

**California Native and Drought-Tolerant
Landscape Plants for the Sacramento Region**

This list is divided into four sections:		Sections															
		PLANTS for SUN															
		PLANTS for SHADE															
		SHRUBS for an EVERGREEN HEDGE															
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Plants for Sun are divided into six categories:		Part Shade to Full Sun (6 - 10 hours of sun daily)															
		LOW-GROWING PLANTS for SUN															
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Each entry in this list provides descriptive information and growing instructions																	
<p>All plants on this list, when established after year two or three, tolerate or require low water, freezing winters and hot summers. Plants will suffer damage and dieback in prolonged cold and hot conditions, if dehydrated. Water thoroughly to rehydrate just before a cold- ($\geq 32^{\circ}\text{F}$) or heatwave ($+90^{\circ}\text{F}$). Most plants on this list tolerate poor soils or do not require additional fertilizer. Plants on this list are rated USDA Hardiness Zones 8 - 9b, Sunset Climate Zones 7 - 9, 14. Many of these plants will thrive outside these zones.</p>																	
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PLANTS for SUN Part Shade to Full Sun (6 - 10 hours of sun daily)

LOW-GROWING PLANTS for SUN

Groundcovers for Sun
 These plants grow low to the ground in broad patches, spreading across bare soil, gravel, and rocks.
 These groundcovers perform best with: full sun, at least 6 hours sun per day; average fertility; occasional to regular watering.
 Many groundcovers perform poorly in heavy clay. Provide good drainage. Plant: in garden loam with organic matter, or gravelly soil, or on a slope.
 These groundcovers, while drought-tolerant, look best with regular watering, making them good transition plants from wetter to drier parts of the garden.
 These plants are grouped according to their very different needs for trimming or pruning; look for notes below.

Botanical Names	Common Name(s)	mature		foliage			flowers			growth		wucols water needs					
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Trim this group in late autumn by: cutting overgrown runners back to roots and spent flower stems back to ground.

<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	common yarrow	12"	36"	green	filigreed (fern-like)	Y	white	clusters (umbels)	May-Nov	moderate	runners	L	L	L	L	L	L
<i>Achillea millefolium</i> 'Paprika'	red yarrow 'Paprika'	12"	36"	green	filigreed (fern-like)	Y	red	clusters (umbels)	May-Nov	moderate	runners	M	L	M	L	L	L
<i>Achillea millefolium</i> 'Lilac Beauty'	lilac yarrow	12"	36"	green	filigreed (fern-like)	Y	lilac	clusters (umbels)	May-Nov	moderate	runners	M	L	M	L	L	L
<i>Achillea x kellereri</i>	kellerii yarrow	8"	8"	gray-grn	filigreed (fern-like)	Y	white	clusters (umbels)	May-Nov	slow	runners	M	L	L	?	?	?
<i>Erigeron karvinskianus x moerheimii</i>	Santa Barbara daisy, fleabane	1'	3'	glossy-grn	thread-like stems	Y	white, pink	daisy	year-rnd	fast	mounding	L	L	M	M	?	?
<i>Eriogonum umbellatum var. polyanthum</i>	sulphur buckwheat	1'	3'	gray-grn	gray-green	Y	canary	daisy	May-Nov	fast	mat	L	M	L	L	?	?

Trim this group after blooms fade in late spring, to control height, by: shearing these shrubby groundcovers.

<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi x A. nummularia</i> 'Emerald Carpet'	Emerald Carpet manzanita	18"	36"	gray-grn	oval, smooth	Y	white	bell-shaped	Mar-Apr	slow	mounding	M	M	M	M	/	/
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> 'Huntington Carpet'	Huntington Carpet Rosemary	1.5'	6'	green	sticky, pointed	Y	periwinkle blue	tubular	Dec-Feb	moderate	draping	L	L	VL	L	M	M

When mature and woody stems have developed, Lavenders and Salvias should be tip-pruned: cut all flower stems down to leafy bush, after blooms dry up, early summer and late autumn.

<i>Lavandula x intermedia</i> 'Grosso'	grosso long stemmed lavender	1'	3'	gray-grn	oval, smooth	Y	lavender	3' long green spikes	Apr-Jun	moderate	mounding	L	L	L	L	M	/
<i>Salvia clevelandii x S. leucophylla</i> 'Bee's Bliss'	Bee's Bliss' creeping sage	1'	3'	gray-grn	gray-green	Y	periwinkle	pom-poms	Jul-Aug	moderate	mat	L	L	L	L	?	?

Showy Herbaceous Perennials for Sun

Botanical Names	Common Name(s)	mature		foliage			flowers			growth		wucols water needs					
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<i>Achillea filipendulina</i> 'Coronation Gold'	gold yarrow 'Coronation Gold'	1'	1.5'	gray-grn	filigreed (fern-like)	Y	yellow	clusters (umbels)	May-Nov	moderate	clumping	L	L	L	L	?	?
<i>Achillea filipendulina</i> 'Heidi'	crimson yarrow 'Heidi'	1'	1.5'	gray-grn	filigreed (fern-like)	Y	pink to red	clusters (umbels)	May-Nov	moderate	clumping	L	L	L	L	?	?
<i>Achillea taygetea x A. clypeolata</i> 'Moonshine'	Moonshine Yarrow	18"	24"	gray-grn	filigreed (fern-like)	Y	lemon yellow	clusters (umbels)	Jun-Sep	moderate	clumping	L	L	L	L	/	/
<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	Western columbine	18"	12"	gray-grn	graceful stems	N	red & yellow	five tubes	May	fast	massing	L	L	L	M	M	M
<i>Asclepias californica</i>	California milkweed	3'	1'	silver	5" broad, pointed	N	mauve pink	clusters (umbels)	May-Nov	moderate	clumping	L	L	VL	L	L	L
<i>Asclepias fascicularis</i>	narrow-leaved milkweed	3'	1'	gray-grn	5" narrow	N	pink & white	clusters (umbels)	May-Nov	moderate	clumping	L	L	VL	L	L	L
<i>Asclepias speciosa</i>	showy milkweed	3'	1'	gray-grn	5" broad, pointed	N	rose pink	clusters (umbels)	May-Nov	moderate	clumping	L	L	VL	L	L	L
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> cultivars	coneflower	3'	1'	mdm grn	3" broad, pointed	N	various	daisy	May-Nov	moderate	clumping	M	M	M	M	M	M
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	California poppy	2'	2'	gray-grn	fernlike	N	orange	single, bowl-shaped	Feb-Apr	fast	mounding	VL	VL	VL	VL	/	/
<i>Linum lewisii</i>	Western blue flax	2'	2'	mdm grn	leafless stems	N	sky blue	single, bowl-shaped	Feb-Apr	fast	massing	VL	VL	L	L	?	?
<i>Mirabilis jalapa</i> cultivars	four o'clocks	3'	1'	grass grn	3" broad, pointed	N	rose pink	tubular	Aug-Oct	moderate	massing	VL	L	VL	L	M	M
<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>	prairie coneflower, Mexican hat	18"	18"	gray-grn	basal rosette	N	maroon	daisy	May-Nov	moderate	clumping	M	L	L	M	M	/
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	black-eyed Susan, gloriosa daisy	18"	18"	mdm grn	basal rosette	N	golden	daisy	May-Nov	moderate	clumping	M	M	M	M	/	/
<i>Rudbeckia occidentalis</i>	Western coneflower	36"	24"	mdm grn	basal rosette	N	golden	daisy	May-Nov	moderate	clumping	M	M	M	M	/	/

Penstemons , or beardtongues, perform best with: full sun, at least 6 hours sun per day; average fertility, gravelly soils and good drainage.
 Penstemons like overspray and are a good transition plant from wetter to drier parts of the garden.
 Penstemons grow a stand of tall stems from a central crown and can root from fallen stems.
 Penstemons rebloom, if trimmed after the first flush of blooms dies in early summer. Trim back in early summer and late fall, just above new foliage at base.

<i>Penstemon centranthifolius</i>	scarlet bugler	2'	2'	mdm grn	lance-shaped leaves	winter	orange to scarlet	bell-shaped	Apr-Jun	fast	leggy	M	M	M	M	M	M
<i>Penstemon rydbergii</i>	meadow penstemon	2'	2'	mdm grn	red stems	dieback	violet-blue	bell-shaped	repeat	fast	leggy	M	M	M	M	M	M
<i>Penstemon spectabilis</i>	showy penstemon	3'	2'	mdm grn	2' foliage stems	N	lavender	bell-shaped	Sep-Oct	fast	leggy	M	M	M	M	M	M
<i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i> 'Margarita'	foothill penstemon 'Margarita'	2'	2'	mdm grn	1' flower spikes	N	lavender	bell-shaped		fast	leggy	M	M	M	M	M	M
hybrid <i>Penstemon</i> 'Firebird'	border penstemon	2'	2'	mdm grn		N	red w white throat	bell-shaped		fast	leggy	M	M	M	M	M	M

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Graminoids: Bunch Grasses for Sun																	
Maintaining bunch grasses: in late winter, comb dead stems from center of clump with a handrake with rigid, pointed tines; trim old stems to 6" long.																	
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<i>Helictotrichon sempervirens</i>	blue oat grass	2'	2'	blue-grn	grassy	Y	dun	on 4' stalks	Jun-Aug	fast	mounding	L	L	M	M	?	?
<i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i>	purple love grass	2'	2'	green	strappy	Y	rose	3' flower spikes	Jun-Sep	slow	erect	?	L	?	L	?	?
<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i> 'Regal Mist'	pink muhly, hairy awn muhly	3'	3'	green	3' flower sp	Y	pink	on 4' stalks	Sep-Oct	fast	erect	L	L	M	L	M	M
Graminoids: Lawn Grasses for Sun																	
Maintaining lawn grasses: mow to preferred height or rake without mowing.																	
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Delta Bluegrass Co. 90/10 Tall Fescue	traditional mown lawn	1"-4"		grass grn		Y	none			fast	sod	not listed					
Delta Bluegrass Co. Mow Free Lawn	mow-free lawn	10"		grass grn		Y	none			fast	sod	not listed					
SHRUBS for SUN																	
Showy Woody Subshrubs for Sun																	
These plants tolerate: clay and serpentine soils; oak trees; part shade to full sun, 6 - 10 hours of sun a day. These plants will cover the "long legs" of taller plants and other bare spots and transition from groundcovers to hedges. These plants are grouped according to their very different needs for trimming or pruning; look for notes below.																	
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Trim this group in spring, when new foliage appears at base, by: mowing to 6 inches; rejuvenates leafy growth and stimulates masses of blooms.																	
<i>Epilobium canum</i> (<i>Zauschneria californica</i>) 'Ghostly Red'	Ghostly Red California fuchsia	3'	4'	gray-grn	lance-shaped	Y	scarlet	tubular	Apr-Oct	moderate	mounding	L	L	VL	L	M	M
<i>Nandina domestica</i> 'Harbour Dwarf'	Harbour Dwarf heavenly bamboo	1'	2'	gray-grn	red autumn	Y	white	sprays	May-Jun	slow	running	L	L	L	M	M	M
<i>Perovskia x atriplicifolia</i> 'Lacey Blue'	Lacey Blue Russian sage	18"	24"	gray-grn	small, lobed	Y	bright blue	furry blue stems	Jul-Nov	moderate	upright	L	L	L	M	L	L
<i>Phlomis fruticosa</i>	Jerusalem sage	3'	3'	silver	wooly	Y	yellow	whorls	Mar-Sep	fast	mounding	L	L	L	L	M	M
Trim this group in mid-summer, after first blooms fade, by: pruning away all flower stems; prolongs life of plant and encourages masses of fresh blooms.																	
<i>Callistemon x viminalis</i> 'Little John'	Little John bottlebrush	3'	3'	gray-grn		Y	red	bottlebrush sprays	year-rnd	fast	mounding	L	L	L	L	M	M
<i>Erysimum x cheirii</i> 'Bowles Mauve'	Bowles Mauve wallflower	18"	18"	gray-grn	whorls	Y	lavender	clusters	Apr-Oct	fast	mounding	L	L	M	M	M	?
<i>Erysimum spp & hybrids</i> orange	shrubby wallflower	12"	12"	gray-grn	whorls	Y	yellow to rust	clusters	Apr-Oct	moderate	rounded	M	M	M	M	?	?
<i>Leucophyllum zygomphyllum</i> 'Cimarron'	Cimarron Blue Ranger	3'	3'	silver	oval, small	Y	purple	single, bowl-shape	Apr-Oct	moderate	rounded	L	L	L	L	L	L
Showy Woody Shrubs for Sun																	
These plants require: 6 - 10 hours of sun a day, sloping ground or very good drainage. These plants tolerate alkaline clay and serpentine soils; they prefer gravelly and sandy soils or decomposed granite.																	
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<i>Eriogonum giganteum</i>	St. Catherine's lace	4'-8'	6'-8'	green	leafless stems	Y	pink	showy masses	year-rnd	fast	clumping	VL	VL	VL	VL	?	?
<i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>	Apache plume	6'	4'	gray-grn	fernlike	Y	white	single, bowl-shape	spring		upright	L	M	VL	VL	L	L
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> 'Tuscan Blue'	Tuscan Blue rosemary	3'	5'	green	sticky, pointed	Y	periwinkle blue	tubular	Dec-Feb	moderate	upright	L	L	VL	L	M	M
<i>Teucrium fruticans</i> 'Azuleum'	Azure bush germander	4'	4'	gray-grn	oval, small	Y	periwinkle blue	airy stems	Apr-Oct	fast	mounding	L	L	L	L	M	M
<i>Westringia fruticosa</i> and hybrids	coast rosemary	4'	8'	green	narrow, pointed	Y	white	tubular	Jan-Apr	moderate	rounded	L	L	L	L	/	?
Salvias grow to full size by their third year. When young and limber, Salvias should be cut back in winter by one-third to create a dense canopy. When mature and woody stems have developed, Salvias should only be tip-pruned: trim back by 3-6" in winter. Mounding Salvias grow a branching shrub from a single crown. They do not tolerate overspray and must completely dry out before being watered again. 'Pozo Blue' performs better in clay than 'Winnifred Gilman'. Clumping Salvias grow a stand of tall stems from surface runners. They like overspray and are a good transition plant from wetter to drier parts of the garden. <i>Salvia greggii</i> and <i>Salvia microphylla</i> rebloom, if the shrubs are trimmed after the first flush of blooms dies.																	
<i>Salvia clevelandii</i> 'Winnifred Gilman'	Winnifred Gilman blue sage	3'	4'	gray-grn	oval, red stems	Y	blue violet	tubular on spikes	Apr - Jun	moderate	mounding	L	L	VL	L	L	L
<i>Salvia elegans</i>	pineapple sage	5'	3'	grass-grn	oval	Y	bright red	tubular on spikes	Sep - Nov	moderate	clumping	M	M	M	M	?	?
<i>Salvia greggii</i> cultivars	ex: 'Big Pink', 'California Sunset'	2'	2'	gray-grn	oval	Y	various shades includin	tubular on spikes	May - Oct	moderate	mounding	L	L	L	L	M	M
<i>Salvia leucantha</i>	Mexican bush sage	5'	5'	silver	oval	Y	purple and white	tubular on spikes	Sep - Nov	moderate	mounding	L	L	L	L	/	M
<i>Salvia leucophylla</i> x <i>S. clevelandii</i> 'Pozo Blue'	'Pozo Blue' Cleveland sage	3'	3'	gray-grn	oval	Y	periwinkle blue	tubular on spikes	Apr - Jun	moderate	mounding	L	L	VL	L	M	M
<i>Salvia microphylla</i> cultivars	ex: 'Hot Lips', 'Wild Watermelon'	2'	2'	gray-grn	oval	Y	various shades includin	tubular on spikes	May - Oct	moderate	mounding	L	L	L	L	M	M
<i>Salvia uliginosa</i>	bog sage	5'	3'	grass-grn	oval	Y	sky blue	tubular on spikes	May - Oct	moderate	clumping	M	M	M	H	/	/

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PLANTS for SHADE														Filtered Sun to Part Shade (2 - 6 hours of sun daily)					
LOW-GROWING PLANTS for SHADE																			
Groundcovers for Shade																			
These plants tolerate: clay and serpentine soils; oak trees; filtered sun to part shade, 2 - 6 hours of sun daily.																			
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<i>Asarum caudatum</i>	foothill wild ginger	4"	12"	glossy-grn	heart-shaped	Y	maroon	cups	Jul - Aug	slow	clumping	M	M	H	/	/	/		
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i> 'Twin Peaks'	dwarf coyote brush	2'	6'	mdm grn	small, waxy	Y	cream	fluffy	Jul - Aug	moderate	mounding	L	L	L	L	M	M		
<i>Dudleya setchellii</i>	Santa Clara dudleya	3"	8"	silver	spears	frost tender	yellow	bells on 8" spikes	spring		rosette	L	VL	VL	L	?	?		
<i>Grevillea lanigera</i> 'Coastal Gem'	woolly grevillea	1'	4'	gray-grn	arching	Y	pink	spidery	Dec-May	moderate	mounding	L	L	L	L	/	M		
Heucheras form clumping rosettes, which can be grouped as groundcover for bare spots under tall trees and in bright shade.																			
<i>Heuchera elegans</i>	urnflower alumroot	1'	1'	green	ruffled	Y	pink	1' spikes	Feb-Apr	moderate	mounding	M	?	M	L	?	?		
<i>Heuchera</i> hybrid 'Canyon Series'	coral bells cultivars	1'	1'	green	ruffled	Y	red	2' spikes	Mar-Jul	moderate	mounding	M	M	M	H	?	?		
<i>Heuchera maxima</i>	island alumroot, jill-of-the-rocks	2'	2'	red-grn	ruffled	Y	pink	3' spikes	Mar-Jul	moderate	mounding	M	L	L	M	?	?		
<i>Heuchera micrantha</i>	crevice alum root	1'	2'	red-grn	ruffled	Y	white	2' spikes	Mar-Jul	moderate	mounding	M	M	M	M	?	?		
Graminoids: Sedges and Rhizomes for Shade																			
These plants tolerate: clay and serpentine soils; seasonal flooding and standing water																			
These plants form clumping stands of finely-bladed foliage with seasonal flowering, to cover bare spots under tall trees and in bright shade																			
Maintaining sedges, twice annually: comb dead stems from center of clump with a handrake with rigid, pointed tines; trim tips to 6" long.																			
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<i>Carex glauca</i> (<i>C. flacca</i>)	blue sedge	10"	10"	blue-grn	grassy	Y	none		n/a	fast	mounding	M	M	L	?	?	?		
<i>Carex praegracilis</i>	slender, clustered field sedge	8"	8"	green	grassy	Y	brown		n/a	fast	mounding	M	M	M	M	?	?		
<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i> species and cultivars	blue-eyed grass	6"	12"		spears	Y	blue-violet			fast	clusters	VL	L	L	VL	/	/		
<i>Sisyrinchium californicum</i>	yellow- or golden-eyed grass	1'	1'		spears	Y	pale yellow	12" flower spikes		fast	clusters	M	M	M	M	/	/		
<i>Sisyrinchium macounii</i> 'Album'	white-eyed grass				spears	Y	white			fast	clusters	not listed							
SHRUBS for SHADE																			
Showy Woody Subshrubs for Shade																			
These subshrubs tolerate: clay and serpentine soils; oak trees; part shade to full sun, 6 - 10 hours of sun a day.																			
These subshrubs will cover the "long legs" of taller plants and other bare spots and transition from groundcovers to hedges.																			
Lightly trim these subshrubs, after they finish blooming for the year, just to maintain regular shape.																			
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<i>Ceanothus maritimus</i> 'Valley Violet'	Valley Violet ceanothus	2'	4'	glossy-grn	oval, toothed	Y	blue violet	inflorescent spikes	Feb-Mar	slow	mounding	L	L	L	L	/	/		
<i>Mimulus bifidus</i> (<i>Diplacus grandiflorus</i>)	Sierra bush monkeyflower	2'	2'	green	sticky, pointed	Y	ivory to apricot	tubular	Apr - Oct	slow	upright	L	L	L	L	/	/		
Woody Subshrubs for Shade																			
These shrubs perform best with: regular water; mulch; 2 - 4 hours shade daily or filtered afternoon sun.																			
These shrubs tolerate: clay and serpentine soils; oak trees.																			
These shrubs will grow against a fence or building, except on a north-facing wall.																			
These shrubs reach full size in 2 - 3 years																			
<i>Lupinus albilfrons</i>	silver bush lupine	5'	5'	slvr-grn	whorls	Y	periwinkle blue	tubular on spikes	Apr-Jun	moderate	rounded	VL	L	L	L	/	/		
<i>Lupinus arboreus</i>	coastal yellow bush lupine	5'	5'	slvr-grn	whorls	Y	pale yellow	tubular on spikes	Apr-Jun	moderate	rounded	L	L	L	/	/	/		
<i>Lupinus succulentus</i>	arroyo lupine	4'	4'	slvr-grn	whorls	Y	periwinkle blue	tubular on spikes	Apr-May	moderate	rounded	L	?	?	/	?	?		
<i>Mimulus aurantiacus</i> (<i>Diplacus aurantiacus</i>)	sticky monkeyflower	3'	3'	green	sticky, pointed	Y	apricot to scarlet	tubular	Apr-Oct	slow	upright	VL	L	VL	VL	/	/		
<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i> (<i>P. californicus</i>)	Lewis's wild mock orange	4'-10'	6'-12'	grass grn	oval, serrated	N	2" w white	single, bowl-shape		moderate	rounded	M	M	M	M	?	?		
<i>Punica granatum</i> 'Nana'	dwarf flowering pomegranate	3'	3'	grass grn	oval, smooth	N	burnt orange	sterile fruits	Apr-Oct	moderate	rounded	L	L	L	L	M	M		
<i>Ribes aureum</i>	Western golden currant	6'	4'	grass grn	deeply lobed	N	cream, pink	bells	Mar-Sep	moderate	upright	L	L	L	L	?	/		

California Native and Drought-Tolerant Landscape Plants for the Sacramento Region

SHRUBS FOR AN EVERGREEN HEDGE																	
<p>These shrubs require: good drainage (plant on a slope or gravelly soils); good air flow through canopy (do not crowd). These shrubs tolerate: clay and serpentine soils; oak trees; part shade to full sun, 6 - 10 hours of sun a day. These shrubs look best when: planted 5-10 feet away from water sources (sprinklers, irrigation emitters); not fertilized. Prune regularly to control size, after bloom. Mature size also determined by access to water. Most have colorful bark; most grow berries.</p>																	
Botanical Names	Common Name(s)	mature		foliage			flowers			growth		wucols water needs					
		h	w	color	shape	evergrn?	color	shape	when	rate	form	1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>Arctostaphylos densiflora</i> 'Howard McMinn'	Howard McMinn manzanita	10'	8'	gray-grn	oval, smooth	Y	pink	bell-shaped	Mar-Apr	slow	rounded	L	L	L	L	/	/
<i>Arctostaphylos hookeri</i> x <i>A. pajaroensis</i> 'Sunset'	Sunset manzanita	3'	6'	gray-grn	oval, smooth	Y	pink	bell-shaped	Mar-Apr	slow	mounding	L	L	L	L	/	/
<i>Ceanothus papillosus roweanus</i> X <i>C. impressus</i> 'Concha'	Concha ceanothus	5'	8'	glossy grn	oval, toothed	Y	violet	inflourescent spikes	Feb-Mar	slow	rounded	L	L	L	L	/	/
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	toyon, Christmas berry	6'	6'	mdm grn	oval, toothed	Y	white	bell-shaped	summer	slow	rounded	L	VL	VL	L	L	/
<i>Frangula californica</i> (syn. <i>Rhamnus</i>) 'Eve Case'	Eve Case coffeeberry	4'	8'	drk grn	oval, toothed	Y	red berries ripening to black, edible		summer	moderate	compact	L	L	VL	L	/	?
<i>Frangula californica</i> (syn. <i>Rhamnus</i>) 'Mount San Bruno'	Mount San Bruno coffeeberry	4'	8'	drk grn	oval, smooth	Y	red berries ripening to black, edible		summer	moderate	compact	L	L	VL	L	/	?
TREES																	
Small Trees or Tall Multi-Trunked Shrubs																	
<p>For a tree, remove all branches, creating a central leader; as the tree grows, it will continue branching above your cuts. shrub, cut 6 - 12" above the crown or cut out the central leader, retaining branches below your cut. For a shrub, cut out the central leader, retaining branches below your cut. These plants thrive in: loam, clay, gravelly and sandy soils, or decomposed granite. These plants look best when: planted on a slope, at least 5 feet away from water sources (sprinklers, irrigation emitters), and are not fertilized. These plants tolerate: oak trees and 2 - 4 hours shade daily or filtered sun. These plants will grow against a fence or building, except on a north-facing wall. Many of these shrubs can be hedge-trimmed or pruned to fit smaller garden spaces. Most have fragrant flowers and colorful bark; some grow berries.</p>																	
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<i>Arctostaphylos manzanita</i> x <i>A. stanfordiana</i> 'Dr. Hurd'	Dr. Hurd's manzanita	15'	8'	gray-grn	oval, smooth	Y	pink	bell-shaped	Mar-Apr	slow	rounded	L	VL	L	L	/	/
<i>Carpenteria californica</i>	bush anemone	8'	12'	grass-grn	sticky, ruffled leaves	Y	white	single, bowl-shaped	Jun-Jul	fast	upright	M	L	L	M	/	/
<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	western redbud	15'	15'	mdm grn	heart-shaped	N	pink to magenta	sprays	Feb-Apr	moderate	upright	VL	VL	L	L	M	M
<i>Chilopsis linearis</i> , <i>Chilopsis linearis</i> ssp. <i>arcuata</i>	desert willow	15'	20'	gray-grn	lance-leafed	N	pink to lilac	trumpet, seed pods	May-Nov	fast	rounded	VL	VL	VL	L	M	M
x <i>Chitalpa tashkentensis</i> 'Pink Dawn'	Chitalpa Pink Dawn	20'	20'	gray-grn	lance-leafed	N	pink	trumpet, sterile	May-Nov	fast	rounded	L	L	L	L	L	L
<i>Cornus stolonifera</i> syn. <i>Cornus sericea</i> ssp. <i>occidentalis</i>	redtwig dogwood	12'	12'	grass-grn	heart-shaped	N	white	clusters	May	moderate	upright	H	?	H	H	/	/
<i>Olea europaea</i> 'Little Ollie'	Little Ollie dwarf olive	8'	8'	gray-grn	oval, smooth	Y	n/a	non-fruiting		moderate	upright	VL	VL	L	L	L	L
<i>Frangula californica</i> ssp. <i>Tomentella</i> (<i>Rhamnus californica</i>)	chaparral or hoary coffeeberry	8'	16'	blue-grn	oval, toothed	Y	red berries ripening to black, edible			moderate	rounded	VL	VL	VL	L	/	?
Medium to Large Trees																	
These trees look best when: not watered or fertilized after first 2-3 years.																	
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<i>Acer negundo</i> v. <i>californicum</i>	California box elder	30'	30'	pink	pinnate	N	red spring catkins, winged seeds			moderate	conical	M	M	M	M	/	/
<i>Calocedrus decurrens</i>	incense cedar	60'	20'		fan-shaped	Y	yellow autumn pollen, winter seed cones			slow	conical	M	M	M	M	/	/
<i>Pistacia chinensis</i> 'Red Push'	Red Push chinese pistache	40'	40'	red	pinnate	N	inconspicuous, sterile			fast	round	L	L	M	M	M	M
<i>Quercus douglasii</i>	blue oak, iron oak	30'	30'	dun	lobed	N				slow	round	VL	VL	VL	L	/	/
<i>Quercus wislizenii</i>	Interior live oak	50**	50**		lance-shaped	Y				fast	round	VL	VL	VL	VL	M	/
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