



Low Water-Use Plant List

This flyer is a short list of plants. For information on many more low-water use plants, see the flip side.



Encelia farinosa
Brittlebrush

Shrubs

- Arctostaphylos** Manzanita **Ca**
- Artemisia californica** Wormwood **Ca**
- Atriplex** Saltbrush **Ca**
- Dodonaea viscosa** Hop seed bush
- Elaeagnus augustifolia** Russian olive
- Encelia californica** Coast sunflower **Ca**
- Encelia farinosa** Brittlebush **Ca**
- Mahonia pinnata** California holly grape **Ca**
- Nandina domestica** heavenly bamboo
- Ribes viburnifolium** Evergreen currant **Ca**
- Rhamnus alaternus** Italian buckthorn **Ca**
- Rhamnus californica** Coffeeberry **Ca**
- Rubus parviflorus** Thimbleberry **Ca**
- Teucrium fruticans** Bush germander
- Xylosma congestum** Evergreen shrub

Grass / Grass-like

- Andropogon gerardii** Big Bluestem
- Bouteloua gracilis** Mosquito Grass **Ca**
- Carex praegracilis** Slender sedge **Ca**
- Carex pansa** Pacific dune sedge **Ca**
- Deschampsia** Hair Grass **Ca**
- Festuca rubra** Molate fescue **Ca**
- Festuca californica** California fescue **Ca**
- Leymus** Wild Rye **Ca**
- Nasella pulchra** Purple needlegrass **Ca**
- Muhlenbergia rigens** Deer Grass **Ca**

Ca = California Native

Flowering Shrubs

- Alyogyne Huegelii** Blue hibiscus
- Callistemon violaceus** Purple bottlebrush
- Ceanothus** Wild Lilac **Ca**
- Cercis occidentalis** Redbud **Ca**
- Cistus** Rock Rose
- Cotinus coggygia** Smoke tree
- Echium candicans** Pride of Madeira
- Eriogonum** Wild buckwheat **Ca**
- Escallonia** Evergreen shrub
- Euryops pectinatus** Evergreen shrub
- Fremontodendrum** Flannel bush **Ca**
- Grevillea lavandulacea** Jade pearl
- Lantana** Lantana
- Lavandula** Lavender
- Lupinus albifrons & excubitus** Lupine **Ca**
- Punica granatum** Pomegranate
- Romneya coulteri** Matilija poppy **Ca**
- Raphiolepis** Indian hawthorne

Ground covers

- Baccharis pilularis** Coyote brush **Ca**
- Cerastium tomentosum** Snow in summer
- Ceratostigma plumbaginoides** Dwarf plumbago
- Coprosma kirkii** Creeping coprosma
- Delosierma cooperi** Cooper's ice plant
- Heuchera maxima** Island alum root **Ca**
- Oenothera** Evening primrose, sundrops **Ca**
- Ribes viburnifolium** Evergreen currant **Ca**
- Rosmarinus officinalis** Rosemary



Clarkia amoena 'Aurora'
Clarkia



Ceanothus thyrsiflorus
Wild Lilac

- Santolina chamaecyparissus** Cotton lavender
- Teucrium chamaedrys** Dwarf germander

Perennials

- Achillea millefolium** Island pink yarrow **Ca**
- Asclepias speciosa** Showy milkweed **Ca**
- Bouteloua gracilis** Blue Grama (grass) **Ca**
- Carex tumulicola** Berkeley Sedge
- Clarkia** Clarkia **Ca**
- Coreopsis grandiflora** Sunray
- Epilobium canum** California fuchsia **Ca**
- Euphorbia** (also a shrub)
- Gaillardia grandiflora** Blanket flower
- Gaura lindheimeri** Gaura
- Kniphofia uvaria** Red-hot poker
- Limonium perezii** Sea lavender
- Lobelia laxiflora** Lobelia
- Mimulus aurantiacus** Monkey flower **Ca**
- Penstemon heterophyllus** Foothill **Ca**
- Rhodophiala bifida** Argentine amaryllis
- Romneya coulterii** Matilija poppy **Ca**
- Rudbeckia californica** Coneflower **Ca**
- Salvia spatnacea** Hummingbird sage **Ca**
- Senecio Cineraria** Dusty miller
- Sternbergia lutea** Yellow autumn crocus

Vines

- Bougainvillea** Bougainvillea
- Campsis radicans** Trumpet vine





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Romneya coulterii
Matilija Poppy



Vitis californica
Rogers Red Grape



Mimulus aurantiacus
Sticky Monkey Flower



Cercis occidentalis
Redbud

Distictis buccinatoria Red trumpet vine
Macfadyena unguis-cati Cat's claw vine
Solanum jasminoides Potato vine **Ca**
Tecomaria capensis Cape honeysuckle
Vitis californica Roger's red grape **Ca**
Wisteria Wisteria

Hedges / Small Trees

Aquilegia exima Serpentine columbine **Ca**
Arbutus menziesii Madrone
Eschscholzia californica Calif. poppy **Ca**
Feijoa sellowiana Pineapple guava
Garrya elliptica Coast silktassel **Ca**
Heteromeles arbutifolia Toyon **Ca**
Lagerstroemia indica Crape myrtle
Leptospermum laevigatum Austr. tea tree
Myrtus communis Myrtle
Nerium oleander Oleander

Trees

Acacia
Brachychiton populneus Bottle tree
Casuarina stricta She-oak
Celtis reticulata Hackberry **Ca**
Cercis occidentalis Redbud **Ca**
Chitalpa tashkentensis Chitalpa
Chorisia Floss silk tree
Cupressus Cypress **Ca**

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Eriobotrya japonica Loquat
Jacaranda mimosifolia Jacaranda
Juglans hindsii California black walnut **Ca**
Koelreuteria paniculata Golden rain tree
Lyonothamnus floribundus Catalina ironwood **Ca**
Melaleuca Paperbark

Metrosideros excelsus New Zealand Christmas tree
Olea europaea Olive
Pinus Pine **Ca**
Pistacia chinensis Chinese pistache
Quercus Oak **Ca**
Rhus Sumac **Ca**



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Two on-line resources:

waterwonk.us - A statewide repository of water-efficient plants searchable by region using the Water Use Classification of Landscape Species (WUCOLS) database.

summer-dry.com - Photographs of plants that thrive in a summer-dry

region compiled by the photographer for *Plants and Landscapes for Summer Dry Climates*, Saxon Holt. The site is searchable by key word, for example, "dry shade" or "perennial" or "salvia."

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