
Ground covers, shrubby

Arctostaphylos

Need excellent drainage. The success rate on these for large-scale ground cover is usually less than 50%. Require limited summer irrigation. Plant in mixed native plantings.

species

Manzanita

Manzanitas are very fussy about overwatering, not happy about hard water. Suitable for dry landscapes only.

Baccharis

pilularis 'Twin Peaks'

dwarf Coyote bush

Very tough, drought-tolerant native. Great for attracting beneficial insects. Gets a borer that causes branches to die out. Cut back severely when infested.

Ceanothus

griseus horizontalis

Carmel Creeper

2' tall by 5'+ wide. Attractive large, shiny leaves; light blue flowers in April.

griseus 'Yankee Point'

To 3-4' tall, spreading widely. Easily kept lower by pruning. Attractive large, shiny leaves. Medium blue flowers in April.

x 'Centennial'

Centennial wild lilac

Lowest-growing ceanothus, just a few inches tall. Small leaves, vivid blue flowers

Cistus

Rockroses are tough shrubs for dry landscapes. They can tolerate some shade. All bloom in May. Good quick filler for drought-tolerant landscapes.

salvifolius 'Prostratus'

Most Cistus are medium-sized shrubs. This form has white flowers on a low-growing plant.

skanbergi

Low, mounding rockrose with small pink flowers

Coprosma

kirkii

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Shiny green leaves, very tough plant, but not common in the trade.

Correa

Australian natives which flower in winter. Need good drainage; minimize summer irrigation.

harrisii

Australian fuchsia

Correas are easy to overwater. This form has red flowers.

pulchella

Australian fuchsia

Pink flowers.

Cotoneaster

buxifolius

Box-leaf cotoneaster

Tiny silver fuzzy leaves on a spreading shrub. Occasional upright shoots can be pruned out. Small white flowers in spring, and little cranberry red berries in winter, are pretty. Tough, tolerates drought or regular watering, sun or light shade. Can be pruned as low hedge.

dammeri 'Coral Beauty'

Bearberry cotoneaster

Fast spreading shrub with shiny leaves and showy berries.

horizontalis

Rock cotoneaster

Very tight habit with small leaves. Branches take a formal, herringbone pattern. Effective trained flat against a wall. Nice fall color before brief deciduous period. 'Little Gem' is a miniature form. Very cute.

Euonymus

Very tough, tolerant shrubs. Naturally spreading habit makes great ground cover in sun or shade. Can be trimmed as shrubs, or trained as vines. There are forms with green, white

fortunei

Wintercreeper

Incredibly tough plants tolerate heat, drought, cold, sun, or shade.

fortunei 'Emerald Gaiety'

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Golden variegation is nice in shady areas.

Genista

Brooms are becoming uncommon in the trade because some types are invasive in some areas.

lydia

Lydia broom

Low mounding shrub with wiry stems and tiny leaves. Vivid yellow flowers in spring. Makes a low, dense mound. May reseed into lawn areas. Very tough.

Juniperus

chinensis procumbens 'Nana', 'Greenmound'

Japanese garden juniper

This Juniper prefers some afternoon shade. 'Greenmound' is a selected form with denser foliage.

chinensis 'San Jose'

San Jose juniper

Dark green foliage on a tough plant.

horizontalis 'Bar Harbor', 'Blue Chip'

Flat-growing types.

horizontalis 'Prince of Wales'

Low-growing with nice, medium-green foliage.

horizontalis 'Wiltonii', 'Webberi'

Wilton's blue

The flattest of all junipers: hug the ground, sending out long branches. Nice vivid blue-green color. 'Blue Chip', 'Prince of Wales', 'Youngstown' are similar, taller.

Mahonia

repens

Creeping mahonia

Shiny leaves, yellow flowers, shade tolerance are all selling points. Looks scraggly in containers, and kind of slow to get going.

Myoporum

parvifolium

Creeping boobialla

Drought-tolerant, tough, fast-spreading. 'Putah Creek' is bigger, faster. 'Tucson' is faster, lower. Not for small yards.

Nandina

domestica 'Harbour Dwarf'

dwarf Heavenly bamboo

Low form of Heavenly bamboo with fine leaves. Spreads slowly by rhizomes to make a small-scale ground cover.

Pyracantha

koidzumii 'Santa Cruz'

prostrate Firethorn

A form of Pyracantha which hugs the ground. Same nice winter berries as the bigger forms. Resistant to fireblight.

Ribes

viburnifolium

Catalina Perfume

Will grow in considerable shade, spreads steadily to make an attractive ground cover. Fragrant foliage. Light pink flowers in winter, red berries. Evergreen.

Rosa

X many varieties available

There are many ground cover roses: spreading or sprawling plants which don't require blooming, resist disease, and produce clusters of flowers over a long season. The Drift and Flower Carpet series has been marketed extensively, now available in pink, red, white, pale pink, and yellow.

Shrubby perennials

Lavandula

Lavenders are great plants for sunny areas! The foliage is attractive year 'round. Moisture around the stem is the usual cause of failure. Mound 'em up and keep 'em dry!

angustifolia

English lavender

also sold as *L. vera*, *L. officinalis*. These have the strongest lavender fragrance, although *L. x intermedia* types produce greater quantities of oil (so they are grown commercially for that). Very seasonal bloom--May - June here. They often don't flower heavily until established.

angustifolia Hidcote

Compact, very tight growth to 1 - 2' tall and wide, with the darkest purple buds and flowers of any *L. angustifolia* variety. Foliage varies from green to very gray.

angustifolia Lavender Lady

1' + with spreading habit. Blooms the first year from seed. The only variety available from bedding plant growers in six-packs, so the most economical way to get a large planting of lavender.

angustifolia Munstead

1' + with spreading habit. Light purple flowers. Foliage usually green, but may be gray-green.

dentata

French Lavender

4' x 6' shrub with green, toothed leaves. Showy purple flowers spring through fall. Foliage is fragrant but flowers aren't.

dentata candicans

Gray French lavender

4' x 6' shrub, erect but eventually sprawling. Gray to gray-green leaves. Spikes of tiny purple flowers with showy purple bracts at the top.

multifida

Fernleaf lavender

2' x 3' with soft, ferny, green foliage. Blue-violet flowers. Always in bloom. Tender; grown as annual here.

pinnata buchii

3' x 3' or more.
Frost-tender here, but worth growing for it's long season of bloom and soft, feathery blue-green foliage.

stoechas Otto Quast

Spanish Lavender

stoechas pedunculata hybrids

Spanish lavender

New! Mostly very compact plants with showy flowers in shades of purple, pink, and white. Profuse bloomers, attract butterflies, hummingbirds, and bees. Grown for flowers, not fragrance. 'Barcelona', 'Chica' (very dwarf), 'Coco', 'Madrid' are some new strains, all in a range of colors.

stoechas Barcelona Bridal Pink

2', light pink fls

stoechas Chica Light Pink

12", light pink fls

x Goodwin Creek

3' x 4' shrub with soft, densely woolly gray green leaves with coarsely serrated margins. Grown for the great, gray leaves and attractive habit, but also '...produces an unending display of small very dark purple flowers...' in spring, summer, and fall. Reported hybrid of *L. dentata* and *L. lanata*. Medicinal scent.

x intermedia

Lavandin

Bloom later than English lavenders, with longer flower spikes and fatter flowers. These hybrids of *L. angustifolia* and *L. latifolia* were originally grown for oil. Later cultivars were selected for showy flowers. Bloom June - July here.

x intermedia du Provence

3' tall, spreading wider. Lots of flowers over a long season. Very fragrant.

x intermedia Dutch Mill

2' x 3' or so, with flower stalks 18 - 24" long. Rich deep purple flowers are extremely fragrant.

x intermedia Fred Boutin

Fragrant violet flowers in late summer.

x intermedia Grosso

Compact growth with thick spikes of dark purple buds and purple flowers. Commercially grown for oil. Very fragrant.

x intermedia Phenomenal

New variety with strong lavender color, long season of bloom, nice dense habit, and very fragrant flowers

x intermedia Twickel Purple

A little redder than 'Grosso'--more violet purple. Very fragrant. Sometimes listed as a form of English lavender.

Salvia

apiana

White sage

3' tall and wide; white flowers, fragrant foliage. Hardy to 20° or lower. Subject to crown and root rot.

argentea

Large fuzzy silver leaves hug the ground; white flrs on 2-3' spike. 20° or lower. Weird.

blepharophylla

Evergreen to 24" tall bears spikes of bright red flrs. 20°.

cacaliaefolia

Evergreen shrubby perennial to 3-4' tall, spreading to 4-5' wide, clear dark azure blue flowers. Part shade to shade. 20° - 25°.

chamaedryoides

A compact to slightly sprawling mound of dense, small grey leaves; small, clear dark blue flowers with lighter center. 15° - 20°.

chiapensis

Low, evergreen (but tender) perennial with dark green, glossy leaves, loose spikes of dark rose pink flowers. Protect from frost.

clevelandii 'Allen Chickering'

Selected for especially showy lavender-blue fls

clevelandii 'Allen Chickering'

Allen Chickering Cleveland sage

Stiffly upright evergreen shrub to 4-5' tall. Whorls of lavender blue flowers.

clevelandii

Cleveland sage

Some of these are actually hybrids with *Salvia leucantha* and other species. Hardy to 15°.

clevelandii 'Aromas'

Aromas Cleveland sage

Larger growing. 'Whirly Blue' is similar.

coahuilensis

3' tall; deep violet flowers. 15°.

coccinea

2'-3'; reseeds. 'Crimson King' is bright red; 'Brenthurst' is bright pink; 'Louis' Brilliant' is scarlet. 15° - 20°.

confertiflora

8' tall, 10' across! Furry, dark-orange flowers. 20°.

darceyi

Formerly known as *Salvia oresbia*, this is a most satisfying sage. Upright, can reach 6' with support. Bright red flowers. 4".

elegans

Pineapple sage

Fragrant foliage. Tops damaged at 25°. 'Compacta' grows to 2'-3', with bright red flowers. 'Frieda Dixon' grows to 4'-5', with coral pink flowers.

forskaohlei

Basal rosette of 8" lvs; spikes of violet flowers marked with white. To 0°.

fulgens (cardinalis)

Erect, arching growth to 6' or more, with soft dark green leaves and bright orange red flowers. 20°

gesneriiflora 'Tequila'

To 8' tall! Bright foliage, scarlet flrs, black calyx. Damaged at 25°; roots are hardy to 20°.

glechomaefolia

Spreads by rhizomes; 1' tall, bright green lvs, small violet flowers. 20°?

greggii

Autumn sage

NOTE: Included in the Salvia greggii list are hybrids (with Salvia microphylla), which some place into a separate hybrid species Salvia x jamensis 2-1/2' to 5' tall, depending on the strain. Hardy to 15°. Sun to part shade.

greggii 'Chiffon'

Large, pale yellow flowers

greggii 'Cienega de Oro'

Light creamy yellow flowers; low, compact habit.

greggii rose pink

Intense, electric rose pink flowers are narrow, with dark sepals.

greggii 'Dark Dancer'

Dark plum magenta, low upright habit.

greggii 'Flame'

Dark red flowers, dark sepals. Compact habit, to 3' tall.

greggii 'Moonlight'

Moonlight yellow.

greggii 'Nuevo Leon'

Small dark purple flowers, low spreading habit

greggii 'Sierra San Antonio'

Flowers are pale yellowish and peach colored.

greggii 'Wild Thing'

Glowing, orange-red.

guaranitica

To 6' tall, with medium to deep blue flowers. 20°.

guaranitica 'Argentina Skies'

Bright green leaves, sky blue flowers.

guaranitica 'Black and Blue'

Bright green leaves, dark blue flowers, black calyx.

lemmonii

compact, neon pink fls

madrensis 'Maraschino'

Numerous small, bright cherry red flowers. 20°.

melissodora

Grape-scented sage

Shrubby growth; lavender/dark purple fragrant flowers. 25°.

microphylla

Sage

Freely crossed with *S. greggii* and other species Usually has pungent foliage, more basal shoots, bushier habit.

microphylla Belize form

Dark colored stems and bright green leaves. Bright red flowers, vigorous, upright to 5' tall, 8' wide unpruned.

microphylla 'Berzerkeley'

Upright then spreading 24" tall by 3-4' broad. Rose red flrs, dark calyx.

muelleri

Like a smaller *Salvia greggii*. Violet flowers. 15°.

muelleri 'Mulberry Jam'

5' tall and wide, spikes of deep violet magenta flowers. 25°.

officinalis

Kitchen sage, Common Sage

To 2'-3' with equal spread. Flrs are lavender to violet. 0° or lower.

regla Huntington form

4-5' tall and wide, striking orange red flowers, tolerates hot, dry conditions in full sun or quite a bit of shade. 10°.

sinaloensis

To 2' tall and wide; small dark purple blue flowers. Spreads by underground stolons. Probably killed below 25F.

sonomensis 'Dara's Choice'

Dara's Choice Sonoma sage

Low, spreading with grey-green lvs., purple flowers. 10°. This is probably a hybrid.

sonomensis

Sonoma sage

Prostrate grey chaparral native with deep purple flowers. 15°.

x 'Costa Rica Blue'

4'-6' tall with bright, true blue flowers. 20°.

x 'Dark Dancer'

3' tall, dense shrub, with rich red-violet flowers. 15°.

x 'Maraschino'

bright cherry red fls

x 'Waverly'

Foliage like *Salvia leucantha*, flowers are light lavender pink maroon violet sepals. 15°?

x jamensis

Salvia hybrid

Varieties are listed with *Salvia greggii*. Name given to many natural hybrids between *S. greggii* and other species. Generally lower growing.

Shrubs

Abelia

X 'Ed Goucher'

Ed Goucher abelia

Medium shrub with light pink flowers, attracts hummingbirds. Very adaptable. Please don't shear them...they look best if allowed to grow naturally with only light trimming. Cut back hard every couple of years for size control if necessary.

x 'Kaleidoscope'

Kaleidoscope abelia

Patented variety with pink and white variegated leaves.. Somewhat slower growing than the others, and seems to burn in full hot sun. Attractive to hummingbirds.

x grandiflora

Glossy abelia

Upright growing shrub with attractive, shiny foliage and a profusion of white flowers. Attractive to hummingbirds. Often pruned as a hedge, but looks great when left to grow naturally.

x grandiflora 'Sherwoodii'

Glossy abelia

Golden-leaf variety, new growth especially attractive. Attractive to hummingbirds. Often pruned as a hedge, but looks great when left to grow naturally.

Abutilon

hybrids

Flowering maple

Many varieties available, with some large enough to qualify as large shrubs, but most aren't dense. Very shade tolerant. Hummingbirds love them. Easy to grow, sprawling plants that can be staked, pruned, or just allowed to spread.

hybridum 'Moonglow'

Moonglow flowering maple

This form has bright yellow flowers on a nice, short plant. One of the best.

hybridum 'Strybing's Red'

Strybing's Red flowering maple

Especially abundant bloom on this orange-red variety. Sprawls to 6 feet or more. Prune, or stake as a small vine.

hybridum 'Tiger Tail'

TigerTail flowering Maple

Huge plant orange-yellow flowers that have orange-red veins. Stunning. Gets 10 x 10 easily.

Abutilon

pictum 'Thompsonii'

variegated, orange flower

Acer

circinatum

Vine maple

Probably grows here; not commonly seen. Give it plenty of water.

Aloysia

triphylla

Lemon Verbena

Pungent citronella-scented leaves on an elegant open shrub to 6 feet or more. Can be pruned much lower. Very drought and sun tolerant.

Alyogyne

Much hardier than other hibiscus!

huegelii

Blue hibiscus

Vivid blue Hibiscus flowers on an open shrub. Blooms almost year-around. Reliably hardy here, but drops a lot of leaves in a cold winter. “Swan River” is a more compact form.

Anisodonteia

hypomandrum

Cape mallow

Pink flowers nearly all the time. Shrub grows up to 4 - 8', then sprawls. Definitely benefits from clipping. Tough, drought-tolerant. There are new varieties with larger flowers, more compact growth habit

Arbutus

unedo ‘Compacta’

Strawberry bush

Showy pale pink flowers and orange fuzzy fruit, beautiful bark like madrone. Heat and drought tolerant. Grows 1 - 2’ a year. Easily kept at 6’ with one annual pruning. Elfin King and Oktoberfest are other dwarf, shrubby varieties.

Arctostaphylos

bakeri ‘Louis Edmunds’

Louis Edmunds manzanita

Upright manzanita that is tolerant of garden conditions. Shrub to about 6’ tall Grey-green leaves, pink flowers.

densiflorus 'Howard McMinn'

Howard McMinn manzanita

Low growing manzanita that is very tolerant of garden conditions. Dense foliage, white fls

Aucuba

japonica

Japanese aucuba

Very shade tolerant shrub with shiny, large leaves. The variegated forms are most commonly available. Grows about 1' a year. Direct sun after mid-morning will scorch the leaves.

japonica 'Variegata'

Gold dust plant

Leaves speckled with gold. The most common form. Grows about 1' a year. Direct sun after mid-morning will scorch the leaves.

Azalea

hybrids Southern indicas, Brooks hybrids are best choices here

Azaleas

Require special attention due to heavy soil, high pH of our water. Add sulfur, mulch regularly, give plenty of water. Showy flowers make the effort worth it.

Berberis

gladwynensis 'William Penn'

Barberry

All the barberries grow readily here. Small yellow flowers are profuse enough to be pretty. Fruit attracts songbirds. This form is evergreen and stays pretty compact.

mentorensis

Barberry

Very heat tolerant barberry.

thunbergii 'Crimson Pygmy'

dwarf Japanese barberry

Vivid red-purple foliage on a tight, spiny shrub to about 2'.

thunbergii 'Rose Glow'

variegated Japanese barberry

Similar to above, but has white splotches on leaves.

Berberis

thunbergii 'Atropurpurea'

Red-leaf Japanese barberry

Vivid purple-red foliage. Interesting growth habit. Very, very thorny--great barrier plant. Nice fall color.

thunbergii 'Rosy Glow'

pink new growth

Brugmansia

hybrids

Angel's trumpet

Needs protection from freezing weather when young. Usually about 8 to 10 feet in our area. Dramatic! Yellow, pink, white varieties available.

Brunfelsia

pauciflora 'Floribunda'

Yesterday-today-tomorrow

White and lavender and purple flowers, all at the same time, for several weeks in late spring. Considered acid-loving, but not hard to grow.

Buddleia

alternifolia

butterfly bush, Fountain

Graceful, arching growth habit. Lavender flowers.

davidii

Butterfly bush

Butterfly bushes love sun, attract butterflies and hummingbirds, and bloom all spring and summer. Dwarf types stay 3 - 5 feet, others range from 6 to 15 feet. Prune for size control. They flower on new growth.

davidii Buzz, Flutterbye series

Butterfly bush

Dwarf types that grow to 3' (Buzz) or 5' or so. Said to be sterile.

davidii 'CranRazz'

Butterfly bush

Cranberry red, super fragrant, sterile.

davidii 'Royal Red'

Butterfly bush

Purplish red

Buxus

microphylla japonica

Japanese Boxwood

The basic green boxwood, long used for hedges. Sun is best, shade is ok, Normal watering to some drought ok.

microphylla japonica 'Harlandi'

Korean boxwood

A larger leafed version of boxwood, easily kept low but usually allowed to get a little bigger than the more common Japanese boxwood.

microphylla japonica 'Winter Gem'

This form has better winter color

Buxus

microphylla japonica 'Green Beauty'

Japanese boxwood

Boxwoods can take almost anything. This variety has become the most widely planted because it stays deep green in winter; other forms turn yellowish.

sempervirens

English boxwood

Tends to get anemic here. Plant Japanese or Korean boxwood instead. Not recommended.

Callicarpa

dichotoma var. albifructa

Beautyberry

To 8', but easily kept lower. Informal growth habit, with pretty white berries in winter.

Callistemon

citrinus

Bottlebrush

Fast-growing, tough shrubs with showy red flowers that attract hummingbirds. Very drought-tolerant.

viminalis 'Little John'

Dwarf weeping bottlebrush

Showy red flowers attract hummingbirds. Somewhat prone to crown and root rot. Water carefully.

Calycanthus

occidentalis

Spice bush

Riparian native plant to 4 to 8 feet tall. Spreads by suckers. Fragrant, interesting flowers. Needs some shade.

Camellia

japonica

Japanese Camellia

Sacramento Valley's trademark winter-flowering shrub. Considered acid-loving.

sasanqua

Sasanqua Camellia

Fall/winter blooming relative of the larger-flowered Camellia japonicas. Considered acid-loving/

Carpenteria

californica Elizabeth

Bush anemone

Shiny leaves, compact growth habit. White anemone-like flowers in late spring.

Ceanothus

maritimus 'Valley Violet'

Wild lilac

Arboretum All-Star with a compact growth habit and lighter violet flowers than other wild lilacs. Grows to 3 to 4 feet tall. Coastal native species that has been very prone to crown and root rot for me. Perhaps better with some shade.

x 'Concha'

Wild lilac

6'+ tall, 6'+ wide. Dark green leaves, dark blue flowers. One of the most garden tolerant Ceanothus.

x 'Dark Star' 'Julia Phelps'

Wild lilac

These two varieties are nearly identical. Both have heavy bloom, intense cobalt blue flowers, small crinkly dark green leaves. Very prone to crown and root rot.

Ceanothus

griseus **horizontalis**

Carmel Creeper

2' tall by 5'+ wide. Attractive large, shiny leaves; light blue flowers in April.

griseus 'Yankee Pt.'

Yankee Point Carmel creeper

To 3-4' tall, spreading widely. Easily kept lower by pruning. Attractive large, shiny leaves. Medium blue flowers in April. Very reliable variety.

Cedrus

atlantica 'Glauca Pendula'

weeping Atlas cedar

Unique weeping form of a large evergreen tree; easily kept to 6 - 10'.

Cestrum

elegans

Red cestrum

Vigorous willowy shrub with flowers, over a long season, which are lightly fragrant. Hummingbirds love them. Frost damages the tops, but they resprout.

nocturnum

Night-blooming jessamine

Vigorous willowy shrub with flowers which are powerfully fragrant at night. Frost damages the tops, but they resprout.

Chaenomeles

japonica

Flowering quince

The first shrub to bloom in the late winter! Several varieties grow to 5 - 6'+ Fruit, if any develops, makes unique aromatic jelly. 'Cameo', 'Low n White', 'Minerva', 'Texas Scarlet', are common varieties.

japonica **Pink Lady flowering Quince**

Quince, flowering

The first flowering quince to bloom! Clear pink flowers, dark pink buds. Upright to 5 - 6 feet tall.

japonica **Red flowering Quince**

Quince, flowering

Bright red flowers. Upright to 5 - 6 feet tall.

japonica **Toyo Nishiki flowering Quince**

Quince, flowering

Flowers are white, pink, red, bicolor! Spectacular. Upright to 5 - 6 feet tall.

japonica **Utamaro flowering Quince**

Quince, flowering

Low variety to a couple of feet tall, spreads to 30 inches. Vivid orange-red flowers.

Chamaerops

humilis

Mediterranean fan palm

Multiple-trunked small palm. Very tolerant of heat, sun, drought. May get to 6' in 10 years.

Chamelaucium

floriferum

Geraldton waxflower

Used in flower arrangements, so people ask about it. Needs perfect drainage. Doesn't like hot, dry climate. May surprise you in a raised planter in light shade.

Choisya

ternata

Mexican mock orange

Shiny, clean foliage; white flowers smell like orange blossoms. Considered acid-loving, but not hard to grow. Fertilize regularly.

ternata **'Aztec Pearl'**

This variety has very narrow leaves.

Cistus

ladaniferus maculatus

Crimson-spot rockrose

Rockroses are tough shrubs for dry landscapes. They can tolerate some shade. All bloom in May. Big rockrose with showy white flowers; each petal has a red spot.

x 'Santa Cruz'

Magenta-pink flowers.

x 'Victor Reiter'

Bright pink flowers, fuzzy grey leaves.

x palladin 'Blanche'

5' tall, large white flowers

x pulverulentus 'Sunset'

Rockrose

Bright pink flowers, large leaves.

x purpureus

Orchid rockrose

Rockroses are tough shrubs for dry landscapes. They can tolerate some shade. All bloom in May. This is the most widely-planted variety with medium pink flowers.

Cistus

corbariensis

White rockrose

Low-growing form with white flowers.

salviifolius

Small white fls, prostrate

Coleonema

album

White breath of heaven

Soft, ferny foliage on a spreading shrub. White flowers in spring. Prefer to be kept dry. Foliage is great in flower arrangements, and looks especially nice in winter.

pulchrum

Pink breath of heaven

Soft, ferny foliage on an upright shrub. Takes well to clipping or shearing. Pink flowers in spring. Prefer to be kept dry. Foliage is great in flower arrangements, and looks especially nice in winter.

pulchrum 'Sunset Gold'

Pink breath of heaven

Soft, feathery golden-green foliage is great in arrangements. Likes to be on the dry side. Pale pink flowers for several weeks in spring. Great evergreen shrub for the perennial border, as it looks outstanding in the winter.

Convolvulus

cneorum

Silver Morning Glory

Little mound of a shrub with silver foliage, white flowers. Unlike its cousins, it doesn't spread at all. Very tough and drought tolerant.

Cornus

sericea (stolonifera)

Redtwig dogwood

These naturally grow along streambanks, spreading slowly to form small thickets. Surprisingly tolerant of our soil and water, considering how poorly other dogwoods do here. Bright red branches in winter. 'Flaviramea' is a yellowtwig variety

Corokia

cotoneaster

Corokia

Unique twisty habit, tiny leaves (people sometimes ask if it is alive...). Great bonsai plant! Grows slowly to as much as 10', but usually kept much lower. Star-shaped yellow flowers are a nice surprise.

Correa

x 'Carmine Bells'

Australian Fuchsia

Correas bloom in winter with tubular flowers that attract hummingbirds. Low, spreading habit. Drought tolerant. Somewhat prone to crown and root rot. This is a pink-flowered form.

x 'Dusky Bells'

Australian Fuchsia

Same as Carmine Bells

Correa

x 'Ivory Bells'

Australian Fuchsia

White-flowered form.

Cotoneaster

congestus

Pyrenees cotoneaster

Low spreading shrub with nice winter berries. Very tough.

franchetti

Red clusterberry

Large shrub to 10' with an arching habit and scarlet fruit.

lacteus

Red clusterberry

Very graceful shrub with arching growth habit, masses of white flowers in spring, and heavy crop of bright red fruit in winter. Reseeds, considered invasive. Aka Cotoneaster parneyi.

X 'Lowfast'

Grows fast to 2' tall, 15' wide, with pretty berries in winter. Not widely used here.

Cycas

revoluta

Sago palm

Slow growing. Most common cycad. Looks like a little palm tree. One big flush of leaves every year. Can be kept in a large pot for years.

Cytisus

scoparius many varieties

Scotch broom

Selected forms include 'Lord Lambourne', 'Carla'. The species is a noxious weed in Ca. Selected garden varieties apparently don't reseed. Very drought tolerant.

Daphne

odora 'Marginata'

Winter daphne

Incredibly fragrant flowers in winter make it very popular. Famous for dying from crown and root rot. Very fussy about drainage! Light shade seems best. Neglect it carefully and you may be rewarded.

Dasyilirion

wheeleri

Desert spoon, Sotol

Dramatic plant with spiky bluish gray leaves. Desert native. Don't overwater.

Dendromecon

harfordii

Island bush poppy

Showy bright yellow flowers contrast with blue-green foliage on a shrub with informal, open habit. Great at the back of a dry perennial border. Can be trimmed to keep below 6'. Not common in nurseries.

Deutzia

gracilis 'Nikko'

Slender deutzia

Cute little dwarf deciduous shrub covered with white flowers in spring. Easy to grow in full sun to light shade.

Dichroa

febrifuga

Hydrangea relative. Likes plenty of moisture. Interesting tight blue flower buds open white.

Dodonea

viscosa 'Purpurea'

Purple hopseed bush

Fast-growing quick screen. Bronze foliage turns dark purple, almost maroon, in winter. Fairly open habit, but can be sheared for greater density. Very drought-tolerant. Prone to crown rot if watered often.

Duranta

erecta 'Sapphire Showers'

Compact Sky Flower

Showy-flowered sprawling shrub, often trained as a vine. Blooms all summer. Comes and goes in the trade.

Echium

candicans (fastuosum)

Pride of Madeira

Big spikes of showy blue flowers that attract bees and hummingbirds. Very drought-tolerant. Usually dies after flowering (or looks so bad you decide to take it out), then seedlings may pop up. Sometimes gets damaged by cold, but recovers. Becoming very invasive in coastal areas, but not here. 'Renelde' is a pure white form.

Elaeagnus

pungens 'Fruitlandi'

Silverberry

Big sprawling shrub with olive-colored foliage. Dense, twiggy, spiny. Great cover for birds, and berries attract them.

Eleagnus

x ebbingei 'Gilt Edge'

Elaeagnus

Upright growth habit, thornless. Silvery leaves with bright golden margins. Flowers attract beneficial insects; edible fruit attracts songbirds. If you have the room for it, this is a tough, undemanding shrub with attractive foliage.

Erica

canaliculata ‘Rosea’

heather

Sold as E. melanthera ‘Rosea’. Needs good drainage. One of the few heathers that can be grown in our area.

darleyensis ‘Darley Dale’

heather

Low-growing pink-flowered shrub. The toughest, easiest heather for the Valley

Erica

speciosa

Sometimes sold as a florist plant, so people want to know if it grows in the garden. Showy tubular red flowers with green tips. I’m not familiar with this one. Very few of the Ericas grow well in this area due to high pH of soil, low humidity, heat.

Eriogonum

giganteum

St. Catherine's Lace

Very large native buckwheat for the back of the border.

grande rubescens

Red buckwheat

Low-growing native buckwheat with attractive burnt-red flowers.

umbellatum ‘Shasta Sulfur’

Sulfur flower

Green leaves with white felt underneath. Bright yellow tiny flowers age to a distinctive rust color. Very drought tolerant.

Escallonia

rubra

Red escallonia

Big shrub with dark, glossy green leaves and dark red flowers. Leaves have a resinous odor. Flowers attract hummingbirds. Used to get iron chlorosis due to our water; probably does better here now.

x ‘Compakta’

dwarf Escallonia

‘Matsuda’s Compacta’ and ‘Newport Dwarf’ are similar dwarf types. These two have been especially prone to iron chlorosis but may do better now that our water supply has changed.

Escallonia

exoniensis 'Fradesii'

Pink Escallonia

Drought tolerant shrub can be pruned to almost any size. Pink flowers attract pollinators and hummingbirds. Has been subject to iron chlorosis in Davis, perhaps due to the water quality prior to the change to river water.

Euonymus

alata ‘Compacta’

Burning bush

Easy deciduous shrub grown for the spectacular fall color of the leaves, and the odd corky winged bark on the stems. Invasive back east, but not here.

japonicus

Japanese euonymus

Very common evergreen shrub. Gets a particular powdery mildew that is difficult to control. Not recommended. Other than that, it is reasonably drought tolerant and can take full sun. But the mildew makes it quite unsightly. Common in commercial landscapes. There are gold and white variegated forms, which also get the mildew.

japonicus 'Aureo-Variegata'

Japanese euonymus

see species notes. Not recommended

japonicus 'Microphylla Var.'

var. Box-leaf euonymus

Variegated form. Tough, tidy evergreen for full or part sun. Very slow growing. Takes well to pruning. Euonymus scale can be a serious problem.

japonicus 'Microphylla'

Box-leaf Euonymus

Tough, tidy evergreen for full or part sun. Very slow growing. Takes well to pruning. Euonymus scale can be a serious problem.

japonicus 'Silver King'

Japanese euonymus

see species notes. Not recommended

japonicus 'Silver Queen'

Japanese euonymus

see species notes. Not recommended

Euryops

pectinatus

Golden bush daisy

The original grey-leaf bush daisy. Blooms October through spring. Tough, drought tolerant, lasts 4 to 5 years and then sort of falls apart.

pectinatus 'Viridis'

Golden bush daisy

‘Green-leaf variety that has become more common than the species. Munchkin’ is a dwarf variety.

virginicus

Unusual tiny-flowered form of daisy bush with nice foliage.

Fatsia

japonica

Japanese aralia

Will grow to as much as 10 feet tall, but can be cut back periodically to control height.

Forsythia

intermedia 'Lynwood Gold'

Forsythia

Deciduous shrub that blooms very early in spring. More familiar back east, but does grow here. Prune to keep it from getting rangy.

intermedia 'Spring Glory'

Forsythia

'Somewhat compact growth habit. 'Beatrix Farrand' is another similar form.

Fortunella

margarita

Kumquat

Very ornamental citrus with edible fruit. Skin is sweet, flesh is tart. 'Nagami' is oval; 'Meiwa' is round. There are some other varieties, including a variegated form. Flowers mostly in summer, with fruit year-around. Very cold hardy.

Fremontodendron

X 'California Glory'

Flannel bush (hybrids)

Very high failure rate due to crown rot. Needs perfect drainage. Don't irrigate once established. Other varieties include Pacific Sunset, San Gabriel, and Ken Taylor. All equally sensitive to rot. Showy flowers and fuzzy leaves make this a very striking plant. Fuzz on leaves and flowers is very irritating to skin and eyes.

Galvezia

speciosa

Island bush snapdragon

Uncommon. Probably grows here. Prefers to be dry.

Gardenia

jasminoides 'August Beauty'

Gardenia

Similar to Veitchii. Considered acid-loving. Leaves tend to yellow if not fertilized regularly (needs nitrogen and iron primarily). Buds form all the time, but drop off when nights get below about 50 degrees, so the bloom is from late spring through early fall.

jasminoides 'Four Seasons'

Gardenia

Similar to Veitchii. Considered acid-loving. Leaves tend to yellow if not fertilized regularly (needs nitrogen and iron primarily). Buds form all the time, but drop off when nights get below about 50 degrees, so the bloom is from late spring through early fall.

jasminoides 'Kuchinashi'

Gardenia

Interesting single-petaled flowers. Considered acid-loving. Leaves tend to yellow if not fertilized regularly (needs nitrogen and iron primarily). Buds form all the time, but drop off when nights get below about 50 degrees, so the bloom is from late spring through early fall.

jasminoides 'Mystery'

Gardenia

Biggest flowers, one of the tallest varieties. Considered acid-loving. Leaves tend to yellow if not fertilized regularly (needs nitrogen and iron primarily). Buds form all the time, but drop off when nights get below about 50 degrees, so the bloom is from late spring through early fall.

jasminoides 'Radicans'

Gardenia

Very dwarf form. Considered acid-loving. Leaves tend to yellow if not fertilized regularly (needs nitrogen and iron primarily). Buds form all the time, but drop off when nights get below about 50 degrees, so the bloom is from late spring through early fall. There is a variegated form.

jasminoides several varieties

Gardenia

Considered acid-loving. Leaves tend to yellow if not fertilized regularly (needs nitrogen and iron primarily). Buds form all the time, but drop off when nights get below about 50 degrees, so the bloom is from late spring through early fall. Grafted gardenias (grafted onto *G. thunbergiana*) are more vigorous.

jasminoides 'Veitchii'

Gardenia

The classic gardenia. Bush to about 3 feet tall and wide. Flowers 2 to 3 inches wide. Considered acid-loving. Leaves tend to yellow if not fertilized regularly (needs nitrogen and iron primarily). Buds form all the time, but drop off when nights get below about 50 degrees, so the bloom is from late spring through early fall.

Garrya

elliptica 'James Roof'

Coast silktassel

Hard to find, but this native shrub has clean, dense foliage and interesting flower tassels in spring.

Grevillea

many var's available

Grevilleas

A very diverse group of shrubs from Australia. Many are cold hardy, others are frost tender. Generally very drought tolerant. Sensitive to phosphates. Hummingbirds love them. There are many types we can grow; only a few are listed here.

juniperina 'Molonglo'

Prostrate plant 18" x 6' +, with gold flowers. Hardy to 20F.

lanigera 'Coastal Gem'

Low growing shrub with pink/cream flowers in winter and spring. 12 - 18" x 4 - 5'. Hardy to 20F?

lanigera 'Mt. Tamboritha'

Compact ground cover shrub like the other *G. lanigera* varieties but showier. Hardy to 20F?

lavandulacea 'Penola'

Shrub to 4 - 5' x 8', with grey leaves and rose red flowers.
Hardy to 20F?

x 'Noelli'

Grevillea

One of the first and most commonly available varieties. Apparent iron chlorosis may be a result of excess phosphate fertilizer.

x 'Pink Pearl'

Showy pink fls, shrub to 8' tall and even broader. Prickly needles. Flowers similar to G. 'Noelli' but leaves are stiffer with brighter pink flowers. Hardy to 20F.

Grevillea

lanigera 'Low Form'

Low shrub to 2' tall with small grey leaves, cream and pink flowers in winter and spring. Hardy to 20F?

Halimicistus

wintonensis

Hybrid rockrose

Low-growing shrub, very drought-tolerant. White flowers.

Hebe

Veronica

Very pretty bottlebrush-like flowers in shades of pink and purple, on low shrubs. But all Hebes are very prone to a fungus which attacks through the roots and kills them. Consider them temporary additions to the perennial border. Basically not recommended.

buxifolia

Boxleaf hebe

Compact growing type with small leaves.

'Desilor'

Veronica

This one has red foliage and burgundy flowers.

X 'Coed'

Veronica

Tight growth habit.

X 'Patty's Purple'

Veronica

Compact with rose-lavender flowers.

Heteromeles

arbutifolia

Toyon

One of the most adaptable California native shrubs. Moderate growth rate, 2 to 3 feet a year. Flowers are very attractive to beneficial insects. Beautiful shiny red fruit hangs on into winter, attracts birds. Can get fireblight disease and lace bugs.

arbutifolia 'Putah Gold'

Putah gold Toyon

This variety has yellow berries. Looks especially nice mixed in with the red form.

Hibiscus

rosa-sinensis

Chinese or tropical hibiscus

The familiar hibiscus of Southern California, Hawai'i, and other subtropical and tropical regions. Not hardy here. Not recommended, except as a container plant that you will bring inside in winter (check for aphids first).

Hydrangea

macrophylla many var's available

Bigleaf hydrangea

Likes moist, rich soil, regular fertilizer. Considered acid-loving. Add sulfur at planting, mulch often.

paniculata 'Grandiflora'

PeeGee hydrangea

Late spring to summer bloom, white flowers age to pink. Easier than macrophyllas.

quercifolia

Oakleaf Hydrangea

Much more adaptable than macrophylla types. Big leaves, white flowers in elongated clusters in early summer that fade and age nicely. Great fall color. Normal garden soil, no feeding, average water. Light shade is best.

quercifolia 'Snow Queen'

Snow Queen Hydrangea

Tighter growth habit than the species.

Hydrangea

anomala *petiolaris*

Climbing Hydrangea

Easy to grow, interesting plant that sprawls or climbs.

Hypericum

patulum 'Henryi'

Hypericum

Golden flowers on a medium-sized shrub. Sun or light shade. Very drought tolerant. To 4'

x moserianum

Gold Flower

Golden flowers on a tight-growing shrub. Sun or light shade. Very drought tolerant. To 3'

Ilex

altaclarensis 'Wilsoni'

Wilson holly

Big holly with large, shiny, dark green leaves. Sets large lacquer-red berries without a pollenizer.

aquifolium 'Variegata' is most common

English holly

The classic holly. Nice pyramidal growth habit with foliage that looks clean and shiny year-around. Great cover for songbirds. Male and female plants needed to get berries.

cornuta

Chinese holly

'Burfordi Nana' and 'Rotunda' are most common forms. 'Rotunda' has rounder leaves.

crenata 'Rotundifolia'

Japanese holly

Tight-growing shrub for shade. Grows here, but rarely planted.

hybrids

Hybrid hollies

'Nellie Stevens' and 'San Jose' are two that are common in the trade. These both set fruit without cross-pollination.

vomitorea 'Stokes'

Dwarf Yaupon

Very tough evergreen, but otherwise pretty uninteresting. Uh, don't eat the berries!

Isopogon

species

I. buxifolius, formosus are two species available. Marginally frost-hardy. Hummingbirds love them

Juniperus

chinensis 'Old Gold'

Old Gold juniper

3' x 4', with bright gold new growth in spring. One of the best junipers.

chinensis 'Pfitzerana Glauca'

Pfitzer's juniper

The most common big silvery-grey juniper. Gets to 15' x 15', but is often planted where doesn't have enough room. Looks bad when pruned. Very tough, drought-tolerant.

chinensis 'Torulosa'/'Kaizuka'

Hollywood juniper

Striking, contorted upright growing juniper with dark green foliage. Excellent specimen plant. Very tough, drought-tolerant.

conferta 'Blue Pacific'

Shore juniper

Feathery foliage on a low spreading plant. Prefers some afternoon shade.

sabina

Tam juniper, Buffalo juniper

Low-growing junipers with drab green foliage. 'Tamariscifolia', 'Buffalo' are the best-known varieties. Probably the most widely planted junipers, and possibly the least interesting.

scopulorum 'Gray Gleam'

Gray Gleam juniper

Smaller substitutes for Italian cypress. 'Cologreen', 'Pyramidalis', 'Blue Haven' have similar growth habits. These are all pyramidal-shaped, upright plants useful in formal plantings. 'Wichita Blue' is more cone-shaped. Very tough, drought-tolerant.

scopulorum 'Tolleson's Weeping'

Tolleson's Weeping juniper

Small tree with strongly weeping branches, in grey or green. Odd growth habit is not to everyone's taste....can be a striking specimen. Very tough, drought-tolerant.

virginiana 'Skyrocket'

Skyrocket juniper

Upright column like an Italian cypress. Useful for a formal effect in smaller gardens. Very tough, drought-tolerant.

Juniperus

chinensis procumbens 'Nana'

Japanese Garden Juniper

Flat mat of green. Prefers light shade here. 'Greenmound' appears to be the same thing.

Lantana

camara

Vigorous, colorful shrubs with flowers in a range of warm colors. Very attractive to skipper butterflies. Easy to grow. These types freeze back partially or completely each winter, but nearly always resprout in spring. New types are more dwarf. Labels are confusing about hardiness because they are now being sold as annuals in cold-winter areas.

montevidensis

Purple trailing lantana. Hardier than the hybrids, often blooming right into the winter. There are white and yellow varieties. Lord Brooks is a darker form, Lady Brooks is a lighter form.

Lavatera

assurgentiflora

Mallow

Big, fast-growing shrub to 12' and sprawling equally wide. Gawky growth habit--shear it occasionally, or prune it back severely in the spring. Flowers are rosy-lavender, striped with white, nearly year-around.

maritima

Mallow

Also sold as L. bicolor. Fast grower. Gawky growth habit--shear it occasionally, or prune it back severely in the spring or fall. Flowers are light pink with dark rose veins. Blooms all summer. The big bees love the flowers.

thuringiaca

Mallow

Fast grower, relatively upright. Flowers are purplish-pink. Blooms nearly year-around. Prune as hard as you want, anytime you want. 'Barnsley' is lighter pink with a darker center; 'Rosea' is pink.

Leptospermum

scoparium many varieties available

New Zealand tea tree

Don't like heavy soil, hard water. Prone to rot and iron chlorosis here. Not recommended.

Leucophyllum

frutescens

Texas ranger

Very drought tolerant shrub for full sun. Covered with magenta pink flowers for several days at a time, intermittently through the spring and summer. Bees love them.

Ligustrum

japonica 'Texanum'

Texas privet

This is a very common allergy plant in the olive family. Reseeds prolifically. Nevertheless, it is very tough, and makes a dense hedge to about 6 - 8'.

japonicum

Japanese privet

Common allergy plant. Widely planted in Davis in the 1970's, and has reseeded prolifically. Ungainly growth habit. There really is no reason to plant this!

x 'Suwanee River'

dwarf Privet

Very slow-growing privet with twisted leaves. No fruit.

x 'Vicaryi'

Vicary's golden privet

This form has golden leaves, especially bright in full sun.

Lonicera

korolkowii 'Zabelii'

Arching growth to 12', bluish foliage, deep rose flowers in late spring, bright red fruit in fall. Attract hummingbirds and songbirds.

Luma

apiculata

Tough myrtle-like shrub with rugged character.

Magnolia

liliflora 'Nigra'

Lily-flowered magnolia

Like rich soil, moisture, acid-type fertilizer. Also sold as M. quinquepeta.

stellata 'Royal Star'

Star magnolia

Like rich soil, moisture, acid-type fertilizer.

X soulangeana

dwarf Saucer magnolia

Like moisture. Susan and Ann are dwarf types grown as shrubs. Considered acid-loving.

Mahonia

aquifolium

Oregon grape

'Compacta' is a denser, shorter variety; 'John Muir' is a selection with denser foliage, spinier leaves.

fortunei

Chinese mahonia

Giant spiny-leaved shrub with spectacular yellow flowers in winter.

lomariifolia

Blue-green foliage, yellow flowers in winter. Striking, bold, dramatic, very spiny.

nevinii

Nevin mahonia

Endangered California native species with gangly growth habit.

pinnata 'Ken Hartman'

CA Holly grape

Looks like Oregon grape, but crinklier and spinier leaves. New growth showy. 6 feet or so. Great for birds, including hummingbirds.

X 'Golden Abundance'

hybrid Oregon Grape

Selection with profuse winter bloom.

Musella

lasiocarpa

Chinese Yellow Banana

Cool hardy banana (no fruit) that makes these great crowns of golden flowers which persist for a couple of years. Very cold hardy. Great tropical look.

Myrica

californica

Pacific Wax myrtle

Needs good drainage, infrequent watering. I have not seen this do well in Davis. Dies out from root or crown rot. Not recommended.

Myrsine

africanus

African boxwood

Outstanding shrub for hedge, similar to Buxus japonica but with a redder coloration. Unpruned, it grows in a column to 6 - 8'+.

Myrtus

communis

Common myrtle

Outstanding old landscape shrub. Clean, shiny foliage; dense growth habit. Can be clipped, shaped, trained as a small tree. Sweet-smelling flowers; shiny black fruit. Excellent hedge, but even more attractive when allowed to grow naturally. Drought tolerant.

communis 'Compacta'

Compact myrtle

'Variegata' is also available. Clean, shiny foliage; dense growth habit. Can be clipped, shaped. Sweet-smelling flowers; shiny black fruit. Excellent hedge, but even more attractive when allowed to grow naturally. Drought tolerant.

Nandina

domestica

Heavenly bamboo

Nandina is a very versatile shrub with an upright habit. Tolerates shade; even grows in full sun if watered regularly. Nice lacy foliage; orange-red berries in winter. The species is tall, to 8' or more, with an open habit

domestica 'Compacta'

Compact Heavenly bamboo

This form has a nice dense growth habit, and turns bright red in cold winter weather. Grows to about 4' tall and wide.

domestica 'Filamentosa'

Miniature Heavenly bamboo

This form has thin leaves and is very dwarf, and is great for bonsai or accent. Grows to about 1' tall and wide.

domestica 'Firepower'

Dwarf Heavenly bamboo

This form is very dwarf with rich red winter color. Grows to about 1 - 2' tall and wide.

domestica 'Harbour Dwarf'

Dwarf Heavenly bamboo

Nice lacy foliage. This form is very dwarf to 1 - 2', with nice compact, narrow foliage. Spreads steadily by rhizomes to make a ground cover, and has nice winter color.

domestica 'Nana Purpurea'

Dwarf Heavenly bamboo

This form has oddly distorted leaves that have reddish color almost all the time. The plant grows to 1 - 2' tall and wide. Mostly replaced by Firepower now.

Nandina

domestica 'Royal Princess'

Heavenly bamboo

This form is tall with lacy leaves and nice winter color. Grows to 5' tall and wide.

Nerium

oleander many varieties avail.

Oleander

The incredibly tough shrub that grows all along California's freeways. 'Sister Agnes' is white, fast, and biggest of all. 'Sealy Pink' is medium pink, 'Crimson Red' is dark red. Bacterial gall and a disease spread by Glassy-winged sharpshooter have curtailed production by growers in coastal areas and Southern California, respectively.

Olea

europea 'Little Ollie'

dwarf olive

Dwarf olive with very small amounts of tiny fruit. Patent name is Montra. Leaves greenish on top. Very tough, heat and drought tolerant.

europea 'Skylark Dwarf'

dwarf Olive

Dwarf olive with very small amounts of tiny fruit. Leaves greyish on top. Very tough, heat and drought tolerant.

Osmanthus

fragrans

Sweet olive

Shiny olive-green leaves. Incredibly fragrant flowers in spring. Protect from hottest sun. Grows slowly; easily kept to 6' with one annual pruning.

heterophyllus 'Gulftide', 'Purpureus'

Holly-leaf Osmanthus

Fragrant flowers on a slow-growing, upright shrub that looks just like a holly (but no berries). Prefers shade.

heterophyllus 'Variegatus'

varieg. Hollyleaf Osmanthus

Creamy-variegated leaves.

Osmarea

x burkwoodi

Osmarea

Slow to moderate growth rate, leaves look like holly. Flowers are very fragrant. Can be kept as a medium-sized hedge.

Philadelphus

virginialis 'Natchez'

Mock orange

The “mock orange” grown back east. We also have a native species in our mountains. Grows here quite readily. Rather large shrubs, super fragrant flowers in spring.

Philodendron

selloum

Tree philodendron

Hardy outdoor philodendron with giant, deeply lobed leaves. Recovers even from hard freezes. Takes all but the hottest sun, as well as considerable shade.

selloum ‘Hope’, ‘Xanadu’

Tree philodendron

Dwarf versions of P. selloum, also grown as houseplants.

Photinia

serratifolia

Chinese photinia

Formerly sold as P. serrulata. Once the most commonly sold Photinia, there are many excellent old specimens in the older parts of Davis. Mildew in the growing grounds caused most growers to switch to P. ‘Fraseri’ when it was introduced. Still an excellent, very large shrub, but very uncommon in the nursery trade.

x fraseri

Fraser's photinia

Very popular, fast-growing shrub that makes a great screen or hedge. Can even be trained as a small tree. But it is being used so much that fireblight and lace bug are becoming serious pests. Avoid pruning in spring to prevent fireblight. Light oil sprays can help control lace bugs.

Phyllostachys

species

Bamboo--running

Ph. aurea (Golden bamboo) and nigra (Black bamboo) are the best-known running bamboos. Rhizomes spread freely. See also Bambusa for non-running types. All running bamboos MUST be confined in containers. or with professionally installed and monitored barriers.

Pinus

mugo mugo

Mugho pine

‘Pumilio’ is another reliably dwarf selection. Grows 3 - 6” per year, forming a little pine shrub. Can be thinned or shaped. To keep small, pinch out the central “candles” as they emerge in Feb. - March. Prefers regular but infrequent watering.

Pittosporum

crassifolium

Fuzzy grey-green leaves. 'Nana' is a miniature shrub to 3'. Subject to dieback in heavy wet soils. I have not seen this do well in Davis. Not recommended.

eugenioides

Willow-leaf pittosporum

Subject to dieback in heavy wet soils. Gets a leaf-spot disease that makes it unattractive. Not recommended.

tenuifolium

Black-stem pittosporum

Can get scale, spider mites in this area. Leaf-spot disease can be a problem. Dwarf varieties available, but dieback is a problem. I have not seen this species do well consistently in Davis. Not recommended.

tobira

Mock orange

One of the toughest landscape shrubs. Grows in full sun or considerable shade. Can be pruned as a hedge, trained as a tree, or left to grow naturally. Dark, shiny leaves look good all the time. Flowers smell like orange blossoms. All parts of the plant are poisonous; shiny orange seeds are the main concern.

tobira 'Variegatum'

Mock orange, variegated

Creamy-colored leaves; somewhat slower-growing than P. tobira.

tobira 'Wheeler's Dwarf'

Dwarf Mock orange

One of the toughest dwarf landscape shrubs. Grows in full sun or considerable shade. Can be pruned as a hedge or left to grow naturally. Dark, shiny leaves look good all the time. Flowers smell like orange blossoms, but this variety is a shy bloomer. Brittle. Don't plant near foot traffic areas. There is a variegated form as well.

Pittosporum

eugenoides

This species has light green leaves with wavy edges. Branch dieback can be a problem. Not recommended.

Platycladus

orientalis

dwarf Golden Arborvitae

Also called Thuja and Arborvitae. Several varieties; range from 6' to 15' +. Your basic globular conifer.

Podocarpus

gracilior

Fern pine

Very graceful, useful evergreen tree that we usually use as a large shrub or espalier. Shiny, dark green leaves. Will take all but the hottest sun, as well as considerable shade.

henkeli

Long-leaved yellow-wood

Broader-leaved, denser-growing species. Great for a solid, dark-green hedge in moderate sun or shade.

macrophyllus

Yew pine

Strange looking species that is not widely used. Leaves are coarser than *P. gracilior*, and the growth habit is more open. Can be a unique specimen when staked and trained carefully. 'Maki' is a dwarf version that grows as a narrow, shaggy column and is just plain weird-looking--a Dr. Seuss plant.

macrophyllus 'Maki'

Shrubby yew pine

This is a dwarf version that grows as a narrow, shaggy column and is just plain weird-looking--a Dr. Seuss plant. Sometimes it is the only thing that will fit in a narrow spot. Often clipped as a column.

Polygala

dalmaisiana

Sweet Pea Shrub

Short shrub with a loose habit. Very pretty flowers shaped like sweet peas, throughout spring and summer. Full sun.

Potentilla

fruticosa

Cinquefoil shrub

Low deciduous shrubs with showy flowers in spring. Great addition to perennial border. These just don't get planted much here, but they do fine.

Prostranthera

rotundifolia

Mint bush

Tight growth habit, nice clean foliage, pretty magenta flowers. Good with lavenders, Santolina, Salvias, herbs.

Prunus

caroliniana

Carolina cherry laurel

Was not happy when we were on well water here. Now it does better, but still can get leaf spot diseases. Can be successful when irrigated deeply and infrequently. Birds like the fruit and distribute them freely.

caroliniana 'Compacta'

Carolina laurel cherry

Leaf diseases, branch dieback are common problems on this dwarf version of the species. Not recommended.

cistena

Plum, dwarf Redleaf

Deciduous flowering shrub. Leaves come out bright red in spring, turning to burgundy in summer. Nice white flowers in March. Naturally grows as large shrub, but some growers train it up as a single-trunked tree.

glandulosa 'Rosea Plena'

dwarf Flowering almond

Deciduous flowering shrub with soft pink flowers very early in spring. Not common.

ilicifolia ilicifolia

Hollyleaf cherry

Used as a large shrub or moderate-sized tree. Shiny leaves, upright habit. Masses of white flowers in spring attract beneficial insects. Cherry-sized fruit are edible but bland; birds like them. Fruit litter and reseedling can be substantial. Very drought-tolerant.

laurocerasus

English laurel

Very large shrub with large, shiny leaves. Fragrant, small flowers in spring attract beneficial insects. Widely planted in older parts of Davis. Fireblight is a problem, and borers may attack stressed or older plants.

laurocerasus 'Otto Luyken'

dwarf English laurel

Dwarf version of English laurel. Naturally only gets a few feet tall.

laurocerasus 'Zabeliana'

dwarf English laurel

Dwarf version of English laurel. Naturally only gets a few feet tall.

lusitanica

Portuguese laurel

Slow-growing large shrub or small tree. Flowers are profuse and pretty in spring.

persica Bonanza Miniature Peach

Peaches

Miniature peach with beautiful pink flowers and good fruit. There are mini peaches with better fruit, but this one is a very showy landscape plant. Great in containers or as small accent in vegetable or herb garden. Fruit ripens in late June.

Punica

granatum 'Chico', 'Nana'

Dwarf pomegranate

All pomegranates tolerate heat, wind, drought, poor soil. Great choices for west exposure. These varieties grow to 3 - 6' tall, set miniature, showy fruit. It's edible but not outstanding.

Pyracantha

crenatoserrata 'Graber'

Firethorn

Formerly *P. fortuneana*. Probably the most common large *Pyracantha* variety. Profuse dark-red berries. Very susceptible to fireblight. Reseeds.

koidzumii 'Santa Cruz'

Firethorn

Red berries. Spreading habit, but very trainable as espalier. This variety is resistant to fireblight.

X 'Leprechaun'

dwarf Firethorn

Miniature form of the familiar winter-berried shrub. This one grows to 3' x 4'.

Rhamnus

alaternus

Italian buckthorn

Fast-growing with dark green, dense foliage. Flowers attract beneficial insects; small berries attract songbirds. Great for a quick hedge for privacy. Don't overwater. Very drought-tolerant. The selected form 'John Edwards' is more resistant to crown rot. 'Variegata' is slower growing and smaller.

alaternus 'Argenteo-variegata'

Leaves edged creamy white. Grows somewhat slower than the species.

californica

Coffeeberry

CA native shrub that looks very much like Toyon (*Heteromeles*). Doesn't want summer irrigation. 'Leatherleaf' has larger, darker leaves. There are dwarf varieties that are more common in the nursery trade than the species.

crocea ssp. ilicifolia

Redberry buckthorn

Slow-growing native to 3 - 10'. Doesn't want summer irrigation. Small red berries are pretty in winter. Looks like a little oak tree. Hard to find.

Raphiolepis

indica several var's avail

India hawthorn

White form is 'Clara'. Low pink forms are 'Ballerina', 'Pinkie', 'Pink Dancer' (all the same plant with different names). Medium pink forms are 'Pink Lady', 'Rosea', 'Jack Evans' (upright growth).

umbellata minor

dwarf Yedda hawthorn

Relative of India hawthorn, with nice tight growth habit and pure white flowers.

x 'Majestic Beauty'

Indian hawthorn

Very large Indian hawthorn, with very showy flowers in spring.

Rhododendron

species many varieties

Rhododendrons

Very sensitive to salts in our water, and very prone to iron chlorosis and crown rot. They usually just decline and become unsightly here, even when given the same special care as other acid-preferring plants, so we don't recommend them. Considered acid-loving.

Ribes

aureum

Golden currant

Yellow flowers, yellow fruit, nice informal habit with light grey-green leaves. 4 - 6' tall, spreading steadily to make thickets.

malvaceum 'Dancing Tassels'

Chaparral currant

Blooms mid-winter with showy pink flowers that are very attractive to hummingbirds. Looks best with some shade and summer irrigation, but can sustain drought.

sanguineum glutinosum

Pink winter currant

Very showy-flowered ornamental currant. 5' - 10'+, easily pruned for size control. Pink blossoms in spring, blue-black fruit. Deciduous. Great for hummingbirds and songbirds.

speciosum

Fuchsia-flowering gooseberry

Very spiny, interesting-looking shrub with attractive flowers. Nearly evergreen.

viburnifolium

Catalina Perfume

Will grow in considerable shade, spreads steadily to make an attractive ground cover. Fragrant foliage. Light pink flowers in winter are tiny, but attract hummingbirds; followed by tiny red berries. Evergreen.

Romneya

coulteri

Matilija poppy

Actually an herbaceous perennial, not a shrub, but big enough to be used like a shrub. Gets 4 to 8 feet tall. Rhizomes spread steadily and persistently. Coarse looking plant, but very showy in bloom. "Fried egg flower" due to the large flowers with white petals and yellow centers.

Rosa

californica

California wild rose

Soft pink, delicate-looking single flowers on a plant that spreads freely by suckers.

Rosmarinus

Rosemary is tough--tolerates drought, some shade; blooms in winter and spring.

officinalis 'Blue Spire'

Rosemary

Rosemary is tough--tolerates drought, some shade; blooms in winter and spring. Dark blue flowers, upright form on this variety.

officinalis 'Ken Taylor'

Semi-prostrate, dark blue form.

officinalis 'Majorca pink'

Rosemary

Lavender-pink flowers.

officinalis 'Tuscan Blue'

Rosemary

Very upright, dark green foliage with vivid dark blue flowers. Great pungent aroma and flavor. One of the best for the landscape.

Rosmarinus

officinalis 'Benenden Blue'(Ingramii)

Semi-prostrate, deep blue

officinalis 'Renzel's Irene' PP 9124

Spreading form with dark blue flowers, very prostrate growth habit. One of the best garden varieties.

Salix

species

Pussywillows

There are some shrubby willows that make interesting garden plants. Flowers (catkins) in late winter are very attractive to beneficial insects. Mostly riparian plants that like plenty of moisture. Very easy to grow from cuttings. Prone to borers.

Salvia

species/varieties

Sages

Hundreds of species and cultivars. Important for low-water landscapes. Attract hummingbirds and pollinators. Native species include *S. apiana*, *clevelandii*, *sonomensis*; they bloom in late spring. Southwestern species bloom summer and fall.

Sarcococca

ruscifolia

Sweet Victorian box

Tolerates total shade. Ve-e-ery slow growing. Tiny white flowers smell like Gardenias, bloom in winter.

Serissa

foetida

Serissa

Little pink or white flowers, pretty much all the time. Great for containers or bonsai. Just barely hardy here. Ok in shade.

Spiraea

japonica

Spiraea

Dwarf Spiraeas: 'Alphina', 'Little Princess', 'Shirobana'

prunifolia

Bridal wreath spiraea

Similar to *S. vanhouttei*, but flowers are more double.

X ‘Vanhouttei’

Bridal wreath

The classic bridal wreath. Shrub to about 6’ tall and wide with masses of white flowers in spring. Very easy to grow in full sun or light shade.

X bumalda

Spiraea

Has been subject to chlorosis (gets anemic in late summer) but maybe better now with river water.. Dwarf Spiraeas. ‘Neon Flash’ has vivid red flowers. ‘Shirobana’ has pink flowers fading to white. ‘Anthony Waterer’, ‘Goldflame’, ‘Dart’s Red’, ‘Goldmound’ are common varieties.

Symphoricarpos

albus

Snowberry

Informal, open shrub to 3 - 6’. grown for the large white berries in fall and winter. Easy, tough, attractive to birds. Spreads to form thickets.

Syringa

vulgaris

Common, French hybrid lilacs

Lilacs grow very well here. We have enough winter chilling to get good bloom, and they are reasonably drought tolerant. Plant in full sun if possible to avoid mildew. Lots of varieties available; only a few listed here.

vulgaris Crystal White Lilac

Lilac

Pure white blooms practically glow. Fragrant, long-lasting blooms Leaves are bright green.

vulgaris Katherine Havemeyer Lilac

Lilac

Large lavender-purple buds open to soft lilac-pink. French hybrid.

vulgaris Krasavitsa Moskvyy Lilac

Lilac

Light pink buds open to creamy white, double flowers. French hybrid.

vulgaris Lavender Lady Lilac

Lilac

True lilac colored flowers in huge clusters. Descanso hybrid, but very fragrant. One of the best.

vulgaris Ludwig Spaeth Lilac

Lilac

Wine purplish-red flowers in huge clusters. Fragrant. French hybrid.

vulgaris Sensation Lilac

Lilac

Wine-red flowers are edged with white. Very striking, really stands out. Super fragrant. French hybrid.

x chinensis **Red Rothomagensis Lilac**

Chinese lilac

Thought to be a hybrid between *S. vulgaris* and *S. persica*. A robust shrub to 10 feet or more, with profuse, fragrant red-purple flowers in long clusters.

x laciniata **Persian laceleaf Lilac**

Persian laceleaf lilac

Syringa x persica laciniata. Open, informal shrub to 5 to 8 feet tall and wide. Arching branches, lacy leaves. Fragrant blooms all along the branch.

Taxus

baccata stricta

Irish yew

There are many forms of yew, but hardly any are available in California. Very commonly used back east and in the Pacific Northwest. Prefers some shade.

cuspidata 'Densiformis'

dwarf Japanese yew

Very tough evergreens. Not common in California. Very poisonous.

Teucrium

chamaedrys

Germander

Very tight growth, dark shiny green leaves, small magenta flowers. Very drought tolerant.

fruticans

Bush germander

‘Compacta’ stays low, has dark blue flowers. ‘Azurea’ has vivid blue flowers, one of the best.

marum

Germander

Cute little 1’ mound with grey leaves, pink flowers

Tibouchina

urvilleana

Princess Flower

Frost-tender. Popular for the fuzzy leaves and the vivid purple flowers in summer. Does great in the Bay Area, but will usually die in winter here, so not recommended. Also called *Pleroma*.

Ugni

molinae

Chilean guava

Shiny leaves, reddish color on the new growth, tasty and very aromatic fruit. A little finicky about drainage, can die abruptly due to root and crown rot.

Viburnum

opulus 'Roseum'

Common snowball

Big white flower clusters that look like hydrangeas. Plant gets large, to 8 feet or more. Prefers some shade.

plicatum/tomentosum

Japanese snowball

'Mariesii', 'Sterile', 'Shasta', 'Summer Snowflake' are varieties. The taxonomy of this group is confusing. 'Sterile' grows to 8'+; all the others are 4 - 6' +.

suspensum

Sandankwa viburnum

Big shiny leaves on a plant with an open growth habit. Can be clipped for greater density. Flowers are fragrant--odd, musky/fruity scent. Very reliable. Drought-tolerant.

tinus 'Robustum'

Laurustinus

One of the few Viburnums that can take direct sun and grows very well here. Attractive flower buds in fall, flowers in winter, shiny blue berries in spring and summer. Great for beneficial insects and songbirds. Can be pruned, but looks especially good if allowed to grow naturally with only light clipping. This form grows fast to 10' +.

tinus 'Spring Bouquet'

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Viburnum

plicatum 'Mariesii'

Big shrubs for light shade. This is an improved lacecap variety

Weigela

floribunda

Weigela

Deciduous flowering shrub that is very showy in late spring. Formerly prone to iron chlorosis in Davis and Woodland. Likely to grow better now that we're on river water.

Westringia

Westringia

Australian shrubs that are performing well here. Good for use in xeric landscapes. Most get a few feet all and wide.

'Wynabbie Gem'

Westringia

This one has lavender flowers, silvery leaves. Very heat and drought tolerant.

fruticosa (rosmariniformis)

Silver grey lvs, white fls

longifolia

Westringia

Pink flowers.

rosmariniformis

Westringia

Also sold as W. fruticosa. Very heat and drought tolerant. Silver foliage, white flowers. One of the best.

Xylosma

congestum

Shiny xylosma

One of the toughest landscape shrubs around. Tolerates heat, even reflected off a west wall; drought; shade. Can be trained into a beautiful small tree, clipped as a formal hedge, or trimmed for an informal screen.

congestum 'Compacta'

Compact shiny xylosma

See Xylosma congestum. A more compact, slower-growing version. This one has thorns!

Yucca

filamentosa

Yucca

Spiny looking accent plant for desert gardens.

gloriosa

Spanish dagger

Big, dramatic plant with grey-green dagger-like leaves that, unlike most Yuccas, have soft tips. 3'+ flower spikes are creamy-white and visually striking. Great in Mediterranean landscapes and around pool. Don't plant where it will be crowded--needs to stand alone.

whipplei

Lord's Candle

Striking accent plant with sharp spines, nice blue foliage, white flowers.

Trees or Large Shrubs

Arbutus

unedo ‘Compacta’

Strawberry tree

Showy flowers and fruit, beautiful bark like madrone. Heat and drought tolerant. Grows 1 - 2’ a year. Easily kept at 6’ with one annual pruning. Heavy fruit crop.

X ‘Marina’

Strawberry tree

Showy pink-red flowers and fruit, beautiful bark like madrone. Heat and drought tolerant. Grows 2 - 3’ a year. Gets quite large with age, but can be pruned.

Arctostaphylos

manzanita ‘Dr. Hurd’

Dr. Hurd manzanita

Upright manzanita that is tolerant of garden conditions. Large, dark green leaves, nice growth habit like a small tree. White fls

Ceanothus

x Ray Hartman

Wild lilac

Hybrid of Southern California parentage that grows to 10 - 15’ or more. The most tree-like wild lilac in the nursery trade Attractive, large shiny leaves. Pretty medium blue flowers in large clusters in spring. Water deeply and very infrequently in summer.

Cercis

occidentalis

Western redbud

Grows to 8 - 10’+, as large shrub or small multi-trunked tree. Beautiful magenta flowers in March, and distinctive grey-green foliage. Nice plantings in the UC Davis Arboretum. Very drought-tolerant and requires that summer irrigation be infrequent. Susceptible to verticillium wilt. Hybrid ‘Oklahoma’ is more tolerant of garden watering than C. occidentalis, more tolerant of heat than C. canadensis.

Citrus

hybrids many varieties

Citrus

Many varieties. Citrus can be pruned for use as patio or container trees. ‘Meyer’ lemon, kumquats, and ‘Owari Satsuma’ mandarins are naturally slow-growing and have dense habit. ‘Minneola’ tangelo is especially attractive.

Cotinus

coggia 'Royal Purple'

Purple Smoke tree

Purple leaves and purple flowers make a striking contrast with grey or glossy-leaved plants. Very tolerant of drought and heat.

Erythrina

species

Coral Trees

Showy red flowers attract hummingbirds. Widely planted in mild-winter parts of California. Most are tender. E. crista-galli or E. x bidwillii may grow here as multi-trunk shrubs or even develop trunks, but not reliably. Not recommended as trees. Ok to try as perennials.

Feijoa

sellowiana

Pineapple guava

Plant named varieties if you want reliable fruit production. Edible flowers! Very drought tolerant. Fuzzy grey-green leaves make a nice contrast with red-leaved or shiny-leaved shrubs.

Hibiscus

syriacus many var's available

Rose of Sharon

Small tree with showy Hibiscus-like flowers all summer. Very tough, easy to grow. Can take light shade or full sun. Some types may reseed; triploid varieties don't. Gets aphids, but also a common nesting site for green lacewings.

Lagerstroemia

Crape myrtle

Among the most widely planted trees and large shrubs here, because they love heat and can tolerate some drought, bloom all summer on new growth, and have few problems. Hybrids between L. indica and L. faueri have best disease resistance. Some indica forms such as Dynamite have been selected carefully for mildew resistance.

Shades of pink, rose, dark pink, almost red, lavender, purple, white. Flower color varies by temperature and other factors. Buy them in bloom if you are particular about the shade, and be aware

indica 'Dynamite'

Crape myrtle

This is the red one everyone wants. Cherry red to 15' tall. Color varies with temperature. Orange fall color.

indica 'Seminole'

Crape myrtle

Pink. Med. growth to 12'. Good mildew resistance.

indica X faueri 'Catawba'

Crape myrtle

Dark purple, to 15'. Orange-red fall color. Mildew resistance good.

indica X faueri 'Cherokee'

Crape myrtle

Bright red/pink, to 10'. Yellow fall color. Mildew resistance good.

indica X faueri 'Firebird'

Crape myrtle

Dark pink/red, to 20'. Mildew resistance good.

indica X faueri 'Muskogee'

Crape myrtle

Pink-lavender. Fast to 25', with large leaves. Orange-red fall color. Mildew resistance very high. *Highly recommended.*

indica X faueri 'Natchez'

Crape myrtle

Pure white. Very fast growth to 25 - 30'. One of the biggest and best Crepe myrtles! Bright yellow fall color, beautiful bark. Mildew resistance very high.

indica X faueri 'Red Rocket'

Crape myrtle

Red, very similar to Dynamite. Color varies with temperature. Fast to 30'.

indica X faueri 'Tuscarora'

Crape myrtle

Bright coral pink. Very fast growth to 25'. Large leaves. Orange-red fall color. Mildew resistance very high.

indica X faueri 'Zuni'

Crape myrtle

Dark lavender. Slow growth to +/- 10'; easily kept lower. Orange-red to maroon fall color. Mildew resistance high.

Laurus

X 'Saratoga' 'Saratoga'

Bay laurel (male)

Selected form of bay that has wider leaves, larger flowers (almost showy), and is fruitless. Leaf smells more pungent than *L. nobilis*--more like our native bay (*Umbellularia*).

Laurus

nobilis

Grecian Bay laurel

The bay leaf used in cooking. Very versatile garden plant. Large shrub, eventually growing to 30'+, but very upright habit and ease of pruning make it manageable. Will grow in total shade, or in full sun. Drought tolerant. Very easy to keep in a pot for years.

Magnolia

soulangeana

Saucer magnolia

Very showy blooms in February. Grows 3' a year, upright when young, and then round-headed. Needs plenty of moisture. Considered acid-loving.

Myoporum

laetum

Myoporum

Common in coastal areas and occasionally planted here, but they *froze in 1990 and 1998*, and are often damaged in moderately cold winters in the Valley. Not recommended.

Prunus

ilicifolia lyonii

Catalina cherry

Used as a large shrub or moderate-sized tree. Shiny leaves, upright habit. Masses of white flowers in spring. Cherry-sized fruit are edible but bland; birds like them. Fruit litter can be substantial. Reseeds. Very drought-tolerant.

Punica

granatum 'Calif. Sunset', 'Nochi Shibari', 'Toyosho'

Flowering pomegranate

All pomegranates tolerate heat, wind, drought, poor soil. Great choice for west exposure. These are shrubby growers with large double flowers, no fruit.

granatum 'Wonderful'

Pomegranates

All pomegranates tolerate heat, wind, drought, poor soil. Great choice for west exposure. This is the standard commercial variety. 'Grenada' is a sport which ripens a month earlier. 'Sweet' has pink, sweet fruit that isn't tart. Fruitless forms with showy flowers are available and are equally tough.

Vitex

agnus-castus

Chaste tree

Deciduous flowering shrub or tree to 10 feet or more tall and wide. Light blue flowers in summer are very attractive to the larger bees. White and dwarf forms also available. Fast-growing with light green palmate leaves. Tolerates heat, drought; will grow in partial shade.

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