

Botanical Name	Common Name	Size	Evergreen/ Deciduous	Exposure	Water	Flower Season	Flower Color	Description
<i>Abutilon palmeri</i>	Palmer's Indian Mallow	4' H x 4' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	year round	orange/ gold	Good for dry, rocky, east-facing mountain slopes and creosote bush scrub.
<i>Acalypha californica</i>	California Copperleaf	3' H x 3' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Occasional	most of year	red catkins	Grows well on dry granite slopes in chaparral, southern oak woodland and coastal San Diego County to Baja and the edge of the desert.
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	2' H x 2' W	Evergreen	Full sun to part sun	Moderate/ regular	spring/ summer	white	Good cut flower in a meadow planting or as a lawn substitute.
<i>Agave shawii</i> ssp. <i>goldmaniana</i>	Goldmania Shaw's Agave	2' H x 3' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Occasional	Feb-May	yellow/ red	Slow growing and can remain in a large container for several years.
<i>Agrostis pallens</i>	Seashore Bent Grass	1' H x 2' W	Summer dormant	Part sun to part shade	Moderate	spring	seedhead	A drought-tolerant lawn substitute. Tolerates moderate foot traffic and can be mowed. With some supplemental summer water it will remain green year round.
<i>Arctostaphylos densiflora</i> 'Austin Griffiths'	Austin Griffiths Manzanita	12' H x 12' W	Evergreen	Part to full shade	Dry/semi- moist	Jan-Feb	pink	Large evergreen shrub or small tree, gray-green leaves, burgundy-brown bark, white flowers.
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> 'Sunset'	Sunset Manzanita	4-5' H x 4-6' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	winter/ spring	white/ pink	Nice compact manzanita recommended as a specimen or a hedge. Slow growing.
<i>Aristida purpurea</i>	Purple Three Awn	3' H x 2' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Dry/semi- moist	spring/ summer	purple	Often in large bunches. The seed head is narrow and nodding with lax, purplish branches. Three long, bristles occur from each flower.
<i>Artemisia californica</i>	California Sagebrush	3-4' H x 4' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	summer	grey/ green	Recommended for erosion control.
<i>Artemisia californica</i> 'Canyon Gray'	Canyon Grey Sagebrush	1' H x 4' W	Evergreen	Part to full shade	Dry/semi- moist	summer/ fall	white	Use as a gray ground cover that likes sun near coast, cool sun or part shade inland.
<i>Artemisia douglasiana</i>	Mugwort	4' H x spreading	Evergreen	Full sun to part shade	Moderate	summer	grey/green	Provides good erosion control near streams.
<i>Artemisia palmeri</i>	Palmer Sagebrush	3' H x 3' W	Drought deciduous	Full to part sun	Moderate	summer	yellow	This plant is rare and threatened by development and flood control projects.

<i>Asclepias eriocarpa</i>	Indian Milkweed	1-3' H x spreading	Winter dormant	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	summer	cream with pink	<i>Asclepias eriocarpa</i> is great for a bird garden and a butterfly garden.
<i>Asclepias fascicularis</i>	Narrowleaf Milkweed	Flower spikes to 4' H	Winter dormant	Full to part sun	Moderate	spring	white with pink	Interesting button flowers. Usually forms small colonies. Adaptable to most conditions. Orioles use dry stems for nesting.
<i>Asclepias speciosa</i>	Showy Milkweed	2-4' H x spreading	Winter dormant	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	summer	pink	Forage source for the Monarch butterfly and Striated Queen. Likes clay soil.
<i>Asclepias subulata</i>	Desert Milkweed	3' H x 3' W	Winter dormant	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring	cream	Good desert loving plant. Likes clay soil.
<i>Astragalus trichopodus</i>	Santa Barbara Milk Vetch	3' H x 3' W	Deciduous	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	spring	white/ lavender	Does well in open, grassy areas, bluffs, rocky sites.
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	Dwarf Coyote Brush	6' H x 10' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	fall	white	Cut back annually to promote new growth. Very important shrub for wildlife!
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i> ssp. <i>consanguinea</i>	Coyote Brush	4-8' H x 4-8' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	fall	white	Cut back annually to promote new growth. Very important shrub for wildlife!
<i>Baccharis salicifolia</i>	Mule Fat	4-10' H x 8' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Moderate	summer	white	Attracts birds and is a forage source for the Dusky Metalmark. High wildlife value.
<i>Baccharis salicina</i>	Emory's Baccharis	10' H x 6' W	Evergreen	Sun or shade	Moderate	summer	white	Good for wildlife and habitat gardens.
<i>Bahiopsis laciniata</i>	San Diego County Sunflower	3' H x 3' W	Evergreen	Part sun to full shade	Dry/semi-moist	spring	orange/ yellow	Small shrub, bright orange-yellow flowers. Likes heat.
<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	Sideoats Grama	2' H x 2' W	Winter dormant	Full sun	Occasional	summer	seedhead	Versatile and recommended in semi-dry meadows or grasslands.
<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>	Blue Grama	6-12" H x 6-12" W	Winter dormant	Full to part sun	Occasional	summer	seedhead	Seed heads resemble small flags with an eyelash shape. Recommended for erosion control.
<i>Brickellia californica</i>	California Brickellbush	4' H x 3-6' W	Evergreen	Full sun to part shade	Drought tolerant	summer/ fall	white	Highly recommended for aromatic gardens.
<i>Calliandra californica</i>	Red Fairyduster	3-5' H x 5' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	year round	red	Showy red flowers attract hummingbirds year round. Extremely heat and drought-tolerant once established.

Calylophus hartwegii	Hartweg's Sundrops	1' H x 1' W	Deciduous	Part shade	Occasional	Mar-Nov	yellow	Prefers fast draining soil and loves reflected heat making it an excellent choice for a rock garden or rocky slope.
Ceanothus 'Blue Jeans'	Holly Leaf California Lilac	4-6' H x 6' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Occasional	spring	blue	Produces a colorful show of flowers every spring with no care, no water and no thought. This one's easy in all ways.
Ceanothus 'Concha'	California Lilac	5-6' H x 6' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	spring	blue	A great bloomer that looks good all year. Tolerates heavy soils. Excellent with oaks and pines.
Ceanothus cuneatus var. rigidus 'Snowball'	Snowball Ceanothus	4-6' H x 6-10' W	Evergreen	Part shade	Occasional	winter	white	This dense shrub of arching branches becomes draped in snow-white flowers as early as January. Best on coast.
Ceanothus 'Dark Star'	Dark Star Ceanothus	6' H x 8' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring	cobalt blue	Excellent as hedge or specimen. Limit summer water.
Ceanothus griseus horizontalis 'Yankee Point'	Yankee Point Ceanothus	3-4' H x 6-10' W	Evergreen	Full sun to part shade	Occasional	Mar-May	blue	Does best near the coast, but good in coastal valleys, and OK inland if given a little afternoon shade and weekly sprinkles.
Cercis occidentalis	Western Redbud	15' H x 10' W	Winter deciduous	Full sun to part shade	Moderate	spring	hot pink	Don't worry about half-circle cuts on the edges of young redbud leaves. Carpenter bees use these soft leaves to build their nests, cutting nickel-sized circles just at the edges of redbud leaves in the spring.
Cercocarpus betuloides	Birch-leaf Mountain Mahogany	8-10' H x 8-10' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	spring	yellow	Can be kept narrow. Seed plumes shimmer in summer and fall. Wonderful all-purpose plant!
Chilopsis linearis	Desert Willow	20' H x 15' W	Winter deciduous	Full to part sun	Dry/semi-moist	summer	white/ pink/ lavender	An open, airy structure distinguishes this small tree or large shrub. The willowy pendant branches display long, narrow leaves highlighted by fragrant trumpet-shaped flowers. Deciduous.
Constancea nevinii	Nevin's Woolly Sunflower	2-5' H x 2-5' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Dry/semi-moist	spring/ summer	yellow	Has an extremely limited natural range, being found only on the San Clemente, Santa Catalina, and Santa Barbara Island.
Coreopsis gigantea	Giant Coreopsis	4' H x 1' W	Deciduous	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring/ summer	yellow	Recommended for containers.

Corethrogyne filaginifolia	California Aster	1-3' H x 1-3' W	Semi-deciduous	Full sun	Moderate	summer	violet	This ground-hugging, wide spreading, very tough perennial threads its silvery foliage decoratively among other plants.
Cucurbita foetidissima	Missouri Gourd	20-30' long vine	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	summer	yellow	The globular fruits, about 4 inches across, are green-striped when young, maturing to tennis-ball size and turning yellow. The plant supposedly gets the name stink gourd from its foul odor.
Cylindropuntia munzii	Munz's Cholla	3' H x 3' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring	pink/ maroon	This species grows in sandy flats, alluvial washes and gravelly hills in desert scrub. Slow growing.
Danthonia californica	California Oatgrass	1-3' H x 1-2' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Moderate	spring	tan	California Oatgrass is a native grass that grows primarily in northern and central California, in the Coast Ranges and Sierras. It tends to grow in moist meadows and open place. It can be an attractive garden grass for the areas where it is native.
Drymocallis glandulosa	Sticky Cinquefoil	1-2' H x 1' W	Evergreen	Part to full shade	Occasional	late spring/ fall	creamy yellow	A small, low-growing plant characterized by the fine, sticky, glandular hairs that cover the stems, involucres and buds. In some locations, however, it may reach heights of 3 feet or more.
Dudleya hassei	Catalina Island Liveforever	1' H x 1' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	spring	white	Infrequent deep watering is best.
Dudleya saxosa	Panamint Liveforever	1' H x 1' W	Evergreen	Part sun	Drought tolerant	spring/ summer	bright yellow with red	Tolerates cold and shade.
Encelia californica	California Bush Sunflower	3' H x 5' W	Semi-deciduous	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring/ fall	yellow	Without any supplemental water, it will go completely dormant in summer, but an occasional watering will keep it greener. Bloom season can be extended as well with frequent deadheading of spent flowers.
Encelia farinosa	Brittlebush	3-5' H x 4' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring	yellow	The whole bush seems to bloom simultaneously and it's quite common to find plants with several hundred blossoms at one time.

Erigeron glaucus	Seaside Daisy	1' H x 2' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Occasional	spring/ fall	lavender	Abundant flowers all year. Great for massed ground cover. Recommended for coastal butterfly gardens. Easy to grow. Formal appearance. Good for flower borders and parkways.
Eriogonum arborescens	Santa Cruz Island Buckwheat	3' H x 5' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	summer/ winter	pink/ brown	A rare species from Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa Islands. Forms a spreading bushy plant with narrow, light green foliage and covered in summer with attractive, broad flat heads of rosy pink flowers. An ornament in any garden.
Eriogonum fasciculatum	California Buckwheat	3-4' H x 4' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	summer	cream	Flowers emerge in summer and dry to a pretty rust-brown color and persist through the winter and spring. Excellent for erosion control.
Eriogonum giganteum	Saint Catherine's Lace	6' H x 6' W	Semi-deciduous	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	summer	white	Large flowers turn from white to rust as they age. Very ornamental. Cut back after bloom.
Eriogonum grande var. rubescens	Red Buckwheat	1' H x 2-3' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Occasional	spring/ fall	light pink/ red	Flowers are rose-colored or red. A good subject for rock gardens. Forms a mat of attractive foliage from which rise many flower stems.
Eriogonum latifolium	Coast Buckwheat	1' H x 2' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Dry/ semi-moist	summer	white	A great buckwheat for coastal gardens. Easy care and solid blooms. Creamy white pom-poms rise above dark green, spoon shaped leaves in the summer. Protect from inland afternoon sun. Good in containers.
Eriophyllum confertiflorum	Golden Yarrow	2' H x 1.5' W	Summer deciduous	Full sun	Infrequent	Jan-Sep	yellow	Beautiful yellow flowers. Very long blooming season.
Euphorbia misera	Cliff Spurge	3' H x 3' W	Deciduous	Full sun	Moderate	Jan-Aug	white/ yellow	Tiny yellow flowers in spring. Threatened by development.
Euphorbia xanti	Baja Spurge	6' H x spreads by rhizomes	Deciduous	Full sun to part shade	Infrequent	Jan-Aug	pink/ red/ white	An interesting fast growing openly-branched deciduous evergreen shrub.

Fallugia paradoxa	Apache Plume	3-6' H x 3' W	Drought deciduous	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring/ summer	white	Recommended with other desert plants such as Apricot Mallow and Fairyduster. Drought and heat tolerant.
Festuca californica	California Fescue	2' H x 2' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	spring		Robust perennial bunch grass with beautiful blue-grey foliage. Nice in masses or as an accent. Hardy and fast growing.
Fouquieria splendens	Ocotillo	5-25' H x 15' W	Drought deciduous	Full sun to part shade	Infrequent	Mar-Jul	red/ orange	Flowers are red, tubular, about 1" long each, and grow in clusters at the ends of the branches. Slow growing.
Galvezia juncea 'Punta Banda'	Punta Banda Bush Snapdragon	5' H x 5-6' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring/ summer/ fall	red	A fast grower that can be pruned into a background hedge or perennial border. The contrast between the tiny green leaves, lime green arching stems and the bright red flowers make this an interesting addition to any native plant garden.
Galvezia speciosa 'Firecracker'	Firecracker Island Snapdragon	2-3' H x 3' W	Evergreen	Part sun to part shade	Drought tolerant	spring/ summer	bright red	Tolerates clay, salt, wind. Deep soak occasionally for lush growth.
Grindelia camporum	Common Gumplant	1' H x 2' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	May-Oct	yellow	Likes full sun, and can tolerate deer, and will grow in salty soil.
Grusonia parishii	Matted Cholla	1' H x 6" W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	may-jul	white/ yellow	Spines often completely cover the dark green stems, making the plant appear lifeless, hence one common name of dead cholla. Spines are up to 2 inches in length.
Hesperoyucca whipplei	Chaparral Yucca	4' H x 5' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	Apr-Jun	creamy white	The plant takes several (usually 5+) years to reach maturity and flower, at which point it usually dies. Then a cluster of clones around its base continue to grow and reproduce.
Heteromeles arbutifolia 'Davis Gold'	Davis Gold Toyon	8-15' H x 8-10' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	summer	white	Recommended as a screen or specimen. Can be pruned to almost any size.

Heuchera maxima	Channel Island Coral Bells	2' H x 2' W	Evergreen	Part shade	Occasional	spring	pinkish white	Dark green leaves are lightly marbled and often red tinged in winter. In spring emerge clusters of pinkish-white flowers on intricately branching stems that rise 1 to 2 feet above the foliage.
Hilaria jamesii	James' Galleta	1' H x 1' W	Winter dormant	Full sun	Drought tolerant	Apr-Nov		A native perennial, warm season grass with strong rhizomes. It is commonly found growing as a bunchgrass.
Horkelia californica	California Horkelia	1' H x 2' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	Apr-Jul	white	It is endemic to California, where it grows on scrubby coastal and inland mountain slopes, primarily in the California Coast Ranges and western Sierra Nevada foothills.
Hyptis emoryi	Desert Lavender	4-6' H x 5' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring	violet	Has blue-lavender flowers with a foliage scent similar to a tangy lavender. The odor is rich and luxurious. Desert lavender is great for hot narrow spaces that need some height.
Iris douglasiana	Douglas Iris	1' H x 2' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Moderate	spring	purple	Can tolerate full sun on coast, and part sun to shade inland. Looks good in masses or as an accent.
Isocoma menziesii	Menzies' Goldenbush	3-4' H x 3-4' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Occasional	summer/ fall	yellow	Leaves are oval-shaped to somewhat rectangular, gray-green and sometimes hairy and glandular, and long with stumpy teeth along the edges.
Juncus mexicanus	Mexican Rush	2' H x spreading	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Regular	spring	brown	Nice garden color with delicate leaves. Spreads vigorously with wet conditions.
Justicia californica 'Tecate Gold'	Tecate Gold Chuparosa	5-25' H x 3-10' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring/ summer	yellow	Highly recommended as a screen, specimen or a bonsai. Tolerates heat, drought, and frost. Slow growing.
Keckiella cordifolia	Heart-leaved Penstemon	3' H x 3' W	Summer deciduous	Full sun to part shade	Drought tolerant	spring/ summer	red/ orange	The flowers are tubular, red, 1" to 2" long, emerging from May to July.

Lepechinia fragrans	Fragrant Pitcher Sage	3' H x 4' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	spring/ fall	lavender	Excellent hummingbird plant with fragrant leaves. Rare! Found locally in the Santa Monica and San Gabriel Mountains.
Leymus condensatus	Giant Wild Rye	4' H x 4' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	summer	seedhead	Accepts heavy clay soils. Very drought tolerant, but also accepting of water. Very versatile.
Linum lewisii	Blue Flax	1.5' H x 1.5' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	spring/ summer	blue	Excellent for narrow beds and perennial borders.
Lonicera subspicata	Santa Barbara Honeysuckle	8' H x 15-20' W	Evergreen	Full sun to part shade	Drought tolerant	spring	white/ yellow	Has beautiful yellow-white flowers followed by edible red berries that are enjoyed by birds and wildlife.
Malacothamnus fasciculatus	Chaparral Mallow	3-12' H x 6' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	winter/ spring	pink	Does well in southern California with little or no water. It has thousands of pink flowers for most of the summer. Good butterfly plant.
Malosma laurina	Laurel Sumac	18' H x 18' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring	white	Small white berries not noticeable, but appreciated by songbirds (especially warblers).
Melica imperfecta	Oniongrass	2' H x 2' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	spring	seedhead	Grows well in dry rocky hillsides, chaparral, woodlands.
Mimulus cardinalis	Scarlet Monkey Flower	1-4' H x 4' W	Evergreen	Full sun to part shade	Regular	spring/ summer	red	An attractive plant found along streams or in wet places. Grows 1 to 3 feet high with pale green foliage and large orange scarlet flowers.
Monardella villosa	Coyote Mint	2' H x 2' W	Evergreen	Full sun to part shade	Drought tolerant	summer	violet	If this mint is happy it will form a small mat of gray covered with flowers and butterflies.
Muhlenbergia rigens	Deergrass	2-4' H x 4' W	Evergreen	Sun or shade	Drought tolerant	summer	seedhead	Excellent for erosion control. Looks great in mass planting or as an accent. Shear every 3-4 years to rejuvenate.
Nassella cernua	Nodding Needlegrass	2-3' H x 1-2' W	Summer dormant	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	spring/ summer	seedhead	Prefers to have good drainage, but is adaptable to heavy soils. Great for erosion control! Loves slopes and difficult areas.

Nassella pulchra	Purple Needlegrass	1-3' H x 2' W	Summer dormant	Full sun to part shade	Drought tolerant	spring	seedhead	Recommended for dry, hot areas and clay soils. The official state grass of California.
Opuntia basilaris var. brachyclada	Beavertail Pricklypear	1' H x 1' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring/summer	pink	A dwarf purple prickly pear cactus that is a great addition to drought tolerant, hillside and xeriscape gardens.
Opuntia erinacea	Mojave Prickly Pear	2' H x 10' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	May-Jun	yellow	The famous "Grizzly Bear" of hidden reaches of the Mohave desert; forms low clumps with oblong, thick grayish green flattened joints 10 to 15 cm long, densely covered with glistening white, thread-like spines usually 10 to 15 cm long. Flowers may be red or yellow.
Penstemon palmeri	Palmer's Penstemon	4-5' H x 2' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	May-Jun	pink/white	One of the few fragrant penstemons.
Penstemon pseudospectabilis	Desert Penstemon	2-3' H x 2-3' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring	pink	An incredible bloomer with numerous spikes of intensely deep pink tubular flowers in late spring.
Penstemon spectabilis	Showy Penstemon	4' H x 4' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring/summer	blue/violet	Occasional water lengthens bloom season but may shorten the plant's lifespan. Prune after blooms to promote new growth.
Peritoma arborea	Bladderpod	3-4' H x 4' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	spring/summer	yellow	This gorgeous shrub is native to the Santa Monica Mountains and the Mojave Desert. Flowers light yellow, followed by curiously shaped inflated pods.
Perityle emoryi	Emory's Rock Daisy	2' H x 2' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring/winter	yellow	Grows well in desert canyons, plains, slopes, and washes, especially among larger rocks.
Platanus racemosa	California Sycamore	30-80' H x 30' W	Winter deciduous	Full sun	Moderate			A beautiful deciduous tree with tall white trunk, irregularly branched crown and light green foliage. The trees are often gnarled and crooked taking on many odd shapes. Without doubt the most picturesque tree of the California landscape.

Prunus ilicifolia	Hollyleaf Cherry	15' H x 15' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	winter	white	Reliable evergreen landscape plant. Excellent wildlife value. Growth initially slow, then fast.
Psilostrophe cooperi	Paper Flower	2' H x 2' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring/summer	yellow	It has needlelike light green leaves produced on rounded mounds about 2 feet in diameter. In the spring and summer masses of small yellow flowers are produced.
Quercus agrifolia	California Live Oak	20-75' H x 30-60' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring		Well-known and highly revered native trees. Forage source for the California Sister and California Hairstreak butterflies.
Quercus oblongifolia	Blue Live Oak	15-30' H x 15-30' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	mar-may	red	Small evergreen tree with many branches and a spreading, rounded crown of bluish foliage; or a shrub.
Ribes aureum	Golden Currant	6' H x 2-3' W	Summer deciduous	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	winter/spring	yellow	Forage source for Cooper and Anglewing butterflies. Berries are edible.
Ribes thacherianum	Santa Cruz Island Gooseberry	6' H x 6' W	Deciduous	Part to full shade	Occasional	winter	dark pink to white	Protect from hot inland sun. Very rare gooseberry.
Ribes viburnifolium	Catalina Currant	2' H x 6' W	Evergreen	Part to full shade	Occasional	spring	red	Excellent under oaks and for erosion control in dry, shaded spots. Berries appeal to birds.
Romneya coulteri	Matilija Poppy	8' H x spreading	Semi-evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	may-jul	white/ yellow center	The plants throw up many tall stems from the ground clothed with large, deeply cut, silvery gray leaves. Flowers large, often measuring 6 inches in diameter, of crepe-like texture, pure glistening white with deep yellow centers.
Rosa californica	California Wild Rose	5' H x spreading	Winter deciduous	Full sun to part shade	Drought tolerant	spring/summer	pink	A rather small shrub sending up many branches from the ground soon forming a large clump. Produces many delicate pink fragrant blossoms in late spring and early summer.
Salvia apiana	White Sage	3-5' H x 4-6' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	spring/summer	white	Important Native American ceremonial plant. A local native. Tolerates heavy soil. Bees love it.

Salvia brandegeei	Brandegee's Sage	6' H x 6' W	Semi-evergreen	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	spring	pale blue	A rare sage found only on Santa Rosa Island. Vigorous and easy to grow. Tolerates clay soil.
Salvia chionoeplica	Baja Sage	3' H x 5' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring	lavender	Endemic to Baja, California. This sage is super drought tolerant, prefers west facing slopes, and has beautiful blooms. Butterflies love this one.
Salvia clevelandii 'Allen Chickering'	Allen Chickering Sage	4-5' H x 4-5' W	Semi-evergreen	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	spring/summer	lavender	Attracts hummingbirds, butterflies, and birds.
Salvia clevelandii 'Aromas'	Aromas Cleveland Sage	5' H x 5' W	Semi-evergreen	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	spring	lavender	Very drought tolerant salvia with profuse blooms.
Salvia clevelandii 'Winifred Gilman'	Winifred Gilman Sage	5' H x 5' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	spring/summer	purple/ blue	Prefers good drainage and full sun. Attracts hummingbirds, butterflies, and birds.
Salvia dorrii	Purple Sage	3' H x 3' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring/summer	blue	A showy late spring blooming native shrub with silvery foliage and blue flowers pushing out from mid-purple bracts.
Salvia leucophylla	San Luis Sage	6' H x 8' W	Semi-evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring/summer	pink/ lavender	A small shrub with pretty silvery gray, crinkly foliage and large whorls of lilac purple flowers. A profuse bloomer making a glorious effect when in flower on the hillsides.
Salvia leucophylla 'Bee's Bliss'	Bee's Bliss Purple Sage	1-2' H x 2-5' W	Semi-evergreen	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	spring/summer	lavender/ pink	This plant is quite drought tolerant, particularly in coastal gardens and seems to dislike overhead irrigation.
Salvia leucophylla 'Point Sal'	Point Sal Purple Sage	2' H x 8' W	Semi-evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring/summer	lavender	Beautiful and tough groundcover for hot dry areas.
Salvia mellifera	Black Sage	5' H x 5' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring/summer	white/ lavender	Flowers can be white, blue, or lavender. Leaves are very fragrant.
Salvia munzii 'Emerald Cascade'	Emerald Cascade San Miguel Mtn. Sage	2' H x 3' W	Semi-evergreen	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	spring	pale lavender	Foliage is a light bright green and is very aromatic. Pale blue flowers bloom in spring.
Salvia 'Skylark'	Skylark Sage	2-3' H x 4-6' W	Drought deciduous	Full sun to part shade	Drought tolerant	spring	purple	Short mounding shrub. Evergreen with some summer water or drought deciduous without.

Salvia sonomensis 'Mrs. Beard'	Mrs. Beard Creeping Sage	2' H x 6-8' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring	purple/ blue	Fragrant leaves, especially in summer.
Salvia spathacea	Hummingbird Sage	2' H x spreading	Semi-evergreen	Full sun to part shade	Drought tolerant	spring/ summer	magenta	This fruity scented sage blooms March-May with typically dark rose-lilac colored flowers. It is cultivated in gardens for its attractive flowering spikes and pleasant scent.
Salvia spathacea yellow flowering	Yellow Hummingbird Sage	2' H x spreading	Semi-evergreen	Full sun to part shade	Drought tolerant	spring/ summer	pale yellow	Similar to the usual Hummingbird Sage except with pale yellow flowers.
Sambucus mexicana	Mexican Elderberry	25' H x 25' W	Winter deciduous	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	spring	cream	A deciduous tree with attractive light green foliage and large clusters of creamy white flowers appearing abundantly in spring and early summer. The flowers are followed by clusters of blue berries which are excellent for pies, and for making wine.
Senegalia greggii	Catclaw Acacia	10-15' H x 10-15' W	Deciduous	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring	light yellow	An interesting deciduous shrub from the Colorado Desert. Rather sprawling in habit, attaining a height of 4 to 7 feet and occasionally more, its branches are armed with short curved prickles.
Senna covesii	Coves' Cassia	1-2' H x 2' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	summer	yellow	Small desert shrub with attractive yellow flowers and long seeds pods. Threatened in the wild.
Sidalcea malviflora	Checkerbloom	1' H x 1' W	Summer deciduous	Sun or shade	Drought tolerant	spring/ summer	pink	This compact perennial adds a woody effect to a perennial border. Also nice in a meadow. Disappears in late summer, but returns with the first rains.
Sidalcea neomexicana	Salt Spring Checkerbloom	3' H x 3' W	Summer deciduous	Full sun	Drought tolerant	Mar-Jun	pink	It grows in an upright form to a height of 2.5 feet, with active growth during the spring and summer. Flowers are purple and striking, and bloom in the mid spring.
Sisyrinchium bellum	Western Blue-eyed Grass	1-1.5' H x 0.5' W	Summer dormant	Full sun to part shade	Drought tolerant	spring/ summer	purple/ blue	Goes dormant in summer, losing some or all of its leaves, and returns with winter rains.
Solanum wallacei	Wallace's Nightshade	2-4' H	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Moderate	Mar-Aug	blue	Endangered throughout its range. Rare outside California.

Solanum xanti	Blue Witch	3' H x 3' W	Semi-deciduous	Sun or shade	Dry/semi-moist	spring/summer	dark blue	Long bloom season with deep, infrequent watering. Very drought tolerant.
Solidago californica	Western Goldenrod	2' H x spreading	Deciduous	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	summer/fall	yellow	Blooms in the fall when everything else is done. Spreads from the roots, but slowly. Attracts butterflies.
Sphaeralcea ambigua	Apricot Mallow	3' H x 3' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	winter/summer	orange	OK to cut back in fall. Excellent butterfly plant.
Sphaeralcea fulva	White Globemallow	3' H x 3' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	year round	white	Use it in perennial borders or as a softening element in desert gardens. The inflorescences hold up well in flower arrangements.
Spiraea douglasii	Douglas' Spiraea	4' H x spreading	Semi-deciduous	Shade	Regular	summer	rose	Spreads by underground roots, can become invasive.
Sporobolus airoides	Alkali Sacaton	2' H x 3' W	Semi-deciduous	Full sun	Drought tolerant	summer	purplish seedheads	Graceful seedheads on a robust, tough bunchgrass. Loves clay soil.
Stanleya pinnata	Desert Princesplume	3' H x 1.5' W	Drought deciduous	Full sun	Drought tolerant	Apr-Sep	yellow	A conspicuous and beautiful wildflower in the arid west, its flowers generally standing above any nearby shrubs.
Thalictrum fendleri	Meadow Rue	3' W x 6' H	Summer semi-deciduous	Shade	Drought tolerant	spring/summer	yellow	A shade lover that works well with ferns and other shade plants. In warmer or drier areas it may go dormant in summer and die back to the ground, as some ferns do, but should recover with normal watering.
Thymophylla pentachaeta	Fiveneedle Pricklyleaf	1' H x 1' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Occasional	Apr-Oct	yellow	A low, tufted, dark green, prickly plant with 1 small, deep yellow flower head on each of several leafless stalks above foliage.
Verbena lilacina 'De La Mina'	De la Mina Lilac Verbena	3' H x 3' W	Drought deciduous	Full sun to part shade	Drought tolerant	spring	purple	Combines well with sages, mints, and buckwheats. Attracts butterflies with blooms almost all year.
Vitis californica 'Roger's Red'	Roger's Red Wild Grape	40' long vine	Winter deciduous	Full to part sun	Occasional	spring	yellow	Edible purple fruit ripens in late summer. Leaves turn bright red in fall. Caution: fruit is toxic to dogs.