

# Xeric Garden Designs

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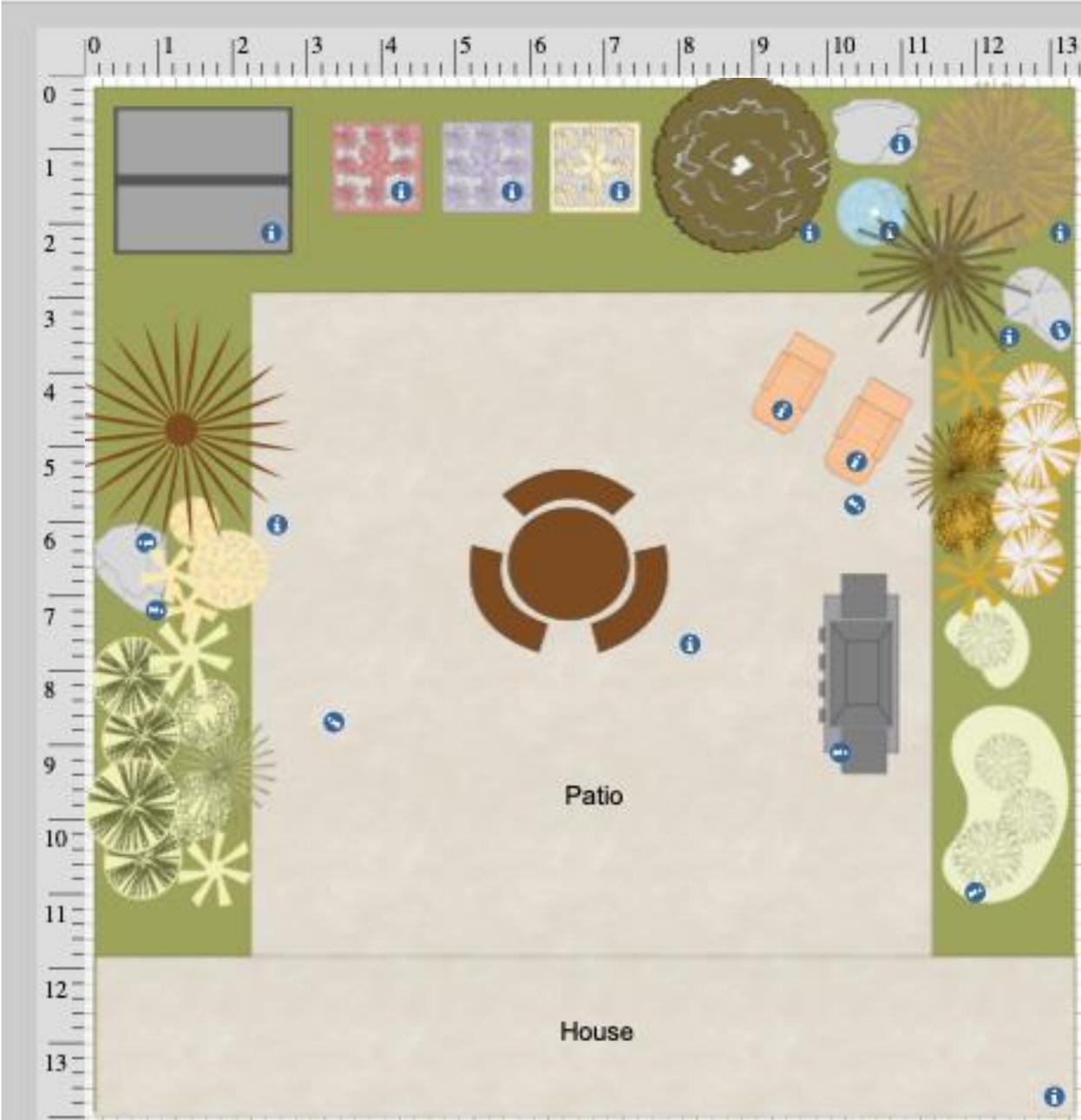
AmeriCorps VISTA Emilie Burditt put together two xeric garden design examples to show what your back or front yard could look like if you started your own xeric garden. Whether you are looking to turn a part or all of your yard into a xeric garden, these helpful designs will give you the inspiration you need to get started. Further information on xeriscaping can be found by watching the "Xeriscaping 101" video or PowerPoint Presentation (pdf) at <https://ci.billings.mt.us/2038/Community-Gardens-Food-Security>. Almost all of the plants were chosen from the book, Sagebrush Country: A Wildflower Sanctuary, by Ronald J. Taylor. The designs were made using SmartDraw.



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Xeric garden design #1



Picture of plant or object	Type of plant or object
	Shed
	Flower beds, such as Thyme desert buckwheat ( <i>Eriogonum thymoides</i> ), Oval leaf desert buckwheat ( <i>Erigonum ovalifolium</i> ), and Round-headed desert buckwheat ( <i>Erigonum sphaerocephalum</i> )
	Shrub plant, such as Stiff sagebrush ( <i>Artemisia rigida</i> )
	Assorted rocks
	Assorted grass, such as Bluebunch wheatgrass ( <i>Agropyron spicatum</i> )
	Shrub, such as Caragana ( <i>Caragana arborescens</i> )
	Flowers, such as Dwarf goldenweed ( <i>Haplopappus acaulis</i> ), Gray rabbit-brush ( <i>Chrysothamnus nauseosus</i> ), and Arrow-leaf balsamroot ( <i>Balsamorhiza sagittate</i> )
	Bushels of flowers, such as Yarrow ( <i>Achillea illefolium</i> ), Utah thistle ( <i>Cirsium utahense</i> ), and Chaenactis ( <i>Chaenactis douglasii</i> )
	Shrub, such as Chokecherry ( <i>Prunus virginiana</i> )
	Flowers, such as Basin rayless daisy ( <i>Erigeron aphanactis</i> ), and Thread-leafed daisy ( <i>Erigeron filifolius</i> )
	Mix of shrubs and grasses, such as Silver sage ( <i>Artemisia cana</i> ) and Thread-stalk locoweed ( <i>Astragalus filipes</i> )

Xeric garden design #2



Picture of plant or object	Type of plant or object
	Assorted rocks
	Flower bed, such as Thyme desert buckwheat ( <i>Eriogonum thymoides</i> )
	Flower bed, such as Oval leaf desert buckwheat ( <i>Eriogonum ovalifolium</i> )
	Flower bed, such as Round-headed desert buckwheat ( <i>Eriogonum sphaerocephalum</i> )
	Shrub, such as Silver sage ( <i>Artemisia cana</i> )
	Shrub, such as Drummond willow ( <i>Salix drummondiana</i> )
	Grasses, such as Bitterbrush community ( <i>Purishia tridentata</i> ). Add Lupine as a great companion plant and pretty addition.
	Bushels of flowers, such as Yarrow ( <i>Achillea illefolium</i> ), Utah thistle ( <i>Cirsium utahense</i> ), and Chaenactis ( <i>Chaenactis douglasii</i> )
	Assorted shrubs, such as Honeysuckle, Blue-leaf ( <i>Lonicera korolkowii</i> ), Currant ( <i>Ribes auereum</i> ), and Caragana ( <i>Caragana arborescens</i> )
	Assorted shrub and flower garden, such as Lilac, common ( <i>Syringa vulgaris</i> ), Honeysuckle, Blue-leaf ( <i>Lonicera korolkowii</i> ), Dogwood ( <i>Cornus sericea</i> ), Granite gilia ( <i>Leptodactylon pungens</i> ), Long-leaved phlox ( <i>Plox longifolia</i> ), and Showy phlox ( <i>Phlox speciosa</i> ). Note, when grouping plants, try to assort them within the same family.