

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>Acanthogilia gloriosa</i>	Baja Phlox	1-3' H x 1-4' W	Deciduous	Full sun	Occasional	most of year	white with pink	Attracts hummingbirds. Shrub from Baja California.
<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>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>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 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 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!

Baccharis salicifolia	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.
Bahiopsis laciniata	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.
Berberis nevini	Nevin's Barberry	6' H x 6' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring	yellow	Attracts birds and butterflies; clay tolerant. Endemic to California and nearly extinct in the wild.
Bouteloua curtipendula	Sideoats Grama	2' H x 2' W	Winter dormant	Full sun	Occasional	summer	seedhead	Versatile and recommended in semi-dry meadows or grasslands.
Bouteloua gracilis	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.
Brickellia californica	California Brickellbush	4' H x 3-6' W	Evergreen	Full sun to part shade	Drought tolerant	summer/fall	white	Highly recommended for aromatic gardens.
Ceanothus 'Sierra Blue'	Sierra Blue Ceanothus	15' H x 10' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Occasional	winter/spring	bright blue	Attracts birds, butterflies; Large, long-lived ornamental shrub with shiny leaves.
Ceanothus spinosus	Greenbark Ceanothus	6-8' H X 8' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Dry to semi-moist	spring	pale blue or white	Attracts birds and butterflies, fragrant. Excellent cover for quail and wildlife. Common in the Santa Monica Mountains.
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.
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.
Cylindropuntia prolifera	Coastal Cholla	10' H X 3' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	late spring	magenta	A native cactus, grows primarily in South Coast and Channel Island regions.
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, involucre and buds. In some locations, however, it may reach heights of 3 feet or more.
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.
Epilobium canum 'Catalina'	Catalina California Fuchsia	3' H X 2' W	Semi-deciduous	Full sun to part shade	Drought tolerant	late summer/ fall	red	Attracts hummingbirds, butterflies; grows well in containers. An unusually tall selection from Catalina Island. Velvety, grey-green leaves and large red flowers. Long bloom season.

Epilobium septentrionale 'Wayne's Silver'	Wayne's Silver California Fuchsia	1' H X 3' W	Semi-deciduous	Full sun to part shade	Regular	late summer/fall	red	Attracts hummingbirds, butterflies; grows well in containers. Beautiful low groundcover with glowing red trumpet blooms. More cold tolerant than other California Fuchsias, and likes more water than most. Cut back after bloom.
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 fasciculatum 'Dana Point'	Dana Point California Buckwheat	3-4' H x 4-6' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	summer	white	Attracts birds, butterflies; clay tolerant. Selected for dense mounding habit. Excellent for attracting beneficial insects and providing seed for birds.
Eriogonum fasciculatum 'Wildwood'	Prostrate California Buckwheat	2' H x 4-6' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	summer	cream	Attracts birds, butterflies. Low growing evergreen groundcover with later flowers than many other natives; a good nectar source.
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 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.

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.
Ferocactus viridescens	Coast Barrel Cactus	1' H x 1' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	late spring	yellow	Small pleated barrel cactus, grows well in containers. Blooms yellow-green with greenish fruits.
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	Toyon	8-15' Hx10-15' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	summer	white	Beautiful red berries attract songbirds in winter. Recommended as a privacy screen. Clay tolerant.
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	Chuparosa	6' H x 6' W	Semi-deciduous	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring/summer	red	Attracts hummingbirds. Great shrub for desert gardens.
Keckiella antirrhinoides	Snapdragon Penstemon	4' H x 3' W	Summer deciduous	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	Spring	yellow	Attracts hummingbirds, bees. Evergreen to deciduous shrub, deer resistant.
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.

<i>Lepechinia fragrans</i>	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.
<i>Linum lewisii</i>	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.
<i>Lonicera subspicata</i>	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.
<i>Malacothamnus fasciculatus</i>	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.
<i>Malosma laurina</i>	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).
<i>Melica californica</i>	California Melic	1-4' H x 1-4' W	Summer dormant	Full sun to part shade	Moderate	spring	seedhead	A perennial bunchgrass widespread over a variety of California habitats and many soil types.
<i>Melica imperfecta</i>	Oniongrass	2' H x 2' W	Evergreen	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	spring	seedhead	Grows well in dry rocky hillsides, chaparral, woodlands.
<i>Mimulus cardinalis</i>	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.
<i>Mirabilis laevis</i> var. <i>villosa</i>	Desert Four O'Clock	2-3' H X 2' W	Drought deciduous	Full to part sun	Drought tolerant	spring to fall	white/pale pink	Tough desert perennial can be evergreen and bloom year-round with supplemental summer water.
<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	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.
<i>Nassella cernua</i>	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.

Opuntia basilaris	Beavertail Cactus	2' H x 2-4' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring	pink	A single plant may consist of hundreds of flattened pads, blue-grey with small barbed bristles. The flowers make it worthwhile in any desert garden.
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.
Opuntia littoralis	Coast Prickly Pear	3' H x spreading	Evergreen	Full Sun	Drought tolerant	May-Jun	yellow	Attracts birds, butterflies; grows well in containers. Native to coastal sage scrub and chaparral.
Penstemon spectabilis	Showy Penstemon	4' H x 4' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	spring/su mmer	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.
Phyla nodiflora	Frog Fruit, Turkey Tangle	Low and spreading	Evergreen	Sun to part sun	Moderate	spring to fall	pale purple	Creeping turf used as a lawn substitute. Tolerates human or animal traffic. Good nectar plant.
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.
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 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.
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 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 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 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	Summer 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.
Scrophularia californica	California Figwort	2-4' H x 3-4' W	Semi-deciduous	Sun or shade	Regular	maroon	spring/summer	Host plant for the Checkerspot butterfly. Great for shade, where its spreading rhizomes can outcompete weeds. Looks best with summer water, but avoid regular watering to control spread.
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.
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.

<i>Sphaeralcea ambigua</i>	Apricot Mallow	3' H x 3' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Drought tolerant	winter/ summer	orange	OK to cut back in fall. Excellent butterfly plant.
<i>Sphaeralcea fulva</i>	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.
<i>Sporobolus airoides</i>	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.
<i>Stanleya pinnata</i>	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.
<i>Thymophylla pentachaeta</i>	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.
<i>Trixis californica</i>	California Trixis	1-2' H x 1-2' W	Evergreen	Full sun	Dry	Apr-June	yellow	Yellow daisy flowers with fluffy white seed heads. Attracts butterflies
<i>Verbena lilacina</i> '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.
<i>Vitis californica</i> '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.