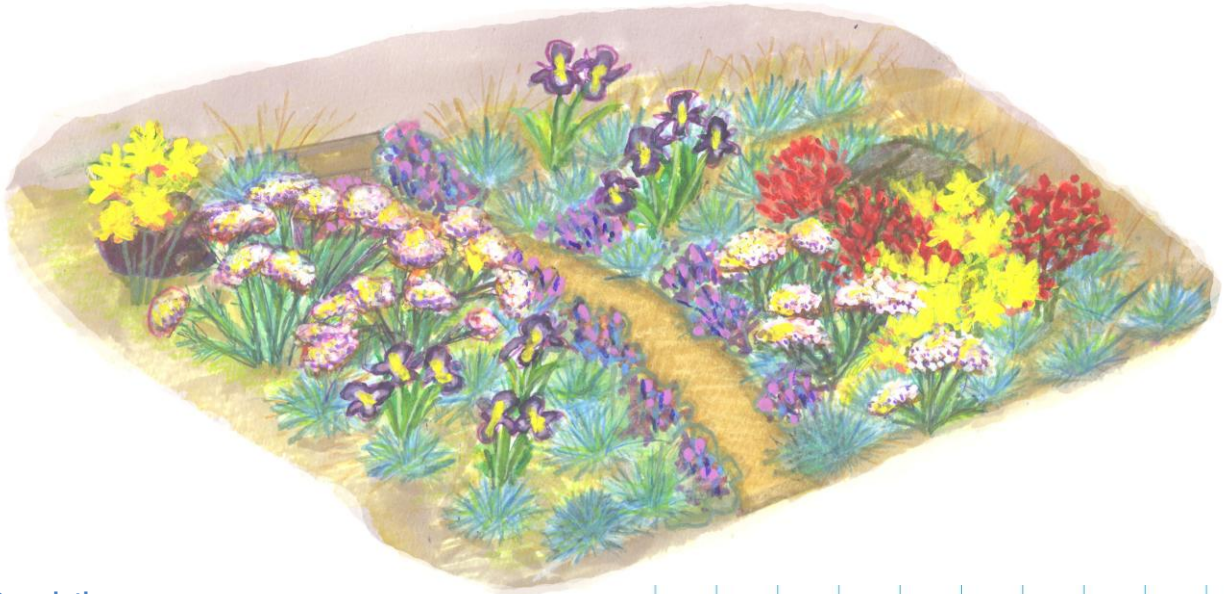


Perennial Meadow Garden

A flowering meadow of perennials and bunchgrasses

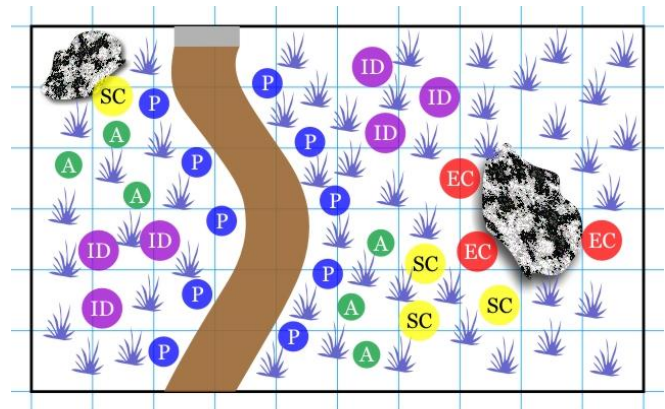


Description

A popular alternative to a water-hungry lawn is a flowering meadow. This design for a sunny front yard sprinkles flowering perennials amid a meadow of low bunchgrasses. Strategically placed boulders serve as meadow accents.

Plant List

- A Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*)
- EC California fuchsia (*Epilobium canum*)
- (grass symbol) Siskiyou Blue grass (*Festuca* 'Siskiyou Blue')
- ID Douglas iris (*Iris douglasiana*)
- P Margarita BOP Penstemon
(*Penstemon heterophyllus* 'Margarita BOP')
- SC Goldenrod (*Solidago californica*)



Each square is 3' x 3'

Site Conditions

- Exposure: Sun
- Water: Dry to occasional
- Soil: Any

Region

All parts of California except deserts or above 4,000'

Care & Maintenance

Cut back the flowering stalks of yarrow in December. Cut the California fuchsia to the ground in December to keep it looking fresh. Prune the flowering stalks of Siskiyou Blue grass to foliage height when they are no longer attractive. If desired, remove brown iris leaves with a quick tug; optionally the entire plant can be cut to the ground after the first rains for lush green new growth. Tidy up the penstemon by deadheading as needed. Remove flowering stalks and dry leaves of the goldenrod in late fall.

Credit

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