



Sandy Soil-Loving Plants

These plants are excellent for sandy soils because they tolerate quick drainage and often thrive in low-nutrient environments. If you have sandy soil, increase the slow, deep watering to THREE times per week. This should create a consistently moist ground around the trees/shrubs planted. If you notice the ground is not staying moist watering three times a week, add an additional watering session weekly.

1. **Agave** (*Agave spp.*) - Agaves are succulent plants that thrive in sandy, well-drained soils. They are known for their rosette shape and thick, fleshy leaves. Agaves are drought-tolerant and ideal for xeriscapes or coastal gardens.
2. **Artemisia** (*Artemisia x Powis Castle*) - This plant is drought-tolerant and a very hardy perennial that gives off a nice scent. It typically grows 2-3 feet tall and 3-6 feet wide. It prefers a pH of 5.5-8.
3. **Black-eyed Susan** (*Rudbeckia hirta*) - This plant grows 1-3 feet tall and 1-2 feet wide. It prefers slightly alkaline soil, which makes it perfect for sandy and sandy loam soils; it can also do well in slightly acidic soils, making it a universal plant. Prefers a pH of 6.8-7.7.
4. **Blanket Flower** (*Gaillardia spp.*) - Blanket flowers are native wildflowers that love sandy, well-drained soil. They bloom in vibrant shades of red, orange, and yellow, attracting pollinators and adding color to dry, sunny gardens.
5. **Butterfly Bush** (*Buddleja davidii*) - The Butterfly bush prefers well-drained soils with a pH of 5.5-8.5. It is also drought tolerant. This plant comes in dwarf sizes of 2-3 feet tall and wide, while the average size is 5-10 feet tall and 4-10 feet wide.
6. **Catmint** (*Nepeta spp.*) - Catmint prefers sandy, loamy, well-draining soil with a pH of 5.5-7. Catmint usually grows 1-2 feet tall and wide.

7. **Century Plant** (*Agave*) - The Century Plant thrives best in well-drained sandy or loamy soil with a pH of 6-8. This plant can get up to 7 feet tall and 10 feet wide.
8. **Color Guard** (*Yucca filamentosa*) - The Color Guard can grow in a wide variety of soils but prefers well-drained sandy soil with a pH of 6-7. This plant grows 3-6 feet tall and 2-3 feet wide.
9. **Daylilies** (*Hemerocallis*) - The Daylily prefers a pH of 6.1-6.5, favoring more acidic soils but still does well in well-drained sandy soil. It grows 1-2 feet tall and wide.
10. **Desert Willow** (*Chilopsis linearis*) - Desert Willows thrive in well-drained soils with a pH range of 6.0 to 8.0. It prefers sandy or loamy soil types that provide good drainage.
11. **Inland Sea Oats** (*Chasmanthium latifolium*) - Inland Sea Oats prefer well-drained loamy soil with a pH of 6.5-7.5. It grows 2-5 feet tall and 1-2 feet wide.
12. **Lavender** (*Lavandula angustifolia*) - Lavender prefers a pH of 7-7.5 and is another great drought-tolerant plant. With low to medium fertile sandy soil, this plant will thrive. It grows 1-3 feet tall and wide.
13. **Lantana** (*Lantana camara*) - Lantanas are hardy annuals to perennials that love sandy soil and full sun. They produce clusters of brightly colored flowers that attract butterflies. Lantana is drought-tolerant and often used in coastal areas.
14. **Russian Sage** (*Perovskia atriplicifolia*) - Russian Sage is an aromatic perennial that thrives in sandy, well-drained soils. Its silvery-gray foliage and tall spikes of lavender-blue flowers make it a stunning addition to dry landscapes. It requires full sun and is drought tolerant.
15. **Sedum** (*Sedum spp.*) - Sedum prefers well-drained sandy loam soil with a pH of 6-7.
16. **Sweet Alyssum** (*Lobularia maritima*) - Sweet Alyssum needs humus-rich, sandy, well-drained soil with a pH of 6-7. This plant usually grows wider than tall, at about 8-12 inches tall and 1-2 feet wide.
17. **Yarrow** (*Achillea millefolium*) - Yarrow is a hardy perennial that thrives in sandy, poor soils. It's drought-tolerant and produces clusters of small flowers in shades of white, yellow, pink, and red. Yarrow is excellent for rock gardens or xeriscaping.

