

# MAJOR PLANTS UTILIZED IN NORTH AMERICA

For Highly Formalistic Bed Design  
(Clean-cut Manicured Lines), Lettering, Knot Gardens  
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## 1. Fam. *Aizoaceae* - Carpetweed

***Aptenia cordifolia*** - Baby Sun Rose or Heartleaf Mesembryanthemum (syn. *Mesembryanthemum cordifolium*)

Prostrate, leaves green, cordate-ovate, 4-ranked, purple-red flowers.

cv. 'Variegata' - Variegated Baby Sun Rose (syn. Variegated Ice Plant); leaves bordered with white, soft, succulent.

## 2. Fam. *Amaranthaceae* - Amaranth

***Alternanthera ficoidea*** - Joseph's Coat or Copperleaf, or better, Garden Alternanthera

Leaves elliptic to broadly ovate or obovate, native to Brazil. Foliage of species is green.

cvs: 'Amoena' - Parrotleaf - bronze leaves blotched with red and orange, 3-4" tall.

'Aurea Nana' - leaves yellow

'Betzickiana' - Calico Plant - Leaves colored or blotched in shades of yellow and red, narrow twisted.

To 12", usually pruned to 5-6" carpet.

'Brilliantissima' - bright red leaves

'Rosea' - rose colored leaves

'Versicolor' - Copper Alternanthera - leaves copper-red or blood red, crisped and corrugated, nearly round, may be edged pink

***Iresine herbstii*** - Bloodleaf or Beefsteak Plant

Leaves commonly purplish-red (light red veins), broad ovate to round, notched at tip

## 3. Fam. *Asteraceae* - Aster

***Chrysanthemum ptarmiciflorum*** - Silver Lace or Silver Feather

Very fine textured, ferny-segmented bipinnate compound leaves, silvery-white

***Santolina chamaecyparissus*** 'Nana' - Dwarf Lavender Cotton

Leaves pinnately segmented, tomentose, silvery-gray. The cv. 'Plumosus' also has lacy, silvery-gray foliage.

***Santolina virens*** - Green Lavender Cotton

Similar to above species but leaves dark green

***Senecio cineraria*** - Dusty Miller

Hairy silvery, variably pinnate-segmented leaves

cvs. 'New Look' - Whitish oakleaf shaped leaves, newest cultivar

'Silver Dust' - finely pinnate - segmented silver-white leaves

'Silver Queen' - similar leaves to above

'Cirrus' - Broad silvery oakleaf-like, toothed leaves

'Diamond' - leaves somewhat coarser textured than 'Silver Dust'

'Snowstorm' - leaves more finely cut or lacy than 'Silver Dust'

**4. Fam. *Crassulaceae* - Orpine**

***Echeveria secunda*** (a species of Hen and Chicks)

*Sempervivum tectorum* - Hen and Chicks

Zone 3, hardier than *Echeveria* species. Used in rock gardens, edging, etc. Many green, bluish, red, purplish and bicolor cultivars.

Succulent with clustered fleshy leaves, rosette-like

var. *byrnesii* - bright green or flushed red

var. *glauca* - thinner glaucous leaves

var. *pumila* - narrower leaves, 5/8" wide

***Additional Plants that May be Utilized Include:***

**1. Fam. *Apiaceae* - Carrot**

*Petroselinum crispum* - Parsley

**2. Fam. *Asteraceae* - Aster**

*Ageratum houstonianum* - Flossflower (many cultivars)

*Artemisia stelleriana* 'Silver Brocade' - Silver Brocade Artemisia

*Tagetes patula* - Dwarf French Marigold (many cultivars)

**3. Fam. *Crassulaceae* - Orpine**

Certain species and/or cultivars of *Sedum* (Stonecrop) merit trial with foliage color variations.

**4. Fam. *Rutaceae* - Rue**

*Ruta graveolens* - Common Rue

Bi- or tri-pinnate compound blue-green leaves, aromatic