



# Landscape Plants for the Arizona Desert

## Fall Color Combinations

By fall, many plants need a rest. However, look for these fall bloomers to carry your landscape into the winter months with a splash of color.

- **Autumn Sage (*Salvia greggii*) & Mt. Lemmon Marigold (*Tagetes palmeri*)**  
These two fall-blooming, desert shrubs make a dazzling combination, with the red to magenta flowers of Autumn Sage in marked contrast to the intense yellow flowers of Mt. Lemmon Marigold. This is also an excellent rabbit-resistant combination.
- **Hummingbird Trumpet (*Zauschneria californica*) & Prairie Zinnia (*Zinnia grandiflora*)**  
A late summer and early fall, Arizona native, perennial and groundcover combination. The iridescent red flowers of Hummingbird Trumpet stand out in contrast with the yellow flowers of ground-covering Prairie Zinnia.
- **Mexican Bird of Paradise (*Caesalpinia mexicana*) & Pink Muhly (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*)**  
The brilliant yellow flowers of the shrubby to treelike Mexican Bird of Paradise provide the dramatic background for the burgundy-red flower display of Pink Muhly.
- **Black Dalea (*Dalea frutescens*) & Turpentine Bush (*Ericameria laricifolia*)**  
The brilliant reddish-violet flowers of Black Dalea provide stunning contrast to the yellow flowers of Turpentine Bush.
- **Cape Honeysuckle (*Tecomaria capensis*) & Turpentine Bush (*Ericameria laricifolia*)**  
The glossy green leaves and bright orange flowers of this South African shrub combine beautifully with the yellow flowers and dark green foliage of Turpentine Bush.
- **Pink Trumpet Vine (*Podranea ricasoliana*) & Mexican Bird of Paradise (*Caesalpinia mexicana*)**  
The glossy green leaves and lavender-pink flowers of this South African, sprawling vine contrast beautifully with the bright yellow flower clusters of the Mexican Bird of Paradise.
- **Pink Muhly (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*) & Pink Trumpet Vine (*Podranea ricasoliana*)**  
Combine these two for an amazing fall display. The burgundy-red flower spikes of the Pink Muhly will provide a blended accent to the lavender-pink flowers of the Pink Trumpet Vine.
- **Thunder Cloud Sage (*Leucophyllum candidum*) & Yellow Dot (*Wedelia trilobata*)**  
The stunning silvery-gray foliage and intense purple blooms of Thunder Cloud Sage provide the perfect contrast to the bright green foliage and small yellow flowers of Yellow Dot.