Select rock garden plants and their uses

Common name	Botanical name	Characteristics	Uses
Variegated rock cress	*Arabis fernandi-coburgi variegata*	2" mat, white margin on leaves, white flowers on 6" stems	Groundcover, crevices, walls (S-PtS)
False rock cress	*Aubrieta deltoidea*	3" dense mat, purple to red flowers on 6" stems	Groundcover; hanging over walls, rocks (S-PtS)
Gold dust alyssum	*Aurinia saxatilis* 'Gold Dust'	4" bluish-green leaves, bright yellow flowers	Tops of walls (S)
Creeping broom	*Cytisus procumbens*	2" tall, trailing, cascading; yellow flowers	Groundcover; hanging over walls, rocks (S)
Mini Kenilworth ivy	*Cymbalaria muralis* 'Nana'	1" spreading, tiny leaves, pink flowers	Groundcover, crevices, walls (PtS-Shd)
Dalmatian bellflower	*Campanula portenschlagiana*	2" dense mat, blue-purple flowers on 3" stems	Groundcover, walls (S-PtS)
Ice plant	*Delosperma nubigenum* 'Basutoland'	succulent, 1" mat, yellow flowers	Groundcover, walls, crevices (S)
Garden pink	*Dianthus alpinus* 'Tiny Rubies'	2" grass-like leaves, bright-pink flowers on 4" stems	Groundcover (S)
Red-leaf geranium	*Geranium sessiliflorum* ssp. *novium rubrum*	3" clump of reddish leaves, white flowers	Groundcover, tops of walls (S-PtS)
Pine-leaf penstemon	*Penstemon pinifolius*	6-8" "piney" shrub, bright red (or yellow) tubular flowers	Walls, crevices (S)
Winter savory	*Satureja montana* (or *spinosa*) 'Nana'	6" tiny-leaved shrub, white flowers	Groundcover, walls, crevices (S)
Hen-and-chicks	*Sempervivum* sps.	succulent 1-3" globes of green and reddish leaves	Walls, crevices (S-PtS)
Stonecrops	*Sedum dasyphyllum*	1" tiny, succulent blue-green leaves, white flowers	Groundcover, walls, crevices (S)
Stonecrops	*S. spurium* 'Tricolor'	2" colorful, succulent pink-white-green leaves, pink flowers	Walls, crevices (S)
Veronica (Turkish)	*Veronica liwanensis*	1" tall with tiny green leaves, blue flowers	Groundcover, walls, crevices (S)
Veronica (creeping)	*V. repens* 'Sunshine'	1" with yellow-green leaves, white flowers	Groundcover, walls, crevices (S)

(S)=sun; (PtS)=part sun; (PtShd)=part shade; (Shd)=shade. Note: all of these have at least a USDA Hardiness Zone 5 rating