

PLANTING UNDER OAKS

Landscaping under established oaks can add tremendous appeal to any landscape, but choosing the right set of companion plants is key. Devil Mountain has assembled the following list of plants that are adapted to live under oaks, can tolerate filtered sunlight, and prefer low-water conditions. Remember, watering near the roots in warm weather creates an ideal breeding ground for Phytophthora and other disease-causing fungi. Here are some helpful notes on how to properly install plants and irrigation in an oak-based design plan.

- Do not work within 10 feet of the trunk
- To avoid root damage, use hand tools instead of heavy machinery
- Use drip irrigation or soaker hoses - no sprinklers!
- Mulch with fallen leaves and wood chips



GROUNDCOVERS

Groundcover plants stay below 12 inches tall and have a spreading habit that covers a wide area.

Arctostaphylos edmundsii
'Carmel Sur'

Arctostaphylos uva-ursi 'Pt. Reyes'

Ceanothus hearstiorum

Cotoneaster dammeri 'Lowfast'

Dudleya caespitosa

Dudleya edulis

Dudleya farinosa

Dudleya hassei

Dudleya lanceolata

Dudleya pulverulenta

Fragaria chiloensis

Fragaria vesca / *F. californica*

Monardella macrantha

Polypodium californicum

'Sarah Lyman'

Salvia sonomensis 'Dara's Choice'

Satureja douglasii

PERENNIALS

Perennials are soft-stemmed plants that do not form woody branches. This category includes many flowering plants, grasses, ferns, and succulents.

Achillea millefolium

Blechnum spicant

Calamagrostis foliosa

Calamagrostis nutkaensis

Carex divulsa

Carex pansa

Carex praegracilis

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PERENNIALS

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Carex tumulicola

Cheilanthes tomentosa

Epilobium canum

Eriogonum grande var. *rubescens*

Festuca californica

Festuca idahoensis 'Tomales Bay'

Festuca rubra 'Molate'

Festuca 'Siskiyou Blue'

Heuchera hirsutissima 'Santa Rosa'

Heuchera maxima

Heuchera spp. (select hybrids)

'Canyon Duet'

'Old La Rochette'

'Santa Ana Cardinal'

Iris douglasiana

Iris 'Pacific Coast Hybrids'

Keckiella cordifolia

Leymus condensatus

'Canyon Prince'

Mimulus aurantiacus

Monardella villosa

Muhlenbergia rigens

Nassella pulchra

Penstemon heterophyllus

'Margarita BOP'

Polystichum munitum

Sisyrinchium bellum

Solidago velutina ssp. *californica*

Woodwardia fimbriata

SHRUBS

Shrubs are woody plants that stay below 20 feet high.

Arctostaphylos bakeri

'Louis Edmunds'

Carpenteria californica 'Elizabeth'

Ceanothus 'Dark Star'

Ceanothus thyrsiflorus 'Skylark'

Cercis occidentalis

Cercocarpus betuloides

Galvezia speciosa

Garrya elliptica 'Evie'

Heteromeles arbutifolia

Mahonia aquifolium

Mahonia nervosa

Mahonia nevinii

Myrica californica

Philadelphus lewisii 'Goose Creek'

Prunus ilicifolia ssp. *lyonii*

Rhamnus californica 'Eve Case'

Rhus integrifolia

Ribes aureum var. *gracillimum*

Ribes malvaceum

Ribes sanguineum

Ribes speciosum

Ribes viburnifolium

Sambucus mexicana

Solanum xanti

Symphoricarpos albus

Vaccinium ovatum

VINES

Vines have long and flexible stems that climb to cover fences or walls, forming a living screen.

Clematis ligusticifolia

Lonicera hispidula var. *vacillans*

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