

WONDERS OF THE SKIES

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Gardeners are one group that stay sensitive to the weather. Rainbows, following rain, are rare in the Denver area because rains usually are short lived and hardly dampen the soil. Sunsets, on the other hand, often are dramatic after suffering from 98 degree days. Those hot summer days make working in the garden an unpleasant chore for Denver gardeners who still admire rainbows and colorful sunsets.

Beautiful, fanciful sunsets are topics of admiration in Denver. Brilliant yellows and golden flashes of colors bring “aaahs” from citizens who witness the explosion of colors at the end of a busy day. This can be dangerous on the roadways, as attention is easily transferred from the road traffic to the show in the sky.

Denver is uniquely placed on the east side of the Rocky Mountains, which places citizens in position to view the sunset above a mountain top. This often results in trees joining the sunset, adding to the visual impact of the event.

As a gardener, I look forward to hefty rains that might produce solid rainbows. I would rise earlier in the day to see the rainbow. But the plants in my vegetable garden will rejoice even more because of the rain. Rainbows mean nothing to my plants.