



## PLANTS WITH A SENSE OF PLACE

Our area enjoys a Mediterranean climate characterized by wet winters and long, dry summers with little rainfall. Plants that are suited or adapted to local conditions not only use less water but generally grow more successfully and robustly, with fewer insect and disease problems. They ultimately create a healthier, more beautiful and more sustainable landscape. Some of the plants in this guide are California natives, while others are native to Mediterranean climates around the world.

## HELPFUL RESOURCES

### Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership

[savingwaterpartnership.org](http://savingwaterpartnership.org)

Regional water use efficiency programs including:

- Regional rebate programs
- Landscape Design Templates
- Eco-Friendly Garden Tour
- Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper (QWEL)
- Water Smart Plant Cards
- Water Smart Plant Label at local nurseries

### UC Master Gardener Program of Sonoma County and Garden Sense

[ucanr.edu/gardensense](http://ucanr.edu/gardensense)

FREE consultations with UC Master Gardeners of Sonoma County Garden Sense volunteers.

[ucanr.edu/mgplants](http://ucanr.edu/mgplants)

Plant lists to help you find the right plants for each place in your garden.

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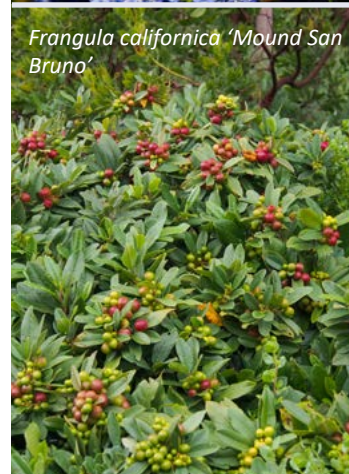
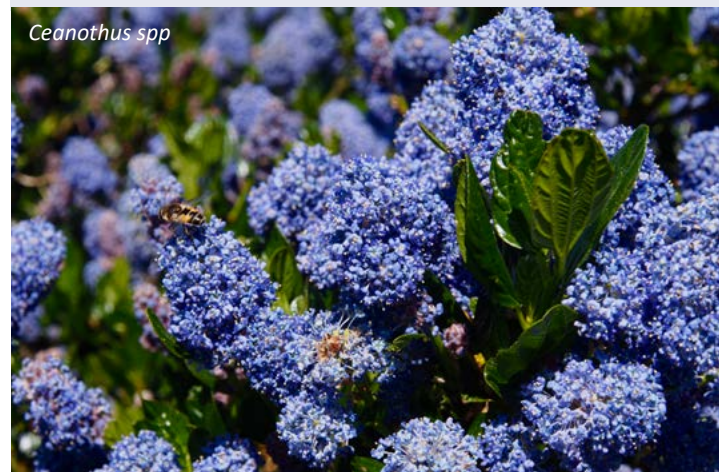
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# Water Smart Plant Guide

UC Master Gardener Program  
of Sonoma County



### Plant Guide Key

- ★ = Sonoma Superstars
- S = Full Sun
- A = Afternoon Shade
- P = Part Shade
- F = Full Shade
- N = California Native
- W = Wildlife Habitat
- B = Beneficial Insects
- E = Evergreen
- D = Deer Resistant
- C = Erosion Control
- T = Frost Tender
- X = Poisonous

### Abbreviations

- cvs = Cultivars
- spp = Species

## TREES

Arbutus unedo <i>Strawberry Tree</i>	S/A/P W B E D
★ Cercis occidentalis <i>Western Redbud</i>	S/A/P N W D C
Chitalpa tashkentensis <i>Chitalpa</i>	S
Cotinus coggygria <i>Smoke Tree</i>	S/A/P D
Diospyros kaki <i>Japanese persimmon</i>	S
★ Lagerstroemia indica <i>Crape Myrtle</i>	S D
Laurus nobilis <i>Sweet Bay</i>	S/A/P E
Lyonothamnus floribundus ssp aspleniifolius <i>Catalina Ironwood</i>	S/A/P N W E D T
★ Pistacia chinensis <i>Chinese Pistache</i>	S D
Raphiolepis 'Majestic Beauty' <i>Indian Hawthorn</i>	S/A/P E
★ Ulmus parvifolia <i>Chinese Evergreen Elm</i>	S
Vitex agnus-castus <i>Chaste Tree</i>	S B

## SHRUBS

★ Arctostaphylos spp <i>Manzanita</i>	S/A/P N W B E D C
Artemisia spp <i>Sagebrush</i>	S E D C
Callistemon spp <i>Bottlebrush</i>	S/A/P W E D
★ Ceanothus spp & cvs <i>California Lilac</i>	S/A/P N W B E D C
Ceratostigma griffithii <i>Burmese Plumbago</i>	S/A/P W D
Chaenomeles spp <i>Flowering Quince</i>	S/A/P W D
Cistus spp <i>Rockrose</i>	S E D
★ Correa spp <i>Australian Fuchsia</i>	S/A/P W B E D
Daphne spp <i>Daphne</i>	A/P E D X
Dodonaea viscosa <i>Hop Bush</i>	S/A/P E D T
Elaeagnus pungens <i>Silverberry</i>	S/A/P E D
Euonymus japonicus <i>Evergreen Euonymus</i>	S/A/P E X
Grevillea spp <i>Grevillea</i>	S/A/P W E D C
Helianthemum nummularium <i>Sunrose</i>	S B E D C
★ Heteromeles arbutifolia <i>Toyon</i>	S/A/P N W B E D C X
Lantana spp	S B E D C T X
Lavendula spp <i>Lavender</i>	S B E D
Lavatera maritima <i>Bush Mallow</i>	S/A/P W B E D T
Leonotis leonurus <i>Lion's Tail</i>	S W B E D
Lonicera nitida <i>Box Honeysuckle</i>	S/A/P E C
★ Loropetalum chinense <i>Fringe Flower</i>	S/A/P E
Lupinus albifrons <i>Silver Bush Lupine</i>	S N B E D
Mimulus [Diplacus] aurantiacus & hybrids <i>Sticky Monkey Flower</i>	S/A/P N B E D C
Myrsine africana <i>African Boxwood</i>	S/A/P E D
Myrtus communis <i>Common Myrtle</i>	S/A/P E D
★ Nandina domestica & cvs <i>Heavenly Bamboo</i>	S/A/P/F E D X
Olea europaea 'Little Ollie' <i>Dwarf Fruitless Olive</i>	S/A/P E D
Phormium hybrids <i>New Zealand Flax</i>	S/A/P W E D
Physocarpus capitatus <i>Pacific Ninebark</i>	S/A/P N W D
Pittosporum tobira <i>Mock Orange</i>	S/A/P B E X
Prunus caroliniana <i>Carolina Laurel Cherry</i>	S/A/P E C X
Prunus ilicifolia <i>Hollyleaf Cherry</i>	S/A/P N W B E D C X
Punica granatum <i>Pomegranate</i>	S/A/P B
★ Rhamnus [Frangula] californica <i>Coffeeberry</i>	S/A/P N W B E D C
Rhamnus alaternus <i>Italian Buckthorn</i>	S E D C
Raphiolepis indica <i>Indian Hawthorn</i>	S/A/P E

Rhus integrifolia <i>Lemonade Berry</i>	S/A/P N W E D C
Rhus ovata <i>Sugar Bush</i>	S/A/P N W E D C
★ Ribes spp <i>Currant or Gooseberry</i>	S/A/P/F N W D C
Rosmarinus officinalis <i>Rosemary</i>	S/A/P W B E D C
Salvia greggii & hybrids <i>Autumn Sage</i>	S/A/P W B D T
Sambucus spp <i>Elderberry</i>	S/A/P N W B D C X
★ Sarcococca ruscifolia <i>Sweet Box</i>	P/F E D
Sollya heterophylla <i>Australian Bluebell Creeper</i>	S/A/P E D C T
Syringa vulgaris <i>Lilac</i>	S W B D
Teucrium fruticans <i>Bush Germander</i>	S B E D C
Vitex agnus-castus <i>Chaste Tree</i>	S B
Westringia spp <i>Coast Rosemary</i>	S E D

## GROUNDCOVERS

★ Arctostaphylos uva-ursi & cvs <i>Kinnikinnick</i>	S/A/P N W B E D C
Baccharis pilularis cvs <i>Dwarf Coyote Brush</i>	S/A/P N W B E D C
★ Ceanothus spp & cvs <i>California Lilac</i>	S/A/P N W B E D C
Ceratostigma plumbaginoides <i>Dwarf Plumbago</i>	S/A/P W D
Chamaemelum nobile <i>Chamomile</i>	S/A/P W E D
Cotoneaster dammeri cvs <i>Cotoneaster</i>	S W E D C X
★ Dymondia margaretae <i>Dymondia</i>	S/A/P/F E D
Grevillea lanigera 'Coastal Gem' <i>Grevillea 'Coastal Gem'</i>	S/A/P W E D
Grindelia stricta [G. arenicola] <i>Pacific grindelia</i>	S/A/P N W B E D T
Lupinus albifrons collinus <i>Prostrate Lupine</i>	S N B E D C
Mahonia repens [Berberis aquifolium var repens] <i>Oregon grape</i>	S/A/P N W E D C
Myoporum parvifolium <i>Prostrate Myoporum</i>	S E D C T
Ribes viburnifolium <i>Evergreen Currant</i>	P/F N W D C
Rosemarinus officinalis 'Prostratus' <i>Prostrate Rosemary</i>	S W B E D C
Salvia 'Bee's Bliss' <i>Bee's Bliss Sage</i>	S N W B E D C
Salvia spathacea <i>Hummingbird Sage</i>	A/P N W B D C
Satureja [Clinopodium] douglasii <i>Yerba Buena</i>	P/F N W B E D C
Teucrium cossonii majoricum <i>Majorcan Germander</i>	S B E D
★ Thymus praecox <i>Creeping Thyme</i>	S/A/P B E D
Verbena spp <i>Verbena</i>	S B E D

## VINES

Aristolochia californica <i>California Pipe Vine</i>	P/F N W D
Clematis lasiantha <i>Pipestem Clematis</i>	S/A/P N B D
Lonicera hispidula <i>Western or California Honeysuckle</i>	S/A/P/F N W B C

## PERENNIALS

Achillea filipendulina 'Coronation Gold' <i>Fernleaf Yarrow</i>	S B D X
Achillea millefolium native CA cvs <i>Yarrow</i>	S/A/P N B D C X
Agastache rupestris <i>Licorice Mint</i>	S/A/P W B D
Anigozanthos spp <i>Kangaroo Paw</i>	S W E T
Aquilegia spp <i>Columbine</i>	S/A/P W B D X
Asclepias spp, CA native <i>Milkweed</i>	S N B D X

Coreopsis spp. <i>Coreopsis</i>	S B
Erigeron glaucus <i>Beach Aster</i>	S/A/P N B E D T
Erigeron karvinskianus 'Spindrift' <i>Santa Barbara or Mexican Daisy</i>	S/A/P B E D
Eriogonum spp <i>Wild Buckwheat</i>	S N W B E D C
Erysimum 'Bowles Mauve' <i>Wallflower</i>	S/A/P B E D
Euphorbia x martinii <i>Martin's Euphorbia</i>	S/A/P E D
Gaillardia grandiflora <i>Blanket Flower</i>	S E
★ Helleborus spp <i>Hellebore</i>	A/P/F E D X
Iris douglasiana <i>Douglas Iris Hybrids</i>	S/A/P N E D
Kniphofia spp <i>Red Hot Poker</i>	S/A/P W E D
Lessingia [Corethrogyne] filaginifolia <i>California Aster</i>	S/A/P N B D

Limonium perezii <i>Sea Lavender</i>	S D T
Lupinus bicolor <i>Blue and White Lupine</i>	S N B D
Monardella villosa <i>Coyote Mint</i>	S/A/P N B D
★ Nepeta spp <i>Catmint or Catnip</i>	S/A/P B D
Penstemon heterophyllus <i>Foothill Penstemon</i>	S/A/P N B
Phlomis russeliana <i>Phlomis</i>	S/A/P E D
★ Salvia spp, CA native <i>Sages</i>	S/A/P N W B E D C
★ Salvia spp, non-native <i>Sages</i>	S/A/P W B D T
★ Santolina spp <i>Lavender Cotton</i>	S/A/P E D
Stachys byzantina <i>Lamb's Ears</i>	S/A/P E D
★ Teucrium chamaedrys <i>Germander</i>	S B E D
Tulbaghia violacea <i>Society Garlic</i>	S B E D X
Zauschneria [Epilobium] spp <i>California fuchsia</i>	S N W B D C

## SUCCULENTS

Agave spp <i>Agave</i>	S E D C T
Aloe spp <i>Aloe</i>	S/A/P E T
Cotyledon spp <i>Cotyledon</i>	S/A/P E D T
Dasyliirion spp <i>Desert Spoon</i>	S/A/P E D
Dudleya spp <i>Cliff Lettuce, Live Forever</i>	A/P N E T
Sedum spp <i>Stonecrop</i>	S/A/P B T
Sempervivum spp <i>Houseleek</i>	S/A/P B D
Senecio mandraliscae <i>Blue Chalk Fingers</i>	S/A/P T X
Yucca filamentosa & cvs <i>Yucca</i>	S E D
Yucca gloriosa <i>Yucca</i>	S E D

## GRASSES & GRASS-LIKE PLANTS

Bouteloua gracilis <i>Blue Grama Grass</i>	S/A/P N W B D
Carex texensis <i>Catlin Sedge</i>	A/P/F B E D C
Carex tumulicola <i>Foothill Sedge</i>	A/P/F N B E D C
Chondropetalum tectorum <i>Cape Reed</i>	S/A/P W E D
Deschampsia caespitosa <i>Tufted Hair Grass</i>	S/A/P N E D
Festuca californica <i>California Fescue</i>	S/A/P/F N E D
Festuca glauca <i>Elijah Blue Fescue</i>	A/P D
★ Festuca idahoensis <i>Idaho Blue Fescue</i>	S/A/P N B E D
Festuca rubra <i>Red Fescue</i>	S/A/P N B E D C
Helictotrichon sempervirens <i>Blue Oat Grass</i>	S/A/P E D
Juncus patens <i>California Grey Rush</i>	S/A/P N E D C
★ Lomandra longifolia <i>Mat Rush</i>	S/A/P E D
Muhlenbergia spp <i>Muhly Grass</i>	S W E D C