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PARADISE FOUND

With your back to the afternoon breeze, say “California...” and as the word is carried away, everyone who hears it will conjure a different meaning. Most will think of paradise. Some things never change.

The first people had it and called it theirs.

Spanish daydreamers longed for a place, a mythical land they knew as ‘California’ from their favorite sixteenth century novel. And it was Spanish sailing explorers who, in the year of our Lord 1535, found a site exactly consistent with the fictional description.

They named it “California.”

The land lay undisturbed by outsiders for more than two centuries. Then, using the Spanish navigators’ old accounts and crude maps, Spanish padres entered California by land from the south. Their mission: to settle the place and present a cross to its inhabitants. Simple enough. The year was 1769. They built a string of churches along a path they called El Camino Real. The road passed through pure natural beauty, some of the finest anywhere.

Oaks, sycamores, grapes, roses, willows and scores of familiar plants reminded the padres of Spain. Flowers abounded. Fertile plains and grasslands stocked with antelope by the thousand. They felt they had arrived at a place like home, perhaps even more beautiful. This secluded corner of New Spain was the best-kept secret on earth. But paradise can’t stay hidden very long. More people would come, and bring many new ideas.

California’s historical record starts with a focus on the numerous tribes of first people. Their land was one of abundance, their culture, peaceful. Nature provided virtually every need. The people knew every plant, distant mountain, landmark boulder, oak grove, water spring, and seasonal stream. Their “gardens” were natural. Paradise tends to leave people without want.



The legendary padres walked their old road during the mission era in the mid 1700’s. During the early to mid 1800’s the proud “Californios” personified the Spanish and Mexican periods. The Gold Rush of 1849 brought settlers from the eastern states and a new language, English. And the end of the century brought a mass American migration west with the completion of the railroads. Everyone was trying to find a piece of paradise out west.

The twentieth century saw enticing opportunities for ranches, orchards, towns, water projects, agriculture, industry, migration, business, huge real estate deals, big cities getting bigger, growth, and more growth.

Now, less than three centuries since El Camino Real the state seems to be waking up from a paradise binge. The Spanish found incomparable, almost indescribable beauty. The towns and villages, the very life they built seemed to fit in.

As Americans recognized the West as their new land of opportunity, California’s abundance and near-perfect climate offered an “anything goes” chance at progress. ‘Just add water’ and everything will grow – people, towns, crops, industry, economies.... and exotic gardens. Tapping her resources, each wave of settlers has been bent on transforming California into their

own brand of “paradise.” The result: a land barely recognizable with her pure identity trampled by the stampede of rampant economic gain.

We wonder, what happened to old California?

And how can we arrange to see her again?

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INTRODUCTION

TREE OF LIFE NURSERY. WE GROW.

Twenty-five years ago, we started on the path of regionally appropriate horticulture. Inspired by our natural surroundings, Tree of Life Nursery provides the finest quality California native plants available. Staying true to the original vision of the company, we have remained focused on refining our growing methods and supporting the stewardship of the land. Our knowledgeable propagation, field and sales crews make up a team (more like a family) of experts that have developed and honed reliable, efficient methods for supplying healthy plant material to a diverse clientele. By propagating over 500 species and varieties of native plants for the wholesale and retail trades, we provide a means by which California's precious flora can be returned to the land.

The soulful setting at TOLN demonstrates how the look and feel of old California adds value to the new. Here, adobe-plastered straw bale buildings sit under centuries old western sycamores. Chaparral-covered slopes provide the backdrop for our greenhouses. A diversity of birds and other wildlife provide endless entertainment and rustic fences provide the frame for our informal gardens. We invite you to share in our experience and visit the nursery, and thank you for your interest in California native plants.

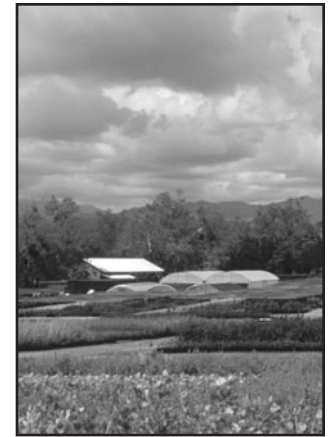
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THE CALIFORNIA GARDEN

The California garden is tended nature in miniature. Authentic, soulful landscapes utilize *naturalistic groupings*, modeled after the wild places of the region, showcasing the subtle beauty of California. By applying the dynamic elements of natural communities to the landscape, the California garden comes alive!

This catalog and planting guide has been designed to table the critical needs and tolerances of this unique and beautiful plant material, and to be searchable by helpful categories like native range, characteristics and requirements. For specific needs, the plant selection guide (page 42) provides plant lists and zone information for functions like groundcover, slopes, hedges, etc. For a more in-depth approach, try browsing a few of the new titles listed on our book page, all of which are available through our straw bale bookstore. There is always more to be learned, and we recommend becoming more familiar with the natural history of the region to complement your understanding of landscaping with native plants.



CHOOSING THE RIGHT PLANT FOR THE RIGHT PLACE

Observing a site for its microclimate qualities and characteristics such as exposure, soil type and moisture is imperative to planning a native landscape. Nothing creates a successful native garden like choosing the right plant for the right place. The native range and habitat of a particular plant is the best indicator for its chances of surviving a particular landscape site.

GARDENING FOR WILDLIFE AND POLLINATORS

It is difficult to ignore the life that follows the planting of a California garden. By providing a source of water (a fountain, bird bath or pond), food (berrying shrubs, nectar and pollen-bearing flowers, host plants), shelter and places to raise young (various shrubs and trees), a simple native landscape becomes a thriving wildlife garden. Designing gardens with a diversity of species and layered naturalistic plantings will reward visitors with a myriad of opportunities for viewing local wildlife!

☀️ NEW! SOUTHWESTERN PLANTS: COMPLEMENTS TO THE NATIVE LANDSCAPE

In this edition, we have designated plants from outside the California floristic province with a special symbol (☀️). This symbol represents the neighboring Great Basin, Sonoran and Chihuahuan desert regions from which we have selected leguminous trees, shrubs and a few flowering perennials to complement our line of California natives.

CALENDAR OF COLOR

Use this chart as a guide to spread flowering color throughout the year. The time indicated after each plant is the “typical” blooming period for that plant. Start and stop times vary.

Location, cultural practices, weather and many other factors will affect flowering season and duration for native plants. You can expect variation from year to year.

Choose Plants from Each Month to Design Year-Round Color in Your Garden

MARCH — Let the show begin

- Ceanothus griseus hybrids (4 wks)
- Cercis occidentalis (3 wks)
- Dichelostemma capitatum (4 wks)
- Garrya elliptica (5 wks)
- Heuchera hybrids (5 wks)
- Lavatera assurgentiflora & 'Purissima' (3 mos)
- Malacothamnus species (2 mos)
- Ribes malvaceum & speciosum (3 wks)
- Sisyrinchium bellum (4 wks)

APRIL — Spring has sprung - get your camera

- Aquilegia formosa (5 wks)
- Carpenteria californica (6 wks)
- Encelia californica (3 mos)
- Erigeron 'Arthur Menzies' (3 mos)
- Fremontodendron species (6 wks)
- Iris douglasiana (4 wks)
- Mimulus species (3 mos)
- Penstemon species (3 wks)
- Prunus ilicifolia (3 wks)

MAY — It's still open season on flowers

- Aquilegia formosa (5 wks)
- Ceanothus 'Frosty Blue' (4 wks)
- Eriogonum umbellatum (6 wks)
- Fremontia 'El Dorado Gold' (4 wks)
- Galvezia 'Firecracker' (6 mos)
- Hunnemannia fumariifolia (6 mos)
- Mahonia nevinii (4 wks)
- Romneya 'White Cloud' (8 wks)
- Sisyrinchium californicum (4 wks)

JUNE — A first glance of summer

- Eriogonum giganteum (6 wks)
- Perityle incana (4 mos)
- Philadelphus lewisii (4 wks)
- Salvia greggii (3 mos)
- Salvia clevelandii (3 wks)
- Trichostema lanatum (2 mos)

JULY — Bright colors will knock your hat off

- Abutilon palmeri (8 wks)
- Antigonon leptopus (2 wks)
- Dalea ocuttii (4 mos starting Apr)
- Eriogonum arborescens (4 wks)
- Lyonothamnus species (4 wks)
- Oenothera stubbei (8 wks)

AUGUST — A few desert flowers for the birds

- Chilopsis linearis (4 wks)
- Epilobium canum (4 wks)
- Heteromeles arbutifolia (4 wks)
- Monardella odoratissima (3 mos)
- Parkinsonia aculeata (4 wks)
- Verbena lilacina (8 mos)

SEPTEMBER — Cool weather a-coming

- Comarostaphylis diversifolia berries (5 wks)
- Epilobium 'Catalina' (4 wks)
- Isocoma species (3 wks)
- Salvia microphylla (6 mos)

OCTOBER — Second bloom 'false spring'

- Ceanothus species & cultivars (3 wks)
- Cercis occidentalis (3 wks)
- Mimulus species & hybrids (4 wks)
- Salvia clevelandii (4 wks)

NOVEMBER — Rains are just around the corner

- Arctostaphylos glauca & refugioensis (4 wks)
- Clematis species seed (6 wks)
- Dendromecon species (9 mos starting Mar)
- Trichostema lanatum (8 mos starting Apr)

DECEMBER — Merry Christmas

- Arctostaphylos groundcovers (4 wks)
- Cneoridium dumosum (6 wks)
- Heteromeles arbutifolia berries (2 mos)

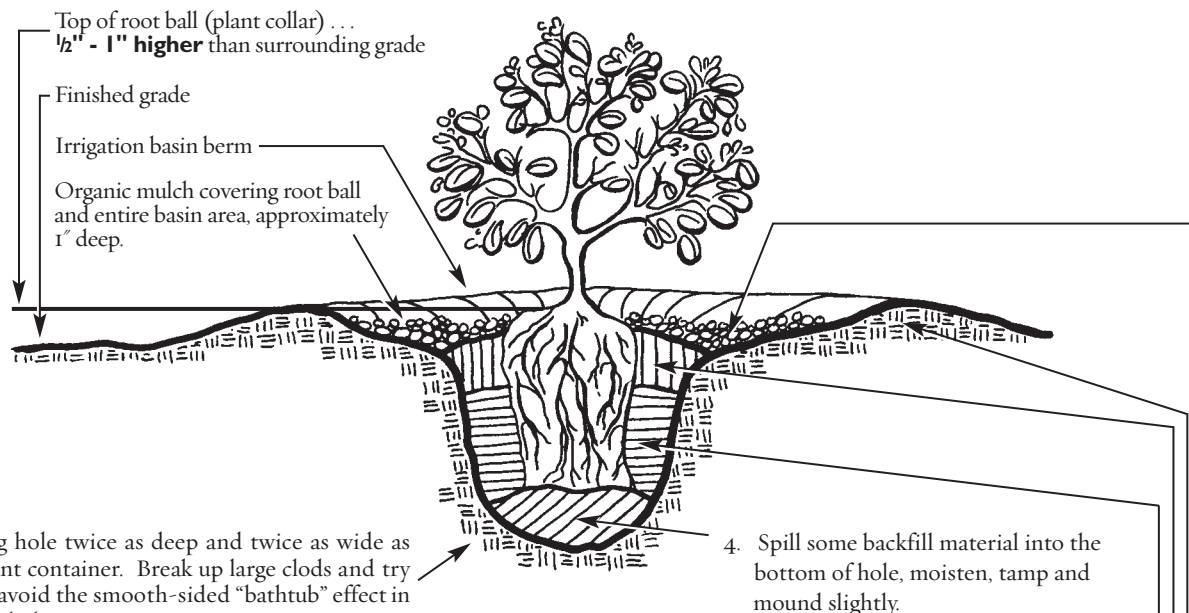
JANUARY — Winter silhouettes & colorful accents

- Arctostaphylos 'Sunset' (4 wks)
- Arctostaphylos shrub forms (6 wks)
- Erysimum concinnum (4 wks)
- Rosa minutifolia (3 mos)

FEBRUARY — Welcome the first bloom

- Mahonia aquifolium (4 wks)
- Mahonia 'Golden Abundance' (6 wks)
- Rhus integrifolia (3 wks)
- Ribes indecorum (3 wks)

PLANTING TECHNIQUE



1. Dig hole twice as deep and twice as wide as plant container. Break up large clods and try to avoid the smooth-sided "bathtub" effect in the hole.
2. **AMENDMENT**
 - a) For many landscape and revegetation jobs, no soil amendment is recommended for native plants. The native soil should be soft and friable. Eliminate large rocks and clods from your backfill soil.
 - b) For landscape soils requiring amendment, use approximately $\frac{1}{3}$ composted or nitrified forest humus to $\frac{2}{3}$ native soil, blending them in a pile outside the hole. This is your backfill mix.
 - c) Slow release fertilizer granules or tabs may be incorporated with the backfill, or placed in the bottom of the hole. If tabs are used, make sure they are not touching the root ball. Most native plants are able to find nutrients even in poor soils. If a pre-plant fertilizer is used, application rates should be lower than those used for general landscape ornamentals.
3. Fill planting hole with water and allow to percolate (drain) into subsoil.
4. Spill some backfill material into the bottom of hole, moisten, tamp and mound slightly.
5. Set plant root ball atop the moistened backfill so that plant collar is **1" higher** than finished grade.
6. With water flowing slowly from a hose into the hole, replace backfill material up to about $\frac{2}{3}$ the height of the root ball; moistening, tamping and settling all around.
7. Fill remaining portion surrounding the top of root ball with more backfill. Be sure collar is still higher than grade.
8. Create an irrigation basin berm, considerably outside the dimension of the hole using remaining backfill and native soil.
9. Apply a generous portion (approx. 2-4" deep) coarse, organic weed and disease-free mulch; topdressing around exposed collar and inside the entire basin area.
10. Irrigate thoroughly, filling the basin with water and sprinkling around to settle backfill, mulch and berm. Allow to soak in and repeat.

NOTES FOR WARM SEASON PLANTING AND WATERING:

1. Summer is the most difficult season to install native plants in the landscape (for best results, wait until fall through early spring).
2. Pre-irrigate the planting hole and allow to drain. 3. Carefully follow the planting instructions above. 4. Upon completion, apply 2-4 inches of organic mulch around the root zone of each plant (away from the crown). 5. Avoid watering during the heat of the day; and avoid overhead watering; prolonged leaf wetting can promote disease. 6. Provide temporary shade to the most sensitive species to reduce the stress of exposure to direct sun. 7. Do not allow the root ball to dry out; water 1-3 times a week by thoroughly soaking the soil. Infrequent, deep soaking is preferable to short, frequent waterings.

INITIAL MAINTENANCE

Like all nursery stock, container-grown California native plants need careful attention during their establishment period in the landscape.

WATERING - It is important that the root ball does not dry out during the first two or three months. Irrigate about once a week, trying not to oversaturate the surrounding soil. After two months, be sure to water deeply. Do not allow the ground to remain soggy for long periods of time, as this encourages disease, especially during the dry season. Native plants need deep moisture and cool roots to find oxygen. Usually, one deep watering every two or three weeks is sufficient in summer and fall. Less frequent irrigations are required in the spring. During the winter, rainfall alone is adequate for most plantings. Avoid overhead watering during the hot part of the day in the warm season.

MULCHING - "Water in the bank" in the plant's water economy. Use organic mulch in late spring and fall to retain moisture, cool roots, discourage weeds and strengthen plants.

FERTILIZING - Use "all purpose" type plant foods for cool season feedings (Oct. - May). One light application mid-summer. Usually, you can cut the rates given for general ornamental plants in half.

PRUNING - Depending on the type of plant, you will need to thin and "head back", to direct growth of the maturing plant. Remove any dead wood. Use sanitation procedures when pruning diseased branches.

TROUBLESHOOTING - Insect, disease, weed, pest or cultural problems? Please feel free to call us at the nursery.

Generally speaking, thin the plants in early summer and mulch, start feeding in the fall and mulch again. Head back branch tips as needed in winter and spring. Irrigate wisely during the warm season (see lower left). Native plants need love too.

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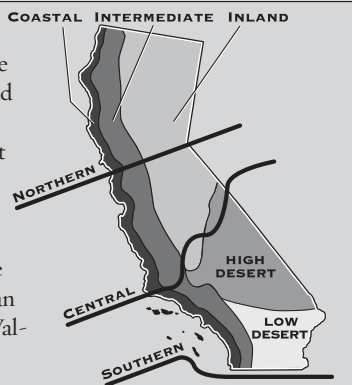
KEY TO TERMS & PLANTING GUIDE

REGION:

northern - the region north of San Francisco on the coast, including Sacramento in the Central valley, and the northern Sierra Nevada.

central - the region between San Francisco and Point Conception including Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Fresno, Bakersfield and the central Sierra Nevada.

southern - from Point Conception on the north to the Mexican border on the south, including the coastal cities of Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, and San Diego, the southern Sierra Nevada, the Owens Valley and the high and low deserts.



LOCATION:

Describes areas relative to their proximity to the coast, generally a west to east orientation in California. Hence the term 'intermediate' refers to valleys and foothills west of 'inland' locations. The coast ranges are considered 'intermediate' and the Sierra Nevada are 'inland mountains.'

ELEVATION:

Describes landforms based on topographical features such as bluffs, plains, foothills, and mountains.

COMMUNITY:

Refers to the characteristic and dominant vegetation types where each species is found. Among the many botanical treatments of the California flora, as many as 29 distinct plant communities are recognized with numerous sub-divisions in each community.

NAME & DESCRIPTION		RANGE				PLANTING GUIDE											
BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	region	location	elevation	community	sun/shade	summer H20	characteristics									
						full sun	part shade	full shade	naturalize	H20 1x/month	H20 2x/month	H20 4x/month	moist	flowers	hardy to 15° F	height (in feet)	spread (in feet)

Arctostaphylos glauca Large shrub, glaucous foliage, striking branching pattern, smooth red bark	<i>Bigberry Manzanita</i>	statewide	inland	foothills below 4500'	chaparral, woodland	●	●		●	●				W	H	6-15	8-10
'John Dourley' Low mounding shrub, gray-green leaves, new growth reddish, pink flowers, compact	<i>John Dourley Manzanita</i>	hybrid, random; origin = volunteer seedling (19) near RSABG, selected by John Dourley (1978); intro Tree of Life Nursery 1990			hybrid manzanita area,	●	●		●	●				W SP	H	3	4-6

CULTIVARS:

The information on origin will aid planners in the native range of the selections and the parentage of the hybrids. Please let us know if you can help us fill in the missing information. Abbreviations used to indicate those responsible for introducing plants:

RSABG: Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden

SBBG: Santa Barbara Botanic Garden

SHF: Saratoga Horticultural Foundation

TOLN: Tree of Life Nursery

SUN/SHADE:

Indicates the plant's preference in most areas. Microclimates, proximity to the coast, and seasonal sun patterns affect the light requirements of many plants and should be considered on a case-by-case basis.

SUMMER H20:

The recommended watering schedule for most established, native plantings is one deep watering every 4 or 5 weeks during the dry season.

naturalize - after preliminary establishment these plants will survive on seasonal rainfall and local environmental conditions. Virtually every plant will naturalize in its own range; plants in this category are considered likely candidates for naturalization in the transitional coastal/foothill zone of southern California. A typical location in this zone is that of our nursery near San Juan Capistrano.

1x/mo - Plants in this category are truly drought-adapted and are the best choices for effective water conservation.

2x/mo - Plants which normally occur in cool, moist situations or in areas of higher rainfall and humidity. Will usually look best if they receive a deep watering every 2 to 3 weeks. During the winter, irrigation will only be necessary during dry spells in the normally wet season.

4x/mo - Once-per-week watering is necessary for certain shade plants which occur naturally in canyon locations or plants from regions of higher rainfall. These plants should be grouped together for effective water management in the landscape.

moist soil - includes species which occur naturally in riparian zones, seeps or estuaries. Many are used on revegetation projects and have limited landscape application.

CHARACTERISTICS:

flowers - predominant bloom period for each plant.

hardy to 15° - the letter 'H' signifies plant hardiness and '?' signifies the probability for cold tolerance. A blank space signifies that the plant would be damaged or killed at temperatures near 15° Fahrenheit. The timing, severity, duration and frequency of frost or freeze is of major importance when considering hardiness.

height/spread - expressed in feet and represents estimated sizes in typical garden situations at 'landscape maturity.' For most perennials, landscape maturity means 1-2 years; most shrubs, 3-5 years; most trees, 10-15 years. The size estimates given are for planning and spacing purposes and do not necessarily indicate the ultimate size of the plant.

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sun/shade	summer H20	characteristics			
full sun	H20 1x/month	flowers	hardy to 15° F	height (in feet)	spread (in feet)
part shade	H20 2x/month				
full shade	H20 4x/month				
naturalize	moist				



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Abies concolor Large conifer, spire-like growth, bluish foliage, like a Christmas tree	<i>White Fir</i>	statewide	intermediate, inland	foothills, mtns 4500 - 10,000'	forest	●	●	●		●	●	●		SU	H	40+	20+
Abutilon palmeri Compact sub-shrub, silver, velvet-like leaves, showy, pastel orange flowers	<i>Indian Mallow</i>	southern	low desert	below 2500'	scrub	●	●		●	●				SU		5	5
Acacia farnesiana (A. minuta) Large shrub, small tree, multi-stemmed, thorny, flowers yellow, used in perfume	<i>Sweet Acacia, Huisache</i> ☼	southern and subtropics	low desert, many locations	plains, canyons wide range	scrub, forest	●	●		●	●	●	●		SP	H	8-12	10
greggii Spreading deciduous shrub/small tree, curved spines, yellow flowers	<i>Catclaw</i>	southern	low desert, includes S. Mojave	plains, canyons below 6000'	scrub	●			●	●				SP	H	5-15	10
Acalypha californica Rounded dense shrub, dark green leaves, interesting red flowers, long season	<i>California Copperleaf</i>	southern	intermediate, inland, desert	hills, foothills 700 - 4000'	chaparral, scrub	●	●		●	●				SP		2-3	3
Acer macrophyllum Large deciduous multi-branched/trunk tree, open habit, nice fall color, fast	<i>Big Leaf Maple</i>	statewide	coastal, inter, inland	foothills, mtns below 5000'	riparian	●	●					●		SP	H	10-40+	20+
negundo ssp. californicum Round-headed tree, deciduous, compound leaves, casts dense shade, fast	<i>Box Elder</i>	statewide	coastal, inter inland	foothills, mtns below 6000'	riparian, woodland	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	SP	H	20+	15+
Achillea millefolium Low creeping perennial, fern-like narrow leaves, showy white to pink flowers	<i>Yarrow</i>	North America	many locations	wide range	many plant communities	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	SU		1-2	2-3
Adenostoma fasciculatum Common shrub, dark green narrow leaves, white flowers, attractive red bark	<i>Chamise</i>	statewide	coastal, inland	below 5000'	chaparral	●			●	●				SP SU	H	5+	6
fasciculatum 'Nicolas' Flat groundcover, tiny dark green leaves, good in rock garden, needs drainage	<i>Prostrate Chamise</i>	horticultural selection A. fasciculatum: origin = cuttings, San Nicolas Island; intro as A. f. 'prostratum' R. M. Beauchamp (1979), Tree of Life Nursery (2001)				●	●		●	●				SP SU	H	1	3-5
fasciculatum 'Black Diamond' Shrub, rigid branches, prune to create "bonsai" effect, rock garden	<i>Compact Chamise</i>	horticultural selection A. fasciculatum: origin = cuttings, Black Diamond Mines Regional Park, Contra Costa Co.; intro Roger Raiche UC Bot. Gdn. 19__				●	●		●	●				SP SU	H	2-3	2-3



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Adenostoma (continued) sparsifolium Tree-like shrub, multi-colored bark forms ribbons, fragrant white flowers	Redshanks	southern	intermediate, inland	below 6000'	chaparral	●			●	●				SU	H	6-20	15
Adolphia californica Deciduous shrub, fragrant flowers, erosion control, low barrier, endangered	Spineshrub	southern, Baja California	intermediate	coastal, below 1000'	canyons, washes, chaparral	●			●	●				W SP	H	4	6+
Aesculus californica Small deciduous tree, interesting structure, showy bloom, large seeds	California Buckeye	north to central	coastal, inter, inland	foothills, mtns below 4000'	woodland	●	●			●				SP SU	H	10-30	18
Agave americana (including variegated types) Striking accent plant, bold succulent leaves in large rosette, drought tolerant	Century Plant ☼	Mexico	desert, many locations	wide range	scrub to woodland	●	●		●	●	●			SP	H	3-6	4-5
deserti Succulent, rosette, canary yellow bloom, blue-green leaves	Desert Century Plant	southern	high & low deserts	plains below 5000'	scrub	●			●					SU	H	2-6	4-6
parryi Mid-sized spiny succulent, blue-green leaves in stiff rosette	Mescal ☼	Arizona, Sonoran Desert	desert, many locations	wide range	scrub to woodland	●	●		●	●	●			SP	H	3-4	3-4
parryi var truncata (A. huachucensis) Outline like a globe, thick succulent leaves in round rosette, yellow flowers	Century Plant ☼	Arizona	desert, many locations	wide range	scrub to woodland	●	●		●	●	●			SP	H	2-3	2-3
shawii Succulent, rosette, glossy green leaves, large bloom spike	Shaw's Century Plant	Baja California (also Pt. Loma)	coastal	bluffs, plains, low elevations	coastal sage scrub	●			●					W	?	2-3	4-5
vilmoriniana Large smooth succulent, light green leaves, fleshy, recurving, architectural	Mescal ☼	New Mexico	desert	mountains	scrub to woodland	●	●		●	●	●			SP	H	4-7	3-6
Agrostis pallens (A. diegoensis) Fine-textured deciduous grass, creeping rhizomes, delicate panicles, meadows	San Diego Bent Grass	southern	many locations	mountains below 10,000'	grassland	●	●		●	●	●			SU	H	<1	2
Allium haematociton Bulb, white to rose flowers with purple midvein, excellent in dry borders		southern	coastal, intermediate	below 2500'	css, chaparral, grassland	●	●		●	●				W SP	H	1	1
hyalinum Spreading bulb, showy white flowers, onion taste & fragrance, meadows, seasonal	Onion Lily	northern, central	inland mountains	Sierra Nevada Foothills 500'- 5000'	grassland, woodland	●	●			●		●		SP	H	1	1
Alnus rhombifolia Deciduous streamside tree, backdrop, dark green leaves, fast growth	White Alder	statewide	coastal, inter, inland	wide range below 5000'	riparian	●	●	●	●			●	●	W SP	H	10-30	20


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						sun/shade	summer H2O	characteristics									
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Ambrosia chamissonis Sprawling, mat-forming perennial, silvery foliage, good slope stabilizer	<i>Sand Bur</i>	statewide	coastal	strand	dunes	●			●	●				SP SU	1	6	
pumila Groundcover, herb stems from rhizomes, delicate gray leaves, rock garden or pots	<i>San Diego Ragweed</i>	southern	coastal, intermediate	canyons, hills below 500'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●	●		●	●	●			SP SU	H SU	<1	1-2
Amorpha fruticosa Large deciduous shrub, excellent erosion control, deep purple flower, versatile	<i>False Indigobush</i>	southern	intermediate, inland	valleys, foothills below 5000'	riparian	●	●	●	●			●	●	SU	H	3-8	8
Anemopsis californica Groundcover, runs, spreads & tacks, shiny leaves, large white flowers	<i>Yerba Mansa</i>	statewide	intermediate, inland, high desert	below 6500'	many communities		●	●	●			●	●	SP SU	H	1	4-5
Anisacanthus quadrifolius var. wrightii Upright woody shrub, red flowers attract hummingbirds	<i>Desert Honeysuckle</i> ☼	Mexico, Sonoran Desert	deserts	canyons, foothills 2500 - 5500'	scrub, woodland	●	●			●	●			SP -F	H	4-6	4-5
Antigonon leptopus Rosa de Montana Vine, sprays of brilliant dark pink flowers, sprawl or climb	<i>San Miguel Coral Vine</i> ☼	Baja California	coastal, intermediate	bluffs, foothills below 3000'	chaparral, scrub	●	●				●			SP- F		CLIMBER	
Apocynum cannabinum Deciduous perennial herb, erect stems, riparian, traditionally used for fiber	<i>Indian Hemp</i>	statewide	many locations	below 5000'	riparian	●	●						●	SU	2	6	
Aquilegia caerulea (hybrid seedlings) Perennial, Colorado state flower, many colors, long spurs, attracts hummingbirds	<i>Rocky Mountain Columbine</i> ☼	Rocky Mtns, Sonoran Desert	many locations	wide range	woodland, forest		●	●		●	●			SP	H	1-2	2
formosa Herbaceous perennial, good border plant, woodland effect	<i>Red Columbine</i>	statewide	intermediate, inland	wide range below 8000'	riparian, woodland		●	●				●		SU	H	2	2
Arbutus menziesii Majestic evergreen tree, beautiful branching habit, acid-loving, red berries in fall	<i>Madrone</i>	northern, central	coastal, intermediate	hills, canyons below 5000'	woodland, forest	●	●				●			SP	H	40+	30+
Arctostaphylos bakeri 'Louis Edmunds' Evergreen shrub, beautiful upright form, nice bark, pink flowers	<i>Louis Edmunds Manzanita</i>	horticultural selection A. bakeri: origin = north coast, selected by Louis Edmunds; intro Saratoga Horticultural Foundation 1962					●	●		●	●			W SP	H	6-8	6
'Byrd Hill' Large shrub/small tree, thick gray-green leaves, reddish bark, white flowers	<i>Byrd Hill Manzanita</i>	horticultural selection A. manzanita: origin = cuttings (1972) by Byrd Hill, Napa Co.; intro Skylark Nursery 1975					●			●	●			SP	H	8-10	8
catalinae Arborescent shrub, grayish leaves, large flwr clusters, sinuous branches, smooth red bark	<i>Catalina Manzanita</i>	southern	Santa Catalina Island	canyons, hills below 1500'	chaparral	●	●		●	●				W	H	18	12



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'Ophio-viridis' Groundcover, closely overlapping bright green leaves, light shade	<i>Ophio-viridis Manzanita</i>					●	●			●	●			W SP	1	4-6	
otayensis Medium shrub, green foliage, many white flowers, smooth red bark	<i>Otay Manzanita</i>	southern	intermediate	mountains 1800 - 5500'	chaparral	●	●		●	●				W H	4-10	4-8	
'Pacific Mist' Mounding groundcover, gray-green leaves, rapid growth, good shape	<i>Pacific Mist Manzanita</i>					●	●			●	●			SP ?	2	6	
pajaroensis 'Paradise' Rounded shrub, leaves clasping stems, new growth pink/red, shedding bark	<i>Pajaro Manzanita</i>					●	●	●		●	●	●		SP H	3-8	3-6	
peninsularis Medium shrub, glaucous-green leaves, white flowers, large berries	<i>Peninsular Manzanita</i>	southern	intermediate	foothills 1500 - 2000'	chaparral	●	●		●	●				W SP	5	5-8	
refugioensis Large shrub, new spring growth flame-red, white-pink flowers, excellent	<i>Refugio Manzanita</i>	southern	coastal	foothills about 2250'	chaparral	●	●			●				W SP	6-8	10	
rudis Medium size shrub, attractive shredding bark, open habit, dependable	<i>Sand Mesa Manzanita</i>	central	coastal	bluffs	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●	●		●	●				W	5	7	
uva-ursi 'Anchor Bay' Groundcover, deep green shiny oblong leaves, moderate, dense, acid soil	<i>Anchor Bay Bearberry</i>					●	●	●		●				SP ?	1	4-6	
uva-ursi 'Point Reyes' Groundcover, lush green rounded leaves, slow-moderate, proven, long-lived	<i>Point Reyes Bearberry</i>					●	●	●		●				SP H	1	4-6	
'Sunset' Mounding shrub, shiny leaves, new growth red, flowers white/pink, berries, excellent	<i>Sunset Manzanita</i>					●	●	●		●	●			W H	3-4	4-6	
'Wood's Compact' Groundcover, dark green leaves, red branches, pink flowers	<i>Wood's Compact Manzanita</i>					●	●	●		●	●			SP H	1	3-6	
Argemone corymbosa Perennial, blue/green foliage, large white flowers, needs drainage, desert garden	<i>Prickly Poppy</i>	central	high desert	plains, hills 1400 - 3500'	scrub	●	●		●	●				SP SU	3	2	
Aristida purpurea Bunch grass, graceful narrow leaves, beautiful delicate seed heads, accent	<i>Purple Three-Awn</i>	central, southern	coastal, inter, inland	canyons, plains, hills below 6000'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●	●		●	●				SP H	1-2	1	
Artemisia californica Aromatic shrub, gray-green foliage, soft texture, good erosion control, fast	<i>Coastal Sagebrush</i>	statewide	coastal, intermediate	bluffs, hills below 2500'	css, chaparral, grassland	●	●		●					SU H	3-4	2-3	



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Artemisia (continued)																		
californica 'Canyon Gray'	Canyon Gray Sagebrush					•	•			•				SU	?	1-2	6	
	Dense silver mat, aromatic foliage like Parrot's Beak Lotus, clean				horticultural selection A. californica: origin = cuttings (1972) San Miguel Island; intro Santa Barbara Botanic Garden 1980													
californica 'Montara'	Montara Sagebrush					•	•			•	•			SU	?	1-2	4	
	Dense gray-green mat, aromatic soft foliage, spreading				horticultural selection A. californica: origin = cutting (1987) Montara Mountain, north coast, San Mateo Co.; intro Wildwood Nursery 1987													
douglasiana	Douglas Mugwort	statewide	coastal, inter, inland	valleys, foothills up to 6000'	riparian	•	•	•	•			•		SU	H	2-3	3	
	Herbaceous subshrub, aromatic gray-green leaves, perennial rootstock, revegetation																	
ludoviciana	Silver Wormwood	statewide	desert, many locations	wide range below 6000'	scrub	•				•				SU	H	1-2	3+	
	Aromatic creeping perennial, tomentose foliage, showy inflorescence, rock gardens													F				
nesiotica	Channel Island Sagebrush	southern	islands	bluffs, canyons	coastal sage scrub	•	•			•	•			SP		1-2	2-4	
	Low sub-shrub, silver "snowflake" foliage, prefers coastal exposure													SU				
palmeri	San Diego Sagewort	southern	coastal	bluffs, canyons below 1500'	coastal sage scrub, riparian	•	•		•			•		SU	H	2-3	3	
	Woody perennial, small linear green leaves, upright habit, revegetation																	
pycnocephala	Sandhill Sage	north, central	coastal	strand, bluffs below 500'	coastal sage scrub, beach/dune	•	•			•	•			SU		1-2	3	
	Herbaceous perennial, low, dense, mounding, delicate gray foliage, good accent																	
pycnocephala 'David's Choice'	David's Choice Sagewort						•			•	•			SU		1	2-3	
	Low mounding perennial, silver foliage, needs good drainage				horticultural selection A. pycnocephala: origin = cuttings (1978), Point Reyes Lighthouse; intro David Amme 1980													
tridentata	Great Basin Sagebrush	statewide	inland to high desert	1500 - 10,000'	many plant communities	•	•		•	•				SU	H	2-5	3	
	Rounded shrub, silvery foliage, accent plant or background, neat																	
Asclepias																		
curassavica	Blood Flower Milkweed ☼	South America	many locations	below 6000'	many plant communities	•	•	•		•	•	•		SP		3-4	3-4	
	Upright perennial, attractive leaves, bright orange and red flowers, for butterflies													SU				
fascicularis	Narrow-Leaf Milkweed	statewide	intermediate, inland	below 7000'	many plant communities	•	•		•	•	•			SU	H	3-4	3-4	
	Herbaceous perennial, winter dormant, butterfly gardens, attracts monarchs																	
speciosa	Showy Milkweed	statewide	many locations	wide range below 6000'	many plant communities	•	•			•	•			SP		2-3	2	
	Winter dormant perennial, large pinkish flowers, monarch butterfly host plant													SU				
Aster chilensis	California Aster	statewide	islands, coastal	below 1500'	grasslands, salt marshes	•	•			•				SU		1	3	
	Creeping perennial groundcover, excellent nectar plant for butterflies													F				



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Astragalus trichopodus Leguminous perennial, silver foliage, cream-colored flowers, air-filled pods	<i>Southern California Locoweed</i>	southern	coastal, intermediate	bluffs, hills, foothills	coastal sage scrub, grassland	●	●			●	●			SP SU		1	3
Atriplex canescens Spreading evergreen shrub, gray-green leaves, tolerates poor soil	<i>Fourwing Saltbush</i>	central, southern	wide range	hills, valleys below 7000'	scrub	●			●					SU	H	4-6	10
lentiformis ssp. breweri Large mounding shrub, excellent conservation plant, tolerates poor soil	<i>Coastal Quail Brush</i>	southern	coastal	strand, bluffs below 2000'	coastal sage scrub	●			●					SU F		4-8	10+
Baccharis 'Centennial' Groundcover, mounding, lime green leaves, dense form, heat and drought tolerant	<i>Centennial Desert Broom</i>	hybrid; origin = seedling (1975) B. pilularis x B. sarothroides, select male; intro University of Arizona 1979 to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of U of A				●	●		●	●				F	H	2-3	4-6
emoryi Medium shrub, woody, upright, large leaves, riparian margin		central, southern	coastal to deserts	canyons, plains below 2500'	riparian, scrub	●	●	●		●				F	H	3-10	4-6
pilularis ssp. consanguinea Woody perennial, summer green, very drought tolerant, serviceable	<i>Chaparral Broom, Coyote Brush</i>	statewide	coastal, intermediate	plains, hills below 2000'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●	●		●					F W	H	4-8	6-8
pilularis 'Pigeon Point' Evergreen ground cover, mounding with age, light green rounded leaves	<i>Dwarf Coyote Bush</i>	horticultural selection B. pilularis: origin = cuttings (19__) Pigeon Pt., north coast, San Mateo Co.; intro Ken Taylor Nursery 1975				●	●			●	●			F	H	1	5
pilularis 'Twin Peaks #2' Evergreen groundcover, prostrate, small toothed leaves	<i>Dwarf Coyote Bush</i>	horticultural selection B. pilularis: origin = cuttings (1956) Twin Peaks, north coast, San Francisco Co.; intro Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden 1959				●				●				F	H	1	5
salicifolia (B. glutinosa) Semi-deciduous shrub, willow-like leaves, rich green foliage, revegetation	<i>Mule Fat</i>	central, southern	wide range	valleys, foothills up to 2000'	riparian	●	●	●	●			●	●	SP SU	H	4-10	8
sarothroides Medium-tall shrub, broom-like branches, small leaves, heat, wind, drought tolerant	<i>Broom Baccharis</i>	southern	coastal to deserts	canyons, plains below 1000'	coastal sage scrub, scrub	●	●		●	●				SU	H	6-12	4-6
Baileya multiradiata Short-lived perennial, woolly stems and foliage, bright yellow flowers, reseeds	<i>Desert Marigold</i>	southern	desert	plains, mesas below 5000'	scrub, grassland	●			●	●	●			SP -F	H	<1	2
Beloperone (see Justicia)																	
Betula occidentalis (B. fontinalis) Deciduous tree, rich green leaves, dark bronze bark, fall color, specimen	<i>Water Birch</i>	northern, central	inland	canyons, mtns 2000 - 8000'	woodland, forest	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	SP	H	8-15	6-8
Bidens laevis Herbaceous perennial, bright yellow flowers, marsh revegetation, fast-growing	<i>Bur Marigold</i>	statewide	intermediate	valleys below 1500'	marsh, riparian	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	SP SU	?	2-5	4-5


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Bidens (continued)																			
nudata	<i>Yellow Laguna Bur Marigold</i> ☼	Baja California, Cape Region	intermediate, Sierra de la Laguna	foothills, mountains	grassland, woodland	●	●			●	●	●			SP	?	2-3	2-3	
	Herbaceous perennial, lacy green foliage like Cosmos, fast-growing														SU				
Brahea (Erythea)																			
armata	<i>Blue Hesper Palm</i> ☼	Baja California	low desert	mnts, canyons below 3000'	scrub	●				●	●				SU	H	45	10	
	Stout-trunked fan palm, striking silver-blue fronds, long flower spikes																		
edulis	<i>Guadalupe Palm</i> ☼	Baja California, endemic	island (Guadalupe)	foothills below 2000'	woodland	●	●			●	●				SP		15	10	
	Fan palm, clean trunk, rich green leaves, large black fruit																		
Brickellia californica	<i>California Brickellbush</i>	statewide	wide range	wide range below 8000'	chaparral	●		●	●						SU	H	3-5	3-5	
	Small shrub, bushy habit, triangular scalloped leaves, inconspicuous fragrant blooms														F				
Caesalpinia californica	<i>Vara Prieta</i> ☼	endemic to Baja California	coastal (Cape Region)	low elevations	maritime desert	●	●			●	●				SU		10	8	
	Open shrub or small tree, fern-like leaves, light yellow flowers, fast growth																		
gilliesii	<i>Yellow Bird of Paradise</i> ☼	Mexico, S. America	many locations	foothills	scrub, forest	●	●			●	●				SP		8	6	
	Small, deciduous tree, showy flowers, naturalized in Arizona & Texas														SU				
Calliandra californica	<i>Baja Fairy Duster, Tabardillo</i> ☼	Baja California, Arizona, Sonoran Desert	low desert	canyons, plains below 1000'	scrub	●	●		●	●					SP	?	2-6	4-5	
	Med shrub, small lvs, showy rich red flowers, slow-growing, attracts hummingbirds																		
eriphylla	<i>Pink Fairy Duster</i>	southern	low desert	canyons, plains below 1000'	scrub	●	●		●	●					SP	?	2-4	2-4	
	Small shrub, little leaves, flowers like tiny whisk brooms, showy, slow-growing																		
Calocedrus decurrens	<i>Incense Cedar</i>	statewide	intermediate, inland	mountains 2400 - 8200'	forest	●	●			●	●					H	40+	25+	
	Majestic evergreen tree, reddish trunk, bright green foliage, good inland																		
Calycanthus occidentalis	<i>Spice Bush</i>	northern, central	intermediate, inland	foothills	woodland, forest	●	●			●	●				SU	H	6-12	8	
	Large deciduous shrub, fragrant bright green leaves, dark red flowers, unique																		
Calylophus hartwegii	<i>Sundrops</i> ☼	Arizona, Texas, New Mexico	desert	plains, hills to 7000'	scrub	●	●			●					SP		1	3+	
	Low spreading perennial, green leaves, large lemon yellow flowers, long bloom														SU				
Calystegia macrostegia 'Anacapa Pink'	<i>Island Morning-glory</i>	horticultural selection C. macrostegia: origin = cuttings from Anacapa Island; intro University of California, Los Angeles 19__					●	●			●				SP		CLIMBER		
	Vigorous vine, many pale pink flowers, long bloom season, fast														SU				
Camissonia (Oenothera) cheiranthifolia	<i>Beach Evening Primrose</i>	statewide	islands, coastal	foothills, low elevations	beach/dune	●	●		●	●					SP		1	3	
	Herbaceous perennial, gry/grn leaves, yellow flowers during day, forms dense mats														SU				


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●			●	●				SP	H	3-6	4-6
●	●			●	●			SP	?	2-3	6+
●				●	●			SP	?	6	8-10
●	●			●	●			SP	?	6	12
●	●			●	●			SP	?	1	6
●				●	●			SP		1	3-4
●	●		●	●				SP	H	5-10	8
●	●			●	●			SP		4	5-8
●				●	●			SP	?	3-5	12
●				●	●			SP	H	4-6	8
●	●			●	●			SP		4-5	8

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Ceanothus (continued)
‘Dark Star’

Mounding shrub, small leaves, profuse bloom, dark blue flowers

 hybrid; origin = seedling (1968) *C. impressus* x *C. papillosus* var. *roweanus*?; intro Ken Taylor Nursery 1971

‘Frosty Blue’

Large shrub, dark green leaves, bicolor blue/white flowers, good in heavy soil

 hybrid, random; origin = seedling (1964) *C. thyrsoiflorus* x *C. arboreus*?; intro Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden 1974

gloriosus ‘Point Reyes’

Low groundcover, toothed dark green leaves, good near coast, tolerates light traffic

 horticultural selection *C. gloriosus*: origin = cuttings (1972) Pt. Reyes peninsula, north coast, Marin Co.; intro Skylark Nursery 1975

greggii ssp. perplexans
Cupleaf Lilac

Med. rounded shrub, rigid, gray/green leaves, white flowers, drought & heat tolerant

southern intermediate, foothills, mtns chaparral inland 3000 - 7000'

griseus horizontalis ‘Yankee Point’

Low shrub, shiny green leaves, blue flowers, dependable, clean

 horticultural selection *C. griseus horizontalis*: origin = cutting (1954) SHF, Yankee Pt., central coast, Monterey Co.; intro Saratoga Hort. Foundation 1956

griseus ‘Louis Edmunds’

Medium shrub, dark green foliage, profuse bloom, rapid growth, excellent

 horticultural selection *C. griseus*: origin = seedling (1942) selected at Tilden Park by Louis Edmunds; intro Saratoga Horticultural Foundation 1955

griseus ‘Santa Ana’

Large shrub, small dark green leaves, rich blue flowers, good for slopes

 horticultural selection *C. griseus*: origin = seed (1949) Louis Edmunds, Pt. Arena, north coast, Mendocino Co.; intro Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden 1953

hearstiorum
Hearst's Ceanothus

Very low groundcover, shiny dark green leaves, dark blue flowers, tidy

central coastal bluffs coastal sage scrub, (SLO Co.) below 1000' chaparral

‘Heart’s Desire’
Heart’s Desire Ceanothus

Very low groundcover, dense, shiny green leaves, blue flowers

 horticultural selection *C. foliosus* x *C. gloriosus*: origin = cuttings (1993) north coast Bodega Bay; intro Cal Flora Nursery 1995

impressus
Santa Barbara Ceanothus

Dense medium shrub, small leaves, deep blue flower, best in sandy soils

central, southern coastal bluffs, plains chaparral below 1500'

‘Joan Mirov’
Joan Mirov Ceanothus

Medium shrub, small leaves, tight dark blue flower, shade tolerant

 horticultural selection, natural hybrid *C. foliosus* x *C. griseus*: origin = cuttings (1990) Point Reyes; intro Roger Raiche UC Bot. Gdn. 1990

‘Joyce Coulter’

Mounding low shrub, medium green leaves, rich blue flowers over long season

 hybrid random; origin = seedling (1956) *C. papillosus roweanus* x *C. thyrsoiflorus*; intro Saratoga Horticultural Foundation 1962

‘Julia Phelps’

Dense medium shrub, small dark green leaves, profuse dark blue flowers, rigid habit

 hybrid random; origin = seedling (1945) Leonard Coates Nsy, *C. papillosus* var. *roweanus* x *C. impressus*?; intro Saratoga Horticultural Foundation 1951

‘Kurt Zadnik’
Kurt Zadnik Ceanothus

Medium shrub, tall groundcover, deep blue flowers, drought tolerant

 horticultural selection *C. griseus*: origin = cuttings (1983) Salt Point State Park, Horseshoe Cove, Sonoma Co.; intro UC Berkeley 1991


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leucodermis Tall shrub, gray green leaves, light blue flowers, revegetation, screen	Whitebark Lilac	central, southern	intermediate inland	foothills, mtns below 6000'	chaparral	●	●	●	●							SP	H	6-12	10
maritimus Low shrub/groundcover, light blue flowers, like Cotoneaster in leaf & habit	Maritime Ceanothus	central	coastal	bluffs below 500'	coastal sage scrub	●	●		●	●						SP	H	1-3	6
maritimus 'Popcorn' Groundcover, dense habit, small leaves, white flowers, slow growth		horticultural selection <i>C. maritimus</i> : origin = cuttings (1985) from nursery seedlings, seed from San Luis Obispo Co.; intro UC Davis 1993				●	●		●	●						SP	H	1	2-3
megacarpus Large shrub, leathery leaf, heavy white bloom, drought tolerant	Big Pod Ceanothus	southern	coastal intermediate	bluffs, hills below 2000'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●		●								W SP	H	4-12	8+
'Mount Vision' Dense mat, tiny olive-green leaves, light blue flowers, vigorous habit		horticultural selection <i>C. gloriosus prorectus</i> : origin = type specimen for species (1939) selected by Louis Edmunds, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co.; reintro TOLN 1987				●	●		●							SP	?	1-2	3-5
ramulosus var. fascicularis Medium shrub, profuse pale blue-lavender flowers, good form, xeric look	Coast Ceanothus	central, southern	coastal	plains, hills below 1500'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●			●							W	H	5-8	6+
'Ray Hartman' Large shrub, or prune into small tree, large glossy leaves, blue flowers, specimen		hybrid; origin = seedling (1932) Leonard Coates Nsy, <i>C. griseus</i> x <i>C. arboreus</i> ; intro Saratoga Horticultural Foundation 1956				●			●	●						SP	?	15	10
rigidus 'Snow Ball' Medium shrub, small leaves, profuse early white flowers, interesting branching		horticultural selection <i>C. cuneatus</i> var. <i>rigidus</i> : origin = cuttings (1950) Yankee Pt., central coast, Monterey Co.; intro Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden 1954				●	●		●	●						W SP	H	2-4	5
'Sierra Blue' Large shrub, glossy leaf, light blue flowers, rapid growth		hybrid, F2; origin = seedlings (1948) University of California, Los Angeles from <i>C. 'La Primavera'</i> (<i>C. cyaneus</i> x , 1935 SBBG) x <i>C. cyaneus?</i> ; intro UCLA 1948				●			●							SP	H	8-15	10+
'Sierra Snow' Large shrub, dark green leathery leaves, many creamy white flowers		hybrid; origin = seedling (1941) <i>C. cuneatus</i> x <i>C. fresnensis</i> ; intro Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden 1979				●	●		●	●						W SP	H	8-10	8+
spinosus Tall evergreen shrub, light blue flowers, deep soils, good screen or barrier	Greenbark Ceanothus	central, southern	coastal, intermediate	foothills, canyons below 3000'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●	●	●	●							SP	H	6-8	8+
thyrsiflorus 'Arroyo de la Cruz' Low spreading shrub, dense habit, small leaves, blue flowers, fast growth		horticultural selection <i>C. thyrsiflorus</i> : origin = cuttings (1980) Arroyo de la Cruz, SLO Co.; intro Nevin Smith, Suncrest Nurseries 1983					●		●	●						SP		2-4	4-8
thyrsiflorus 'Skylark' Compact shrub, dark green leaves, profuse dark blue flowers, long season		horticultural selection <i>C. thyrsiflorus</i> : origin = cutting (1975) north coast Mendocino Co., intro Leonard Coates Nursery 1976				●	●		●	●						SP	?	3-5	5
thyrsiflorus 'Snow Flurry' Large shrub, shiny green leaves, profuse bloom, large white flower clusters, fast		horticultural selection <i>C. thyrsiflorus</i> : origin = cutting (1968) Big Sur, central coast, Monterey Co.; intro Joe Solomone 1975				●	●		●	●						SP	?	6-12	10


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Ceanothus (continued)																				
tomentosus var. olivaceus Large shrub, heavy bloom, flower color varies from azure blue to almost white	<i>Woollyleaf Ceanothus</i>	southern	intermediate	foothills, mtns below 3500'	chaparral	●			●								SP	H	6-12	8+
verrucosus Medium shrub, small leaves, white flowers, needs good drainage, stiff habit	<i>Wartystem Ceanothus</i>	southern	coastal intermediate	bluffs, hills low elevations	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●			●								W SP	H	3-12	8+
'Wheeler Canyon' Medium shrub, compact, shiny leaves, heavy dark blue bloom					horticultural selection <i>C. papillosus</i> var. <i>roweanus</i> : origin = cuttings (1971), Wheeler Gorge, south coast, Ventura Co.; intro Santa Barbara Botanic Garden 1981	●				●	●						SP	?	5-6	6
Cercidium floridum Dec tree, blue-green leaves/branches/trunk, yellow flowers, tolerates heat, drought	<i>Blue Palo Verde</i>	southern	low desert	plains, hills below 1200'	scrub	●			●								SP	H	10-20	15
Cercis occidentalis Small deciduous tree, showy pink flowers, resistant to oak root fungus	<i>Western Redbud</i>	statewide	intermediate inland	foothills below 4500'	chaparral, woodland	●	●			●	●						SP	H	8-20	10+
Cercocarpus betuloides Evergreen tree or large shrub, dark green leaves, unusual seed plume, good screen	<i>Western Mountain Mahogany</i>	statewide	coastal, inter, inland	foothills, mtns below 6000'	chaparral, woodland	●			●	●							SP	H	6-20	12
minutiflorus Large evergreen shrub, small bright green leaves, unusual seed plume, screen	<i>San Diego Mountain Mahogany</i>	southern	intermediate	valleys, foothills, hills below 3000'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●			●	●							SP	H	6-15	10
Chilopsis linearis Deciduous bushy tree, willow-like leaves, large catalpa-like pink/purple flower	<i>Desert Willow</i>	southern	high & low deserts	plains, valleys below 5000'	riparian, scrub	●					●	●					SP SU	H	10-20	15
Chrysactinia mexicana Low mounding sub-shrub, dark green foliage, many small orange-yellow flowers	<i>Damianita Daisy</i> ☼	W. Texas, Mexico	desert	plains, hills to 3000'	scrub	●				●							SU F	H	1	2
Chrysopsis villosa 'San Bruno Mountain' Low mounding perennial, rich green leaves, profuse bloom like a bright yellow ball	<i>Golden Aster</i>				horticultural selection <i>C. villosa</i> var. <i>bolanderi</i> : origin = cuttings (1978) by Ted Kipping; intro Yerba Buena Nsy 1980 (Syn. = <i>Heterotheca sessiliflora</i> ssp. b.)	●	●		●	●	●						SU	?	1	2-3
Clematis lasiantha Climbing deciduous vine, showy white flowers, plume seed head in summer	<i>Pipestem Clematis</i>	statewide	intermediate, inland	foothills, mtns below 6000'	chaparral, forest	●	●		●	●							SP	H	CLIMBER	
ligusticifolia Deciduous delicate-leaved vine, white flowers, thrives in shade	<i>Virgin's Bower</i>	statewide	coastal, inland	below 7000'	many plant communities		●	●			●						SP		CLIMBER	
pauciflora Deciduous climbing vine, white flowers & plumes, fast, vigorous	<i>Small-flowered Clematis</i>	southern	intermediate	hills below 4000'	chaparral	●	●		●	●							SP	H	CLIMBER	


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Cleome isomeris (Isomeris arborea) Evergreen shrub, lacy gry/grm leaves, yel flwrs year-round, adaptable, drought resist	Bladderpod	central, southern	coastal, desert	bluffs, plains, foothills	coastal sage scrub, scrub	●			●	●				SP SU	H	3-5	5
Cneoridium dumosum Evergreen shrub, strong-scented leaf, white flowers, attractive red fruit, slow	Bushrue	southern	coastal	bluffs, plains below 2500'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●	●		●	●				W	?	3-5	5
Comarostaphylis diversifolia Evergreen shrub or small tree, shiny leaves, white flowers, red berries, nice bark	Summer Holly	southern	islands, coastal	bluffs, hills below 1500'	chaparral	●	●	●			●			SP SU	H	6-10	8
Coreopsis gigantea Herbaceous perennial, fine-cut leaves, yellow daisy flower, forms fleshy 'trunk'	Giant Coreopsis	central, southern	islands, seashore, coastal	strand, bluffs up to 150'	coastal sage scrub	●	●		●					SP		3-4	2
maritima Herbaceous perennial, narrow-lobed leaves, striking yellow bloom, fast, reseeds	Sea Dahlia	southern	islands, seashore, coastal	strand, bluffs below 200'	coastal sage scrub	●			●	●				SP		2	3
Corethrogyne californica (see Lessingia)																	
Cornus nuttallii Small deciduous tree, lime green leaves, showy white "flowers", good fall color	Mountain Dogwood	statewide	intermediate, inland	mountains below 6000'	forest	●	●	●				●		SU	H	15-20	15+
stolonifera Decid shrub, large oval leaves become brilliant red in fall, wht flwrs, needs moisture	Redtwig Dogwood	northern	inland	mountains below 9000'	woodland, forest		●	●				●		SU	H	6-12	10+
Cupressus arizonica ssp. arizonica (C. stephensonii) Conifer, glaucous foliage, fine symmetrical form, good wind break, rare	Cuyamaca Cypress	southern	intermediate	mountains 3000 - 4000'	chaparral, forest	●	●			●					H	20-40	25
forbesii Evergreen tree, rich light green foliage, reddish bark, serviceable, fast	Tecate Cypress	southern	intermediate	foothills, mtns 1500 - 5000'	chaparral, forest	●				●					H	10-25	20
montana Medium evergreen tree, blue green fragrant foliage, small cones	San Pedro Martir Cypress ☼	endemic to Baja California	intermediate	above 6500'	chaparral	●				●					H	18	8
Cyperus species Please inquire regarding special production	Nutsedge	statewide	many locations	wide range	many plant communities												
Dalea orcuttii Rounded shrub, delicate pinnate leaves, showy purple flower, tolerates heat	Orcutt's Dalea ☼	Baja California endemic	low desert	foothills ?	chaparral, scrub	●				●				SP		3	5-6


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Dendromecon harfordii Large evergreen shrub, large glaucous-green leaves, yellow flowers, needs drainage	<i>Channel Island Bush Poppy</i>	southern	islands	bluffs, canyons low elevations	chaparral	●			●					SP SU	H	6-15	12
rigida Large evergreen shrub, large glaucous-green leaves, yellow flowers, needs drainage	<i>Bush Poppy</i>	statewide	intermediate, inland	foothills below 6000'	chaparral	●			●					SP SU	H	3-10	8
Deschampsia caespitosa Showy, dark green perennial bunch grass with golden spring flowers	<i>Tufted Hairgrass</i>	statewide	coastal, inter, inland	hills, mountains below 12,500'	woodland, forest	●	●	●		●	●	●		SP	H	3	2
Dichelostemma capitatum Bulb, compact heads of lavender-blue flowers, good in masses	<i>Wild-hyacinth</i>	statewide	coastal, inland	below 7500'	many plant communities	●			●	●				SP	H	1	<1
Dichondra occidentalis Creeping perennial herb, bright green foliage, understory groundcover, rare	<i>Western Dichondra</i>	southern, Baja California	coastal, islands	low elevations	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●	●		●	●	●			SP		<1	2
Diplacus (see Mimulus)																	
Distichlis spicata Low creeping perennial grass, salt or alkali tolerant, soil stabilizer	<i>Salt Grass</i>	statewide	coastal, low desert	strands, plains below 500'	beach/dune, marsh	●	●			●	●	●		SP		<1	3+
Dudleya brittonii Succulent, large open rosette of glaucous leaves, striking bloom	<i>Britton's Chalk Dudleya</i> ☼	Baja California endemic	coastal	bluffs, low elevations	coastal sage scrub	●	●		●	●				SP		1	1
edulis Rosette-forming succulent, pencil-shaped pale green leaves, white flowers	<i>San Diego Dudleya</i>	southern, Baja California	coastal, intermediate	bluffs, canyons, hills below 3500'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●	●			●				SU		<1	1
hassei Succulent, gray finger-like leaves, long flowering stems, white flowers		southern	islands (Santa Catalina)	canyons below 1200'	coastal sage scrub	●	●	●	●	●				SP		1	1
lanceolata Succulent, dark green leaves, yellow or red flowers on long stems	<i>Lance Leaved Dudleya</i>	southern	coastal, intermediate	canyons below 3500'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●	●	●	●	●				SP		1	1
multicaulis Rare perennial from corms, yellow flowers, winter dormant, reveg.	<i>Many-Stemmed Dudeya</i>	southern	coastal	plains below 2000'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●			●					SP		1	<1
pulverulenta Succulent, 12" diameter rosette, glaucous leaves, interesting flower spikes	<i>Chalk Dudleya</i>	central, southern	coastal, intermediate	hills, foothills below 3000'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●	●		●					SP	H	1	1
species		statewide	many locations	wide range	many plant communities												

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Dudleya (continued) virens	<i>Green Liveforever</i> Succulent, gray-green finger-like leaves, white flowers	southern	islands	bluffs below 1200'	scrub	●	●	●	●	●				SP	1	1	
Eleocharis macrostachya	<i>Common Spike Rush</i> Clumping perennial sedge from rhizomes, rounded upright leaves	statewide (N. America)	coastal	to 8000'	marshes, vernal pools	●	●		●				●	SU	1-3	2+	
montevidensis	<i>Spike Rush</i> Low tufted perennial with slender grasslike leaves	statewide	many locations	below 6500'	many plant communities	●	●	●	●				●	SU	1	1+	
Elymus glaucus	<i>Blue Wildrye</i> Spreading cool-season grass, great groundcover, slope-stabilizer	statewide	many locations	wide range below 7500'	many plant communities	●	●		●	●	●			SU	H	2-4	5+
Encelia californica	<i>Coast Sunflower</i> Woody subshrub, bright green foliage, yellow daisy-type flower, fast grower	southern	coastal, inland	bluffs to foothills up to 1600'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●	●		●	●				SP	3	4	
farinosa	<i>Incienso</i> Woody subshrub, white-silvery leaves, yellow flowers, easy to grow, good inland	southern	intermediate, high desert	plains to foothills	chaparral, scrub	●			●	●				SP	3	4	
Epilobium (Zauschneria) californicum	<i>California Fuchsia</i> Herbaceous perennial, gray-green foliage, profuse bright orange-red flowers	statewide	coastal, intermediate	hills below 3500'	many plant communities	●	●		●	●				SU	H	1	4
canum	<i>Hoary California Fuchsia</i> Herbaceous perennial, linear tomentose gray leaves, orange-red flowers	central, southern	coastal, intermediate	canyons, hills below 2000'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●	●		●	●				SU	H	1	4
'Catalina'	<i>Catalina Fuchsia</i> Herbaceous perennial, gray-green leaves, large brilliant red flowers, long season	horticultural selection E. californicum: origin = cuttings (1987) Middle Ranch, Catalina Island, Los Angeles Co.; intro Tree of Life Nursery 1990				●	●		●	●				SU	H	1-3	4
latifolium	<i>Hummingbird Trumpet</i> Woody perennial, bright red trumpet-shaped flowers, hummingbirds	statewide	many locations	wide range to 9000'	many plant communities	●	●			●	●			SU F	H	2	3
'Wayne's Silver'	<i>Silver California Fuchsia</i> Small-scale groundcover, silver/white leaves, bright red flowers, rock garden	horticultural selection E. septentrionale: origin = cuttings (1970) by Wayne Roderick, Eel River, Humboldt Co.; intro UC Berkeley 19__				●	●			●	●			SU F		1-2	2-3
Ericameria cuneata	<i>Compact Goldenbush</i> Dense woody perennial, tiny deep green leaves, disk-type yellow flowers	statewide	coastal, inter, inland	foothills, mountains to 9000'	woodland, forest	●	●			●	●			SP	H	1	2-3
Erigeron glaucus 'Arthur Menzies'	<i>Compact Beach Aster</i> Herbaceous perennial, very compact form, nice small-scale groundcover	horticultural selection E. glaucus: origin = selected by Wayne Roderick, named for former horticulturist at Golden Gate Park; intro Leonard Coates Nsy 1977				●	●				●	●		SP SU		1	2


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Eriodictyon crassifolium Erect shrub, running rootstock, woolly grey-green leaves, lavender flowers, aromatic	Thickleaf Yerba Santa	southern	coastal, intermediate, inland	wide range, below 6000'	chaparral	●										SP	H	6	8+
Eriogonum arborescens Woody perennial, silver foliage, beautiful cream-pink flowers, dependable	Santa Cruz Island Buckwheat	southern	islands	bluffs, canyons low elevations	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●	●									SU	H	2-5	5
cinereum Compact perennial, gray leaves, pinkish-white flower sprays, excellent on coast	Ashy Leaf Buckwheat	southern	coastal	sea level	coastal sage scrub	●										SU		2-5	6
crocatum Herbaceous perennial, round white leaves, sulphur yellow blooms, rare & unique	Conejo Buckwheat	southern	intermediate	hills about 500'	coastal sage scrub	●										SU	H	1	2
fasciculatum Woody perennial, tiny narrow leaves, pink-white flower heads dry to rust color, fast	California Buckwheat	central, southern	many locations	wide range	many plant communities	●	●									SU F	H	3-4	4+
fasciculatum 'Dana Point' Low woody perennial, deep green leaves, fast growth, good groundcover	Dana Point Buckwheat	horticultural selection E. fasciculatum: origin = cuttings (1983) Dana Point headlands, south coast, Orange Co.; intro Tree of Life Nursery 1985					●	●								SU F	?	1-3	5+
fasciculatum 'Warriner Lytle' Prostrate, evergreen groundcover, pink flower buds, fast growth, slopes	'Warriner Lytle' Buckwheat	horticultural selection E. fasciculatum: origin = garden seedling (19__); intro Theodore Payne Foundation 198_					●									SU	H	1	4
giganteum Med shrub, white lvs, large showy sprays of white flowers, flower arrangements	St. Catherine's Lace	southern	islands	bluffs, canyons low elevations	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●										SU	?	3-6+	6
grande var. rubescens Low perennial, small gray/green leaves, profuse dark pink flowers, compact	Red Buckwheat	southern	islands	bluffs, low elevations	beach/dune, coastal sage scrub	●	●									SU F		2	6
kennedyi Mat-forming, gray-leaved perennial, needs drainage, excellent in rock gardens	Cushion Buckwheat	northern, central	inland, high desert	mountains 4000 - 6500'	scrub, woodland	●	●									SP	H	<1	1
parvifolium Woody sub-shrub, leaves green above, gray beneath, white-pink flowers, prostrate	Coastal Buckwheat	central, southern	seashore	strand, bluffs low elevations	beach/dune, coastal sage scrub	●	●									SU		1-2	4+
umbellatum Woody perennial, small round gray leaves, yellow flowers, long season, compact form	Sulphur Buckwheat	statewide	inter, inland	mountains 2500 - 10,000'	scrub, woodland, forest	●	●									SU	H	1	3
Eriophyllum confertiflorum Herbaceous sub-shrub, gray foliage, bright orange-yellow flowers, adaptable	Golden-Yarrow	statewide	coastal	below 8000'	many plant communities	●	●									SP SU	H	2	3



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Eriophyllum (continued)																		
nevinii Medium perennial, silvery foliage, yellow flowers, nice in borders, rare, fast	<i>Catalina Silverlace</i>	central, southern	islands, coastal	bluffs below 500'	coastal sage scrub	●	●			●	●			F		3	4	
Erysimum concinnum Mat-forming perennial, highly fragrant, butter yellow flowers, borders	<i>Wallflower</i>	northern	coastal	below 1000'	coastal sage scrub	●	●			●	●			W SP		1	1	
menziesii Low mat-forming biennial or perennial, dark green foliage, bright yellow flowers	<i>Menzie's Wallflower</i>	central, northern	coastal	strand, bluffs below 500'	coastal sage scrub, dune	●	●			●	●	●		SP		1	2	
Erythea (see Brahea)																		
Euphorbia misera Sparsely leaved shrub, grayish stems, inconspicuous flowers, containers, unique, rare	<i>Cliff Spurge</i>	southern, Baja California	coastal, low desert, islands	bluffs, low elevations	coastal sage scrub, creosote bush scrub	●				●				W- SU		1-3	2	
Fallugia paradoxa Semi-deciduous shrub, drk green lvs, single rose-like white flwrs, plumed seed head	<i>Apache Plume</i>	southern	high desert	hills, mountains 4000 - 5500'	scrub, woodland	●			●					SP SU	H	4-6	5	
Ferocactus viridescens Cactus, tan spines, yellow flowers, green/red fruit, nursery-produced seedlings	<i>Coast Barrel Cactus, Viznaga</i>	southern	coastal	hills up to 2500'	coastal sage scrub, grassland	●	●		●					SP SU	H	1+	1	
Festuca californica Large evergreen bunch grass with tall striking panicles, soil stabilizer, accent	<i>California Fescue</i>	central, northern	coastal, inter, inland	foothills, mtns below 6000'	chaparral, woodland, forest	●	●			●	●			SP	H	2-3	2	
Fragaria californica Lovely evergreen creeping groundcover, showy white flowers, tasty berries	<i>Woodland Strawberry</i>	statewide	coastal, inter, inland	foothills, mtns below 7000'	chaparral, forest		●	●		●	●			SP	H	1	3+	
Frankenia species Please inquire regarding special production		statewide	many locations	wide range	many plant communities													
Fraxinus dipetala Deciduous shrub or tree, showy creamy white flowers, takes heavy soil, attractive	<i>California Ash</i>	statewide	many locations	canyons, mountains 300' - 4000'	chaparral, woodland	●	●		●	●	●			SP		12	6	
Fremontodendron 'California Glory' Large shrub, fast growth, masses of large bright yellow flowers, popular					hybrid, random; origin = seed (1949) F. californicum x F. mexicanum, Theodore Payne Foundation; intro Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden 1962	●			●	●				SP	H	10-20	15	
californicum Tall evergreen shrub, olive green 'felted' leaves, profuse bright yellow flowers	<i>California Flannelbush, Fremontia</i>	statewide	intermediate, inland	foothills, mtns 3000 - 6000'	chaparral, forest	●			●	●				SP	H	10-20	15	
'El Dorado Gold' Medium shrub, low mounding/spreading habit, small leaves, golden flowers					hybrid F2; origin = (19__) F. decumbens x F. 'Calif. Glory', selected by D. Hildreth; intro Saratoga Horticultural Foundation	●				●				SP	H	5	10	



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						full sun	part shade	full shade	naturalize	H2O 1x/month	H2O 2x/month	H2O 4x/month	moist	flowers	hardy to 15° F	height (in feet)	spread (in feet)
Fremontodendron (continued)																	
mexicanum	<i>Mexican Flannelbush</i>	southern	intermediate	foothills, mtns about 1500'	chaparral, woodland	●			●	●				SP	H	6-15	10
Large shrub, flowers yellow fading to orange, long season, sturdy growth (Otay Mtn, SD Co)																	
'Pacific Sunset'	<i>Hybrid Flannel Bush</i>	hybrid; origin = controlled cross (1970) F. californicum x F. mexicanum				●				●	●			SP		8-18	8-12
Large upright shrub, arching branches, dark lobed leaves, orange/yellow flowers Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden; intro RSABG (1973)																	
'San Gabriel'	<i>Hybrid Flannel Bush</i>	hybrid; origin = controlled cross (1970) F. californicum x F. mexicanum				●				●	●			SP		8-18	8-12
Large evergreen shrub, 3-4 inch leaves, cupped, buttercup yellow flowers Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden; intro RSABG (1973)																	
'West Hills Hybrid'	<i>West Hills Hybrid Fremontia</i>	hybrid, F. decumbens x F. 'Cal. Glory'; origin = Watsonville?				●				●	●			SP	H	4	8
Mounding evergreen shrub, arching branches, lobed leaves, orange-yellow flowers intro Wintergreen Nursery, Nevin Smith and Marshall Olbrich, 1986																	
Galvezia																	
juncea	<i>Baja Bush-snapdragon</i> ☼	Baja California	coastal	bluffs, hills, low elevations	coastal sage scrub to scrub	●	●				●			SP		3	2
Woody sub-shrub, small leaves, long stems, red flowers, "rush-like" habit endemic																	
speciosa	<i>Island Bush Snapdragon</i>	southern	islands	bluffs, canyons, low elevations	coastal sage scrub	●	●				●			SP		3	5
Herbaceous sub-shrub, bright green leaves, red flowers, hummingbird favorite, clean																	
speciosa 'Firecracker'	<i>'Firecracker' Island Bush Snapdragon</i>	horticultural selection G. speciosa: origin = seedling (1984) selected from trials;				●	●			●				SP		2-3	3
Herbaceous sub-shrub, tomentose leaves, bright red flower, drought tolerant, compact intro Tree of Life Nursery 1986																	
Garrya																	
elliptica	<i>Coast Tasselbush</i>	northern, central	coastal, inland	below 2000'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral, forest	●				●	●			SP		10-20	12+
Shrub or small tree, dark green leaves, 8" long pendulous flowers																	
elliptica 'Evie'	<i>Evie Silktassel</i>	horticultural selection G. elliptica: origin = cuttings (1971) by Wayne Roderick,				●	●	●		●	●	●		W		6-10	6-8
Large evergreen shrub, dense, evergreen leaves, showy flower tassels Kruze Ranch, Sonoma Co.; intro Saratoga Horticultural Foundation 1975																	
elliptica 'James Roof'	<i>James Roof Silktassel</i>	horticultural selection G. elliptica: origin = cuttings (19__) by James Roof, Prairie				●	●	●		●	●	●		W		8-15	6-8
Large shrub, evergreen leaves, long showy flower tassels Creek State Park, Humboldt Co.; intro Saratoga Horticultural Foundation 1955																	
Grindelia camporum var. camporum (G. stricta)		southern	coastal	below 1000'	css, shoreline, chaparral	●	●			●	●			SP		1-2	2
Compact perennial groundcover, bright yellow flowers																	
Haplopappus (see Isocoma)																	
Helianthemum scoparium	<i>Sun Rose</i>	statewide	coastal, inter, inland	hills, foothills below 5000'	coastal sage scrub, forest	●	●		●	●				SP		1	2
Small subshrub, bright green foliage, bright yellow flowers, rock gardens																	


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Hesperaloe parviflora Clumping perennial, arching fibrous grass-like leaves, red flowers, hummingbirds	Red Yucca ☼	Chihuahuan Desert	desert	hills, arroyos	scrub	●	●			●	●					SP	H	5	4
Heteromeles arbutifolia Large evergreen shrub, dark gm leaves, white flowers, showy red berries, specimen	Toyon, California Holly	statewide	coast, inter, inland	wide range below 4000'	chaparral	●	●		●	●						SU	H	8-15	15
arbutifolia var. macrocarpa Same as H. arbutifolia but with noticeably larger inflorescences and berries	Island Toyon	southern	Catalina and San Clemente Islands	bluffs, canyons	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●	●			●	●					SU	H	15	15
'Davis Gold' Same as H. arbutifolia but with orange-yellow berries, interesting accent plant	Golden-Berry Toyon	horticultural selection H. 'Claremont': origin = F2 seedling 19__ U.C. Davis Arboretum; intro Ellen Zagory (19__)				●	●			●						SP		15	8
Heuchera hybrids Herbaceous perennial, flowers white to crimson, good in masses or borders	Hybrid Coral Bells	hybrids F2, random; origin = seedlings (1981) H. maxima x H. hybrids (H. splendens x); intro Tree of Life Nursery 1983				●	●			●						SP	?	1	1-2
maxima Perennial, round leaves, tall green/white flowers, woodland effect, good under oaks	Island Alum Root	southern	islands	bluffs, canyons below 1500'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●	●			●	●					SP	?	1	1-2
Holodiscus discolor Medium upright shrub, handsome dark green foliage, showy cream-colored flowers	Ocean Spray	statewide	coastal	foothills, mtns below 5000'	chaparral, woodland, forest	●	●			●	●	●				SU	H	6-10	6-8
Hunnemannia fumariifolia Erect perennial, related to California Poppy, glaucous leaves, bright yel flwrs, reseeds	Mexican Tulip Poppy ☼	Mexico				●			●	●	●					SP-F	H	3	3
Hymenoxys acaulis Low mounding perennial, grass-like foliage, yellow flowers, good in pots	Angelita Daisy	central, southern	high deserts	canyons, mountains below 8000'	scrub	●	●			●	●					SP	H	1	2
Hyptis emoryi Aromatic shrub, woolly gray leaves, lavender flowers, needs good drainage	Desert Lavender	central, southern	low desert	canyons below 3000'	scrub	●	●		●	●						W		4-6	5
Iris 'Canyon Snow' Compact clumping perennial, pure white flower with yellow nectar guides	Canyon Snow Iris	horticultural selection I. douglasiana 'Alba': origin = seedling (19__) selected by Dara Emery; intro Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, 1978				●				●						SP		1	2
douglasiana Herbaceous perennial, white to purple flowers, border or accent, clumping habit	Douglas Iris	northern, central	coastal	plains, hills	grassland, forest	●	●	●		●	●					SP	H	1	2+
'Pacific Coast Hybrids' Small clumping perennial, dark green leaf blades, various flower colors	Hybrid Iris	hybrid, random; origin = mixed seedlings F2, I. douglasiana x I. inominata back-crossed w/hybrids, seed from TOLN select plants, orig.; intro Skylark Nsy 1975				●	●			●						SP		2	3+



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Isocoma menziesii var. menziesii (<i>Haplopappus venetus</i>) Woody sub shrub, disk-type yellow flowers, sunflower family		statewide	seashore, coastal	strand to hills below 1000'	beach/dune, coastal sage scrub	●	●		●	●				SU F	?	1-3	3
Isomeris arborea (see <i>Cleome</i>)																	
Iva hayesiana Woody perennial, spreads & tacks, erosion control, many soils, fast	<i>San Diego Marsh Elder</i>	southern	coastal, intermediate	plains, canyons below 1000'	marsh, coastal sage scrub	●	●		●	●				SU	?	1-3	5
Juglans californica Deciduous tree, long-lived, thrives in poor soils, tolerates heat	<i>Southern California Black Walnut</i>	southern	intermediate	hills, valleys below 2000'	grassland, woodland	●	●			●	●			SP	H	8-25	20+
Juncus acutus Clumping perennial rush, spiked dark green blades, salt or alkali tolerant, neat	<i>Spiny Rush</i>	central, southern	many locations	wide range below 1000'	many plant communities	●	●			●	●	●		SP		2	2+
effusus 'Spiralis' Semi-evergreen rush, coiled slender foliage, keep moist, nice in pots, unique	<i>Corkscrew Rush</i>	worldwide	selected as an ornamental				●					●		SP		1	2+
mexicanus Creeping perennial rush, slender dark green blades	<i>Mexican Rush</i>	statewide	many locations	wide range below 11,000'	many plant communities	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	SP		2	2+
patens Perennial, rush with blue-gray foliage, vertical accent, containers, versatile	<i>California Gray Rush</i>	statewide	many locations	wide range below 5000'	riparian	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	SU	H	2	2+
rugulosus Rhizomatous perennial, ridged (wrinkled) cylindrical leaves, brown flowers, bogs	<i>Wrinkled Rush</i>	statewide	many locations	wide range below 6500'	riparian	●	●	●					●	SP		1-3	2+
textilis Creeping perennial rush, long upright thick green blades, basket weaving material		central, southern	intermediate	wide range below 6000'	many plant communities	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	SU		3+	3+
xiphioides Perennial from creeping rootstock, flat leaf blades, moist locations	<i>Iris-Leaved Rush</i>	statewide	many locations	wide range below 7000'	many plant communities	●	●	●					●	SP		1-3	2+
Juniperus californica Stately evergreen shrub, blue-green "berries", good screen, needs drainage	<i>California Juniper</i>	statewide	intermediate, high desert	plains, foothills below 5000'	scrub, woodland	●	●		●	●				W	H	8-12	6+
Justicia californica Multi-stemmed shrub, small leaves, numerous red flowers, hummingbirds	<i>Chuparosa, Beloperone</i>	southern	low desert	canyons, plains	scrub	●	●			●	●	●		SP SU		2-3	2-3
purpusii Vining shrub, heart-shaped leaves, large orange/red flowers, loves heat, fast	<i>Chuparosa del Cabo</i> ☼	Baja Calif., Cape Region	coastal, intermediate	canyons, hills, mountains	scrub, woodland	●	●			●	●	●		SP SU		4-6	2-4


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Keckiella antirrhinoides Dense medium shrub, small leaves, many small yellow flowers, attractive	Yellow Bush Penstemon	southern	inland	canyons, hills below 4500'	chaparral	●	●		●	●				SP		4-6	6
cordifolia Vining shrub, bright green leaves, tubular red flowers, likes cool roots	Heart-leaved Penstemon	southern	coastal, intermediate	hills, fthills, cysn below 2500'	chaparral, woodland	●	●	●			●	●		SP SU	?	3+	5+
Lavatera assurgentiflora Evergreen shrub, large glossy leaves, lavender flowers, resists salt spray, fast screen	Tree Mallow	southern	islands	bluffs, plains below 500'	coastal sage scrub	●				●	●			SU		10-15	10
'Purisima' Large shrub, large leaf, showy 3" flowers, erect symmetrical form, fast	Hybrid Tree Mallow	hybrid, random; origin = seedling (1983) L. venetus x L. assurgentiflora (hort. M. Benedict); intro Tree of life Nursery 1985				●	●			●	●			SP SU		8-10	8+
Lepechinia calycina Medium upright shrub, aromatic woolly gray-green foliage, pink flowers	Pitcher Sage	statewide	intermediate, inland	foothills below 3000'	chaparral, woodland	●	●			●	●			SP		3	4
fragrans Medium upright shrub, very aromatic gray-green foliage, lavender flowers	Fragrant Pitcher Sage	southern	islands, intermediate	canyons below 3000'	chaparral	●	●			●	●			SP		3	4
Lessingia filaginifolia v. californica Groundcover, silver/white leaves, lavender flowers, spreads & tacks, attractive	Carmel Aster	northern	coastal	bluffs, hills below 1000'	grassland	●	●		●	●	●			SU F		1	4-6
Leymus (Elymus) condensatus Tall grass, short rhizomes, broad leaves, large flower/seed heads	Giant Wild Rye	central, southern	coastal, inter, inland	valleys, foothills below 5000'	css, chaparral, woodland	●	●	●		●	●			SU	H	4-8	6
condensatus 'Canyon Prince' Tall grass, short rhizomes, broad leaves, large flower/seed heads		horticultural selection L. condensatus: origin = cuttings (1968) by Ralph Philbrick, Prince Island off San Miguel Island, Santa Barbara Co.; intro SBBG 1986				●	●			●	●			SU	H	3-4	3
glaucus Semi-evergreen perennial grass, blue-green foliage, aggressive stabilizer	Blue Wildrye	statewide	many locations	wide range below 7500'	many plant communities	●	●			●	●			SU		2-4	5+
triticoides Spreading perennial grass, narrow blue-green blades, excellent soil stabilizer	Creeping Wildrye, Beardless Wildrye	statewide	many locations	wide range below 7500'	many plant communities	●	●	●		●	●	●		SP	H	2-3	6+
triticoides 'Gray Dawn' Creeping perennial grass, bluish gray leaf blades, soil stabilizer, slopes, attractive	Gray Dawn Creeping Rye	horticultural selection L. triticoides: origin = divisions (1985) by Nevin Smith, Monterey County; intro Suncrest Nurseries 1990				●	●			●	●	●		SP		2	3+
Lilium humboldtii Tall grass, short rhizomes, broad leaves, large flower/seed heads	Humboldt Lily	northern, central	inland	below 4500'	chaparral, forest	●	●	●	●					SU		5	1


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Limonium californicum Herbaceous perennial, basal leaves, pale blue-white flowers, tolerates salt spray	Coastal Statice	statewide	coastal	strand, bluffs, plains, low elevs	marsh, beach/dune	●	●					●	●	SU F	1	2+	
Linum lewisii Upright perennial, blue green, fern-like foliage, delicate, sky blue flowers	Blue Flax	statewide	many locations	wide range below 11,000'	many plant communities	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	SU H	2-3	1-2	
Lithocarpus densiflora Evergreen tree, leathery leaves, conical crown, mod growth, good street tree	Tanbark-Oak	northern, central	coastal, intermediate	cyns, fthills, mtns below 4500'	forest	●	●	●		●	●			SU H	10-30	15+	
Lobelia laxiflora Herbaceous shrub, mounding, linear leaves, bright red/orange flower, heat tolerant	Mexican Lobelia Bush ☼	Arizona, Mexico	inland	mountains	woodland	●	●			●	●			SU ?	3	3-6	
Lonicera hispidula Climbing shrub, dark green leaves, showy pink flowers, attractive	Pink Chaparral Honeysuckle	northern, central	coastal, inland	canyons, hills below 2500'	woodland, forest		●	●		●	●	●		SP	6-10	6+	
subspicata Deciduous vining shrub, creamy white flowers, attractive orange berries	Chaparral Honeysuckle	southern	coastal, intermediate	hills, foothills below 3000'	chaparral	●	●			●	●			SU H	4+	4+	
Lotus crassifolius var. otayensis Upright perennial, light green, hairy leaves and stems, flowers reddish, rare	Otay Mountain Lotus	southern	intermediate, inland	Otay Mountain below 3000'	chaparral	●	●			●	●			SP	2	3	
scoparius Perennial, small bright green leaves, numerous yellow flowers, fast	Deer Weed	statewide	coastal, inter, inland	wide range below 5000'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●	●			●	●			SP	2-3	3	
Lupinus chamissonis Medium woody perennial, silver foliage, lavender flowers	Dune Lupine	statewide	coastal	strand below 500'	beach/dune	●	●			●	●			SP	3-5	4	
Lycium brevipes Med shrub, rigid branching, small leaves, lavender flowers, drought and heat tolerant		southern	many locations	bluffs, canyons below 2000'	scrub	●				●	●			SP	6	5	
californicum Low dense shrub, rigid branches, tiny leaves, pink flowers, salt tolerant	Box Thorn	southern	islands, coastal	bluffs below 500'	coastal sage scrub	●				●	●			SP	3-6	6	
Lyonothamnus floribundus ssp. asplenifolius Evergreen tree, fern-like divided leaves, beautiful form, good in groves, fast	Fern-leaved Catalina Ironwood	southern	islands	hills, canyons up to 1700'	chaparral, woodland	●				●				SU ?	20-35	15	
Lysiloma candida Semi-deciduous tree, smooth white bark, ball-shaped cream-colored flowers, rare	Palo Blanco ☼	endemic to Baja California	many locations	foothills	scrub	●	●			●	●			SP	20	15	


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Lysiloma (continued)																		
thornberi Large shrub or small tree, open, airy habit, flowers small cream-colored balls	<i>Fern-of-the-Desert</i> ☼	Arizona	high desert	plains, canyons, hills, to 4000'	scrub, grassland	●	●			●	●			SP	H	15	15	
Mahonia aquifolium Evergreen shrub, glossy pinnate leaves, yellow flowers, blue fruit	<i>Oregon Grape</i>	northern	inland	foothills, mtns below 7000'	woodland, forest		●	●		●	●			SP	H	4-6	4	
'Golden Abundance' Evergreen shrub, shiny leaves, many bright yellow flowers, screen, hedge, accent	<i>Hybrid Oregon Grape</i>	hybrid, F2; origin = seedling (1962) <i>M. piperiana</i> x (<i>M. aquifolium</i> x <i>amplectans</i>); intro Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden 1964				●	●			●	●			SP	H	5-8	6	
nevinii Evergreen shrub, glaucous leaves, yellow flowers, dense, good screen, barrier, slow	<i>Nevin's Barberry</i>	southern	intermediate	foothills, canyons below 2000'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●				●	●			SP	H	4-12	12	
repens Low evergreen shrub/groundcover, dark green leaves, underground stems, dry shade	<i>Creeping Mahonia</i>	northern	inland	mountains below 7000'	woodland, forest		●	●		●	●			SP	H	1	3+	
Malacothamnus clementinus Medium shrub, tomentose leaves, white flowers, suckers, rare, fast	<i>San Clemente Island Bush Mallow</i>	southern	islands (San Clemente)	canyons, bluffs below 1000'	coastal sage scrub	●	●			●				SP		4-5	8+	
fasciculatus Medium shrub, dense, upright, many pink flowers, very fast	<i>Chaparral Mallow</i>	southern	coastal, intermediate	canyons, hills below 2500'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●			●	●				SP	H	3-12	6	
Malosma laurina (Rhus laurina) Evergreen shrub, dense dark green foliage, reddish when young, rapid growth	<i>Laurel Sumac</i>	southern	coastal, intermediate	bluffs, plains, hills below 3000'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●			●	●				SP		8-15	12+	
Melica imperfecta Perennial bunch grass, bright green leaves, spikelets dark, then turn golden	<i>Coast Range Melic</i>	northern, southern	coastal, inter, inland	canyons, foothills below 4000'	css, chaparral, woodland	●	●	●		●	●	●		SP	H	1-3	2	
Mimulus (Diplacus) aurantiacus (M. longiflorus) Woody subshrub, sticky light green leaves, profuse buff-coral blooms	<i>Bush Monkeyflower</i>	central, southern	coastal, intermediate	hills, fthills, cysn up to 5000'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●	●		●	●				SP	H	2	3	
cardinalis Herbaceous perennial, soft green leaves, bright red flowers, underground rootstock	<i>Scarlet Monkeyflower</i>	statewide	coastal to inland	wide range below 8000'	riparian	●	●	●				●	●	SP	H	1-4	4	
guttatus Small spreading perennial, bright yellow flowers, good for ponds, moist places	<i>Golden Monkeyflower</i>	statewide	many locations	wide range below 10,000'	many plant communities	●	●	●	●			●	●	SP	H	1-3	3	
punicus Woody subshrub, dark green narrow leaves, crimson to brick-red flowers	<i>Red Monkeyflower</i>	southern	coastal, intermediate	hills, fthills, cysn below 2500'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●	●		●	●				SP	H	2	3	


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Mirabilis bigelovii Mounding subshrub, heart-shaped leaves, many white flowers, rock gardens	<i>Desert Four O'Clock</i>	southern	desert	canyons below 7000'	scrub	●			●	●	●					SP, F	?	2	4
californica Compact perennial, small pink flowers, good on slopes and in poor soils	<i>Wishbone Bush</i>	central, southern	coastal, inland	below 3200'	chaparral, grassland	●				●	●					W SP		2	3
Monardella linoides ssp. viminea Herbaceous perennial, grayish aromatic foliage, pale purple flowers, long season	<i>San Diego Willow Mint</i>	southern	coastal	plains, hills, cys about 500'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●	●			●	●					SU	?	3	3-4
macrantha Low-growing, spreading perennial, bright red tubular flowers, drainage	<i>Scarlet Coyote Mint</i>	central, southern	coastal	foothills below 6000'	chaparral, woodland, forest	●	●			●	●					SU		1	2-3
odoratissima Trailing perennial, fragrant, profuse rose purple flowers, attracts butterflies	<i>Mountain Pennyroyal</i>	southern	inland	4500 - 9000'	scrub, forest	●	●			●	●					SU		1	3
villosa Low perennial, dark green leaves, aromatic, lavender bloom, attracts butterflies	<i>Coyote Mint</i>	statewide	coastal, intermediate	foothills	woodland		●	●		●	●					SP SU	H	2	2
Muhlenbergia rigens Dark green bunchgrass, tall elegant white flower spikes	<i>Deergrass</i>	statewide	intermediate, inland	below 7000'	many plant communities	●	●			●	●					SU	H	2	2
Myrica californica Evergreen shrubby tree, glossy dark green narrow leaves, fragrant, fine finish	<i>Pacific Wax Myrtle</i>	northern, central	coastal, intermediate	strand, plains, hills below 500'	coastal sage scrub, forest	●	●				●					SU	?	10-25	10+
Nassella (Stipa) cernua Perennial bunchgrass, deep green leaves, beautiful large flower & seed heads	<i>Nodding Needlegrass</i>	statewide	coastal, intermediate	below 4500'	grassland, chaparral	●	●			●	●					SP	H	1-3	2
lepida Perennial bunchgrass, fine leaves, graceful flower & seed heads, accent	<i>Foothill Needlegrass</i>	statewide	coastal, intermediate	valleys, foothills below 4000'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●	●			●	●					SP	H	2	2
pulchra Perennial bunchgrass, deep green leaves, beautiful purple seed heads	<i>Purple Needlegrass</i>	statewide	coastal, inter, inland	valleys, foothills below 5000'	css, chaparral, woodland	●	●			●	●					SP	H	2	2
Nolina parryi Clumping, yucca-like cream-colored flowers, spectacular inflorescence, accent	<i>Parry's Nolina</i>	southern	intermediate	foothills below 3000'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●	●			●	●					SP	H	4	3-6
parryi ssp. wolfii Large yucca-like plant, gray/green leaves, large heads of creamy white flowers	<i>Wolf's Bear-grass</i>	southern	high desert	mountains 3500 - 6000'	woodland	●	●			●	●					SP SU	H	8-15	8+


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						sun/shade	summer H2O	characteristics	full sun	part shade	full shade	naturalize	H2O 1x/month	H2O 2x/month	H2O 4x/month	moist	flowers
Oenothera																	
cheiranthifolia (see <i>Camissonia cheiranthifolia</i>)																	
elata (<i>hookeri</i>)	<i>Yellow Evening Primrose</i>	statewide	many locations	wide range below 9000'	many plant communities	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	SP	H	1-4	1
Biennial or short-lived perennial, tall flowering stalks, large pale yellow flowers																	
speciosa 'Rosea' (<i>O. berlandieri</i>)	<i>Pink Evening Primrose</i> ☼	Texas, Mexico	inland	mountains ?	woodland	•	•					•	•	SP SU		1	3+
Herbaceous perennial, low, spreading, many 2" pink flowers during daytime																	
stubby	<i>Saltillo Evening Primrose</i> ☼	Mexico	inland	mountains ?	forest	•	•					•	•	SP SU		<1	4+
Herbaceous perennial, gray-green leaves, large yellow flowers in evening, long season																	
Opuntia																	
littoralis	<i>Coastal Prickly Pear, Tuna</i>	southern	coastal, intermediate	bluffs, hills below 1200'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	•			•	•				SU	H	2-3	6-10
Low-growing cactus, spiny pads, important coastal sage scrub, wildlife																	
parryii	<i>Snake Cholla</i>	southern	coastal, intermediate	bluffs, hills below 6000'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	•			•	•				SU	H	2-5	3-5
Low to medium upright cactus, spiny cylindrical segments																	
prolifera	<i>Coastal Cholla</i>	southern	coastal	bluffs, hills below 600'	coastal sage scrub	•			•	•				SU	H	3-6	3-6
Medium upright cactus, spiny cylindrical segments, coastal cactus wren habitat																	
Ornithostaphylos oppositifolia	<i>Baja Bird Bush</i>	southern	intermediate	hills below 2500'	chaparral	•	•		•	•				SP		6-10	8
Attractive small tree, narrow leaves, white flowers, smooth bark, specimen, rare																	
Parkinsonia aculeata	<i>Mexican Palo Verde</i>	southern, Mexico	low desert	canyons about 500'	scrub	•				•				SU	H	8-20	20
Deciduous tree, green branches/trunk, yellow flowers, drought & salinity tolerant																	
Penstemon																	
azureus	<i>Azure Penstemon</i>	northern	inland	mountains below 7500'	chaparral, woodland, forest	•	•		•	•				SP	H	1-2	2-3
Low-growing perennial, blue-green foliage, profuse lavender-blue flowers																	
baccharifolius	<i>Desert Penstemon</i> ☼	Arizona Sonoran Desert	deserts	plains, hills	scrub, grassland	•	•			•	•			SU		2	2
Small perennial, toothed evergreen leaves, red flowers, attracts hummingbirds																	
centranthifolius	<i>Scarlet Bugler</i>	central, southern	intermediate	foothills, canyons below 6500'	chaparral	•	•		•	•				SP	H	1-2	1
Herbaceous perennial, narrow gray-green leaves, scarlet flower, erect, showy																	
grinnellii	<i>Grinnell's Penstemon</i>	southern	inland	mountains 4500 - 9500'	forest	•	•			•	•			SP SU	H	2	3
Herbaceous perennial, dense habit, lime green leaves, large pale lavender bloom																	



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Penstemon (continued)																	
heterophyllus var. australis Herbaceous perennial, narrow leaves, abundant rose-violet to lilac tubular flowers	Foothill Penstemon	central, southern	coastal, intermediate	hills, foothills below 5000'	chaparral	●	●		●	●				SP SU	H	2	2
'Margarita' Compact perennial, prolific, intense blooms, slopes, rock gardens, border edges	Margarita Penstemon	hybrid, random; origin = seedling 198_ P. heterophyllus x P. laetus intro Las Pilitas Nursery as 'Margarita BOP,' 199_				●				●	●			SP	H	1	2
palmeri Medium perennial, large gray-green leaves, showy lavender-pink flowers	Palmer's Penstemon	southern	high desert	canyons, hills below 6000'	scrub, woodland	●			●	●				SP	H	3	2
spectabilis Herbaceous perennial, tall flower spikes of lavender-purple, many flowers	Showy Penstemon	southern	coastal, intermediate	hills, foothills below 6000'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●	●		●	●				SP SU	H	2-3	3
Perityle incana Woody sub-shrub, silver foliage, yellow 'Dusty Miller' bloom, dependable	Guadalupe Island Rock Daisy ☼	Baja California endemic	islands (Guadalupe)	bluffs, hills, cyps low elevations	chaparral, woodland	●	●			●	●			SU		2-3	3+
Philadelphus lewisii Deciduous shrub, large dark green leaves, highly fragrant white flowers	Wild Mock Orange	northern, central	inland	1000 - 4500'	woodland		●	●		●				SP SU		6-8	4-5
microphyllus Deciduous shrub, 1" elliptic leaves, rounded form, showy fragrant white flowers	Littleleaf Mock Orange ☼	southern, Arizona	inland mountains, high desert	canyons 5000 - 9000'	scrub	●	●	●		●	●			SU	H	6	4
Physocarpus capitatus Deciduous shrub, handsome foliage, showy creamy white flower clusters	Ninebark	northern, central	coastal, inter, inland	hills, foothills below 4500'	forest		●	●		●	●	●		SP		4-6	4-6
Pinus contorta Small, compact conifer, short needles, specimen, rock gardens	Shore Pine	northern	coastal	strand, bluffs below 500'	forest	●	●	●		●	●					10-30	10
coulteri Large symmetrical conifer, long deep green needles, huge cones, great inland	Coulter Pine	central, southern	coastal, intermediate	hills, foothills 1000 - 7000'	woodland, forest	●				●					H	20-65	35
edulis Small conifer, needles dark green in twos, stately tree, very slow-growing	Piñon Pine	southern	high desert	mountains 4500 - 9000'	woodland	●	●			●					H	10-20	10+
monophylla Small conifer, gray-green needles, extremely drought tolerant, very slow	Singleleaf Piñon Pine	statewide	inter, inland, high desert	mountains 3500 - 9000'	woodland	●				●					H	8-20	10+
muricata Variable, picturesque tree, six-inch needles in bundles of two, good near coast	Bishop Pine	statewide	Channel Islands, coastal	hills below 1000'	forest, woodland, chaparral	●				●				SP		50	20



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Pinus (continued)																		
radiata Large, symmetrical conifer, open form, long needles, fast growth	<i>Monterey Pine</i>	southern, central	coastal	bluffs below 1000'	forest, woodland	●	●	●		●	●					30+	15+	
sabiniana Large conifer, open airy form, long gray-green needles, tolerates heat	<i>Foothill Pine</i>	statewide	intermediate, inland	foothills below 4500'	woodland	●				●					H	20-60	35	
torreyana Large conifer, open picturesque form, tolerant of pollution, rapid growth	<i>Torrey Pine</i>	southern	islands, coastal	bluffs below 500'	woodland	●				●					H	40-70	35	
Platanus racemosa Deciduous tree, large palmate leaf, mottled white bark, majestic specimen	<i>Western Sycamore</i>	central, southern	coastal, intermediate	plains, hills, fthills below 4000'	riparian	●			●				●	W SP	H	40+	30+	
Pluchea sericea Medium upright shrub, light green narrow leaves, rose-colored flowers	<i>Arrow Weed</i>	central, southern	intermediate, inland, deserts	canyons, valleys below 1500'	riparian	●	●	●		●	●	●		SP	H	4-6	5	
Polypodium californicum Small fern, light green fronds, needs drainage, summer dormant, good in pots	<i>California Polypody</i>	statewide	coastal, inland	bluffs, canyons below 4000'	chaparral, css, woodland		●	●	●			●	●			1	1	
Polystichum munitum Attractive evergreen fern, rich green fronds, perfect for shade gardens	<i>Western Sword Fern</i>	statewide	islands, coastal, inter, inland	bluffs, canyons, hills below 2500'	woodland, forest		●	●			●	●	●			3	2	
Populus balsamifera ssp. trichocarpa (P. trichocarpa) Deciduous tree, leaves shimmer in breezes, good shade tree, windbreak	<i>Black Cottonwood</i>	statewide	many locations	canyons, foothills, mtns below 9000'	riparian	●			●					SP	H	40-70+	40+	
fremontii Deciduous tree, triangular yellow-green leaves, heat-drought tolerant	<i>Western Cottonwood</i>	statewide	many locations	canyons, foothills below 6500'	riparian	●			●					SP	H	30-50+	35+	
Potentilla fruticosa Low perennial, lobed toothed leaves, bright yellow strawberry-like flowers	<i>Bush Cinquefoil</i>	northern, central	intermediate, inland	mountains below 12,000'	woodland	●	●	●		●	●	●		SU	H	3	4	
glandulosa Low perennial, small cream to yellow flowers	<i>Sticky Cinquefoil</i>	statewide	coastal, inter, inland	hills, valleys below 8000'	many plant communities	●	●	●		●	●	●		SP	H	2	3	
Prosopis glandulosa var. torreyana Deciduous shrubby tree, pinnate leaves, yellow flowers, deep-rooted, good in desert	<i>Mesquite</i>	southern	high & low deserts	canyons, plains, hills, below 5000'	scrub	●				●				SP	H	6-15	10+	
juliflora Large shrub or small tree, pinkish flower spikes, screen or accent	<i>Mesquite</i>	southern	low desert	below 2500'	scrub	●	●		●	●	●			SU		15	25	



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Prosopis (continued)																		
pubescens Large shrub or small tree, yellowish flower spikes, seed pods tightly coiled, specimen	<i>Tornillo, Screw-Bean Mesquite</i>	southern	low desert	canyons, below 2500'	scrub	●	●		●	●	●			SU		20	25	
Prunus																		
ilicifolia ssp. ilicifolia (P. ilicifolia) Evergreen shrub/small tree, lush growth, white flowers, red fruit, drought tolerant	<i>Hollyleaf Cherry</i>	statewide	islands, coastal	hills, foothills below 5000'	chaparral, woodland	●	●		●	●				SP	H	3-20	10+	
ilicifolia ssp. lyonii (P. lyonii) Evrgrn shrub/small tree, clean glossy lvs, white flowers, resistant to oak root fungus	<i>Catalina Cherry</i>	southern	islands	hills, canyons up to 1500'	chaparral	●				●	●			SP	H	10-40	15	
virginiana var. demissa Large deciduous shrub or multi-tree, fragrant white flowers, berries, wildlife	<i>Western Chokecherry</i>	statewide	intermediate, inland	hills, canyons, mountains to 8000'	chaparral, woodland, forest	●	●	●			●	●		SP	H	15	10	
Pseudotsuga macrocarpa Conical evergreen tree, sweeping branches, pendulous cones	<i>Big Cone Spruce</i>	southern	mountains	canyons, mountains to 6000'	forest	●	●	●		●	●				H	50+	25	
Purshia tridentata Evergreen shrub, gray leaves, white flowers, drought, cold and wind tolerant	<i>Antelope Bitterbrush</i>	central, southern	inland	foothills, mtns 3000 - 10,000'	scrub, forest	●				●				SU	H	5-10	8	
Pycnanthemum californicum Aromatic, spreading perennial herb, lush green leaves, delicate pink flowers	<i>California Mint</i>	statewide	coastal, inter, inland	canyons, hills below 5500'	chaparral, woodland		●	●			●	●	●	SU		2	3+	
Quercus																		
agrifolia Evergreen tree, spreading crown, cupped dark green oval leaves, beautiful specimen	<i>Coast Live Oak</i>	statewide	coastal, intermediate	hills, foothills below 3000'	chaparral, woodland	●			●	●				SP	H	20-40	35+	
berberidifolia (Q. dumosa) Small evergreen tree, dense foliage, branch structure open with age, deep-rooted	<i>Scrub Oak</i>	statewide	coastal, inter, inland	hills, foothills below 5000'	chaparral, woodland	●			●	●				SP	H	3-10	8	
chrysolepis Evergreen tree, round crown, leaves variable, large acorns, moderate growth	<i>Canyon Live Oak</i>	statewide	intermediate, inland	foothills, mtns below 6500'	woodland	●	●			●	●			SP	H	15-40	30+	
douglasii Deciduous tree, round crown, lobed blue-green leaves, heat & drought tolerant	<i>Blue Oak</i>	central	intermediate, inland	foothills, mtns below 3500'	woodland	●				●				SP	H	15-40	30+	
dumosa Large evergreen shrub, dense habit, attractive leaves & branches, good soil binder	<i>Nuttall's Scrub Oak</i>	statewide	coastal	hills, foothills below 650'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●			●	●				SP	H	3-10	15	
engelmannii Evergreen tree, open structure, blue-green foliage, skyline tree, specimen	<i>Engelmann or Mesa Oak</i>	southern	intermediate	hills, foothills below 4000'	grassland, woodland	●			●	●				SP	H	20-40	25+	


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Rhus (continued)																		
microphylla Deciduous shrub, rigid branches, tiny leaves, red-orange berries, heat tolerant	<i>Littleleaf Sumac, Lima de la Sierra</i> ☼	Arizona, Texas, Mexico	desert	foothills	scrub, forest	●	●		●	●				SP	H	6		8
ovata Evergreen shrub, fresh green leathery lvs, white/pink bloom, good inland, desirable	<i>Sugarbush</i>	southern	intermediate, inland	hills, foothills below 2500'	chaparral	●	●		●	●				SP	H	8-15		10+
trilobata Deciduous shrub, small trifoliolate leaves, creamy flower clusters, hardy	<i>Basket Sumac</i>	statewide	intermediate, inland	canyons, foothills 1500 - 3500'	chaparral, woodland		●	●			●	●		SP	H	3-5		4
Ribes																		
amarum Deciduous shrub, small leaves, small pendulous flowers, bristly berries	<i>Bitter Gooseberry</i>	statewide	many locations	below 5000'	chaparral, woodland		●	●			●			W	H	5		4
aureum var. gracillimum Medium semi-deciduous upright shrub, yellow flowers, orange berries	<i>Golden Currant</i>	statewide	intermediate	foothills below 2500'	chaparral, woodland	●	●		●	●	●			W	H	4-6		4
indecorum Deciduous shrub, erect open habit, round leaves dark green, early color	<i>White Flowering Currant</i>	southern	intermediate	canyons, hills below 5000'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral		●	●			●	●		W	H	4-6		5
malvaceum Deciduous shrub, erect habit, early leaf drop, pink flowers, good inland	<i>Chaparral Currant</i>	statewide	coastal, inter, inland	cyns, hills, fthills below 5000'	chaparral, woodland		●				●			W	H	5-8		5
malvaceum 'Dancing Tassles' Upright deciduous shrub, 5" long pendulous light pink flowers	<i>Dancing Tassles Currant</i>	horticultural selection R. malvaceum var. malvaceum; origin = cuttings 1990 by Bart O'Brien and Tom Hayduk, San Clemente Island; intro RSABG 1996				●	●	●			●	●		W		6		5
sanguineum var. glutinosum Deciduous shrub, erect, dark grn lobed leaves, drk pink to drk red flowers, showy	<i>Red Flowering Currant</i>	northern	inter, inland	foothills, mtns 2000 - 6000'	forest		●	●			●	●		SP	H	3-8		5
speciosum Dec shrub, small dark grn leaves, prickly branches, maroon-red flwrs, attracts birds	<i>Fuchsia Flowering Gooseberry</i>	central, southern	coastal, intermediate	canyons, hills below 1500'	chaparral, woodland		●	●			●	●		SP	H	4-10		7
thacherianum Deciduous shrub, arching prickly branches, dark green leaves, maroon-pink flowers	<i>Santa Cruz Island Gooseberry</i>	southern	islands (Santa Cruz)	canyons, hills low elevations	riparian, chaparral		●	●			●	●		SP	?	3-8		6
viburnifolium Low evergreen shrub, shiny dark green leaves, non-invasive, aromatic, under oaks	<i>Evergreen Currant, Catalina Perfume</i>	southern	islands	bluffs, canyons below 1000'	coastal sage scrub	●	●				●	●		SP	H	3-4		6
Romneya coulteri Clumping evergreen perennial, glaucous leaves, large showy white flowers	<i>Matilija Poppy</i>	southern	intermediate	cyns, hills, fthills below 4000'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●	●				●			SU	H	3-6		8+


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Romneya (continued)																					
trichocalyx	<i>Hairy Matilija Poppy</i>	southern	intermediate, inland	canyons below 3600'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●				●	●						SP	H	4	3+	
Upright perennial, creeping rootstock, blue-green leaves, large "fried egg" flowers																					
'White Cloud'	<i>White Cloud Matilija Poppy</i>	hybrid, random; origin = plant, 1940 R. coulteri x R. trichocalyx?;				●	●			●							SU	H	4-5	6+	
Clumping evergreen perennial, compact growth, extra large flower, excellent intro Theodore Payne pre-1956																					
Rosa																					
californica	<i>California Wild Rose</i>	statewide	coastal, intermediate	wide range below 6000'	riparian, woodland	●	●	●			●	●					SU	H	3-6	5+	
Mounding semi-decid shrub, fresh green leaves, many single pink flowers, fragrant																					
minutifolia	<i>Baja California Wild Rose</i>	southern	coastal, intermediate	plains, hills below 2000'	chaparral	●	●			●							SP	?	3-6	5+	
Mounding semi-decid shrub, tiny leaves, bristles, many small single pink flowers																	SU				
Rubus ursinus	<i>California Blackberry</i>	statewide	many locations	wide range below 3000'	riparian	●	●	●	●					●			SP	H	2-5	6+	
Mounding shrub/vine, bristles, large trifoliate leaves, white flowers, fast, revegetation																	SU				
Salicornia																					
subterminalis	<i>Pickleweed, Glasswort</i>	statewide	coastal	low elevations	salt marsh, alkali sink	●	●					●	●				SU		<1	2	
Perennial with succulent, leafless, jointed stems, restoration																					
virginica	<i>Common Pickleweed</i>	statewide	coastal	low elevations	salt marsh	●	●					●	●				F		1-2	3	
Leafless perennial, succulent branchlets, extensive colonies along coast, restoration																					
Salix																					
exigua (S. hindsiana)	<i>Sandbar Willow</i>	statewide	many locations (not deserts)	wide range below 3000'	riparian	●	●		●					●			SP	H	6-15	10+	
Small deciduous tree, clumping, gray furrowed bark, gray-silky leaves																					
gooddingii	<i>Black Willow</i>	statewide	many locations	wide range below 2000'	riparian	●	●		●					●			SP	H	20-40+	20	
Deciduous tree, rough dark bark, narrow light green leaves, fast																					
laevigata	<i>Red Willow</i>	statewide	many locations	wide range below 5000'	riparian	●	●		●					●			SP	H	10-40	25+	
Deciduous tree, narrow light green leaves, red-brown to yellowish twigs																					
lasiolepis	<i>Arroyo Willow</i>	statewide	many locations	wide range below 7000'	riparian	●	●		●					●			SP	H	6-30	20+	
Deciduous tree, smooth bark, leaves dark green, glaucous below																					
lucida ssp. lasiandra (S. lasiandra)	<i>Lance-leaf Willow</i>	statewide	many locations (not deserts)	wide range below 8000'	riparian	●	●		●					●			SP	H	20-30	20+	
Deciduous tree, rough brown bark, large leaves, dark green above, glaucous below																					
Salvia																					
'Allen Chickering'	<i>Allen Chickering Sage</i>	hybrid, random; origin = seedling (19__) S. clevelandii. x S. leucophylla;				●				●							SP	H	3	4	
Woody sub-shrub, mounding habit, dark green foliage, rich blue-purple bloom intro Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden 1949																	SU				



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Salvia (continued)																		
'Aromas' Medium evergreen shrub, aromatic gray-green foliage and deep lavender flowers						●	●			●	●			SP		3	3	
apiana Woody sub-shrub, long willow-like stems, white leaves & flowers, aromatic	White Sage	southern	coastal, intermediate	plains, hills below 5000'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●			●	●				SP	H	3-5	5	
'Bee's Bliss' Small-scale mounding groundcover, gray-green leaves, lavender-pink flower spikes						●	●			●	●			SP		1-2	3+	
brandegei Small shrub, dark green linear leaves, small pale blue flowers, aromatic, rare	Brandegee's Sage	southern, Baja	islands, coastal	canyons, hills below 500'	coastal sage scrub	●	●		●	●				SP		3-4	4	
cedrosensis Small perennial, felty gray-green leaves, blue or white flowers, attractive	Cedros Island Sage ☼	Baja	Cedros Island, coastal	plains	scrub	●	●		●	●				SP		1-2	2	
chamaedryoides Mounding evergreen perennial, gray-green foliage, small bright blue flowers	Electric Blue Sage ☼	Mexico	inland	below 9000'	many plant communities	●	●		●	●	●			SU		2-3	3+	
clevelandii Woody sub-shrub, mounding habit, ash-gray leaves, purple flowers, aromatic	Cleveland Sage	southern	coastal, intermediate	bluffs, hills below 3000'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●	●		●	●				SP SU	H	5	4	
clevelandii 'Winifred Gilman' Compact upright shrub, red flowering stems, violet-blue flowers						●	●			●	●			SP		3	3	
coahuilensis Perennial herb, fragrant foliage, beet-purple flowers	Coahuila Sage ☼	Mexico	many locations	mountains	woodland	●	●			●	●	●		SU		2-3	2-3	
'Dara's Choice' Herbaceous perennial, glaucous-green leaves, deep lavender bloom, vigorous	Creeping Sage Hybrid					●	●			●				SP	H	1-2	3	
greggii Woody perennial, abundant flowers in many colors, hummingbirds & butterflies	Autumn Sage ☼	Chihuahuan Desert	many locations	plains, hills 5000 - 9000'	grassland, woodland	●	●		●	●	●			SP -F	H	3	3	
leucophylla 'Point Sal' Medium prostrate shrub, gray-green to white leaves, pinkish purple flowers	Purple Sage	southern	coastal	bluffs	coastal sage scrub	●			●	●	●			SU		3-4	4-6	
mellifera Woody sub-shrub, erect habit, dark green aromatic leaves, flowers blue, lilac or white	Black Sage	statewide	coastal, intermediate	plains, hills below 2000'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●	●		●					SP SU	H	3-5	6+	
mellifera 'Tera Seca' Low evergreen sub-shrub, shiny dark green leaves, white flowers, fast growth	Tera Seca Sage					●	●			●	●			SP SU	H	1-2	6+	



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NAME & DESCRIPTION		RANGE				PLANTING GUIDE												
BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	region	location	elevation	community	sun/shade	summer H2O	characteristics										
						full sun	part shade	full shade	naturalize	H2O 1x/month	H2O 2x/month	H2O 4x/month	moist	flowers	hardy to 15° F	height (in feet)	spread (in feet)	
Salvia (continued)																		
microphylla Woody sub-shrub, tight habit, bright green leaves, red-carmine flowers, accent	<i>Red Summer Sage</i> ☼	Mexico, Texas, New Mexico	many locations	plains, hills ?	grassland, woodland	●	●			●	●			SU F	H	3	5	
muelleri Shrubby perennial herb, grassy green fragrant foliage, royal purple flowers	<i>Royal Purple Sage</i> ☼	Mexico	many locations	mountains	many plant communities	●	●			●	●	●		SP		2	4	
munzii Woody sub-shrub, compact, ash-green leaves, clear blue flowers, tolerates heavy soil	<i>San Miguel Mountain Sage</i>	southern	coastal, intermediate	canyons, hills below 2500'	coastal sage scrub, chaparral	●			●	●				SP	?	2-3	3	
sonomensis Herbaceous perennial, very low mat, glaucous-green leaves, blue-violet flower spikes	<i>Creeping Sage</i>	statewide	coastal, inter, inland	hills, foothills below 6500'	chaparral, woodland	●	●			●				SP SU	H	<1	4+	
spathacea Perennial, forms dense mat, many dark red flower spikes, attracts hummingbirds	<i>Hummingbird Sage</i>	northern, central	coastal	below 2000'	many plant communities		●	●	●	●				SP SU	H	2	3	
Sambucus mexicana Deciduous shrub/small tree, creamy flowers, bluish fruit, adaptable, screen	<i>Mexican Elderberry</i>	statewide	wide range	hills, foothills below 4500'	many plant communities	●	●		●				●	SU	H	6-20	15+	
Satureja chandleri Herbaceous perennial, pubescent leaves, small white flowers, stems spread & tack	<i>San Miguel Savory</i>	statewide	coastal, intermediate	canyons below 3000'	chaparral		●	●		●	●			SU	?	<1	3	
douglasii Trailing evergreen perennial herb, highly aromatic foliage, small white flowers	<i>Yerba Buena</i>	statewide	coastal	canyons, hills below 3000'	chaparral, woodland		●	●		●	●	●		SP		<1	3+	
Scirpus americanus Large perennial, thick three-sided blades, light brown inflorescence, good in ponds	<i>Three-Square</i>	statewide	many locations	wide range below 7000'	marshes	●	●	●					●	SP		5+	3+	
californicus Tall perennial with long dark green blades, needs moisture	<i>California Bulrush</i>	statewide	many locations	wide range below 650'	marsh	●	●	●					●	SP		8+	4+	
cernuus Densely tufting perennial, bright green foliage, water gardens	<i>Fiber Optics Grass</i>	statewide	coastal, intermediate	low elevations	marsh	●	●	●				●	●	SU		<1	1	
species Please inquire regarding special production	<i>Tule</i>	statewide	many locations	wide range	many plant communities													
Senecio flaccidus var. douglasii (S. douglasii) Woody sub-shrub, finely cut silver foliage, yellow "daisy" flowers, long bloom	<i>Bush Groundsel</i>	statewide	coastal, inter, inland	hills, foothills below 5000'	css, chaparral, grassland	●	●		●	●				SU	H	2-5	3	


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Senna (Cassia) armata Rounded shrub, usually leafless, pale green pointed branches, bright yellow flowers	Spiny Senna	southern	desert	plains, hills below 3000'	scrub	●			●	●						SP	H	2	3
lindheimeriana Semi-woody shrub, soft pinnate leaves, abundant showy yellow flowers, fast growth	Lindheimer Senna ☼	Arizona, Texas, Mexico	desert	hills, foothills 4500' - 5500'	scrub	●	●			●	●					SU		6	6
Sequoia sempervirens Massive conifer, red bark, dark green awl-shaped needles, grove, specimen	Coast Redwood	northern, central	coastal	bluffs, hills below 2000'	forest	●	●				●	●					H	40-80	30+
Sequoiadendron giganteum Massive evergreen tree, furrowed bark, cinnamon-red color, blue-green foliage	Giant Sequoia	northern, central	intermediate, inland	mountains below 8500'	forest	●	●	●	●	●	●					SP	H	40+	20+
Shepherdia argentea Deciduous shrub, silvery, drought/alkali tolerant, excellent erosion control	Silver Buffaloberry	northern, central	inland, high desert	foothills, mtns 3500 - 6500'	scrub, woodland	●				●						SP	H	4-15	10
Simmondsia chinensis Medium evergreen shrub, yellow/green lvs, green fruit, good in many soils & climates	Jojoba, Goatnut	southern	high & low deserts	canyons, hills below 5000'	scrub	●			●	●						SP	H	6-10	8+
Sisyrinchium bellum Perennial, grass-like leaves, many dainty purple flowers, long bloom, reseeds	Blue-eyed Grass	statewide	coastal, inter, inland	wide range below 3000'	many plant communities	●	●		●							SP	H	1	1
californicum Perennial, stout leaves, yellow flowers, prefers moist soil, good drainage	Golden-eyed Grass	northern	coastal	plains low elevations	marsh, grassland	●	●			●						SU	H	<1	1
Solanum douglasii Herbaceous perennial, oval-shaped wavy leaves, nodding white star-like flowers	White Nightshade	statewide	many locations	below 3500'	coastal sage scrub, woodland	●	●			●						SP		3-6	5
hindsianum Open shrub, felty light green foliage, large pale lavender flowers	Mariola ☼	Baja California	coastal, inter, inland	hills	scrub	●	●			●	●					SP		3-6	4
wallacei Herbaceous subshrub, gray-green foliage, showy light purple flowers	Wallace's Nightshade	southern	Santa Catalina Island	canyons, below 2000'	chaparral	●	●			●	●					SP SU		2-3	3
xantii Herbaceous perennial, purple flowers, good accent color, long season	Purple Nightshade	southern	coastal, intermediate	plains, hills below 4000'	chaparral, woodland	●	●		●	●						SP	?	2	2
Solidago californica Low spreading perennial, golden yellow flowers, showy	California Goldenrod	statewide	many locations	wide range below 7500'	woodland	●	●			●	●	●	●			SU	H	1-2	3+


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						sun/shade	summer H2O	characteristics									
						full sun	part shade	full shade	naturalize	H2O 1x/month	H2O 2x/month	H2O 4x/month	moist	flowers	hardy to 15° F	height (in feet)	spread (in feet)
Sphaeralcea ambigua Woody perennial, gray-green woolly foliage, many bright orange flwrs, long season	Desert Mallow	central, southern	high & low deserts	plains, mountains below 4000'	scrub, woodland	●	●			●				SP	H	2-3	2
Spiraea douglasii Small upright deciduous shrub, rose-colored flower clusters, unique	Western Bridalwreath	northern	intermediate	valleys, mountains below 6000'	many plant communities		●	●			●	●	●	SP	H	4-8	3-5
Sporobolus airoides Fine perennial bunchgrass, airy pink flower panicles, accent, tolerates poor soil	Alkali Dropseed	statewide	intermediate, inland	wide range to 6000'	many plant communities	●				●	●	●		SU	H	2	3
Stachys bullata Low spreading perennial, light green pubescent leaves, small pink flowers	Hedge Nettle	statewide	islands, coastal	wide range below 2000'	marsh, riparian	●	●			●	●	●		SP		<1	3+
Stipa (see Nassella)																	
Styrax officinalis Medium to large upright deciduous shrub, fragrant white flowers, ornamental	Snowdrop Bush	northern, central	intermediate, inland	foothills below 5000'	chaparral, woodland	●	●			●	●	●	●	SP		6-8	5+
Symphoricarpos mollis Deciduous trailing shrub, pink flowers, pure white fruit very evident fall/winter	Creeping Snowberry	statewide	coastal, intermediate	hills, foothills below 3000'	chaparral, woodland		●	●		●	●			SP	H	1-3	3
Tagetes lemmonii Med woody perennial, mounding, dark green foliage, bright yellow-orange flowers	Mountain Marigold ☼	Sonoran Desert	inland	canyons, mountains below 8000'	scrub	●				●	●			SU	H	4	8
Tecoma stans Semi-evergreen tree, bright yellow trumpet-type flowers, attracts hummingbirds	Yellow Bells ☼	Sonoran Desert, Baja California	inland	foothills below 5500'	scrub	●	●			●	●	●		SP		12	6
Thalictrum fendleri var. polycarpum Perennial, foliage like maidenhair fern, intricate flowers, woodland effect	Meadow Rue	statewide	coastal, intermediate	canyons, hills below 2500'	woodland, forest		●	●			●	●		SP	H	2	2
Toxicodendron (Rhus) diversilobum Deciduous shrub, vining, shiny leaves, skin irritant, valuable for wildlife, revegetation	Poison Oak	statewide	many locations	wide range below 5000'	many plant communities	●	●	●	●	●				SP	H	3-6	6+
Trichostema lanatum Small evergreen shrub, dark green aromatic leaves, profuse purple blooms, striking	Woolly Blue Curls	central, southern	coastal, intermediate	hills, foothills below 3500'	chaparral	●			●	●				SU	H	2-4	4
Typha domingensis Tall upright perennial, long slender blades, cinnamon-brown flowering stalk	Southern Cattail	statewide	many locations	wide range below 5000'	many plant communities	●	●	●				●		SP		6+	3+
latifolia Erect rhizomatous perennial, red-brown inflorescence, emergent	Broad-leaved Cattail	statewide	many locations	below 5000'	marsh	●	●	●				●		SU		6+	3+

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PLANT SELECTION GUIDE (SAN LUIS OBISPO TO SAN DIEGO)

How to Use This Guide

Select plants from the lists below according to "zone" (see descriptions below). Then refer back to the catalog and/or reference books (see book listing) for size, flowering time, sun or shade requirements and other information. This list was compiled with the aid of "California Native Trees and Shrubs", by Lenz and Dourley (now out-of-print), and the horticultural experiences of experts in the various regions. Although a plant may be listed in a particular zone, it may require special horticultural conditions such as shade or additional water to thrive. We encourage experimentation, additional research and feedback on how these plants perform in your area.

Planting Zone & Representative Cities

- 1. Immediate Coast** - San Luis Obispo, Ventura, Long Beach, La Jolla (Constant maritime influence)
- 2. Transition Coastal & Foothills** - Santa Maria, Glendale, Orange, Vista, San Diego (West of Coastal Foothills)
- 3. Inland Valleys** - Pomona, San Bernardino, Riverside, Temecula (East of Coastal Foothills)
- 4. Mountains** - Wrightwood, Big Bear, Idyllwild, Alpine (above 3000', South Coast Ranges)
- 5. Low Desert** - Palm Springs, Borrego (Imperial or Colorado)
- 6. High Desert** - Lancaster, Victorville, Yucca Valley (Mojave)

PERENNIAL BEDS AND BORDERS

Abutilon palmeri, 2, 3, 5	Heuchera maxima & hybrids, 1-3
Aquilegia formosa, 1-5	Iris douglasiana, 1-4
Artemisia pycnocephala, 1-3	Mimulus sp. and hybrids, 1-3, 5
Camissonia cheiranthifolia, 1-3, 5	Mirabilis californica, 2-5
Coreopsis maritima, 1-2	Monardella spp., 1-4
Epilobium californicum, 1-4, 5	Penstemon heterophyllus, 1-4
Erigeron glaucus, 1-3	Penstemon spectabilis, 1-6
Eriogonum grande var. rubescens, 1-3, 6	Salvia leucophylla 'Pt. Sal', 1-3, 5
Eriogonum umbellatum, 1-3, 5	Salvia 'Dara's Choice', 1-5
Eriophyllum nevinii 1-3, 5	Thalictrum fendleri var. polycarpum, 1-4
Galvezia speciosa 'Firecracker', 1-3, 5	

GROUND COVER TO 3'

Arctostaphylos 'Carmel Sur', 1-3	Epilobium californicum, 1-4, 5
Arctostaphylos 'Emerald Carpet', 1-3	Erigeron karvinskianus, 1-3, 5
Arctostaphylos 'Pacific Mist', 1-4	Eriogonum fasciculatum 'Dana Point', 1-3, 5
Arctostaphylos 'Point Reyes', 1-4	Eriogonum parvifolium, 1-3
Artemisia californica 'Canyon Gray', 1-3, 5	Fragaria californica, 1-4
Artemisia californica 'Montara', 1-3, 5	Iva hayesiana, 1-3, 5, 6
Baccharis pilularis 'Pigeon Point', 1-3, 5, 6	Oenothera speciosa 'Rosea', 1-3, 5
Baccharis pilularis 'Twin Peaks', 1-6	Oenothera stubbei, 1-3, 5, 6
Ceanothus 'Joyce Coulter', 1-4	Ribes viburnifolium, 1-3
Ceanothus maritimus, 1-3	Salvia mellifera 'Tera Seca', 1-3
Ceanothus 'Point Reyes', 1-4	Sisyrinchium spp., 1-5
Ceanothus 'Yankee Point', 1-3	Solanum xanthii, 1-3, 5

ACCENT PLANTS TO 4'

Agave deserti, 1-3, 5, 6	Limonium californicum, 1, 2
Agave shawii, 1-3, 5	Mimulus species and hybrids, 1-4
Arctostaphylos 'Sunset', 1-4	Nolina parryi, 1-6
Ceanothus rigidus 'Snowball', 1-4	Penstemon spectabilis, 1-6
Cneoridium dumosum, 1-3, 6	Penstemon heterophyllus, 1-4
Coreopsis giganteum, 1, 2, 5	Perilyte incana, 1-3, 5
Dudleya spp., 1-3	Romneya 'White Cloud', 1-4, 6
Encelia farinosa, 1-6	Salvia clevelandii, 1-6
Eriogonum fasciculatum, 1-3, 5	Salvia greggii, 1-3, 5
Eriogonum giganteum, 1, 2	Trichostema lanatum, 2-5
Ferocactus viridescens, 1-3, 5	Yucca schidigera, 2-6
Galvezia speciosa 'Firecracker', 1-3, 5, 6	Yucca whipplei, 2-6
Iris douglasiana, 1-4	

ACCENT PLANTS TO 5'

Amorpha fruticosa, 2-5	Fallugia paradoxa, 2-6
Arctostaphylos 'Howard McMinn', 1-4	Fremontia species & hybrids, 1-4, 6
Arctostaphylos 'Sentinel', 1-4, 6	Heteromeles arbutifolia, 1-6
Calycanthus occidentalis, 2-4	Mahonia 'Golden Abundance', 1-4
Carpenteria californica, 1-4	Pinus contorta, 1, 2
Ceanothus 'Concha', 1-4	Pinus monophylla, 2-6
Ceanothus 'Julia Phelps', 1-4	Rhamnus 'Eve Case', 1-5
Ceanothus 'Skylark', 1-3	Ribes aureum, 1-6
Cercis occidentalis, 1-4, 6	Ribes speciosum, 2-4
Cleome isomeris, 1-6	Rhus lentii, 1-3
Comarostaphylis diversifolia, 1-3	Tecoma stans, 1-3, 5
Dendromecon rigida, 2-4	

FORMIDABLE SLOPE PLANTS

Aesculus californica, 2-4	Parkinsonia aculeata, 2-3, 5, 6
Amorpha fruticosa, 2-4	Pinus coulteri, 2-4
Artemisia californica, 1-3	Pinus sabiniana, 2-4, 6
Atriplex lentii ssp. brewerii, 1-3, 5	Prunus ilicifolia ssp. ilicifolia, 1-4, 6
Baccharis pilularis, 1-6	Prunus ilicifolia ssp. lyonii, 1-3
Ceanothus spp., 1-4	Quercus dumosa, 1-4, 6
Cercidium floridum, 2-3, 5	Rhamnus spp., 1-4
Cercocarpus spp., 2-6	Rhus spp., 1-4, 6
Cleome isomeris, 1-3, 5, 6	Ribes malvaceum, 1-4
Encelia californica, 1-3, 5	Romneya coulteri, 1-4
Encelia farinosa, 2, 3, 5, 6	Salvia clevelandii, 1-5
Fremontia species & hybrids, 1-4, 6	Salvia mellifera 'Tera Seca', 1-3
Garrya elliptica, 2-4	Shepherdia argentea, 2-6
Heteromeles arbutifolia, 1-5	Senecio douglasii, 1-6
Iva hayesiana, 1-3, 5	Solanum xanthii, 1-3
Mahonia nevinii, 2-6	Yucca spp., 1-6

PLANTS FOR CLAY SOILS

Acer macrophyllum, 2-4, 6	Mahonia 'Golden Abundance', 1-4
Aquilegia formosa, 1-5	Mimulus species, 1-3, 5
Artemisia californica 'Canyon Grey', 1-3, 5	Monardella species, 1-4
Baccharis species and hybrids, 1-6	Oenothera species, 1-3, 5
Carpenteria californica, 1-4	Pinus coulteri, 2-4, 6
Cercis occidentalis, 1-6	Pinus sabiniana, 2-6
Cercocarpus betuloides, 2-6	Pinus torreyana, 1-3
Cleome isomeris, 1-3, 5, 6	Platanus racemosa, 1-3, 5, 6
Encelia californica, 1-3, 5	Quercus agrifolia, 1-3
Eriogonum fasciculatum, 1-6	Rhus integrifolia, 1-3
Eriophyllum confertiflorum, 1, 2, 4	Rosa californica, 1-6
Eriophyllum nevinii, 1-3	Salvia spathacea, 1, 2
Heuchera species & hybrids, 1-3	Sambucus mexicana, 1-4
Iris douglasiana, 1-4	Sisyrinchium species, 1-5
Iva hayesiana, 1-3, 5	Thalictrum fendleri v. polycarpum, 1-4
Lobelia laxiflora, 1-3, 5	Woodwardia fimbriata, 1-4

TALL FILLERS, BKGRND & SCREEN PLANTINGS 6'+

Arctostaphylos 'Sentinel', 1-4	Mahonia 'Golden Abundance', 1-4
Ceanothus 'Frosty Blue', 1-4	Myrica californica, 1-3
Ceanothus 'Ray Hartman', 1-3	Prunus ilicifolia, 1-4, 6
Ceanothus 'Sierra Blue', 2-4	Prunus lyonii, 1-3
Ceanothus spinosus, 1-3	Quercus dumosa, 1-4
Ceanothus 'Snow Flurry', 1-3	Rhamnus californica, 1-4
Comarostaphylis diversifolia, 1-3	Rhus integrifolia, 1-3
Fremontia species & hybrids, 1-4, 6	Rhus ovata, 2-6
Garrya elliptica, 2-4	Sambucus mexicana, 1-4
Heteromeles arbutifolia, 1-6	Shepherdia argentea, 2-6
Lavatera 'Purissima', 1-3	Umbellularia californica, 1-6

HEDGES

Arctostaphylos spp., 1-4	Myrica californica, 1-3
Baccharis pilularis, 1-6	Prunus ilicifolia ssp. ilicifolia, 1-4, 6
Ceanothus 'Concha', 1-4	Prunus ilicifolia ssp. lyonii, 1-3
Ceanothus 'Frosty Blue', 1-4	Rhamnus californica 'Eve Case', 1-4
Ceanothus 'Ray Hartman', 1-3	Rhamnus crocea, 2-4
Ceanothus 'Skylark', 1-4	Rhamnus crocea ssp. insula, 1-3
Ceanothus 'Snow Flurry', 1-3	Rhus integrifolia, 1-3
Cercocarpus spp., 1-6	Rhus ovata, 1, 2, 5, 6
Cleome isomeris, 1-3, 5, 6	Shepherdia argentea, 2-6
Cupressus spp., 1-6	Simmondsia chinensis, 1-5
Mahonia 'Golden Abundance', 1-4	Umbellularia californica, 1-6
Mahonia nevinii, 2-6	

DECIDUOUS TREES

Acer macrophyllum, 2-4, 6	Parkinsonia aculeata, 2, 3, 5, 6
Aesculus californica, 2-4, 5	Platanus racemosa, 1-3, 5, 6
Alnus rhombifolia, 1-6	Populus fremontii, 2-6
Betula occidentalis, 1-4, 6	Quercus douglasii, 2, 3
Cercidium floridum, 2, 3, 5, 6	Quercus kelloggii, 3, 4
Cercis occidentalis, 1-6	Quercus lobata, 3, 4, 6
Chilopsis linearis, 2, 3, 5, 6	Sambucus mexicana, 1-5
Juglans californica, 2-5	Tecoma stans, 1-3, 5

EVERGREEN TREES

Arbutus menziesii, 3, 4	Pinus sabiniana, 2-6
Brahea armata, 2, 3, 5	Pinus torreyana, 1-3
Calocedrus decurrens, 2-5, 6	Prunus ilicifolia ssp. lyonii, 1-3
Ceanothus arboreus, 1-3	Quercus agrifolia, 1-3
Lithocarpus densiflorus, 1-4	Quercus chrysolepis, 2-4, 6
Lionothamnus floribundus ssp. asplenifolius, 1-3	Quercus engelmannii, 2-4
Pinus coulteri, 2-4, 6	Sequoia sempervirens & hybrids, 1-3
Pinus monophylla, 1-6	Umbellularia californica, 1-6

VINES/ESPAIERS

Antigonon leptopus, 1, 2, 5	Lavatera 'Purissima', 1, 2, 5
Calystegia macrostegia 'Anacapa Pink', 1, 2	Ribes malvaceum, 1-3
Carpenteria californica, 2-4	Ribes viburnifolium, 1-3
Chilopsis linearis, 2, 3, 5	Rosa californica, 1-6
Clematis lasiantha, 1-4	Rubus ursinus, 1-4
Fremontia spp., 1-4, 6	Tecoma stans, 1-3, 5
Galvezia speciosa, 1-3, 5, 6	Vitis spp., 1-6
Keckiella cordifolia, 1-3	

CONSERVATION/WILDLIFE

Aquilegia formosa, 1-4	Parkinsonia aculeata, 2, 3, 5, 6
Arbutus menziesii, 3, 4	Populus spp., 1-6
Atriplex lentiformis ssp. brewerii, 1-6	Prunus spp., 1-6
Ceanothus spp., 1-4	Quercus spp., 1-4, 6
Comarostaphylis diversifolia, 1-3	Rhamnus spp., 1-4
Epilobium californicum, 1-4, 5	Rhus spp., 1-4, 6
Eriogonum spp., 1-6	Ribes spp., 1-4, 6
Galvezia spp., 1-3, 6	Rosa californica, 1-6
Heteromeles arbutifolia, 1-6	Salix spp., 1-6
Juglans californica, 2-4	Sambucus mexicana, 1-6
Keckiella cordifolia, 1-3	Trichostema lanatum, 2-4
Mahonia spp., 1-4	Vitis spp., 2-6
Mimulus spp., 1-4	

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SEED MIXES

Tree of Life Nursery offers several native wildflower seed mixes which are an excellent addition to drought tolerant landscapes. The blends were developed for use in southern California, especially for overseeding among newly installed native plants in the landscape. The seeds are of the highest quality obtainable because they are supplied exclusively to Tree of Life Nursery by S & S Seeds of Carpinteria, California. Please contact the nursery for planting specifications and current prices. The components for each mix are listed below. The percentage for each species has been carefully proportioned based on numerous trials.

NATURE MIX™

Clarkia bottae	Farewell-to-Spring
Clarkia unguiculata	Mountain Garland
Eschscholzia californica	California Poppy
Linum lewisii	Blue Flax
Lotus scoparius	Deer Weed
Lupinus bicolor	Miniature Lupine
Mimulus puniceus	Bush Monkeyflower
Nemophila maculata	Five Spot
Nemophila menziesii	Baby Blue Eyes
Oenothera elata	Yellow Evening Primrose
Penstemon centranthifolius	Scarlet Bugler
Phacelia campanularia	Canterbury Bells

FOOTHILL MIX™

Castilleja exserta	Owl's Clover
Clarkia bottae	Farewell-to-Spring
Clarkia unguiculata	Mountain Garland
Collinsia heterophylla	Chinese Houses
Eriophyllum confertiflorum	Golden Yarrow
Eschscholzia californica	California Poppy
Gilia capitata	Globe Gilia
Gilia tricolor	Bird's Eyes
Lasthenia chrysostoma	Coast Goldfields
Layia platyglossa	Tidy Tips
Lupinus bicolor	Miniature Lupine
Lupinus hirsutissimus	Nettle Lupine
Lupinus nanus	Sky Lupine
Nemophila menziesii	Baby Blue Eyes
Penstemon centranthifolius	Scarlet Bugler
Phacelia campanularia	Canterbury Bells
Sisyrinchium bellum	Blue-Eyed Grass

SHADE MIX™

Achillea millefolium	Yarrow
Collinsia heterophylla	Chinese Houses
Linanthus grandiflorus	Large-Flowered Linanthus
Linum lewisii	Blue Flax
Nemophila menziesii	Baby Blue Eyes

TRAIL OF FLOWERS™

Baileya multiradiata	Desert Marigold
Camissonia cheiranthifolia	Beach Evening Primrose
Clarkia unguiculata	Mountain Garland
Collinsia heterophylla	Chinese Houses
Eriophyllum confertiflorum	Golden Yarrow
Eschscholzia californica	California Poppy
Gilia capitata	Globe Gilia
Gilia tricolor	Birds Eyes
Layia platyglossa	Tidy Tips
Linum lewisii	Blue Flax
Lupinus bicolor	Miniature Lupine
Lupinus hirsutissimus	Nettle Lupine
Nemophila menziesii	Baby Blue Eyes
Phacelia campanularia	Canterbury Bells
Sisyrinchium bellum	Blue-Eyed Grass

MOUNTAIN MIX™

Castilleja exserta	Owl's Clover
Clarkia unguiculata	Mountain Garland
Eriophyllum confertiflorum	Golden Yarrow
Eschscholzia californica	California Poppy
Gilia capitata	Globe Gilia
Gilia tricolor	Bird's Eyes
Lasthenia chrysostoma	Goldfields
Layia platyglossa	Tidy Tips
Linum lewisii	Blue Flax
Lupinus nanus	Sky Lupine
Nemophila menziesii	Baby Blue Eyes
Penstemon centranthifolius	Scarlet Bugler
Phacelia campanularia	Canterbury Bells
Sisyrinchium bellum	Blue-Eyed Grass

BUTTERFLY MIX™

Castilleja exserta	Owl's Clover
Gnaphalium bicolor	Everlasting
Lasthenia californica	Goldfields
Lupinus nanus	Sky Lupine
Plantago erecta	Plantain

BEACH MIX™

Abronia latifolia	Yellow Sand Verbena
Abronia maritima	Red Sand Verbena
Camissonia cheiranthifolia	Beach Evening Primrose
Clarkia bottae	Farewell-to-Spring
Eriophyllum confertiflorum	Golden Yarrow
Eschscholzia maritima	California Dune Poppy
Gilia capitata	Globe Gilia
Lasthenia chrysostoma	Coast Goldfields
Layia platyglossa	Tidy Tips
Lupinus bicolor	Miniature Lupine
Lupinus hirsutissimus	Nettle Lupine
Lupinus nanus	Sky Lupine
Nemophila menziesii	Baby Blue Eyes

DESERT MIX™

Abronia villosa	Desert Sand Verbena
Baileya multiradiata	Desert Marigold
Eschscholzia californica	California Poppy
Linum lewisii	Blue Flax
Lupinus bicolor	Miniature Lupine
Nemophila maculata	Fivespot
Phacelia campanularia	Desert Bluebells
Salvia columbariae	Chia
Sphaeralcea ambigua	Apricot Mallow

MEADOW MIX™

Achillea millefolium	Yarrow
Bouteloua gracilis	Blue Grama Grass
Buchloe dactyloides	Buffalo Grass
Deschampsia caespitosa	Tufted Hair Grass
Melica imperfecta	Coast Range Melic
Muhlenbergia rigens	Deer Grass
Nassella cernua	Nodding Needlegrass
Nassella lepida	Foothill Needlegrass
Nassella pulchra	Purple Needlegrass
Sisyrinchium bellum	Blue-Eyed Grass

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STANDARD PLANT CONTAINERS



Leach Tube

1 5/8" x 8 1/4"
(plastic)



Four Inch

3 1/2" x 3"
(plastic)



Rose Pot Liner

2 1/4" x 3"
(plastic)



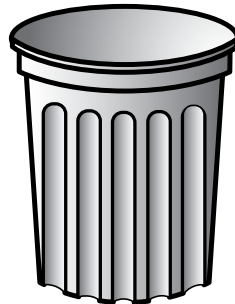
Dee Pot or D-40

2 1/2" x 9 1/2"
(plastic)



1 Gallon

6" x 7"
(plastic)



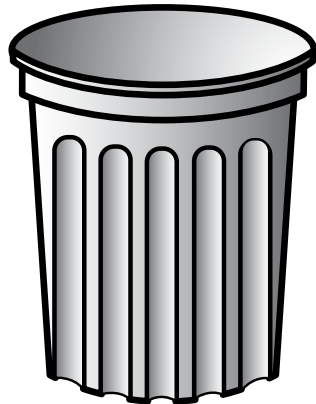
2 Gallon

8 3/4" x 8 1/2"
(plastic)



Deep 1 Gallon

4" x 13 1/2"
(plastic)



5 Gallon

11" x 12"
(plastic)

Please ask about bare root plant production or growing in containers other than those shown.

We also carry conventional 15 gallon containers (15" x 17 3/4" plastic, not illustrated)

For restoration jobs, we utilize several container types that are common in the forestry industry. Our goal is to match the needs of plants and the logistics of plant installation, with the appropriate container size and shape.



Plant production



Zeek, son of Aussie. Brother to Gateway, Skippy and Chloe. Protector of chickens. Companion with Patch in nighttime barking. These are good dogs.

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We will request all necessary information regarding developer (owner), general contractor and lender on all job sites where we deliver on credit and we will issue a release upon effective payment of the account. Thank you for your cooperation.

Prices are subject to change without notice.

STORM PERSPECTIVE

FRIENDS,

One day, over a hundred years ago, John Muir figured he would get perched one hundred feet high in a treetop to fully enjoy the gale force winds of a storm in the Sierra.

"Being accustomed to climb trees in making botanical studies, I experienced no difficulty in reaching the top of this one, and never before did I enjoy so noble an exhilaration of motion. The slender tops fairly slapped and swished in the passionate torrent, bending and swirling backward and forward, round and round, tracing indescribable combinations of vertical and horizontal curves, while I clung with muscles firm braced, like a bobolink on a reed."

In his essay, "A Wind-Storm in the Forests," he continues, "I kept my lofty perch for hours, frequently closing my eyes to enjoy the music by itself, or to feast quietly on the delicious fragrance that was streaming past." Muir describes the scents of his California, "For this wind came first from the sea, rubbing against its fresh, briny waves, then distilled through the redwoods, threading rich ferny gulches, and spreading itself in broad undulating currents over many a flower-enamelled ridge of the coast mountains, then across golden plains, up the purple foot-hills, and into these piney woods with the varied incense gathered by the way."

John Muir's California has seen remarkable change since his day. This thing we call progress is taking the state by storm, forever altering the landscape, rendering all things natural more precious, as scarcity seems to increase value. As horticulturists working with native plants in modern California, we just grab hold of a treetop and are lashed about with the storm, absorbing the sights, sounds and smells of nature, encouraging all to do likewise.

We all stand to learn a few things in the wind-storms of the mountains and the wind-storms of life. From all your friends at Tree of Life Nursery, a word of advice. Like Muir, get out into the "sweet fields" of California. There you will see the divine model for bringing the "sweet fields" into your garden.

At the end of the day, the storm past, Muir offered some perspective, "We all travel the milky way together, trees and men; but it never occurred to me until this storm-day, while swinging in the wind, that trees are travelers, in the ordinary sense. They make many journeys, not extensive ones, it is true; but our own little journeys, away and back again, are little more than tree wavings—many not so much."



Mike Evans



Jeff Bohn

P.S. Muir, on the calm after the storm: "As I gazed on the impressive scene, all the so-called ruin of the storm was forgotten, and never before did these noble woods appear so fresh, so joyous, so immortal."

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

Instead of the thornbush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD'S renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed

Isaiah 55: 12-13

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CATALOG - Our catalog has come a long way in the twenty years we have been using this format. We want to let you know the names of the folks who had their hands (and minds) on it. We think they deserve a lot of credit.

Abby Harned has the kind of "start-to-finish" persistence it takes to get this sort of thing from her desk to the press. She researched and entered all the new plants for this edition, and kept us all on track. Essentially, she was the project manager at Tree of Life.

Laura Camp coordinated the time schedule and served as the liaison between our in-house work and the off-site graphic designer.

Elana Benge has an uncanny ability to spot typos. She proof-read the entire catalog several times. Any mistakes you see now are only here because we went to press without giving her another shot at it.

Mike Evans was the Tree of Life Nursery creative director and botanical editor. Our friends on the outside including John Dourley, Carol Bornstein, Nevin Smith and Bart O'Brien gave us valuable assistance by answering our plant questions. Gracias amigos.

DESIGN - Creative design, graphic lay-out and preparation for print are by Daniel Evans, Flipside Graphic Design, San Clemente, California. Thanks again Kiddo.

FRONT COVER - "Moments of Meditation" The original oil painting depicts our adobe style office (plastered straw-bale construction). The artist is our good friend, Kevin Short. He certainly captured the moment on canvas and you can see more of these moments in galleries and on his web site, www.shortypants.com.

BACK COVER - "Big day and big crowd at Big Ortega Reef." Both nursery partners Mike Evans and Jeff Bohn on the same wave, and grateful for the wonderful nursery staff back at the ranch. Wave photo by renowned photographer, Art Brewer. Thanks Art! You're too good to us. Minor photographic "touch-up" by Daniel Evans, Flipside Graphic Design.

