A MAXIMUM MONO- AND DI-SYLLABARY

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This is an attempt to list the longest English-language words of one or two syllables, beginning with each letter of the alphabet, according to listings and pronunciations in Webster's Second or Third editions. The -ED ending is permitted for verbs, and the -S ending for nouns, even when permission to pluralize is not explicitly given in Webster (as, for example, in various word lists in Webster's Second). However, hyphenated words have been excluded.

The suffix -PROOF presents an interesting problem. Webster's Second states that many such words are usable as verbs, but does not specify which. In particular, the doubtful MOOSETONGUES can be replaced by MOUSEPROOFED if the latter is a verb -- which it probably is. Other improvements are, no doubt, possible.

arched
brought
clinched
draughts
earthed
flinched
gouched
haunched
itched
ounced
knotted
launched
mooced
naughts
oinked
preached
quetched
reached
scraunched
thoughts
umphed
vouched
wreathed
xysts
yearned
Zouaves
archfriends
breakthroughs
clotheshorse
draughtboards
earthtongues
flameproofed
greatmouthed
hearthstones
infrared
Juneteenth
knickknacks
lightmouthed
moosetongues
nightclothes
outstretched
ploughwrights
quickthorns
roundmouthed
scratchbrushed
throatstraps
unstretched
versewrights
wherethrough
xanthines
yourselves
Zeitgeists

1. Rock mus
2. Mr. Well...
3. What Mrs
4. What Mr.
5. Who are y
6. Crazy mo
7. Hey, a tr
8. What do y
9. Pretend t
10. Can I go t
11. Zero popu
12. I'm Flori
13. Oklahoma
14. I'm Actae
15.," Luck be
16. I told you

Clue to vertical