







Drought Tolerant Groundcovers

	<p>Common Name: Yarrow Botanical Name: <i>Achillea millefolium</i> Sun-Shade: Full to part sun Flower/Leaf Color/Season: Variety of colors, many cultivars; Blooms in summer</p> <p>Special Qualities: Native; tolerates deer, air pollution; attracts bees, butterflies, predatory wasps, ladybird beetles, hoverflies.</p>		<p>Common Name: Buffalo Grass (UC Verde) Botanical Name: <i>Buchloe dactyloides</i> Sun-Shade: Sun Flower/Leaf Color/Season: None</p> <p>Special Qualities: Turns brown in the winter. May need some water if the weather is very hot.</p>
	<p>Common Name: Silver Carpet (Mini Gaziana) Botanical Name: <i>Dymondia margartae</i> Sun-Shade: Sun Flower/Leaf Color/Season: Small yellow flowers bloom close to the mat in summer Height/Width at Maturity: 6-12" tall x 3' wide</p> <p>Special Qualities: Foliage is white on the top and light gray underneath which gives it a silver appearance.</p>		<p>Common Name: Trailing Lantana Botanical Name: <i>Lantana montevidensis</i> Sun-Shade: Sun Flower/Leaf Color/Season: Summer; flower color varies from white, yellow, pink or lavender Height/Width at Maturity: 12' tall, spreads to 6' wide</p> <p>Special Qualities: Attracts bees, butterflies, other insects that feed on nectar; deer dislike it.</p>
	<p>Common Name: Dwarf Myrtle Botanical Name: <i>Myoporum parvifolium</i> 'Prostratum' Sun-Shade: Sun Flower/Leaf Color/Season: Small white flower followed by purple berries Height/Width at Maturity: 4" to 12" high</p>		<p>Common Name: Soapwort (Bouncing Bet, Cowherb) Botanical Name: <i>Saponaria Ocymoides</i> Flower/Leaf Color/Season: Pink in late spring to early summer; small sprays of flowers Blooms for 4 weeks or more; Prune hard after flowering to promote compact growth. Height/Width at Maturity: 6"</p> <p>Special Qualities: Prefers dryish soil with good winter drainage.</p>



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Drought Tolerant Shrubs



Common Name: Cleveland Sage 'Allen Chickering'
Botanical Name: *Salvia clevelandii*
Sun-Shade: Full Sun
Blossom/Leaf Color/Season: Lavender to violet blue flowers in summer
Height at Maturity: 3-5' tall x 5-8' wide

Special Qualities: Gray-green leaves, very fragrant; attracts hummingbirds, bees, butterflies



Common Name: Yellow Bird of Paradise
Botanical Name: *Caesalpinia gilliesii*
Sun-Shade: Full Sun
Blossom/Leaf Color/Season: Yellow flowers with bright red stamens in summer
Height at Maturity: 10' tall x 8' wide

Special Qualities: Finely cut foliage; attracts hummingbirds.



Common Name: California (Wild) Lilac 'Concha'
Botanical Name: *Ceanothus species*
Sun-Shade: Full Sun
Blossom/Leaf Color/Season: Dark blue 1' cluster flowers; green 1' leaves
Height at Maturity: 6-7' tall x 6-8' wide

Special Qualities: Attracts birds, butterflies, bees; Tolerates summer water.



Common Name: Bush Morning Glory
Botanical Name: *Convolvulus cneorum*
Sun-Shade: Full Sun
Blossom/Leaf Color/Season: Silvery gray leaves; white or pink-tinted morning glories
Height at Maturity: 2-4' tall x 2-4' wide

Special Qualities: Prune severely to renew plant; can get leggy if left alone.



Common Name: Heavenly Bamboo
Botanical Name: *Nandina domestica*
Sun-Shade: Full Sun to Partial Shade
Blossom/Leaf Color/Season: Lacy-looking green foliage
Height at Maturity: 6-8' tall x 3-4' wide



Special Qualities: Creamy white cluster bloom in spring followed by red berries.











Common Name: Texas Ranger
Botanical Name: *Leucophyllum frutescens*
Sun-Shade: Full Sun
Blossom/Leaf Color/Season: Gray foliage and light purple or magenta flowers
Height at Maturity: 6-8' tall x 6-8' wide

Special Qualities: Attracts birds.

Drought Tolerant Trees

	<p>Common Name: Acacia, Shoestring Botanical Name: <i>Acacia stenophylla</i> Deciduous or Evergreen: Evergreen Sun-Shade: Full Sun Bloom/Leaf Color/Season: Creamy yellow flowers, ½" round balls; Pale green, drooping leaves Tree Shape: Weeping Height at Maturity: 30' tall x 20" wide Growth Rate: Fast</p> <p>Special Qualities: Provides light filtered shade; new bark is maroon in color</p>		<p>Common Name: Arbutus, Marina Botanical Name: <i>Arbutus 'Marina'</i> Deciduous or Evergreen: Evergreen Sun-Shade: Full Sun Bloom/Leaf Color/Season: Clusters of rosy pink flowers in spring & fall Tree Shape: Upright spreading, then drooping Height at Maturity: 20-40' tall x 20-40" wide Growth Rate: Slow to Moderate</p> <p>Special Qualities: Very similar to <i>A. unedo</i> but easier to grow as a single trunk and has larger leaves.</p>
	<p>Common Name: Guava, Pineapple Botanical Name: <i>Feijoa sellowiana</i> Deciduous or Evergreen: Evergreen Sun-Shade: Full Sun Bloom/Leaf Color/Season: 4 white petals contrasting with tufts of red in spring; glossy green leaves, with silvery white beneath Tree Shape: Shrub-like Height at Maturity: 18-20' tall x 18-20' wide Growth Rate: Moderate</p> <p>Special Qualities: Edible flowers produce fruit about 2" long.</p>		<p>Common Name: Desert Willow, Desert Catalpa Botanical Name: <i>Chilopsis linearis</i> Deciduous or Evergreen: Deciduous Sun-Shade: Full Sun Bloom/Leaf Color/Season: White, pink or purple trumpet flowers spring to fall; long, narrow 2-5" leaves Tree Shape: Rounded, spreading Height at Maturity: 15-30' tall x 10-20' wide Growth Rate: Fast</p> <p>Special Qualities: Wispy, open growth, drops leaves early.</p>
	<p>Common Name: Chitalpa Botanical Name: <i>Chitalpa taskentensis</i> 'Pink Dawn' 'Morning Cloud' Deciduous or Evergreen: Deciduous Sun-Shade: Full Sun Bloom/Leaf Color/Season: Clusters of pink, white or lavender, frilly trumpet shaped large flowers spring – fall; leaves 4-5" long, 1" wide Tree Shape: Rounded, spreading Height at Maturity: 20-30' tall x 20-30' wide Growth Rate: Fast</p> <p>Special Qualities: Rapid growth sometimes causes bark to split and weep, but usually recovers. Avoid overwatering.</p>		<p>Common Name: Crape Myrtle Botanical Name: <i>Lagerstroemia indica</i> Deciduous or Evergreen: Deciduous Sun-Shade: Full Sun Bloom/Leaf Color/Season: Showy pink, white, magenta, red, lavender flowers in summer Tree Shape: Rounded Height at Maturity: Up to 25' tall, Up to 25' wide Growth Rate: Slow to Moderate</p> <p>Special Qualities: Fall color and attractive bark provide added interest; grown as a single or multi-trunk.</p>

Drought Tolerant Perennials

 	<p>Common Name: Russian Sage Botanical Name: <i>Perovskia atriplicifolia</i> Sun-Shade: Full Sun Flower/Leaf Color/Season: Lavender Blue in fall and summer, very finely cut gray-green leaves Height/Width at Maturity: 3'-4' tall x 2' wide</p> <p>Special Qualities: Rarely damaged by deer, attracts bees, butterflies, hummingbirds; Can become invasive.</p>	 	<p>Common Name: Orchid Rockrose Botanical Name: <i>Cistus</i> Sun-Shade: Sun Flower/Leaf Color/Season: 3" purple flowers have red spot at base; Leaves are dark green above and gray and hairy below. Height/Width at Maturity: 4' tall x 4' wide</p> <p>Special Qualities: Attracts butterflies; Often planted in fire-hazard areas.</p>
	<p>Common Name: Early Sunrise Tickseed Botanical Name: <i>Coreopsis grandiflora</i> Sun-Shade: Sun Flower/Leaf Color/Season: Yellow to gold flowers with dark green narrow leaves from spring through fall Height/Width at Maturity: 15' tall x 18' wide</p> <p>Special Qualities: Attracts beneficial insects; Butterfly and other insect nectar.</p>		<p>Common Name: Little Rev (Baby Bliss Flax Lily) Botanical Name: <i>Dianella revoluta</i> Sun-Shade: Full Sun to Partial Shade Flower/Leaf Color/Season: Begins blooming in spring to summer on nearly 3 foot tall inflorescences that bear small deep violet blue flowers. Flowers rise above the tips of the blue foliage. Height/Width at Maturity: 3' tall x 2' wide</p> <p>Special Qualities: Good for mass plantings, deer tolerant, low maintenance.</p>
	<p>Common Name: Autumn Sage Botanical Name: <i>Heatwave Salvia, Salvia microphylla</i> Sun-Shade: Prefers sun, tolerates some shade Flower/Leaf Color/Season: Lavenders, magentas, oranges, pinks, purples, reds, yellows, whites and dramatic-to-delicate bicolors. Blooms spring through autumn. Height/Width at Maturity: Depends on variety; Range from 24" tall x 24" wide to 36" tall x 24" wide</p> <p>Special Qualities: Attracts hummingbirds, bees, butterflies, deer resistant, fragrant; Some varieties are California natives.</p>		<p>Common Name: Flamenco Red Hot Poker Plant Botanical Name: <i>Kniphofia uvaria 'Flamenco'</i> Sun-Shade: Sun Flower/Leaf Color/Season: Mixture of yellow, orange and fiery red flowers on 8" spikes; Appear in summer. Height/Width at Maturity: 2' x 2'</p> <p>Special Qualities: Attracts hummingbirds; Good in containers; Long tap root.</p>