

Sustainability Lists

NOTE: The plants listed here may or may not be included in this booklet. Please check other reference guides for more descriptions if not represented.

Erosion Control - These plants have strong root systems. However, many should not be planted near structures as they produce large fuel supplies for fires.		
	Alum Root	<i>Heuchera sp.</i>
	Bigberry Manzanita	<i>Arostaphylos glauca</i>
	Big-pod Ceanothus	<i>Ceanothus megacarpus</i>
	Black Sage	<i>Salvia mellifera</i>
	Blue-eyed Grass	<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>
	Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum sp.</i>
	California Bay	<i>Umbellularia californica</i>
	California Brome	<i>Bromus carinatus</i>
	California Fuchsia	<i>Zauschneria californica</i>
	California Live Oak	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>
	California Sagebrush	<i>Artemisia californica</i>
	California Wild Strawberry	<i>Fragaria californica</i>
	California Walnut	<i>Juglans californica</i>
	Chamise	<i>Adenostema fasciculatum</i>
	Coyote Brush	<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>
	Creeping Sage	<i>Salvia sonomensis</i>
	Deergrass	<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>
	Eastwood Manzanita	<i>Arostaphylos glandulosa</i>
	Elderberry	<i>Sambucus mexicana</i>
	Evergreen Currant	<i>Ribes viburnifolium</i>
	Flannelbush	<i>Fremontodendron sp.</i>
	Fremont Cottonwood	<i>Populus fremontii</i>
	Giant Wild Rye	<i>Elymus condensatus</i>
	Golden Yarrow	<i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i>
	Greenbark Ceanothus	<i>Ceanothus spinosus</i>
	Holly-leaf Cherry	<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>
	Hollyleaf Redberry	<i>Rhamnus ilicifolia</i>
	Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera sp.</i>
	Laurel Sumac	<i>Matosma laurina</i>
	Lemonadeberry	<i>Rhus integrifolia</i>
	Mesa Bush Mallow	<i>Malaacothamnus fasciculatus</i>
	Mountain Mahogany	<i>Cercocarpus betuloides</i>
	Our Lord's Candle	<i>Yucca whipplei</i>
	Prickly Phlox	<i>Leptodactylon californica</i>
	Purple Needlegrass	<i>Nassella pulchra</i>
	Purple Sage	<i>Salvia leucophylla</i>
	Rockrose	<i>Cistus sp.</i>
	Stonecrop	<i>Sedum sp.</i>
	Sugarbush	<i>Rhus ovata</i>
	Toyon	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>
	Tree Mallow	<i>Lavatera assurgentiflora</i>
	Valley Oak	<i>Quercus lobata</i>
	Western Redbud	<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>
	White Sage	<i>Salvia apiana</i>
	Yellow-eyed Grass	<i>Sisyrinchium californicum</i>

Deer Resistant - Deer do not seem to like plants with sticky, rough or fuzzy textures, spiny stems or fragrant leaves.		
	Agave	<i>Agave sp.</i>
	Arizona Ash	<i>Fraxinus velutina</i>
	Big-Leaf Maple	<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>
	Blue-eyed Grass	<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>
	Bush Anemone	<i>Carpenteria californica</i>
	California Bay	<i>Umbellularia californica</i>
	California Live Oak	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>
	California Poppy	<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>
	California Sycamore	<i>Plantanus racemosa</i>
	California Wild Strawberry	<i>Fragaria californica</i>
	Catclaw	<i>Acacia greggii</i>
	Coyote Brush	<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>
	Dusty Miller	<i>Senecio cineraria</i>
	Elderberry	<i>Sambucus mexicana</i>
	False Indigo	<i>Baptisia sp.</i>
	Flannel Bush	<i>Fremontodendron sp.</i>
	Golden Currant	<i>Ribes aureum</i>
	Iris	<i>Iris sp.</i>
	Lavender	<i>Lavandula sp.</i>
	Lobelia	<i>Lobelia spp.</i>
	Matilija Poppy	<i>Romneya coulteri</i>
	Mexican Marigold	<i>Tagetes lemmonii</i>
	Milkweed	<i>Asclepias sp.</i>
	Nolina	<i>Nolina sp.</i>
	Salvia	<i>Salvia sp.</i>
	Sea Pink	<i>Armeria sp.</i>
	Seaside Daisy	<i>Erigeron glaucus</i>
	Sheep Fescue	<i>Festuca trachyphylla</i>
	Spicebush	<i>Calycanthus occidentalis</i>
	Sugarbush	<i>Rhus ovata</i>
	Valley Oak	<i>Quercus lobata</i>
	Western Redbud	<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>
	Wild Lilac	<i>Ceanothus sp.</i>
	Yarrow	<i>Achillea sp.</i>
	Yerba Buena	<i>Satureja douglasii</i>
	Yucca	<i>Yucca sp.</i>

Desert Natives - These require well-drained soils and very little irrigation.		
	Bladderpod	<i>Isomeris arborea</i>
	Blue Grama	<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>
	Brittlebush	<i>Encelia farinosa</i>
	Catclaw	<i>Acacia greggii</i>
	Desert Agave	<i>Agave deserti</i>
	Desert Mallow	<i>Sphaeralcea ambigua</i>
	Desert Marigold	<i>Baileya multiradiata</i>
	Desert Willow	<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>
	Live-Forever	<i>Dudleya sp.</i>
	Mexican Palo Verde	<i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i>
	Palo Verde	<i>Cercidium floridum</i>
	Stonecrop	<i>Sedum sp.</i>
	Yucca	<i>Yucca sp.</i>

Water Tolerant - These plants will look nicer with regular irrigation.

California Hibiscus	<i>Hibiscus californica</i>
Canyon Sunflower	<i>Venegasia carpesioides</i>
Cottonwood	<i>Populus</i> sp.
Deerglass	<i>Muhlenbergia reizens</i>
Giant Wild Rye	<i>Elymus condensatus</i>
Gumplant	<i>Grindelia stricta</i>
Mello Grass	<i>Melica imperfecta</i>
Mock Orange	<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>
Mugwort	<i>Artemisia douglasiana</i>
Oregon Ash	<i>Fraxinus latifolia</i>
Spicebush	<i>Calycanthus occidentalis</i>
Twinberry	<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>
White Alder	<i>Alnus rhombifolia</i>
Yellow-eyed Grass	<i>Sisyrinchium californicum</i>

Water Gardens - These plants can be used in and around ponds or in areas that receive regular irrigation.

California Wild Rose	<i>Rosa californica</i>
Columbine	<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>
Hooker's Evening Primrose	<i>Oenothera hookeri</i>
Lobelia	<i>Lobelia</i> ssp.
Oregano of the Highway	<i>Monarda menthaefolia</i>
Reed	<i>Juncus</i> sp.
Scarlet Monkeyflower	<i>Mimulus cardinalis</i>
Tufted Hairgrass	<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>
Tule Mint	<i>Mentha arvensis</i>
White Hedge-Nettle	<i>Stachys albens</i>
Willow	<i>Salix</i> sp.
Yellow-Stream Monkeyflower	<i>Mimulus guttatus</i>
Yerba Buena	<i>Satureja douglasii</i>
Yerba mansa	<i>Anemopsis californica</i>
Yarrow	<i>Achillea</i> sp.

Fragrant - Many native plants exude strong fragrances, some mild and pleasant, others pungent.

Bladderpod	<i>Isomeris arborea</i>
Broad-leaf Lupine	<i>Lupinus latifolius parishii</i>
Bush Anemone	<i>Carpenteria californica</i>
California Bay Laurel	<i>Umbellularia californica</i>
Coyote Mint	<i>Monardella</i> ssp.
Currant/Gooseberry	<i>Ribes</i> sp.
Hedge-nettle	<i>Stachy</i> ssp.
Lavender	<i>Lavendula</i> sp.
Lavender Cotton	<i>Santolina virens</i>
Meadow Rue	<i>Thalictrum polycarpum</i>
Mexican Bush Marigold	<i>Tagetes lemonii</i>
Mock Orange	<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>
Oregano of the Highway	<i>Monarda menthaefolia</i>
Pitcher Sage	<i>Lepechinia</i> sp.
Sage	<i>Salvia</i>
Sagebrush	<i>Artemisia</i> sp.
Spicebush	<i>Calycanthus occidentalis</i>
Tule Mint	<i>Mentha arvensis</i>
Wax Myrtle	<i>Myrica californica</i>
Western Azalea	<i>Rhododendron occidentale</i>
Wild Lilac	<i>Ceanothus</i> sp.
Woolly Blue Curts	<i>Trichostema lanatum</i>
Yerba Buena	<i>Satureja douglasii</i>
Yerba Mansa	<i>Anemopsis californica</i>

Fire Resistant - These plants are fire resistant due to physiological characteristics (FR), due to growth habits, or are succulents (S) which are considered fire retardant.

Agave (S)	<i>Agave</i> sp.
Alum Root	<i>Heuchera</i> sp.
Beach Suncups	<i>Carnissonia cheiranthifolia</i>
Bladderpod (FR)	<i>Isomeris arborea</i>
Blue Flax	<i>Linum lewisii</i>
Blue-eyed Grass	<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>
California Fuchsia	<i>Zauschneria californica</i>
Carmel Creeper	<i>Ceanothus griseus horizontalis</i>
Coast Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum parvifolium</i>
Columbine	<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>
Conejo Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum crocatum</i>
Coyote Brush (FR)	<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>
Creeping Barberry	<i>Mahonia repens</i>
Creeping Sage	<i>Salvia sonomensis</i>
Evergreen Currant	<i>Ribes viburnifolium</i>
Four-winged Saltbush (FR)	<i>Atriplex canescens</i>
Golden Yarrow	<i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i>
Guadalupe Island Rock Daisy (FR)	<i>Perilyte incana</i>
Hummingbird Sage	<i>Salvia spathacea</i>
Iris	<i>Iris</i> sp.
Live-Forever (S)	<i>Dudleya</i> sp.
Lupine	<i>Lupinus</i> sp.
Matilija Poppy (FR)	<i>Rornerya coulteri</i>
Meadow Rue	<i>Thalictrum polycarpum</i>
Monkeyflower	<i>Mimulus</i> sp.
Nolina (S)	<i>Nolina</i> sp.
Penstemon	<i>Penstemon</i> sp.
Quailbush (FR)	<i>Atriplex lentiformis</i>
Red Bearberry	<i>Arotostaphylos uva-ursi</i>
Red Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum grande rubescens</i>
Scarlet Larkspur	<i>Delphinium cardinale</i>
Sea Dahlia	<i>Coreopsis multiflora</i>
Seaside Daisy	<i>Erigeron glaucus</i>
Stonecrop (S)	<i>Sedum</i> sp.
Tree Mallow	<i>Lavatera assurgentiflora</i>
Yarrow	<i>Achillea</i> sp.
Yellow-eyed Grass	<i>Sisyrinchium californicum</i>
Yucca	<i>Yucca</i> sp.

Under Oak Trees - These plants tolerate shade and thrive in dry conditions essential for oak free survival in dry months.

Barberry	<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>
Bush Anemone	<i>Carpenteria californica</i>
Bush Snapdragon	<i>Galvezia juncea</i>
Coffeeberry	<i>Rhammus californica</i>
Creeping Barberry	<i>Mahonia repens</i>
Currant/Gooseberry	<i>Ribes</i> sp.
Holly-leaf Cherry	<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>
Hummingbird Sage	<i>Salvia spathacea</i>
Island Alum Root	<i>Heuchera maxima</i>

Attract Birds -- These plants provide berries, foliage, fruit, and nectar.

Alum Roots	<i>Heuchera</i> sp.
Bee Balm	<i>Monarda</i> sp.
Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum</i> sp.
Butterfly Bush	<i>Buddleia davidii</i>
Butterfly Weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>
California Fuchsia	<i>Zauschneria californica</i>
Clarkia	<i>Clarkia</i> sp.
Columbine	<i>Aquilegia</i> sp.
Currant/Gooseberry	<i>Ribes</i> sp.
Elderberry	<i>Sambucus mexicana</i>
Flowering Maple	<i>Abutilon</i> sp.
Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera</i> sp.
Lobelia	<i>Lobelia</i> sp.
Lupine	<i>Lupinus</i> sp.
Monkeyflower	<i>Mimulus</i> sp.
Penstemon	<i>Penstemon</i> sp.
Sage	<i>Salvia</i> sp.
Toyon	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>
Western Redbud	<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>

Hummingbird Plants -- These plants provide nectar for hummingbirds. Non-nectar feeding birds use them for nesting, cover and feed.

Alum Root	<i>Heuchera</i> sp.
Bladderpod	<i>Isomeris arborea</i>
Bush Snapdragon	<i>Galvezia</i> sp.
California Fuchsia	<i>Zauschneria</i> sp.
Columbine	<i>Aquilegia</i> sp.
Currant/Gooseberry	<i>Ribes</i> sp.
Desert Willow	<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>
Heart-leaved Penstemon	<i>Keckiella cordifolia</i>
Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera</i> sp.
Larkspur	<i>Delphinium</i> sp.
Lavender	<i>Lavandula</i> sp.
Monkeyflower	<i>Mimulus</i> sp.
Penstemon	<i>Penstemon</i> sp.
Pitcher Sage	<i>Lepechinia</i> sp.
Primrose	<i>Oenothera</i> sp.
Sage	<i>Salvia</i> sp.
Scarlet Lobelia	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>
Tree Mallow	<i>Lavatera assurgentiflora</i>
Woolly Blue Curlew	<i>Trichostema lanatum</i>

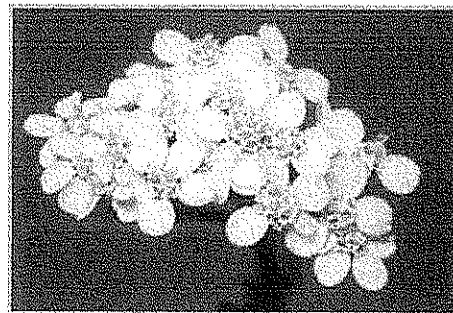
Tolerant of Heavy Soils -- These plants will survive in heavy clay soils, depending on other variables involved.

Barberry	<i>Mahonia</i> sp.
Black Cottonwood	<i>Populus trichocarpus</i>
Bladderpod	<i>Isomeris arborea</i>
Blue-eyed Grass	<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>
Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum</i> sp.
Bush Anemone	<i>Carpenteria californica</i>
Butterfly Bush	<i>Asclepias fascicularis</i>
California Rose	<i>Rosa californica</i>
California Sagebrush	<i>Artemisia californica</i>
California White Alder	<i>Ainus rhombifolia</i>
Catalina Ironwood	<i>Lyonothamnus floribundus</i>
Coast Sunflower	<i>Encelia californica</i>
Coffeeberry	<i>Thamnus californica</i>
Currant/Gooseberry	<i>Ribes</i> sp.
Douglas Iris	<i>Iris douglasiana</i>
Hollyleaf Cherry	<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>
Island Alum Root	<i>Heuchera maxima</i>
Island Bush Poppy	<i>Dendromecon harfordii</i>
Island Bush Snapdragon	<i>Galvezia speciosa</i>
Lemonadeberry	<i>Rhus integrifolia</i>
Lupine	<i>Lupinus</i> sp.
Manzanita	<i>Arcostaphylos</i> sp.
Matilija Poppy	<i>Romneya coulteri</i>
Meadow Rue	<i>Thalictrum polycarpum</i>
Mesa Bush Mallow	<i>Malacothamnus fasciculatus</i>
Monkeyflower	<i>Mimulus</i> sp.
Mountain Mahogany	<i>Cercocarpus betuloides</i>
Sage	<i>Salvia</i> sp.
Showy Penstemon	<i>Penstemon spectabilis</i>
Silktassel	<i>Garrya elliptica</i>
Stonecrop	<i>Sedum</i> sp.
Sugarbush	<i>Rhus ovata</i>
Toyon	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>
Tree Mallow	<i>Lavatera assurgentiflora</i>
Valley Oak	<i>Quercus lobata</i>
Western Redbud	<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>
Wild Lilac	<i>Ceanothus</i> sp.
Woolly Blue Curlew	<i>Trichostema lanatum</i>
Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>

Attract Butterflies -- These plants provide a food source for butterflies and caterpillars.

Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum</i> sp.
Butterfly Bush	<i>Asclepias fascicularis</i>
Coyote Mint	<i>Monardella</i> ssp.
Encelia	<i>Encelia</i> sp.
Golden Yarrow	<i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i>
Guadalupe Island Rock Daisy	<i>Perilyle incana</i>
Lupine	<i>Lupinus</i> sp.
Mexican Marigold	<i>Tagetes lemonii</i>
San Clemente Island Cherry	<i>Munzithamnus blairii</i>
Seaside Daisy	<i>Eriogonum glaucus</i>
Yarrow	<i>Achillea</i> sp.

Common Yarrow²



Western Redbud¹⁴

