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# About the Arboretum All-Stars Program

The Arboretum All-Stars program is a joint project of the UC Davis Arboretum and the California Center for Urban Horticulture (CCUH) in collaboration with other partners throughout the state. Together they are working to help you, the home gardener, make eco-friendly plant choices that will enhance the beauty and sustainability of your landscape.



### **About the UC Davis Arboretum**

The UC Davis Arboretum is a 100 acre public garden and living museum located on the campus of UC Davis – it's free and open to the public every day of the year. The Arboretum is a leader in practicing, promoting and teaching about sustainable horticulture for California's Central Valley and beyond. Home gardeners rely on the Arboretum for eco-friendly gardening advice, demonstrations and workshops. Visitors of all ages attend classes, take guided tours, participate in art experiences in the gardens or simply enjoy the beauty of the Arboretum.

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### **About CCUH**

The California Center for Urban Horticulture's mission is to help Californians develop sustainable gardens, landscapes and public parks with timely horticultural information. The Center is located at the University of California, Davis, and draws upon the knowledge and expertise of partners in academia, industry and the public. CCUH coordinates public programs, workshops, demonstration gardens and research to provide Californians with horticultural information to create and maintain environmentally sound landscapes.

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# Do you need help picking plants for your sustainable home garden?

Selecting from this list of 100 Arboretum All-Stars is an easy way to start making "green" choices for your great looking garden.

### What is an Arboretum All-Star?

Arboretum All-Stars are top plants recommended by the horticultural staff of the UC Davis Arboretum. They thrive in California's Mediterranean climate and have qualities that make them great choices for sustainable home gardens.

## What makes a plant an Arboretum All-Star?

### Each All-Star plant must have the following features:

- Attractive for most of the year
- Thrives in California's Mediterranean climate
- Tested in the UC Davis Arboretum

### Many All-Stars also have one or more of the following features:

- Low maintenance
- Drought tolerant
- Attracts beneficial wildlife, including pollinator insects
- Power line friendly\*

### **Online Resources**

### Additional resources about UC Davis Arboretum All-Stars are available at:

http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/arboretum\_all\_stars.aspx

### There you will find:

- A searchable plant database for you to pick the perfect All-Star for your garden conditions
- An audio slide show
- A list of retailers that sell many Arboretum All-Stars
- All-Star planting plans
- Information about planting and caring for Arboretum All-Stars
- A digital version of this booklet
- Regionally specific plant lists

\*Pacific Gas and Electric Company recommends planting vegetation that is power line friendly in areas near power distribution lines. Power line friendly plantings grow to a mature height of 25 feet or less.

### Will Arboretum All-Stars grow in my area?

Arboretum All-Stars grow well in California's Mediterranean climate. All of the plants have been grown and tested at the UC Davis Arboretum and field trials of All-Stars are being conducted in test gardens throughout the state. Please refer to Sunset climate zones listed to help determine which plants will grow best in your area. Visit www.sunset.com to learn more about Sunset climate zones and find your zone.

### Where can I see Arboretum All-Stars?

000,000 00,000 000,000 You can see Arboretum All-Stars growing throughout the gardens of the UC Davis Arboretum. Many All-Stars in the Arboretum are identified with beautiful, brightly colored signs, each with a photo of the plant in bloom, a list of its outstanding qualities and information on how to grow it. Also, look for metal

plant labels with the All-Stars logo. The Arboretum is free and open to the public every day of the year and free public tours and programs are scheduled on many weekends. For a map of the Arboretum gardens, information on planning your visit and a list of upcoming public events, please visit

arboretum.ucdavis.edu

### Where can I purchase **Arboretum All-Stars?**

Many Arboretum All-Stars are available for sale at selected retail garden centers participating in the Arboretum

All-Stars program. For a complete list of participating garden centers in your area and a searchable plant database to help you find the perfect plant for your garden, visit the Arboretum All-Stars resource pages at: arboretum.ucdavis.edu/ arboretum all stars.aspx.

Arboretum All-Stars can also be purchased at public plant sales held at the UC Davis Arboretum Teaching Nursery each spring and fall. The Arboretum also offers Tour and Shop programs for garden clubs, Master Gardener chapters and other special interest groups. These programs include a tour in the Arboretum gardens followed by time for shopping in the Arboretum Teaching Nursery. Please contact the Arboretum at (530) 752-4880 or arboretum@ucdavis.edu for more information about the **Tour and Shop** program.

### **DEFINITION OF TERMS**

#### **PLANT TYPE AND SIZE**

**PERENNIALS** 

Perennials are long-lived, soft-stemmed plants that don't form woody branches. This category includes ornamental grasses, ferns, succulents, bulbs, and other showy flowering plants. Many perennials need seasonal care such as removing spent blossoms or cutting back dormant stems to

**Small perennial -** Grows to 1 foot or less Medium perennial - Grows 1-3 feet tall Large perennial - Grows over 3 feet tall

**GROUNDCOVERS** 

Groundcovers are low-growing plants that can spread to cover a wide area.

VINES

Vines can climb fences or other structures to create a living screen. Many vines can also grow on the ground to form a groundcover.

**SHRUBS** 

Shrubs are woody plants that stay below 15 feet tall. Shrubs tend to have deeper root systems than perennials and many boast showy flowers. They form the foundation and structure of a drought-tolerant garden.

Small shrub - Grows to 4 feet or less Medium shrub - Grows 4-6 feet tall Large shrub - Grows 6-15 feet tall

**TREES** 

Trees are woody plants that have a single trunk or multiple trunks that grow to 15 or more feet tall. Trees less than 25 feet tall are considered power line friendly.

Small tree - Grows 15-20 feet tall Medium tree - Grows 20-40 feet tall Large tree - Grows over 40 feet tall

### **WATER NEEDS**

**VERY LOW** 

Water deeply once a month during the dry season

LOW



Water deeply every two weeks during the dry season

**MEDIUM** 



Water deeply once a week during the dry season Note: no extra water needed during rainy season

#### **EXPOSURE**

**FULL SUN** 



Plant requires direct sunlight for most of the day.

**FULL SUN OR** PART SHADE



Plant will do well in direct sunlight for most of the day or shade for part of the day. Plant can tolerate exposure to hot afternoon sun.

PART SHADE - 1



Plant will do well in dappled shade. Plant will tolerate sun exposure in the morning but must be protected from hot

PART SHADE **OR SHADE** 



Plant will do well in dappled shade or full shade. Plant will tolerate some sun exposure in the morning but must be protected from hot afternoon sun.

SHADE



Plant requires full shade. Plant will do best if it never gets direct sun exposure during the hot summer months.

### **ARBORETUM LOCATION**

**AUST** Australian Collection **EASI** East Asian Collection ACAC Acacia Grove MWB Mary Wattis Brown Garden (California Native Plants)

TERR Arboretum Terrace Garden **MEDI** Mediterranean Collection **NURS** Arboretum Teaching Nursery STOR Ruth Risdon Storer Garden - a Valley-Wise Garden

**CONI** Conifer Collection **SWUS** Southwest USA Collection **DESE** Desert Collection GAZE White Flower Garden (Gazebo)

## Want Ideas for Designing with All-Stars?

Creating a landscape design can be challenging, whether you're starting from scratch or improving an existing garden. Visit **arboretum.ucdavis.edu** to download free All-Star planting plans for your home garden. Plans feature a California native garden, low-maintenance garden, and a wildlifeattracting garden using a variety of Arboretum All-Stars.

## How do I plant and care for Arboretum All-Stars?

Arboretum All-Stars are low-maintenance plants that require only a little regular care once they are established. Getting them off to a good start in your garden will provide you with many years of enjoyment. Please refer to the basic planting instructions below.



### **Preparation**

- Identify a planting location with the correct amount of sun or shade for your plant.
- Dig planting hole as shown in diagram. Make hole just deep enough so top of plant's roots will be even with, or slightly (1/4" to 1/2") above, the level of the surrounding soil. If soil in planting hole is hard, loosen it with a shovel but leave a base of firm, undisturbed soil in the center of the planting hole.

### **Planting**

- Tap pot firmly on sides and bottom to loosen root ball. Slide plant out of pot. Gently loosen exposed roots, especially if thickly matted.
- Place plant in center of hole, spreading roots out over firm soil base.
- Backfill using original soil from hole. Add the soil in several stages, breaking up large chunks. Use your hands to firm soil around the roots at each stage.
- Once hole is filled, use any extra soil to make a berm of soil around the plant as shown. This berm will hold water in a basin around the plant. Water gently and thoroughly immediately after planting.
- Spread a layer of mulch around plant to help keep roots cool and retain moisture. When planting trees and shrubs, leave a 2-inch gap between stem or trunk of plant and mulch ring.

### **Establishment and Maintenance**

- In fall, cooler temperatures help plants establish quickly and rains keep new plants watered. For spring planting, or during a dry fall, all new plants need frequent irrigation at first (every two to three days if it's warm). After a few weeks, change to twice a week watering until weather cools and rains begin.
- During first season after planting, monitor your new plants regularly for signs of wilting and give extra water as needed.
   Do not let plants dry out while they are becoming established.
   Even drought-tolerant plants need regular water at first.
- Once plants are established, follow regular pruning and watering recommendations for each species.

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PERENNIALS								
Achillea millefolium 'Island Pink' – island pink yarrow: California native plant; colorful pink flowers in spring, summer, and fall make good cut flowers; ferny green foliage will spread; flowers attract butterflies and beneficial insects.		A1-A3:	medium	spring, summer, fall	<b>☆</b>	remove old flower stalks; divide when clumps get crowded	<u>^</u>	water deeply every one to two weeks
Aquilegia eximia – serpentine columbine: California native plant; larger and showier than most columbines; attractive delicate foliage in basal mound; attracts hummingbirds.		A1-A3: 1-11, 14-24	medium	spring, summer	<b>☆</b>	remove old flower stalks and foliage in the fall	<b>△</b>	water deeply every one to two weeks
Aster 'Purple Dome' – purple dome Michaelmas daisy: This dwarf daisy has deep-violet flowers in late summer; attractive to butterflies and beneficial insects; resists mildew and tolerates wet soils.		1-24	medium	summer		cut to ground in winter to renew	<b>^</b>	water deeply every one to two weeks
Bergenia crassifolia – pigsqueak: Dense clusters of pink flowers bloom in winter and early spring; classic California garden plant for dry or moist shady border; broad, shiny leaves provide textural contrast to small-leaved plants; attracts beneficial insects.		STOR  A1-A3: 1-9, 12-24	small	winter	₩.	remove old flower stalks	<b>^</b>	water deeply every one to two weeks
Bletilla striata – Chinese ground orchid: Easiest orchid to grow in the Central Valley and plants spread to form small colonies over time; tough and hardy perennial that blooms dependably in shady gardens; vivid coloration and unusual shape give a tropical effect; attracts beneficial insects.		2B-9, 12-24:	medium	spring		cut stems to ground in winter for tidy appearance	<b>^</b>	water deeply every one to two weeks
Bouteloua gracilis – blue grama grass: California native plant; green flowers age to tan by the end of the summer; retains tidy, upright shape even when dormant.	A Property	1-3, 7-11, 14, 18-21	medium	summer, fall		mow once in late fall or winter to renew		water deeply every two weeks
Bulbine frutescens – Cape balsam: Small, evergreen perennial is a wonderful addition to dry perennial borders with its long-blooming spikes of delicate, star-shaped yellow flowers; fleshy, bright green foliage adds a sculptural element to the garden; tolerates drought and poor soils.		NURS, STOR 	medium	spring, summer, fall	-Ö;-	remove old flower stalks for tidy appearance	$\Diamond$	water deeply once or twice a month
Calamagrostis × acutiflora 'Karl Foerster' – Karl Foerster feather reed grass: Attractive, upright dark green foliage; fluffy blooms in spring turn into attractive buff spikes that last all summer and fall; a vertical plant that performs well in narrow spaces.		TERR, STOR	large	spring, summer	-Ö;-	cut to ground in winter	<u>^</u>	water deeply every one to two weeks
Cyclamen hederifolium – ivy leaf cyclamen: Scented rose-pink or white flowers bloom in late summer and early fall before the leaves emerge; ornamental silver-marked foliage sparkles in dry shady gardens; tolerates a wide variety of soil types and can also grow well in containers.		2-9, 14-24	small	summer, fall	- <b>☆</b> -	little or none	<b>△ △</b>	water deeply once or twice a month

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Cyrtomium falcatum – Japanese holly fern: Evergreen fern with dramatic, dark-green glossy fronds that resemble holly leaves; provides a lush look in dark shady areas of the garden; can tolerate high-mineral irrigation water.	EASI, TERR, GAZE 5-9, 14-24	medium	none	**	little or none; remove old fronds for tidy appearance	<u>^</u>	water deeply every one to two weeks
Echeveria 'Imbricata' – hen and chicks: Lovely, drought-tolerant edging plant for partial shade; sculptural foliage rosettes look like blue-green succulent "flowers;" spreads by producing plantlets that slowly form a groundcover.	8, 9: 12-24	small	spring		remove old flower stalks	<b>\( \)</b>	water deeply every two weeks
Epilobium canum – California fuchsia: California native plant; easy to grow and tolerates heat and drought; different varieties can have narrow or broad leaves that range from silver to bright green.	2-11, 14-24	medium	summer, fall		cut to ground after flowering in late fall	$\triangle$	water deeply once or twice a month
Erigeron karvinskianus – Santa Barbara daisy: Good in containers or for trailing over a wall; spreads sparingly by seed in the garden; blooms profusely from spring through fall; attracts butterflies and beneficial insects.	8-11, 12-24	small	spring, summer, fall	÷ ⇔	cut to ground in winter to renew		water deeply every two weeks
Erigeron 'W.R.' – Wayne Roderick seaside daisy: California native plant; flowers through the spring, summer, and fall; long-blooming daisy for home gardens; attracts butterflies and beneficial insects.	TERR, MWB ———————————————————————————————————	small	spring, summer, fall	- <b>X</b> -	remove old flower stalks	<u>^</u>	water deeply every one to two weeks
Festuca californica – California fescue: California native plant; tolerates summer drought and various soil types, and is long lived; has graceful, gray-green leaves and airy flowers that mature to a golden yellow color.	4-9, 14-24	medium	spring	- <b>X</b> -	remove old flower stalks in fall for tidy appearance	$\Diamond$	water deeply every two weeks in sun, once a month in shade
Helleborus argutifolius – Corsican hellebore: Long- lasting, pale-green flowers brighten the winter garden; needs little maintenance and tolerates dry shade; stiff, gray-green foliage adds sculptural interest to the garden year round.	NURS, GAZE 	medium	winter, spring		remove old flower stalks in summer for tidy appearance		water deeply once or twice a month
Helleborus × hybridus – lenten rose: Requires little maintenance and tolerates semi-dry shade; evergreen foliage looks good all year; nodding, rose-like flowers brighten winter gardens.	TERR, STOR 2B-10, 14-24	small	winter, spring		remove old flower stalks in fall		water deeply every one to two weeks
Heuchera 'Lillian's Pink' – Lillian's pink coral bells: California native plant; bright pink flowers attract bees and hummingbirds; excellent groundcover for small shady areas or borders.	MWB, TERR	medium	spring	<b>☆</b>	remove old flower stalks	<u></u>	water deeply every two weeks

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Heuchera maxima – island alumroot: California native plant; a good informal groundcover for dry shade; tolerates heavy clay soils; frilly green leaves look good all year.	MWB ————————————————————————————————————	medium	spring	<b>☆</b>	remove old flower stalks		water deeply every two weeks
Heuchera 'Rosada' – rosada coral bells: California native plant; one of the best flowering perennials for dry shade; introduced to the nursery trade by the UC Davis Arboretum.	MWB, STOR ————————————————————————————————————	medium	spring	- <b>☆</b> -	remove old flower stalks	<u></u>	water deeply every two weeks
Hunnemannia fumariifolia – Mexican tulip poppy: Bright yellow poppy flowers bloom spring through fall; bushy perennial with lacy, gray-green foliage; heat and drought tolerant with seeds that grow to replace the mother plant.	1-24: H1, H2	medium	spring, summer, fall		cut back old flower stalks for tidy appearance and prolonged bloom	$\Diamond$	water deeply once or twice a month
Iris 'Canyon Snow' – canyon snow Pacific iris: California native plant; most dependable hybrid iris of the Pacific coast; white orchid-like flowers light up shady gardens; grows with little maintenance; narrow leaves form an attractive evergreen, grass-like mound.	TERR, MWB ———————————————————————————————————	medium	spring	- <b>)</b> ;-	little or none; can dig up and divide in fall	<u></u>	water deeply every two weeks
Kniphofia 'Christmas Cheer' – Christmas cheer poker plant: Dramatic plant brightens up the winter garden; at the top of its tall flowering stems, brilliant orange buds open to deep-gold tubular flowers; long, narrow leaves form an attractive, medium-large clump over time; attracts hummingbirds.	2-9, 14-24	large	winter	-Ö- -Ö-	remove old flower stalks	<u></u>	water deeply every two weeks
Miscanthus sinensis (dwarf varieties) – Japanese silver grass: Leaves may turn red, orange, and yellow in the fall; many varieties are available, with different leaf patterns and a range of sizes; thrives in clay soil.	2-24	large	summer	₩ ₩	cut to ground in winter		water deeply every two weeks
Muhlenbergia dubia – pine muhly: Great accent plant for a low-water garden; requires little maintenance; adds texture and movement to the garden; flower stalks persist and look attractive year round.	STOR ————————————————————————————————————	medium	summer	-Ö-	cut to ground every three years		water deeply every two weeks
Muhlenbergia rigens – deergrass: California native plant; makes a low informal screen; needs almost no maintenance; remove old leaves at any time; adds texture and movement to the garden.	TERR, MWB ———————————————————————————————————	large	summer	-Ö-	cut to ground every three years	$\Diamond$	water deeply once or twice a month
Neomarica caerulea – walking iris: Accent plant with arching, sword-like leaves; produces clusters of gorgeous, intricately-patterned, violet-blue flowers; blooms repeatedly in partial shade during the hottest part of the summer.	16, 17, 21-24: H2; or indoors	large	summer	<b>☆</b>	remove old flower stalks	$\Diamond$	water deeply once or twice a month

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Nepeta × faassenii – hybrid catmint: Lavender-blue flowers attract butterflies and other pollinators; dependable, low-growing plant has aromatic, gray-green foliage; tolerates different soil types.		STOR ————————————————————————————————————	small	spring, summer, fall	<b>☆</b>	cut to ground in winter to renew		water deeply every two weeks
Origanum vulgare 'Betty Rollins' – dwarf oregano: Pink tubular flowers attract butterflies from midsummer to early fall; low-maintenance groundcover; leaves can be used in cooking.		TERR ——— 1-24	small	spring, summer, fall		remove old flower stalks in winter	<u></u>	water deeply every two weeks
Penstemon heterophyllus 'Margarita B.O.P.' – Santa Margarita foothill penstemon: California native plant; flowers are golden yellow as buds, bright blue as blooms, then change to purple pink; unlike many California native penstemons, it thrives in garden conditions.		7-24	small	spring, summer	Ä Ä	remove old flower stalks		water deeply every two weeks
Rhodophiala bifida – red Argentine amaryllis: Showy, easy-to-grow bulb; dark red, trumpet-shaped flowers bloom in late summer; heat and drought tolerant; attracts hummingbirds.		8, 9, 12-24	small	summer, fall		little or none		water deeply once or twice a month
Russelia equisetiformis – coral fountain: Very adaptable plant with tubular, bright coral-red flowers from spring to autumn; show-stopping fountain of flowers attracts hummingbirds; low maintenance and drought tolerant.	Marie Con	14, 19-24; H1, H2: or indoors	large	spring, summer, fall	÷ ⇔	little or none; prune to shape		water deeply every one to two weeks
Salvia spathacea – hummingbird sage: California native plant; leaves have a pleasant, fruity fragrance; excellent drought-tolerant groundcover for sun or partial shade; attracts hummingbirds.		7-9, 14-24	medium	winter, spring		remove old flower stalks at end of season		water deeply every one to two weeks
Saponaria × lempergii 'Max Frei' – hybrid soapwort: Bright pink flowers bloom in hot summer months and early autumn; suitable for the rock garden or around roses and taller perennials; low maintenance and dependable.	**	NURS 	small	spring, summer, fall	<b>☆</b>	little or none; prune to shape	<u></u>	water deeply every two weeks
Sedum palmeri – Palmer's sedum: Deep golden-yellow, star-shaped flowers in spring; drought and shade tolerant; low growing and can be used as a groundcover for small areas; prefers well-drained soils and containers.		SWUS ——	small	spring	<b>*</b>	little or none	$\triangle$	water deeply once or twice a month
Solidago californica 'Cascade Creek' – Cascade Creek California goldenrod: California native plant; bears bright yellow flowers in summer and fall that attract butterflies and beneficial insects; ideal for native grass meadow.		1-11, 14-23	medium	spring, summer, fall	i i i	cut to ground after flowering in late fall		water deeply every two weeks

water deeply once a week in

sun, every two

weeks in shade

water deeply

every two weeks

water deeply

every two weeks

water deeply

once or twice a month

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Sprekelia formosissima – Aztec IIIy: Dramatic, deep-
red flowers attract hummingbirds in spring and summer;
encourage blooming several times a year by withholding and
then applying water; low maintenance.

Sternbergia lutea - yellow autumn crocus: Gobletshaped yellow flowers blossom in early fall; lustrous, deepgreen foliage emerges soon after bloom and lasts through the winter; does well in full sun and is extremely drought tolerant.

*Stipa gigantea (Celtica gigantea) – giant feather* grass: Dramatic large grass is an excellent garden accent; waving wands of flowers add movement to the garden; low mound of evergreen leaves looks good year round.

Woodwardia fimbriata - giant chain fern: California native plant; plant needs little care once established; great for a shady oasis near a pond or fountain.

Zephyranthes candida - Argentine rain lily: Grows from bulbs and forms clumps of shiny, grassy leaves; good edging plant or groundcover; attracts beneficial insects.

	SWUS	small	spring, summer, fall	- <u>Ö</u> -	little or none	<b>△</b>	water deeply once or twice a month
9	NURS, MEDI 	small	fall	-Ö:	little or none	$\triangle$	water deeply once or twice a month or not at all
	STOR  4-9, 14-24	large	spring	-Ö:-	remove old flower stalks in fall or winter		water deeply every two weeks
	MWB, TERR —	large	none	₩ ₩	remove old fronds for a tidier appearance		water deeply once a week
	TERR, GAZE 4-9, 12-24, H1, H2	small	summer, fall	<b>☆</b>	little or none	<u></u>	water deeply every two weeks

### **GROUNDCOVERS**

Cerastium tomentosum - snow-in-summer: Gives a cool look to hot Central Valley gardens; can thrive in low to medium amounts of irrigation; silver foliage good for contrast with green-leaved plants.

Ceratostigma plumbaginoides - dwarf plumbago: Attractive groundcover with clusters of intense blue flowers in summer and continuing into fall; leaves turn a colorful maroon in autumn; tolerant of sun or shade. Deciduous.

Delosperma cooperi - Cooper's ice plant: Linear succulent foliage creeps along the ground, making an attractive apple-green mat; bright pink-purple flowers bloom in spring, summer, and fall.

Ribes viburnifolium - evergreen currant: California native plant; good shade-tolerant groundcover under native oaks and in other dry, shady areas; shiny and fragrant foliage looks attractive all year, attracts hummingbirds and beneficial insects.

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	GAZE ————————————————————————————————————	ground- cover	spring, summer		little or none		v
	STOR, EASI 2B-10, 14-24	ground- cover	summer, fall	-Ö- -Ö-	cut to ground in winter for tidy appearance	<u></u>	
	STOR	ground- cover	spring, summer, fall		little or none		

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**MWB** 

8, 9,

14-24

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little or none

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### GROUNDCOVERS

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spring, summer. fall

winter

spring

mow in early spring to maintain a compact form



water deeply once or twice a month

### VINES

Aristolochia californica – California pipevine:
California native plant; leaves provide food for pipevine
swallowtail butterfly larvae; versatile plant that can be use
as a climbing vine or a groundcover. Deciduous.

Vigorous climber for covering walls and fences and can also be grown as a groundcover; trumpet-shaped violet flowers with purple veins blossom in late spring to summer; attracts

Hardenbergia violacea – lilac vine: Vigorous evergreen vine can be used to cover an arbor, pergola or wall; small, purple, pea-like flowers bloom in late winter to early spring; other cultivars have white or pink flowers.

Mandevilla laxa - Chilean jasmine: Attractive, twining vine; clusters of white, funnel-shaped flowers blossom in the sun and partial shade. Deciduous.

vine

little or none; train stems up trellis or support

prune in winter to shape

trim to fit



water deeply once or twice a month

water deeply

once or twice a

month

Clytostoma callistegioides - violet trumpet vine:

hummingbirds. Evergreen.

summer with a delightful tropical fragrance; tolerant of both full

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AUST. vine winter. TERR spring

vine

vine spring, summer

little or none: prune in winter to shape

available space annually; cut back after bloom to prevent tangling

water deeply once or twice a month

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### **SHRUBS** All shrubs listed are power line friendly

Acacia boormanii – Snowy River wattle: Fragrant yellow flowers add color to the winter garden; very adaptable and hardy, grows best in well-drained soils; heat and drought tolerant. Evergreen.

Arctostaphylos densiflora 'Howard McMinn' – Vine Hill manzanita: California native plant; known for its smooth, wine-red bark; one of the few manzanitas that

tolerates our clay-loam soils; attracts hummingbirds and beneficial insects. Evergreen.

Berberis aquifolium 'Compacta' - compact

Oregon grape: California native plant; dark, grape-like fruits provide food for native birds and can be made into preserves; tough plant that tolerates a variety of garden conditions: attracts beneficial insects and birds. Evergreen.

Callistemon 'Violaceus' - purple bottlebrush: Rosypurple "bottlebrush" flowers bloom in early winter and spring, and sporadically year round; medium to large evergreen shrub that is tough and adaptable; grows best in full sun and tolerates infrequent watering; attracts hummingbirds and beneficial insects.

	8, 9, 12-24	large	winter		Little or none; prune to shape
$\mu_{c}$	TERR	medium	winter	34.	little or none

7-9, 4-21	medium	winter	Ç Ş
ERR	small	winter,	· `

spring



little or none



water deeply every two weeks

**NURS** 

large winter, spring, summer

little or none; prune to shape

water deeply once or twice a month

SHRUBS							
Calycanthus occidentalis – western spice bush: California native plant; maroon-red flowers attract pollinating beetles; leaves have a sharp, clean fragrance and turn yellow in the autumn, adding seasonal color to the garden. Deciduous.	4-9, 14-24	large	spring	<b>☆</b>	little or none; prune to shape	$\triangle$	water deeply once or twice a month
Carpenteria californica – bush anemone: California native plant; has clusters of large, sweetly-scented white flowers in late spring and early summer; glossy, dark-green leaves stay on the plant all year; older stems have attractive, pale, papery bark.	DESE, MWB 	medium	spring		little or none; prune to shape	$\triangle$	water deeply once or twice a month
Ceanothus 'Concha' – concha ceanothus: California native plant; one of the best California lilacs for the garden with dark-green leaves all year; showy, deep blue flowers with reddish bracts bloom in spring; attracts beneficial insects. Evergreen.	NURS, MWB 	medium	spring	-Ö;- -∭;-	little or none; prune to shape after spring flowering	$\triangle$	water deeply once or twice a month
Ceanothus maritimus 'Valley Violet' – valley violet maritime ceanothus: California native plant; best small ceanothus for Central Valley gardens; clusters of dark-violet flowers bloom in spring; attracts beneficial insects. Evergreen.	5-9, 14-24	small	winter		little or none; prune to shape after spring flowering	$\triangle$	water deeply once or twice a month
Ceanothus × pallidus 'Marie Simon' – Marie Simon ceanothus: Large, loose clusters of soft-pink flowers complement maroon-red stems; nectar-rich flowers attract bees and other beneficial insects; semi deciduous to evergreen.	5-9, 14-24	medium	spring	₩;	prune in early spring to shape and remove old, twiggy growth	<u></u>	water deeply every two weeks
Cercis occidentalis – western redbud: California native plant; early spring bloom before leaves appear; attractive reddish seed pods in summer; new stems, cut in winter, are used to add color to Native American baskets; attracts beneficial insects. Deciduous.	2-24	large	winter, spring	- <u>`</u>	little or none; may be trained as a small tree	$\Diamond$	water deeply once or twice a month
Cercocarpus betuloides var. blancheae – island mountain mahogany: California native plant; thrives in full sun and dry soil; tiny flowers attract pollinating insects; seed pods are curly and fuzzy; vertical growth makes this a great screen. Evergreen.	MWB, STOR 3, 5, 7-10, 13-24	large	winter	- ☆- - <b>☆</b> -	little or none; prune to shape; may be trained as a small tree	$\Diamond$	water deeply once or twice a month
Daphne odora 'Aureomarginata' – winter daphne: Shiny variegated leaves are attractive all year; requires little maintenance; intensely fragrant flowers perfume cool winter air. Evergreen.	4-10, 12, 14-24	small	winter	<b>☆</b>	little or none	<b>△</b>	water deeply every one to two weeks
Dasylirion wheeleri – desert spoon: Evergreen desert plant with long, narrow, blue-gray leaves; cream-colored flowers emerge in summer on tall spikes; drought tolerant and makes a striking accent plant; attracts beneficial insects.	STOR	small	spring, summer	÷	little or none	$\triangle$	water deeply once or twice a month or not at all

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Eriogonum giganteum – Saint Catherine's lace: California native plant; large clusters of white flowers appear in summer and attract beneficial insects; fast growing and quickly develops into a large, rounded shrub with woolly, whitish-gray foliage. Evergreen.	* 9	5, 7-9, 14-24	medium	summer	<b>₩</b>	remove old flower stalks; prune to maintain compact form	$\triangle$	water deeply once or twice a month
Hesperaloe parviflora – corol yucca: Adds a strong architectural note to the garden with its attractive spiky-looking leaves; very heat and drought tolerant; blooms all summer long; attracts hummingbirds.		2B, 3, 7-16, 18-24	small	summer, fall	- <u>;;;</u> -	remove old flower stalks in winter	$\Diamond$	water deeply once or twice a month
Heteromeles arbutifolia – toyon, christmas berry, California holly: Shrub with leathery, dark-green leaves and profuse red berries all winter that are popular with cedar waxwings, a species of migrating bird found in many parts of California in winter. Evergreen.		5-9, 14-24	large	spring	Ö.	little or none		water deeply every two weeks
Isomeris arborea – bladderpod: California native plant; one of the only native shrubs that blooms year round; yellow flowers attract beneficial insects and hummingbirds to the garden and then develop into attractive seed pods. Evergreen.		DESE ——	medium	winter, spring, summer, fall	Ö 🌣	little or none	$\Diamond$	water deeply once a month
Jasminum nudiflorum – winter jasmine: Bright yellow flowers cheer up the winter garden; use as an arching shrub or can be trained as a cascading vine; glossy, dark-green stems are revealed in winter. Deciduous.	1	2-21	small	winter		little or none; prune to shape		water deeply once or twice a month
Lavandula × ginginsii 'Goodwin Creek Grey'  - Goodwin Creek lavender: Long bloom season; easy to renew with pruning; more heat resistant than English lavenders; attracts hummingbirds and beneficial insects. Evergreen.		8, 9, 12-24	small	spring, summer, fall	Ö	cut back after flowering	<u></u>	water deeply every two weeks
Lavandula stoechas 'Otto Quast' – Otto Quast Spanish lavender: Showiest of all the lavenders; thrives in sunny dry conditions; attracts butterflies and beneficial insects. Evergreen.		TERR, STOR ————————————————————————————————————	small	spring	Ö	cut back to remove old flowers and keep compact	<u></u>	water deeply every two weeks
Leucophyllum frutescens – cenizo ("Texas ranger"): Striking silvery foliage; very heat and drought tolerant; requires little pruning as a shrub but can be successful as a hedge if sheared; attracts beneficial insects. Evergreen.		STOR ————————————————————————————————————	large	summer	Ö	little or none; prune to shape	$\triangle$	water deeply once or twice a month
Leucophyllum langmaniae 'Lynn's Legacy' – Lynn's legacy leucophyllum: Showy, bright, lavender-violet flowers bloom through spring and summer; dense-growing, medium-sized shrub has fuzzy, light-green leaves all year; very adaptable plant that tolerates heat, wind, and alkaline soil. Evergreen.		7-24	medium	spring, summer	<b>☆ ☆</b>	little or none	$\triangle$	water deeply once or twice a month

SHRUBS								
Lonicera standishii – winter honeysuckle: Distinctive fountain-shaped shrub; deliciously fragrant white flowers adorn the semi-leafless stems during winter and early spring; attracts hummingbirds in winter. Semi-deciduous.	*	EASI —	medium	winter	<b>☆</b>	little or none	<b>^</b>	water deeply every one to two weeks
Osmanthus × fortunei – hybrid tea olive: Makes a dependable, low-maintenance screen in partial shade; does well on the north side of buildings; can thrive with low or medium irrigation and tolerates clay soils; fabulous fragrance. Evergreen.		4-10, 14-24	large	spring, summer	<b>☆</b>	little or none	<u></u>	water deeply every one to two weeks
Philadelphus 'Belle Etoile' – purple spot mock orange: Good choice for the back of a perennial border; spring bloom is very showy and stands out in the moonlight; attractive vase-shaped form. Deciduous.		GAZE —— 2B-17	large	spring, summer	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	cut older stems to ground to rejuvenate	<b>4 4</b>	water deeply every one to two weeks
Phlomis purpurea – pink phlomis: Showy, lavender-pink flowers bloom in summer, with scattered blossoms all year long; small shrub that is tolerant of heat and dry soils; velvety, yellow-green leaves stay on the plant all year. Evergreen.		7-24	small	spring, summer	- <u>Ö</u> -	remove old flower stalks; prune to maintain compact form		water deeply once or twice a month
Ribes aureum – golden currant: California native plant; flowers have a light, spicy fragrance; good choice for planting under native oaks; attracts butterflies and beneficial insects. Deciduous.		TERR, MWB A2, A3, 1-12, 14-23	large	winter, spring	<b>☆</b>	little or none	<b>^</b>	water deeply every one to two weeks
Ribes malvaceum – chaparral currant: California native plant; pale-pink winter flowers attract hummingbirds; drought tolerant with scented leaves. Deciduous.	340	6-9, 14-24	medium	fall, winter	- <b>)</b> ;-	little or none	$\Diamond$	water deeply once or twice a month
Rosa 'Korbin' – Iceberg® rose: Tough and disease resistant, tolerates some shade; can be trained, with pruning, to be a medium or large shrub. Semi-deciduous.	**	GAZE ————————————————————————————————————	medium	spring, summer, fall	-Ö;÷	prune in winter; remove old flowers through bloom season	<b>^</b>	water deeply every one to two weeks
Rosa 'Perle d'Or' – golden pearl polyantha rose: Fine shrub rose for home gardens; has fewer thorns than most roses; drought resistant. Semi-deciduous.		STOR  ALL ZONES	medium	spring, summer, fall	- <u>Ö</u> -	prune in winter; remove old flowers through bloom season	<b>△ △</b>	water deeply every one to two weeks
Rosa 'Pink Grüss an Aachen' – pink grüss an Aachen floribunda rose: Showy, fragrant pink flowers bloom in clusters in spring and summer; naturally graceful form and practically thornless stems; flowers last longer with some afternoon shade; leaves remain evergreen in mild winters and turn a beautiful burgundy color. Semi-deciduous.	9	STOR  ALL ZONES	medium	spring, summer, fall	<b>☆</b>	prune in winter; remove old flowers through bloom season	<b>^</b>	water deeply every one to two weeks

SHRUBS								
Rosa × odorata 'Mutabilis' – butterfly rose: Has showy, single flowers nearly year round; flowers attract pollinating bees and other beneficial insects; new burgundy stems complement multi-colored flowers. Semi-deciduous.		EASI, NURS, TERR ALL ZONES	large	spring, summer, fall	Ö	prune in winter to keep compact	<u>^</u>	water deeply every one to two weeks
Rosmarinus officinalis 'Mozart' – Ed Carman's rosemary: Shrub with dark-green leaves that are rich in aromatic oils and prized for cooking; this variety has one of the	W.	NURS, STOR	small	winter, spring, fall	-Ö:-	little or none; prune to maintain		water deeply once or twice a month
darkest blue flowers of any rosemary; blooms from winter through spring through and often again in fall; attracts beneficial insects. Evergreen.	3.	4-24; H1, H2			- <b>Ö</b> -	compact form		
Salvia apiana – California white sage: California native plant; spring flowers attract pollinating bees; leaves contain fragrant oils. Evergreen.		MWB, TERR	small	spring	Ö	shape when young; remove old flower		water deeply once or twice a month
		7-9, 11, 13-24			<b>*</b>	stalks once a year	0	
Salvia clevelandii 'Winnifred Gilman' – Winnifred Gilman Cleveland sage: California native plant; shrub produces maroon-stemmed, blue-violet flowers; heat	1	NURS —— 8, 9,	small	spring	Ö	remove old flower stalks in summer; prune	$\triangle$	water deeply once or twice a month
and drought tolerant; attracts hummingbirds, butterflies and beneficial insects. Evergreen.	TEST	12-24			- <b>O</b> F	to maintain compact form		
Salvia greggii and Salvia × jamensis – autumn sage: Showy flowers attract hummingbirds and beneficial insects; flowers profusely in the spring and fall. Evergreen.		STOR, TERR	small	spring, summer, fall	Ö	remove old flower stalks; prune to		water deeply every two weeks
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Salvia microphylla – mint bush sage: Leaves have a fruity smell; good for growing under native oaks; thrives with little care in sun or part shade; attracts hummingbirds.	1	STOR	small	winter, spring, summer,	Ö	little or none		water deeply every two weeks
Evergreen.	3	7-24		fall	<b>*</b>			
Sollya heterophylla (Billardiera heterophylla)  - Australian bluebell creeper: Bushy, evergreen climber ctan be used either as a small shrub or vine; bell-shaped blue		AUST 8, 9,	medium	summer, fall	-Ö:-	little or none		water deeply every two weeks
flowers bloom from summer through fall; drought tolerant with glossy, deep-green leaves.		14-24; H1, H2						
Syringa × laciniata – cut leaf lilac: Attractive, lacy foliage; more drought tolerant and disease resistant than other lilacs; fragrant flowers. Deciduous.		STOR 3-12,	large	spring	-Ö:-	little or none; prune to shape		water deeply every one to two weeks
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Teucrium fruticans – bush germander: Tough, drought-tolerant shrub with no disease problems; makes a low, informal hedge; silvery leaves and stems brighten sunny		TERR, STOR	small	spring, fall, winter	- <u>Ö</u> -	little or none		water deeply once or twice a month
or shady gardens; attracts beneficial insects. Evergreen.		4-24			<b>*</b>			
Viguiera parishii – desert goldeneye: California native plant; golden daisies blossom from early spring until mid-fall among triangular-shaped green leaves; tolerates full sun or part		NURS	small	spring, summer, fall	-Ö:	prune plants in late winter to encourage tidy,		water deeply once or twice a month
shade and is low maintenance. Evergreen.		10-24			-0:	compact form		

TREES All trees listed as small are power line friendly

Acca sellowiana (Feijoa sellowiana) —
pineapple guava: Attractive spring flowers are edible and
sweet; large green berries have a pineapple-like flavor; can
be used as hedging or as a screen; attracts hummingbirds.

Arbutus 'Marina' – Marina madrone: Shiny evergreen leaves and large drooping clusters of pink flowers are followed by red berries that last into late winter; attractive smooth coppery bark; tolerant of heat and alkaline water; very

Chionanthus retusus – Chinese fringe tree: Attractive grooved or peeling bark provides winter interest; leaves turn yellow before falling off in the winter; has no known diseases.

Crataegus phaenopyrum – Washington hawthorn:
Provides year-round interest with profuse white spring flowers,
brilliant scarlet foliage in fall and ornamental fruit clusters in
winter; graceful, open-limb structure makes it an attractive
patio specimen; disease free in our area; attracts birds.

Crinodendron patagua – Chilean lily-of-the-valley tree: Drought tolerant; makes a good screen or patio tree with its upright form and narrow profile; attractive, shiny, evergreen

Koelreuteria elegans subsp. formosana – Formosan flame tree: Tropical-looking shade tree; has broad clusters of bright yellow flowers in fall, followed by coral-red seed pods; adaptable to various soils and watering schedules.

Lagerstroemia hybrids and cultivars – crape myrtle: Provides year-round interest with summer flowers, fall color, and handsome ornamental bark in winter; comes in pink, white, lavender-purple, or red-flowering varieties; hybrid forms are more mildew resistant: attracts beneficial insects.

Quercus lobata – valley oak: California native plant; provides shelter and food for many native insects and other

Ceanothus 'Ray Hartman' – Roy Hortman
California lilac: California native plant; one of the best
ceanothus cultivars for gardens because it can tolerate some
summer irrigation; makes a good screen or small garden tree.

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	NURS, TERR — 8, 9: 14-24	small to medium	fall, winter	÷	prune to shape and expose beautiful stems	<u></u>	water deeply every two weeks
	5-9, 14-24	small	spring	- <u>Ö</u> -	little or none	<u>\</u>	water deeply once or twice a month
X	3-9, 14-24	medium	spring	-Ö:-	little or none; prune to shape in winter	<u>^</u>	water deeply every one to two weeks
$i_{ij}$	2-12, 14-17	medium	spring	- <u>Ö</u> -	little or none	<b>△</b>	water deeply every one to two weeks
	14-24	medium	spring, summer	÷	little or none	$\Diamond$	water deeply once or twice a month
	14-24; H1, H2	medium	fall	÷	little or none; prune to shape in winter	$\Diamond$	water deeply once or twice a month
	7-10, 12-14, 18-21	medium	summer	-Ö:	prune in winter to shape	<b>♠ ♦</b>	water deeply every one to two weeks
	MWB	large	flowers not showy	-Ö;-	little or none		water deeply once or twice a month or not

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