

East Bay Nifty 50

Plants for a water-wise garden



Shrubs

Howard McMinn
Manzanita



*Arctostaphylos
densifolia* 'Howard
McMinn'

Little John
Bottlebrush



Callistemon
'Little John'

California
Lilac



Ceanothus
spp.

Sageleaf
Rockrose



Cistus salviifolius
'Prostratus'

California
Buckwheat



Eriogonum
spp.

San Bruno
Coffeeberry



Frangula 'Mound
San Bruno'

Evie Coast
Silktassel



Garrya elliptica
'Evie'

Grevillea



Grevillea
spp.

Safari
Conebush



Leucadendron
cv.

Pink Flowering
Currant



Ribes sanguineum
var. *glutinosum*

Cleveland
Sage



Salvia clevelandii
cv.

Bush
Germander



Teucrium
fruticans

Groundcovers

Common
Yarrow



Achillea millefolium
cv.

Bearberry



Arctostaphylos
uva-ursi cv.

Creeping
Mahonia



Berberis aquifolium
var. *repens*

Yankee Point
California Lilac



Ceanothus
'Yankee Point'

Centennial
Ceanothus



Ceanothus
'Centennial'

Silver
Carpet



Dymondia
margaretae

Trailing
Lantana



Lantana
montevidensis cv.

Rosemary



Rosmarinus
officinalis cv.

Elfin
Thyme



Thymus serpyllum
'Elfin'

Perennials

Sticky Monkey
Flower



Diplacus (Mimulus)
aurantiacus

California
Fuchsia



Epilobium canum
cv.

Red
Buckwheat



Eriogonum grande
rubescens

Cedros Island
Verbena



Glandularia lilacina
'De La Mina'

Pacific Coast
Iris



Iris Pacific Coast
Hybrid cv.

California Gray
Rush



Juncus patens

Variegated Dwarf
Mat Rush



Lomandra
longifolia 'Roma13'

Foothill
Penstemon



Penstemon
heterophyllus

Flax



Phormium hybrids

Hummingbird
Sage



Salvia spathacea

Blue-Eyed
Grass



Sisyrinchium
bellum

The Nifty 50 plants you see here thrive in the East Bay and require low water once established. They provide multiple benefits including carbon sequestration and wildlife habitat, and can be found at many local nurseries.

Trees

Marina
Strawberry Tree



Arbutus 'Marina'

Dr. Hurd
Manzanita



*Arctostaphylos
manzanita
'Dr. Hurd'*

CA

Mexican Blue
Palm



Brahea armata

Redbud



Cercis occidentalis

CA

Toyon



*Heteromeles
arbutifolia*

CA

Saratoga Sweet
Bay



*Laurus nobilis
'Saratoga'*

Olive



Olea europaea

Island Oak



Quercus tomentella

CA

CA = California native

CA native plants are adapted to wet winters and dry summers.

While the plants on this list are low water, observe how they do in your landscape and provide supplemental irrigation, as needed, to support plant health.

Succulents

Pinwheel



*Aeonium
haworthii*

Foxtail
Agave



*Agave attenuata
cvs.*

Blue Elf
Aloe



*Aloe
'Blue Elf'*

Dudleya



Dudleya spp.

CA

Red Yucca



*Hesperaloe
parviflora cvs.*

Grasses

Blonde Ambition
Mosquito Grass



*Bouteloua gracilis
'Blonde Ambition'*

CA

Foothill
Sedge



Carex tumulicola

CA

California
Fescue



*Festuca
californica*

CA

Deer Grass



*Muhlenbergia
rigens*

CA

Purple
Needlegrass



Stipa pulchra

CA

EBMUD tips for a water-wise garden:



Right plant, right place. Every landscape is unique, therefore it is important to choose plants that are best suited to your space and site conditions.



Hydrozone. Plants with similar water, sun, and soil requirements should be grouped together. If using an irrigation system, they should be put on the same irrigation valve.



New plants. Ensure new plants receive extra water during their establishment period. This helps them develop strong roots and adapt to their new environment.



Watering. Deep, infrequent watering establishes deep roots and can better enable plants to withstand drought. It is best to irrigate during the night or early morning when the temperatures are cooler.



Mulch. Add a 2-3 inch layer of mulch to planting areas. Mulch improves plant health, reduces water loss, improves soil quality, and keeps soil temperatures cooler.



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