a great selection of plants from local and regional nurseries during the growing season. They have an excellent selection of native perennials, shrubs, and some trees.

25. North 40 Outfitters  
Lonnie Lenox  
406-453-0200  
[Lonnie.lenox@north40.com](mailto:Lonnie.lenox@north40.com)  
[www.north40.com](http://www.north40.com)  
1003 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW  
Great Falls, MT 59404

- North 40 Outfitters - West has a large selection of native perennials, shrubs, and trees. Each North 40 location orders plants independently so the selection varies from store to store. This location buys from Montana native plant growers and you can call for availability.

26. Flower Farm  
Debbie Petrini  
406-454-0247  
(never returned our calls)  
[www.flowerfarmmontana.com](http://www.flowerfarmmontana.com)  
1500 Fifth Avenue Southwest  
Great Falls, MT 59404
- Flower Farm is a full-service garden center with a great selection of annuals, perennials, and vegetables. It has a limited selection of Montana native perennials.

## Hamilton, MT

27. Bitterroot Nursery  
Kenny Calhoun  
406-961-3806  
[bitterrootnursery@gmail.com](mailto:bitterrootnursery@gmail.com)  
[www.bitterrootnursery.com](http://www.bitterrootnursery.com)  
617 Eastside Highway  
Hamilton, MT 59840
- Full-service nursery and garden center. A limited selection of Montana native trees, shrubs, perennials, and grasses. Planning on expanding Montana native plant selections in 2022 season.
28. Great Bear Native Plants  
Aimee Kelley  
406-381-9829  
[aimee@greatbearnativeplants.com](mailto:aimee@greatbearnativeplants.com)  
[www.greatbearnativeplants.com](http://www.greatbearnativeplants.com)  
165 A Blue Moon Drive  
Hamilton, MT 59840



- Great Bear Native Plants is a wholesale nursery specializing in containerized plants native to the Rocky Intermountain West. They do offer direct to public sales, ordered online, and shipped. They also offer two days of retail sales at the nursery on Mother's Day and a day in the Fall to be announced.
- Great Bear grows over 300 different shrub, tree, forb, grass, and wetland species. They offer source identified seedlings that are mycorrhizae-injected. These are species suitable for a variety of restoration, revegetation, and reclamation projects. Great Bear specializes in in unique and hard to find wildflowers, grasses, and shrubs. These include firewise species and

drought tolerant/waterwise species. Wholesale and Direct to public availability lists are online. Their “Resources” pages are great for finding sources of pollination and plant information as well as firewise and waterwise data.

## Havre, MT

29. North 40 Greenhouse  
Justin Simenson  
406-265-9566  
[j.simenson@north40.com](mailto:j.simenson@north40.com)  
[www.north40.com](http://www.north40.com)  
3180 Highway 2 West  
Havre, MT 59501
  - North 40 Greenhouse is a seasonal full-service nursery and greenhouse. They have a large selection of annuals, perennials, grasses, shrubs, and trees. Their Montana native plant selection is limited, but they do offer some native plants.
  
30. Bob’s Greenhouse and Garden Center  
Kathy Doney  
406-265-2406  
[kdoney@bresnan.net](mailto:kdoney@bresnan.net)  
[www.bobsgreenhouse.net](http://www.bobsgreenhouse.net)  
620 Bullhook Drive SE  
Havre, MT 59501
  - Full-service garden center and nursery. Bob’s Greenhouse is devoted to growing and selling annuals, perennials, herbs, shrubs, and ground covers. They have a limited selection of Montana native plants.
  
31. Dave’s Greenhouse/ Downtown Gardens  
Dave Milam  
406-262-9732  
406-265-4204  
(never returned calls)  
[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) Garden Center Downtown Gardens406  
200 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Havre, MT 59501
  - Downtown Gardens greenhouse offers a wide variety of plants including flowers, succulents, vegetables, and herbs.
  
32. Wild Horse Seeds  
Nick Lowen, Sales  
406-265-5443

1-800-228-1928  
[www.wildhorseseeds.com](http://www.wildhorseseeds.com)  
25 16<sup>th</sup> Street North  
Havre, MT 59501

- Wild Horse Seeds provides a quality product to their customers. All seed is tested by a Certified Seed Lab. Their extensive online Seed Reference Guide lists annual and perennial wildflowers, grasses, trees, and shrubs as native to the United States. Check to ensure they are native to Montana.

## Helena, MT

33. Chadwick Nursery  
Karen Chadwick  
406-442-3931  
[chadwicknurseryhelena@gmail.com](mailto:chadwicknurseryhelena@gmail.com)  
[www.chdwicknursery.com](http://www.chdwicknursery.com)  
3010 Custer  
Helena, MT 59692

- Chadwick Nursery offers high quality cold hardy trees, shrubs, vines, perennials, and grasses that thrive in the Helena area. Limited selection of Montana native plants, however they do offer Montana native plant seeds.

34. Montana Nursery and Landscape  
Zach Hammum  
406-458-6510  
[Montananurserylandscape@gmail.com](mailto:Montananurserylandscape@gmail.com)  
[www.montanannurserylandscape.com](http://www.montanannurserylandscape.com)  
6000 N. Montana Ave.  
Helena, MT 59602

- Montana Nursery and Landscape is a retail outlet for Montana trees on trout creek. They offer a one stop shop for landscape projects with an experienced irrigation and landscape team. Inventory is available on their website with pricing. Limited Montana natives include cottonwood, aspen, Ponderosa pine, and Wood's Rose.

35. Gardenwerks  
Mae Clark  
406-442-5008  
[info@gardenwerks.com](mailto:info@gardenwerks.com)  
[www.gardenwerks.com](http://www.gardenwerks.com)  
3225 Cooney Drive  
Helena, MT 59602

- Gardenwerks is a full-service garden center stocked with plants known to grow in their region and carefully selected from growers in Montana, Idaho, and Canada. Their website Garden Center “Resource Section” is awesome with a discussion of “Native Plants” including a complete list of resources-general tips, plants, and wildlife. There is a list of Montana native plants for landscapes according to bloom times and recommendations for firewise planting with natives. Ninety-three species of Montana native plants are featured in a “Montana Wild Wildlife Habitat and Garden Plant Selection List”. The native plant section concludes with recommended species for native plant landscaping in the Helena area provided by the Montana Native Plant Society Kelsey Chapter.

## Jefferson City, MT

36. Tizer Botanic Garden and Arboretum  
Belva Lotzer (Richard Krott passed away 10/30/2021)  
406-933-8789  
[info@tizergardens.com](mailto:info@tizergardens.com)  
[www.tizergardens.com](http://www.tizergardens.com)  
38 Tizer Lake Road  
Jefferson City, MT 59638
  - Full-service retail/wholesale nursery with a large inventory of drought tolerant, high altitude, cold hardy plants selected specifically for this region. Deer-D-Fence dealer. Montana native trees, shrubs, and perennials are available. *Vitis valiant*, valient blue grape, is a Zone 3 hybrid slipskin grape from crossing the Montana native *Vitis riparia* with a Concord grape.
  - Another Tizer special is *Sambucus cerulea*, blue elderberry, a hardy Zone 2 Montana native shrub. This one is root propagated from a specimen collected on Rogers Pass at a location which holds the lowest temperature reading in the lower 48 states of -70 degrees Fahrenheit below zero.

## Kalispell, MT

37. Hooper’s Garden Center  
Michael Connely  
406-752-2770  
[Hgccoach1@gmail.com](mailto:Hgccoach1@gmail.com)  
[www.hoopersgardencenter.com](http://www.hoopersgardencenter.com)  
2205 Montana Highway 35  
Kalispell, MT 59903
  - Full-service retail nursery. Good selection of trees, shrubs, perennials, and grasses including many Montana natives. Check online inventory lists.
38. Four Seasons Nursery  
Brian Gardner  
406-752-2055



[brian@fourseasonsnurserymt.com](mailto:brian@fourseasonsnurserymt.com)  
[www.fourseasonsnurserymt.com](http://www.fourseasonsnurserymt.com)  
3240 Montana Highway 35  
Kalispell, MT 59901

- Four Seasons is a wholesale/retail nursery that grows cold hardy trees and shrubs that are exposed to wide, seasonal temperature variations within Zones 2-4. They offer a great selection of Montana native trees and shrubs along with other popular nursery stock. Their native tree stock has more native species than any other grower in Montana. Both container and ball and burlap (B&B) stock are available.

39. Glacier Nursery  
Brad Brown  
406-755-2248  
[gnursery@glaciernursery.com](mailto:gnursery@glaciernursery.com)  
[www.glaciernursery.com](http://www.glaciernursery.com)  
4343 Montana Highway 35  
Kalispell, MT 59901

- Glacier Nursery is a wholesale plant business supplying wholesale nurseries, retail nurseries, landscape contractors, golf courses, and municipalities with hardy, premium grade Northern Rocky Mountain nursery stock. Montana native species are listed in a section on their website. The selection is limited and availability seasonal.

40. Wild Geese Gardens  
Kevin Moran  
406-755-3744  
[wildgeesegardens@gmail.com](mailto:wildgeesegardens@gmail.com)  
[www.wildgeesegardens.net](http://www.wildgeesegardens.net)  
1403 4<sup>th</sup> Street West  
Kalispell, MT 59901

- Full-service garden center specializing in all types of fuchsias and gardenias. Limited selection of Montana native trees, shrubs, and perennials.

41. CHS Kalispell  
406-755-7400  
<https://chskalispell.com/>  
700 Rail Park Drive  
Kalispell, MT 59901

- The following information was found on the Flathead Conservation District website at: <https://flatheadcd.org/programs/landowner-assistance/native-seeds/>

- The Flathead Conservation District collaborated with the NRCS and CHS Kalispell to develop three native grass seed mixes specifically for use in the Flathead Valley. The following mixes are available at CHS Kalispell:
  - Valley Mix  
30% Bluebunch Wheatgrass, 30% Green Needlegrass, 25% Slender Wheatgrass, and 15% Western Wheatgrass
  - Forest Mix  
40 % Mountain Brome, 35% Bluebunch Wheatgrass, 15% Western Wheatgrass, and 10% Rough Fescue
  - Reclamation Mix (suitable for streambank seeding projects)  
40% Streambank Wheatgrass, 35% Thickspike Wheatgrass, and 25% Slender Wheatgrass

All the seed mixes should readily establish in Flathead County on sites with silty and loamy soils. The Flathead Conservation District recommends that landowners research the soil types in the area they wish to seed.

Custom seed mixes can also be developed; please contact NRCS (406-752-4242) for recommendations.

For best results, we recommend preparing the site, setting seed well, and mulching.

## Laurel, MT

42. Nana’s Bloomers  
B. J. Martin  
406-633-0526  
[bj@nansbloomers.com](mailto:bj@nansbloomers.com)  
[www.nansbloomers.com](http://www.nansbloomers.com)  
1526 East Railroad Street  
Laurel, MT 59044

- Nana’s Bloomers is Yellowstone County’s largest nursery with 13 greenhouses. Their plants are chosen for the local “micro-zones” and growing requirements making them “Montana-centric”. Nana’s Bloomers has a great selection of annuals, perennials, vegetables, shrubs, trees, grapes, berries, and grasses. Their inventory does include a limited number of Montana native plants. An online catalog has descriptions of most available stock. Open April1-June 30.

## Lewistown, MT

43. Kring’s Greenhouse and Nursery  
Scott Kirsch  
406-538-2454  
[ask@kgreenhouse.com](mailto:ask@kgreenhouse.com)  
[www.kgreenhouse.com](http://www.kgreenhouse.com)  
45 Cottontail Lane  
Lewistown, MT 59457

- One stop shop for all your gardening and landscaping needs. Kring's Greenhouse and Nursery is a grower/retailer. Limited selection of Montana native trees, shrubs, and perennials.

## Livingston, MT

44. Rosedale Gardens  
J.R.  
406-333-3033  
[Rosedalegradensmt@gmail.com](mailto:Rosedalegradensmt@gmail.com)  
[www.rosedalegardensmt.com](http://www.rosedalegardensmt.com)  
[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) Nurseries and Gardening Store Rosedale Gardens@rosedalegardenmt  
501 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Livingston, MT 59047
- Local nursery selling annuals, perennials, shrubs, and trees. Lots of variety with some Montana natives such as aspen, serviceberry, chokecherry, potentilla, and penstemons.
45. Woods Rose Market and Nursery  
Kristine Fitzgerald  
406-225-8705  
[woodsrosemarket@gmail.com](mailto:woodsrosemarket@gmail.com)  
[www.woodsrosemarket.com](http://www.woodsrosemarket.com)  
[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) Garden Center Woods Rose Market@woodsrosemarket
- Woods Rose Market and Nursery offers perennials, shrubs, trees, and grasses with a good selection of Montana natives. Plus, they carry Nature Natives and Native Ideals wildflower seeds.

## Manhattan, MT

46. Visser Greenhouses  
Jay Visser  
406-282-7035  
[office@vissergreenhouse.com](mailto:office@vissergreenhouse.com)  
[www.vissergreenhouse.com](http://www.vissergreenhouse.com)  
[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) Visser Greenhouses Inc.  
12557 Little Holland Road  
Manhattan, MT 59741
- Visser Greenhouses is primarily a wholesale grower of annuals, perennials, and grasses. They have a few Montana natives and many derived from Montana natives. They offer wholesale delivery services across most of Montana. A green house is dedicated to retail sales for the month of May. Their website has a complete list of plant availability. The Facebook site is a great place to learn how a large-scale grower functions through the year.

## Miles City, MT

47. Steadman's Ace Hardware Greenhouse  
Mary Wambolt  
406-234-4168  
[steadman@midrivers.com](mailto:steadman@midrivers.com)  
[www.milescityacehardware.com](http://www.milescityacehardware.com)  
611 S. Hayes Avenue  
Miles City, MT 59301

- Steadman's Ace Hardware Greenhouse is a full-service nursery during the growing season. They carry a large assortment of perennials, shrubs, trees, grasses, and hanging baskets. They have a limited selection of Montana native plants however this specialty is growing.

## Missoula, MT

48. Vander Meer's Wildland Conservation Services  
Mark Vander Meer, owner  
406-541-2565  
[info@vanwild.com](mailto:info@vanwild.com)  
[www.vanwild.com](http://www.vanwild.com)  
Physical Address: 1301 Scott St. - Missoula, MT 59802  
Mailing Address: 902 Stoddard St. - Missoula, MT 59802

- Specializes in reforestation. Performs ecological evaluations and on the ground restoration work to improve your forest. Native trees and shrubs are grown in their nursery for revegetation work. Also, specializes in severe disturbance restoration including slope stabilization.

49. Van Wild Nursery  
Mark Vander Meer, owner  
Mari Houck, Manager  
406-561-5742  
[vanwildnursery@gmail.com](mailto:vanwildnursery@gmail.com)  
[www.vanwild.com](http://www.vanwild.com)  
2304 Rattlesnake Drive  
Missoula, MT 59802

- Wholesale by appointment only. Containerized native plants and shrubs plus 10 cubic inch plugs. Thirty species with focus on riparian plants. 100% native, locally sourced. E-mail for current inventory. They grow native trees and shrubs for their revegetation work. They can also provide plant stock for others. They specialize in plants native to the Northern Rockies. Most of their stock is sold in one- and two-gallon pots. Services: Riparian trees & shrubs. Custom seed/cutting collection & propagation.

50. PIPILO Native Plants  
Elliot Conrad  
406-540-2230  
[info@pipilonatives.com](mailto:info@pipilonatives.com)  
[www.pipilonatives.com](http://www.pipilonatives.com)
- No storefront-just web sales or call to order. Will deliver locally within Missoula and fifty-mile radius. No minimum order. Always open for information or questions. Pipilo Native Plants is 100% natives, specializing in plants native to Missoula and the Five Valleys area. All plants are grown from seed and cuttings responsibly collected from the local area. Containerized shrubs, perennials, grasses, and wetland species.
51. The Garden Place/ ACE Hardware  
Joe Walker  
406-532-3478  
[jwalker@montanaace.com](mailto:jwalker@montanaace.com)  
[www.acehardware.com](http://www.acehardware.com)  
1101 Burlington Ave.  
Missoula, MT 59801
- Located in the heart of mid-town Missoula all the trees, shrubs, and plants are healthy and hand selected for growth in the local climate. Full-service nursery with a great selection of Montana native plants.
52. Native Yards  
Mount Jumbo Nursery  
Giles Thelen  
406-543-2532  
[giles@nativeyards.com](mailto:giles@nativeyards.com)  
[www.nativeyards.com](http://www.nativeyards.com)  
Native Yards is located at 1023 Elm Street  
Missoula, MT 59802  
Nursery location to be announced in 2022
- Native Yards specializes in landscape design with full-service native plant restoration. Mount Jumbo Nursery will be a retail nursery specializing in native plants opening in the 2022 season.
53. Caras Nursery and Landscape  
Helen Steiger  
406-543-3333- general  
406-390-0374-nursery  
[plants@carasnursery.com](mailto:plants@carasnursery.com)  
[www.carasnursery.com](http://www.carasnursery.com)

[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) Landscape Company Caras Nursery and Landscape  
2727 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street W  
Missoula, MT 59804

- Full-service nursery/garden center selling a variety of plants, shrubs, and trees plus supplies and landscaping services. Great area devoted to Montana native plants!

54. Montana Conservation Seedling Nursery

Cary Cyr  
406-542-4244  
[mtnursery@mt.gov](mailto:mtnursery@mt.gov)  
[www.dnrc.mt.gov/nursery](http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/nursery)  
2705 Spurgin Road  
Missoula, MT 59804

- The Montana Conservation Seedling Nursery provides bareroot and containerized stock that is derived from locally adapted and source identified seedlings. These seedlings are for private landowners, county conservation districts, government agencies, conservation organizations, and the forestry industry throughout Montana. Seedlings are not available for private landscaping. They are for conservation projects. There is a minimum order of 150 seedlings. Opening date for ordering is mid-September with delivery in the spring.

55. Marchie's Nursery

Tracie Pierce  
406-5422-2544  
[info@marchiesnursery.com](mailto:info@marchiesnursery.com)  
[tpierce@marchiesnursery.com](mailto:tpierce@marchiesnursery.com)  
[www.marchiesnursery.com](http://www.marchiesnursery.com)  
1820 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street West  
Missoula, MT 59801

- Marchie's Nursery is a full-service nursery and garden center. They carry Montana native plants in many containerized sizes with some large balled and burlap trees. There is a wide selection of seeds, perennials, shrubs, and trees. These Montana natives include six species of grasses, 22 perennial forb species, 37 shrub species, 5 evergreen tree species, and four deciduous tree species. Marchie's offers a Native Grass Mix and a Northwest Wildflower Mix provided by Westland Seed out of Ronan, MT. Marchie's has been family owned and operated since 1955!

56. Evans Tree Farm

Rob Evans  
406-721-8733  
Call for appointment  
4895 Mullan Road

Missoula, MT 59808

- Evans Tree Farm is a wholesale/retail tree farm that specializes in restoration and contract growing. Many species of native trees and shrubs are available. Some are containerized and for some species cuttings are available.

57. Pink Grizzly Greenhouse  
Shane Clouse  
406-728-3370  
[shane@montanawreaths.com](mailto:shane@montanawreaths.com)  
[www.pinkgrizzlygreenhouse.com](http://www.pinkgrizzlygreenhouse.com)  
[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) Garden Center- Pink Grizzly Greenhouse  
1400 Wyoming Street  
Missoula, MT 59801

- Pink Grizzly Greenhouse is a family business in Missoula since 1956. They sell annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, vegetable starts, herbs, seeds, trees, and shrubs. They offer “flowerscaping” where they will plant your flowers at your home. Pink Grizzly has a great selection of native plants. At Christmas time they offer Christmas trees, wild and plantation grown, and a beautiful selection of handcrafted Montana native tree wreaths as a sustainable selection. Every wreath is made from wild and sustainably harvested trees grown in a natural environment. There is a great YouTube video on how they build their wreaths.

58. Annual Native Plant Sale  
Montana Native Plant Society, Clark Fork Chapter  
June 4, 2022  
Clark Fork River Market,  
225 South Pattee Street  
Riverside Parking Lot,  
Missoula, MT 59802

- This very popular sale offers a wide variety of native species and expert advice to enhance efforts to landscape with natives. These native plants are grown from seed and vegetative plant materials collected throughout Montana. Sources are botanists, native plant nurseries and seed farms, professional growers, home gardeners, and the Montana Native Botanic Garden. Most of these plants are grown locally by members of the Clark Fork Chapter, but some plants have been donated by professional native plant growers.

- Typically, there are 50 species of native plants available every year. Some examples are:

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| <i>Agastache foeniculum</i>   | lavender hyssop     |
| <i>Campanula rotundifolia</i> | roundleaf harebell  |
| <i>Erigeron speciosus</i>     | fleabane            |
| <i>Echinacea angustifolia</i> | purple coneflower   |
| <i>Fragaria vesca</i>         | woodland strawberry |

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Gaillardia aristata</i>    | blanketflower           |
| <i>Geranium viscosissimum</i> | sticky geranium         |
| <i>Geum triflorum</i>         | prairie smoke           |
| <i>Heuchera cylindrica</i>    | alumroot                |
| <i>Heterotheca villosa</i>    | hairy goldenaster       |
| <i>Ipomopsis aggregata</i>    | scarlet gilia           |
| <i>Smilacina stellata</i>     | Solomon's seal          |
| <i>Monarda fistulosa</i>      | horsemint               |
| <i>Penstemon procerus</i>     | smallflowered penstemon |
| <i>Penstemon wilcoxii</i>     | Wilcox's penstemon      |
| <i>Viola canadensis</i>       | Canada violet           |

## Polson, MT

59. Delaney's Landscape Center  
 John Campbell  
 406-883-2612  
[info@delaneysinc.com](mailto:info@delaneysinc.com)  
[www.delaneyslandscapecenter.com](http://www.delaneyslandscapecenter.com)  
 40514 MT Highway 35  
 Polson, MT 59860

- Delaney's is the center for all your gardening needs. They provide the highest quality trees, shrubs, and perennials available. This great assortment also includes some Montana native species. Delaney's emphasizes organic, local and American made, including a complete line of brewing supplies.

## Potomac, MT

60. Blackfoot Native Plants  
 Kathy Settevendemie  
 406-880-8809  
[kathy@blackfootnativeplants.com](mailto:kathy@blackfootnativeplants.com)  
[www.blackfootnativeplants.com](http://www.blackfootnativeplants.com)  
 Potomac, MT 59823



- Blackfoot Native Plants is a consultation service specializing in landscaping with native plants of western Montana. Excellent website for information about Montana native plants.

## Red Lodge, MT

61. Baldwin's Nursery  
 Deniece Baldwin  
 406-446-9866



406-425-9865  
[baldwinslandscaping@gmail.com](mailto:baldwinslandscaping@gmail.com)  
[www.baldwinslandscaping.com](http://www.baldwinslandscaping.com)  
290 US Highway 278  
Red Lodge, MT 59068

- Full-service landscaping and nursery center with a wide selection of perennial grasses, shrubs, and trees. Baldwin's Montana native plant selection is limited but they are willing to order whatever you need.

## Ronan, MT

62. CS & KT Forestry Tribal Nursery  
Matt Ogden  
406-381-4647  
[Matthew.ogden@cskt.org](mailto:Matthew.ogden@cskt.org)  
[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) CSKT Forestry Greenhouse  
104 Main Street SE  
Ronan, MT 59864

- The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe of the Flathead Reservation nursery is 100% native plants. It is classified as a "Grower-Government Organization" growing native trees, shrubs, plants, and wetland species for restoration or landscaping projects. The nursery is primarily wholesale with limited retail on an 'appointment only" basis. Contract growing and custom seed collection are also available to non-governmental entities. The Tribal website does not have nursery information. The Facebook site is outdated but has good photos of the nursery operation. Matt Ogden hopes to have an availability list for inquiries. Call Matt with availability questions. CS&KT Nursery delivers throughout the west including all of Montana. Wholesale inquiries are welcome.

63. Westland Seed, Inc.  
David Sagmiller, Owner; Nursery Manager Jimmy Sagmiller  
406-676-4100  
[westland@ronan.net](mailto:westland@ronan.net)  
[www.westlandseed.com](http://www.westlandseed.com)  
36272 Round Butte Road  
Ronan, MT 59864

- Westland is a premier farm, garden, ranch, and sporting goods store. The greenhouse and nursery grow plants adapted to our Montana climate. They specialize in Native American seeds sourced heirloom vegetables and medicinal plants. They also offer a selection of Montana native perennials and shrubs with a native plant display garden.

## Seeley Lake, MT

64. Nature Scapes

406-677-8783  
(never returned calls)  
[naturescapesmt@gmail.com](mailto:naturescapesmt@gmail.com)  
[www.naturescapesmt.com](http://www.naturescapesmt.com)  
2963 Highway 83 North  
Seeley Lake, MT 59868

- Full-service landscaping/greenhouse and hanging baskets.

## Shelby, MT

65. Big Sky Seed Company  
Jay Hould  
406-434-5011  
[bigskyseeds@3rivers.net](mailto:bigskyseeds@3rivers.net)  
[www.bigskyseeds.net](http://www.bigskyseeds.net)  
2110 Roosevelt Highway  
Shelby, MT 59974

- Blends various seeds together for many uses. Supplies numerous seed companies across the United States with grass, legume, and cereal seed at the wholesale level. Its retail program supplies farmers and reclamation companies with seed for Forest Service and other federal and state agency projects, fire rehabilitation, roadside seeding, and other disturbed areas needing reclamation. Big Sky Seeds distributes a full line of certified organic seeds.

## Sidney, MT

66. Yellowstone Valley Greenhouse  
Natalie Erikstrup  
406-482-8051  
(never called back)  
[yellowstonevalleygreenhouse@yvgreenhouse.com](mailto:yellowstonevalleygreenhouse@yvgreenhouse.com)  
[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) Garden Center Yellowstone Valley Greenhouse  
35247 County Road 127  
Sidney, MT 599270

- Yellowstone Valley Greenhouse is a locally owned and operated nursery that offers a wide variety of annuals, perennials, grasses, shrubs, and hanging baskets. It has a limited selection of Montana natives. They offer blanketflower, Liatris, prairie coneflower, and potentillas.

## Stevensville, MT

67. Cottage Garden Greenhouse  
Nancy Maruska  
406-777-3061

[mtpine2@gmail.com](mailto:mtpine2@gmail.com)  
[www.cottagegreenhouse.com](http://www.cottagegreenhouse.com)  
5034 Eastside Highway  
Stevensville, MT 59870

- Cottage Garden Greenhouse specializes in “blooms”. It is a full-service nursery with annuals, perennials, and shrubs, including some Montana natives.

68. Nature’s Enhancement  
Julie Monk  
406-777-3560  
[Neinc2@msn.com](mailto:Neinc2@msn.com)  
[www.naturesenhancement.com](http://www.naturesenhancement.com)  
2980 Eastside Highway  
Stevensville, MT 59870

- Natures Enhancement is a wholesale and retail grower/nursery that specializes in Montana native plants. Their products range from wildflowers and grasses to shrubs, and evergreen and deciduous trees. Contract growing is available. Current inventory is available online. Delivery and tree planting is available for large orders.

## Three Forks, MT

69. Circle S Seeds of Montana  
Tyler Heupel  
406-285-3269  
[circles@circlesseeds.com](mailto:circles@circlesseeds.com)  
[www.circlesseeds.com](http://www.circlesseeds.com)  
14990 Madison Frontage Road  
Three Forks, MT 59752

- Circle S Seeds provides the highest quality cereal, grass, and forage seed to their customers. They have a Montana Wildflower Seed Mix and all seeds are available wholesale or retail. Circle S Seeds sells an excellent selection of Montana native grass seed.

## Townsend, MT

70. Bruce Seed Farm Inc.  
Gord Pearse  
406-266-3103  
[sales@bruceseed.com](mailto:sales@bruceseed.com)  
[www.bruceseed.com](http://www.bruceseed.com)  
91 Lower Deep Creek Road  
Townsend, MT 59644

- Bruce Seed Farm provides quality pasture, turf, reclamation, and erosion control seed. Bruce Seed Farm produces over 30 different seed varieties for wholesale/retail sales. They have some Montana native grass seed plus a Great Basin Wildflower Mix. They will have a limited supply of *Artemisia ludoviciana* in 2022.

71. Townsend Hardware  
Monica Howick  
406-266-5588  
[www.townsendhardware.com](http://www.townsendhardware.com)  
204 Broadway Street  
Townsend, MT 59644



- Townsend Hardware is a full-service garden center carrying all your gardening and landscaping needs. Townsend Hardware is ordering in #1, #2, #5, and #7 potted grasses, flowers, shrubs, and trees for the 2022 season. Their plants will be from Glacier Nursery. They also carry a full line of annuals plants and seeds. Some of the native plants for the 2022 season include, quaking aspen, golden currant, Rocky Mountain penstemon, little bluestem, 'Sensation' boxelder, saskatoon serviceberry, paper birch, pussy willow, American plum, and water birch.

## Trout Creek, MT

72. Montana Trees  
Zach Hammum  
406-827-3984  
[Montanatrees90@gmail.com](mailto:Montanatrees90@gmail.com)  
No website  
608 Martin Creek Road  
Trout Creek, MT 59874

- Wholesale tree and shrub grower specializing in large evergreens from 3-gallon shrubs to 25-gallon trees. They have a limited selection of Montana natives.

## Whitefish, MT

73. Center for Native Plants  
Hailey Moore  
406-862-4226  
[Go-native@centerfornativeplants.com](mailto:Go-native@centerfornativeplants.com)  
[www.centerfornativeplants.com](http://www.centerfornativeplants.com)  
South 5605 US Highway 93  
Whitefish, MT 59937

- Center for Native Plants is a retail/wholesale nursery that grows over 200 species of wildflowers, grasses, shrubs, and trees that are native to Montana! They also offer contract growing, landscape consultation/installation, seed collection, and native plant salvage services. Their website has a list of available species

## White Sulphur Springs, MT

74. The Garden Shop & Espresso  
 Pat Haugan  
 406-547-3822  
[gardenshopexpresso@gmail.com](mailto:gardenshopexpresso@gmail.com)  
 provided by Norske Nursery  
 Benny Haugan  
 406-799-4155  
[norskenurserymt@gmail.com](mailto:norskenurserymt@gmail.com)  
[www.norskenurserymt.com](http://www.norskenurserymt.com)  
 302 W. South Street  
 White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645

- The Garden Shop & Espresso is an eclectic mix of a coffee/gift shop and a full-line nursery. Pat Haugan's mom runs the Garden Shop while son Benny has a landscaping, construction, irrigation, and nursery business. Benny delivers to central and eastern Montana. The Garden Shop has a good selection of native perennials, shrubs, trees, and grasses. If you do not see what you want on their online inventory, they will order it for you.

## Wolf Point, MT

75. Neubauer Tree Farm  
 Jeff and Julie Neubauer  
 406-525-3672  
[www.neubauertreefarm.com](http://www.neubauertreefarm.com)  
[@neubauertreefarm](https://www.facebook.com/NeubauerTreeFarm)  
[www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) Montana Tree Farm/NeubauerTreeFarm  
 6918 NB Loop  
 Wolf Point, MT 59201

- Tree farm, nursery, and garden center. Good selection of Montana native trees, shrubs, perennials, and some grasses. Services all of eastern Montana including Billings.



*Yucca Yucca glauca*

## Other Business Members of MNPS

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| <p>THE BOOKSTORE<br/>DEBBIE SPORICH<br/>26 N. IDAHO STREET<br/>DILLON, MT 59725<br/>406-683-6807<br/>debbie@dillonbooks.net</p>      | <p>CENTER FOR NATIVE PLANTS<br/>HAILEY MOORE<br/>5605 HWY 93 SOUTH<br/>WHITEFISH, MT 59937<br/>406-270-3941<br/>hailey@centerfornativeplants.com</p> | <p>CONFEDERATE SALISH &amp; KOOTENAI TRIBES<br/>CSKT NATURAL RESOURCES DEPT<br/>301 MAIN ST<br/>POLSON, MT 59860<br/>406-883-2888<br/>blair.libby@cstk.org</p>                                |
| <p>HOPS PRESS<br/>THOMAS J ELPEL<br/>PO BOX 697<br/>PONY, MT 59747<br/>406-685-3222<br/>thomasjelpel@gmail.com</p>                   | <p>YAAK VALLEY FOREST COUNCIL<br/>KATHERINE MCCAHAN<br/>11896 YAAR RIVER RD<br/>TROY, MT 59935<br/>406-295-9736<br/>ashley@yaakvalley.org</p>        | <p>JESSICA KALANICK, AGENT<br/>NATIVE STRANGER LANDSCAPE STUDIO,<br/>LLC<br/>437 N. LAST CHANCE GULCH, SUITE M<br/>HELENA, MT 59601<br/>406-422-3649<br/>jessica@nativestrangerstudio.com</p> |
| <p>HILL BOTANICAL<br/>KRIS HILL<br/>175 17TH STREET NE<br/>ATLANTA, GA 30309<br/>406-570-4593<br/>hillbotanical@gmail.com</p>        | <p>DORTHEA KAST HORTICULTURE<br/>DORTHEA KAST<br/>312 WHITAKER DR.<br/>MISSOULA, MT 59803<br/>406-274-1249<br/>dorotheakast@gmail.com</p>            | <p>LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, INC.<br/>BRUCE BOODY<br/>301 2ND ST. SUITE 1B<br/>WHITEFISH, MT 59937<br/>406-862-4755<br/>bruceb@bruceboody.com</p>  |
| <p>PRECISION INSTRUMENTS<br/>NORTHWEST<br/>JAN NIXON<br/>PO BOX 992<br/>BOZEMAN, MT 59771<br/>406-570-4443</p>                       | <p>YELLOWSTONE WILDLIFE<br/>SANCTUARY<br/>COURTNEY LONG<br/>PO BOX 675<br/>RED LODGE, MT 59068<br/>Gary@yellowstonewildlife.org</p>                  | <p>BETH MACFAWN LANDSCAPE DESIGN<br/>BETH MACFAWN<br/>PO BOX 6421<br/>BOZEMAN, MT 59771<br/>beth@montanalandscapedesigner.com</p>   |
| <p>THE NATURE<br/>CONSERVANCY<br/>32 S EWING ST 2ND FLR<br/>HELENA, MT 59601<br/>406-443-0303<br/>dhanna@tnc.org</p>                 | <p>GALLATIN INVASIVE SPECIES<br/>ALLIANCE<br/>JENNIFER MOHLER<br/>903 N BLACK<br/>BOZEMAN, MT 59715<br/>406-209-0905<br/>info@gallatinisa.org</p>    | <p>THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE STUDIO<br/>JENNIE MEINERSHAGEN<br/>2124 GREENOUGH<br/>MISSOULA, MT 59802<br/>406-728-1950<br/>jwmeinershagen@gmail.com</p>                                      |
| <p>RBM LUMBER<br/>MALCOLM THOMPSON<br/>PO BOX 1105<br/>COLUMBIA FALLS, MT<br/>59912<br/>406-253-4057<br/>Sparrow84@cyberport.net</p> | <p>PETALS GARDENING<br/>SARAH URBAN<br/>P.O. BOX 845<br/>BOZEMAN, MT 59771<br/>406-451-9225<br/>petalsmt@gmail.com</p>                               | <p>MISSION MOUNTAIN ORGANIC EGGS<br/>CRYSTAL WALKUP<br/>42012 ADDY LANE<br/>RONAN, MT 59864<br/>406-210-3227<br/>crystaljwalkup@gmail.com</p>   |
| <p>WESTECH<br/>DEAN CULWELL<br/>PO BOX 4473<br/>HELENA, MT 59604<br/>dculwell@westech-env.com</p>                                    |  |   |

## Appendix A

### Seed Certification by Mark Majerus

In both the United States and Canada, commercially grown or wildland collected seed can be 'certified' to guarantee species identity, origin, purity, and quality. Standards for each plant species are established and administered by the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA) and seed testing is standardized and regulated by the Association of Official Seed Analysts (AOSA).

#### Plants can be released to the public in the following ways:

**Cultivar (culti-vated var-iety):** This type of release involves the testing of plant material at multiple sites, over multiple years and for 2 or more generations to ensure that they maintain their distinguishing morphological and physiological features from one generation to the next. A Cultivar release takes between 10-20 years of testing and research. Once a Cultivar is released to the commercial seed industry there are four levels of seed or propagules (vegetative).

**Breeders:** Maintained by releasing organization (Plant Materials Center, Universities, Private Seed Growers). This is genetically closest to the original collection. This is maintained by the releasing agency to establish Foundation fields.

**Foundation:** This is the progeny of Breeders seed and is the seed that is made available to commercial growers to produce Registered and Certified seed.

**Registered:** The progeny of Foundation seed which is available to commercial growers and at their discretion can sell Registered seed to other growers or down-grade it to Certified seed for sale.

Because of genetic instability some species are not allowed a Registered class to limit generations beyond the original germplasm.

**Certified:** The progeny of Foundation or Registered seed and the product that is sold to the consumer. In Montana all levels of Certification are monitored by the Montana Seed Certification Service (at Montana State University-Bozeman), a division of the Montana Seed Growers Association.

Foundation, Registered and Certified seed must meet species specific standards for germination, purity, other crops and off-types, and weed seed. All Native Cultivar released in Montana have their origin in Montana or Wyoming.

**Pre-Varietal germplasm:** To meet the increasing demand for site-specific germplasm and to shorten the testing and development time. The Pre-Varietal release mechanism allows for the release and certification of germplasm, but with less confidence in the range of adaptation, genetic stability, and hardiness. The generations beyond the original germplasm ( $G_0$ ) are expressed as  $G_1$ ,  $G_2$ ,  $G_3$ , etc. Releases vary by the extent of testing and are certifiable by Seed Certification Agencies.

**Source Identified:** Seed or plants that are from a native population occupying a specific geographical area. Seed for commercial sale can be directly harvested from the native stand or reestablished under cultivated conditions. The State Certification Agency will verify species identification, approximate geographical origin and whether seed meets species specific germination and purity standards. (1 to 2 years release time)

**Selected Class:** Seed or plants that have been through some testing and exhibit some desirable superior traits when compared with other accessions of the same species. The field performance has not been fully tested at multiple sites and there is no proof that desirable characteristics will be expressed in subsequent generations. (4-6 years release time)

**Tested Class:** Seed or plants that have been through additional testing at more than one site and for more than one generation. The extent of the 'area of adaptation' may not be known. (7-9 years release time)

Pre-varietal germplasm release material is usually given a descriptive name related to the original collection source, identifies the level of testing, and must be accompanied by the word 'germplasm'. For example: High Plains Selected Class germplasm Sandberg bluegrass. However, this labeling is rarely used and often referred to by its origin site descriptive name, much like Cultivars. Ask about method of release.

Canada has adopted a similar Pre-Varietal Release mechanism, but they refer to them as **Eco-Vars** (**Eco**-logical **Var**-iety). They also refer to the generations as G<sub>0</sub>, G<sub>1</sub>, G<sub>2</sub>, etc.

All seed sold in Montana can have no more than 2% weed seed and can't have any 'restricted' weed seed, such as Canada thistle, spotted knapweed, leafy spurge, etc. If there is not Variety name on the seed lot you wish to purchase, or it is listed as VNS (Variety Not Stated), then it is imperative that you question the Seed Dealer as to the origin and quality of the seed lot in question. **It is best to buy seed on a PLS (Pure Live Seed) basis. This is the amount of live seed (% purity X % germination). Otherwise, you are buying some non-viable seed and trash when you pay by the bulk weight.**