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UC Marin Master Gardeners - Plants for hot summer locales



Botanical Name: *Achillea millefolium*

Common Name: Yarrow

Plant Type: Ground cover, Perennial

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Very Low

Yarrow is a 2'-3' perennial that spreads by rhizomes, has ferny, evergreen foliage, bears 3-4" clusters of ivory-white flowers in summer, and attracts bees and butterflies. Good fresh or dried flower. Prefers full sun on the coast and part sun in hot-summer locations. Drought tolerant once established; also performs in wet conditions, but may become floppy and be more susceptible to disease. Not picky about soil and deer dislike it. Good choice for cottage gardens, wild areas, and where a meadow-like look is desired. Cut back after flowering to encourage additional bloom. Many cultivars av ...

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: White

Attracts Wildlife:

Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: *Agastache rupestris*

Common Name: Licorice Mint

Plant Type: Perennial

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Medium

This mint does well in high elevations. It is a long-lived perennial freezing to the ground in winter. It shoots up 2' tall spikes of coral flowers in middle summer to early fall. The narrow leaves are licorice scented. It needs full to partial sun, well drained sites with some additional water during blooming. Dead head for best flowering. It is native to mountain regions of Arizona, New Mexico and Northern Mexico.

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: n/a

Attracts Wildlife:

Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Summer, Fall



Botanical Name: *Allium cv.*

Common Name: Ornamental Onion

Plant Type: Bulb

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Medium

Large clusters (6"-12" in diameter) of lavender, white, pink or purple pom-poms appear in summer. These unusual flowers are on top of stems which are 12"-15" tall. These flowers are great for dried flower or fresh flower arrangements. Plant the bulbs in fall to enhance rock gardens, containers or with other leafy foliated perennials. Allium has a slight garlic scent.

Plant Height: Under 1'

Flower Color: Violet

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Grey Green, White

Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: *Baccharis pilularis* 'Pigeon Point'

Common Name: Pigeon Point Coyote Bush

Plant Type: Shrub, Ground cover

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Low

Fast-growing, easy evergreen groundcover to 2' tall and 12' wide. Native from Baja to the Oregon coast in dunes and bluffs in coastal scrub, and dry slopes and woods in chaparral, woodlands, and mixed evergreen forests. Tolerates ocean spray and is deer resistant. Preferred coyote bush for slope stabilization and landscaping, coastal or inland. Prefers full sun and well-drained soil, but tolerates alkaline, sandy, or clay soil. Once mature, tolerates dryness; looks better, grows faster, and is healthier with some summer water. White, insignificant flowers in fall. Plant 6-10 feet apart for ...

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: White

Attracts Wildlife:

Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Fall



Botanical Name: *Carex testacea*

Common Name: Orange or Brown Sedge

Plant Type: Perennial, Grass

Sun: Full

Water: Medium

The testacea variety is an evergreen perennial that reaches 2' tall bearing very narrow, coppery brown leaves splitting to hair-like threads at their tips, and continuing to grow to 4-8' in length. This plant should be grown in sun with little or no summer watering. During winter, foliage turns orange. If this grass is planted in shade, foliage stays green. Flowers are insignificant. Orange Sedge looks great in containers or spilling over near walkways or into water features.

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: n/a

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Bronze, Brown, Green, Orange

Flower Season: n/a



Botanical Name: *Caryopteris X cla.* 'Dark Knight'

Common Name: Dark Knight Bluebeard

Plant Type: Shrub, Perennial

Sun: Full

Water: Low, Medium

Dark Knight Blue Mist spirea (*Caryopteris clandonensis*) blooms with a profusion of dark blue flowers in late summer when few other shrubs are flowering. Its modest size makes it very useful in smaller yards. A fantastic nectar source for bees and butterflies. Drought resistant/drought tolerant plant (xeric).

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Blue, Violet

Attracts Wildlife: Butterflies

Leaf Color: Grey Green, Silver

Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: *Cerastium tomentosum*

Common Name: Snow In Summer

Plant Type: Ground cover, Perennial

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Medium

Masses of snow white flowers highlight this plant during the early summer season. This attractive ground cover is a great filler among other plants and rocks. Foliage is silver gray or gray/green and is woolly. This plant tolerates coastal conditions and desert areas. Use in rock settings, in hanging baskets, containers, or as a lawn substitute. Cut back in fall to refresh plant.

Plant Height: Under 1'

Flower Color: White

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Grey Green, Silver

Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: *Cistus X skanbergii*

Common Name: Pink Coral Rockrose

Plant Type: Shrub, Ground cover

Sun: Full

Water: Very Low, Low

This Rockrose is a bushy evergreen shrub 4' high and 6' across with narrow, gray green leaves and complimentary clear pink flowers. Flowers appear in great profusion in mid-spring and can continue well into summer. It is more refined in character than most other rockroses, and well-suited to smaller gardens.

Plant Height: 3-6'

Flower Color: Pink

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Grey Green

Flower Season: Spring, Summer



Botanical Name: *Coreopsis grandiflora 'Double Sunburst'*

Common Name: Double Sunburst Coreopsis

Plant Type: Ground cover, Perennial

Sun: Full

Water: Low, Medium

Double Sunburst Coreopsis is an attractive perennial that reaches 1.5' tall and wide. Golden yellow, double flowers on bushy plants bloom during summer in full sun and fertile, well draining soil. It makes for good cut flowers, and pruning keeps the plants abundant with blooms. It does best with regular watering.

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Gold

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Dark Green

Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: *Dianella caerulea* 'Little Becca'

Common Name: Little Becca™ Dianella

Plant Type: Perennial

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Low, Medium, Extra in Summer

Glossy, dark green foliage that slowly spreads out by creeping rootstocks give this flax lily an interesting "mounding" growth habit. Perfect for mass plantings, Little Becca has been used for a number of years on public sites by Landscape Architects. This variety seems to do well with or without irrigation and will remain evergreen to temps down to the mid to low twenties (depending on the duration of the cold, frost, etc). Best when planted in full sun with little to moderate irrigation. The height and width are approximately 1 ½ tall by 2 feet wide.

Plant Height: Under 1', 1-3'

Flower Color: Blue

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Blue Green

Flower Season: Spring



Botanical Name: *Dicliptera suberecta*

Common Name: Hummingbird Bush

Plant Type: Shrub

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Medium

This perennial grows to about 2' tall. Leaves are soft fuzzy and light green, about 3" long. Flowers occur in clusters in summer and are bright orange, attracting hummingbirds. This plant needs afternoon shade in the low desert. It is frost sensitive so prune heavily in late winter or early spring to make room for regrowth and tidy plant.

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Orange, Red

Attracts Wildlife: Hummingbirds

Leaf Color: Grey Green

Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: *Dymondia margaretae*

Common Name: Dymondia, Rock Ditty

Plant Type: Ground cover, Perennial

Sun: Full

Water: Low

This foliage is gray/green/silvery; it is a very dense, mat forming groundcover. It tolerates drought, cold, salt spray and poor soils. It's deep rooted and produces small, inconspicuous yellow flowers. Rock Ditty is great for use in between stepping stones or pavers.

Plant Height: Under 1'

Flower Color: Yellow

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Grey Green

Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: *Epilobium canum*

Common Name: California Fuchsia

Plant Type: Perennial

Sun: Full

Water: Very Low

Dense, sprawling perennial to 2' tall and 5' wide, with gray-green foliage and tubular orange to scarlet red summer-fall flowers that attract hummingbirds. Prefers cool sun but also tolerates part-shade or hot sun with water. Performs in iffy soil (including clay) and is drought tolerant once established, making it a good choice for dry gardens, hillsides, neglected areas, and parking strips. Cut foliage to ground in winter when foliage is dormant. The name *Epilobium* is considered current but this group of sub-shrubs used to be called *Zauschneria* and are so different from the other *Epi* ...

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Orange, Red

Attracts Wildlife:

Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Summer, Fall



Botanical Name: *Eriogonum giganteum*

Common Name: St. Catherine's Lace

Plant Type: Shrub

Sun: Full

Water: Very Low, Low

St. Catherine's Lace is a large open shrub growing 4'-5' high and 3'-4' wide. Evergreen leaves are oval shaped, silvery on top and woolly white on bottom. During spring, flat clusters of tiny, cream colored flowers appear reminding one of Granny's lace doilies. These flowers turn rust in summer and fall. It is a full-sun California native that does well in coastal areas, not needing irrigation once established. In warmer, inland areas, this plant will also thrive with minimal watering. It attracts butterflies and beneficial insects. It does best with well draining soil but tolerates clay s ...

Plant Height: 3-6'

Flower Color: Red, White

Attracts Wildlife: Birds, Butterflies

Leaf Color: Grey, Silver, White

Flower Season: Spring, Summer



Botanical Name: *Gaillardia X grandiflora*

Common Name: Blanket Flower

Plant Type: Perennial

Sun: Full

Water: Medium, Extra in Summer

This perennial reaches 2'-4' tall and 1.5' wide, forming mounds of color from the daisy-like flowers. It likes full sun and well-draining soil but needs regular watering especially during hot summer months. Foliage is gray green and evergreen. Flower colors vary, being found in yellow, orange, red or maroon. Flowers bloom from spring through first sign of frost or cold spell. This plant will often re-seed.

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Orange, Multi-Colored

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Grey Green

Flower Season: Summer, Fall



Botanical Name: *Gazania 'Copper King'*

Common Name: Copper King Gazania

Plant Type: Ground cover, Perennial

Sun: Full

Water: Low, Medium

This perennial groundcover will grow 6"-10" tall and spread about 18". It has evergreen, green foliage with yellow orange flowers that bloom April through September. Flowers close if weather is cold or overcast. It does best in full sun even in coastal areas or desert conditions. This ground cover prefers well draining soil and is drought tolerant when established. Does not tolerate soggy wet soil. May need extra watering in desert areas. Great on hillsides or lawn replacements or parking strips.

Plant Height: Under 1'

Flower Color: Orange, Yellow, Multi-Colored

Attracts Wildlife:

Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Spring, Summer, Intermittent



Botanical Name: *Geranium pyrenaicum 'Bill Wallis'*

Common Name: Bill Wallis geranium

Plant Type: Ground cover, Perennial

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Medium

Mounding perennial 1 foot high spreading 1 to 2 feet with deeply lobed leaves that turn red in the fall. Deep violet purple flowers, very showy, free blooming for months. Full sun or light shade along coast, light shade inland. Average water. Great in containers, in the perennial garden. Re-seeds readily.

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Purple

Attracts Wildlife:

Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Spring, Summer, Fall, Intermittent



Botanical Name: *Grevillea 'Noellii'*

Common Name: Noell's Grevillea

Plant Type: Shrub, Ground cover

Sun: Full

Water: Low

This low, compact evergreen shrub reaches 3'-6' tall and 6'8' wide. Dark pink flowers appear in the spring. Its bright green foliage is needle-like. Full sun is required for growth. Prune after bloom period to keep this shrub looking dense. Grevillea is sensitive to salt accumulation so it's important to drip irrigate for hours on this plant to leach out salt once a month. Do not fertilize with phosphates.

Plant Height: 3-6'

Flower Color: Pink

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Green

Flower Season: Winter, Spring, Summer



Botanical Name: *Hesperaloe parviflora*

Common Name: Red Yucca

Plant Type: Succulent

Sun: Full

Water: Very Low, Extra in Summer

This spectacular succulent grows to 3'-4' tall and wide. Blue green leaves are strap-like, leathery, long, with white fraying fibers on the edges. During the summer, dark pink flowers are seen on red flower arching stalks. Hummingbirds love these flowers. This evergreen plant is drought tolerant once it's established but will appreciate extra water during the summer to promote blooms. Plant in full sun or light shade, with well draining soil. Deer like the foliage. This plant looks great in pots.

Plant Height: 3-6'

Flower Color: Pink, Red

Attracts Wildlife:

Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: *Lagerstroemia indica*

Common Name: Crape Myrtle

Plant Type: Tree, Shrub

Sun: Full

Water: Low

The new leaves of this species are 2" long, bright green, and tinged with bronze. Some cultivars have spectacular fall color. When it has a bare outline, its rounded seed capsules add interest. Its delicate flowers bloom in 6"-12" long clusters. The flower colors could be shades of red, rose, pink, purple, and white, blooming in summer. It thrives on heat, and new cultivars have been created that resist mildew. This tree prefers full sun and has low watering needs once it's established.

Plant Height: 6-12', 12-25'

Flower Color: Pink, Red

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Green

Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: *Lantana camara*

Common Name: Camara Lantana

Plant Type: Shrub

Sun: Full

Water: Medium

Delightful accents of color are found with this informal shrub. It grows quickly to 6' tall. It can be controlled with pruning, and is a reliable bloomer intermittantly throughout the year, benefitting from infrequent, deep waterings and a little pruning. Attracts butterflies. It comes in many color and many multi-colored varieties.

Plant Height: 3-6', 6-12'

Flower Color: Orange, Multi-Colored

Attracts Wildlife: Butterflies

Leaf Color: Green

Flower Season: Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall, Constant



Botanical Name: *Lantana montevidensis*

Common Name: Trailing Lantana

Plant Type: Ground cover

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Low

Lavender flowers accent the trailing growth habit of this Lantana. It is excellent for spilling over walls or down banks. Eventually, it will reach about 2' tall by 6' wide; size is controlled by pruning and severity of winter. It does best in full sun and is drought tolerant. It grows rapidly, even in heat, smog and poor soil. It is cold hardy to 25 degrees F, but recovers quickly. Fruit is poisonous. Butterflies are attracted to Lantana.

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Purple

Attracts Wildlife: Butterflies

Leaf Color: Green, Dark Green

Flower Season: Spring, Summer, Fall, Constant



Botanical Name: *Lavandula X int. 'Provence'*

Common Name: Provence Blue Lavandin

Plant Type: Perennial

Sun: Full

Water: Low

With tall 24"-30" stems, 'Provence' has true, lavender colored flowers that are fragrant and excellent for cutting. It flowers in early June and has large, gray green leaves. A hybrid between *L. angustifolia* & *L. latifolia*, both of which are strong plants tolerant of warm summers, and are known for their very intense scent. 'Provence' grows fast to 3' tall ; wide & can be used as a short aromatic hedge. It takes well to pruning when young & blooms profusely in the mid-late Summer. Though not suitable for oil production, the light blue flowers make excellent dry flowers f ...

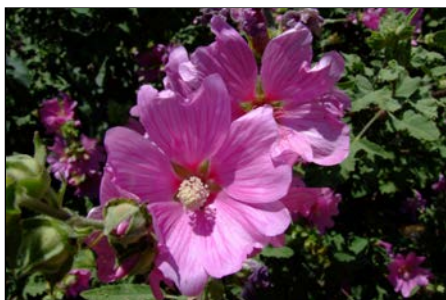
Plant Height: 3-6'

Flower Color: Lavender

Attracts Wildlife: Hummingbirds

Leaf Color: Grey Green, Grey, Silver

Flower Season: Spring, Summer, Fall



Botanical Name: *Lavatera thuringiaca*

Common Name: Tomentose Tree Mallow

Plant Type: Broadleaf Evergreen, Shrub

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Medium, Extra in Summer

This evergreen shrub has deep green leaves with purple pink flowers that bloom for most of the year.

Plant Height: 6-12'

Flower Color: Pink, Red

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color:

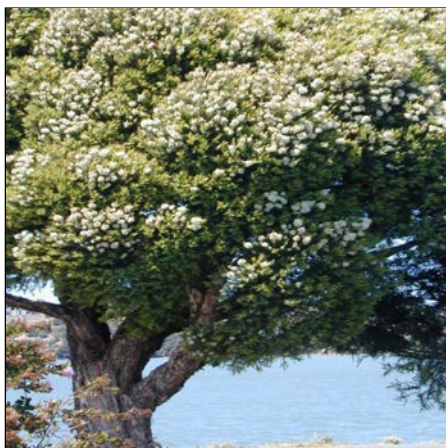
Flower Season: n/a



Botanical Name: *Lupinus albifrons*
Common Name: Silver Bush Lupine
Plant Type: Shrub
Sun: Full
Water: Very Low

The bush lupine is a CA native evergreen that grows fast to 3' and then slowly to 5'. It has soft silver-gray stems and foliage and showy, fragrant purple and white flowers in spring. Bush lupine requires full sun and little to no water once established. It will tolerate some water but is best on the dry side. Deer proof. Many varieties range from southern Oregon to northern Baja. It is drought tolerant and attracts hummingbirds and butterflies. It is a larval food plant for the mission blue butterfly. All lupines are nitrogen fixers.

Plant Height: 3-6'
Flower Color: Purple, Multi-Colored
Attracts Wildlife:
Leaf Color:
Flower Season: Spring



Botanical Name: *Melaleuca linariifolia*
Common Name: Flax Leaf Paperbark
Plant Type: Tree
Sun: Full
Water: Low

This medium-sized tree will grow 15'-20' tall and produces wonderful white blooms. It can survive both dry and wet soil conditions. It is frost tolerant. The bark tears off readily in thin sheets of "paper", thus the common name Paperbark.

Plant Height: 12-25', 25-40'
Flower Color: White
Attracts Wildlife:
Leaf Color:
Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: *Muhlenbergia rigens*
Common Name: Deer Grass
Plant Type: Grass
Sun: Full, Half
Water: Low

Fast-growing, warm season perennial grass with dense, handsome, mounded form. Spike-like flower stalks rise 2'-3' above foliage in summer. Good on banks of seasonal creeks, along roads or in gullies where runoff forms in winter. Prefers sun, not picky about soil, and looks best with water once or twice a month once it's established. Very long-lived.

Plant Height: 1-3'
Flower Color: n/a
Attracts Wildlife:
Leaf Color:
Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: *Nepeta X faassenii*

Common Name: Catmint

Plant Type: Ground cover, Perennial

Sun: Full, Half, Shade

Water: Medium

Nepeta faassenii makes soft, grey-green, undulating mounds to 1.5' high in bloom, spreading 3'-4' wide. The small leaves are attractive to cats. This perennial has lavender blue flowers in summer. Catmint can be planted in sun or shade and needs medium amount of water. Prune spent flowers to encourage more blooms.

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Blue, Lavender

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Green, Grey Green

Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: *Olea europaea 'Swan Hill'*

Common Name: Swan Hill Fruitless Olive

Plant Type: Tree

Sun: Full

Water: Very Low, Medium

Swan Hill Olive has attractive foliage and form is enhanced by its absence of fruit, and makes its use in entryways and other high foot-traffic areas a plus. It stand about 25'-30' high at maturity and about as wide.

Plant Height: 12-25'

Flower Color: n/a

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Grey Green, Silver

Flower Season: n/a



Botanical Name: *Penstemon hybrids*

Common Name: Border Penstemon

Plant Type: Perennial

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Low, Extra in Summer

This perennial plant will reach 3' high and has medium-sized, glossy dark green leaves with violet, or red or pink flowers that bloom in summer and fall. It needs a bit extra water in the summer and no water in the winter. Flowers are attractive to hummingbirds.

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Blue, Violet

Attracts Wildlife: Hummingbirds

Leaf Color: Dark Green

Flower Season: Spring, Summer



Botanical Name: *Perovskia X atriplicifolia*

Common Name: Russian Sage

Plant Type: Perennial

Sun: Full

Water: Low

This broad perennial will grow 3'-6' tall and has small, grey-green leaves with blue-violet flowers that bloom in the summer. Foliage is aromatic if brushed against it. Also known as Azure Sage.

Plant Height: 3-6'

Flower Color: Blue, Violet

Attracts Wildlife: Butterflies

Leaf Color: Grey Green

Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: *Pistacia chinensis*

Common Name: Chinese Pistache

Plant Type: Tree

Sun: Full

Water: Low

The *Pistacia chinensis* is a deciduous tree with broad, spreading growth to 50' in height. Its leaves have 10-16 leaflets, and the fall coloring arrives in beautiful shades of red, orange and yellow. Prune young trees to shape. This tree does not have edible nuts. Female trees have tiny red fruit, turning dark blue. It prefers full sun and deep, infrequent waterings. This is a great street or park tree.

Plant Height: 40-60'

Flower Color: n/a

Attracts Wildlife:

Leaf Color:

Flower Season: n/a



Botanical Name: *Punica granatum 'Nana'*

Common Name: Dwarf Pomegranate

Plant Type: Shrub

Sun: Full

Water: Medium, Extra in Summer

This shrub is highly ornamental with dense foliage. It can reach 3' tall and 6' wide. It is easily pruned and shaped, thus its popularity as a bonsai plant. Flowers are small, showy, and red orange, developing into dry red fruit (not edible). It is considered evergreen in mild frost-free winter areas. This shrub is great in containers. It needs extra summer water in hot inland valleys.

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Orange, Red

Attracts Wildlife:

Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: *Quercus douglasii*

Common Name: Blue Oak

Plant Type: Tree

Sun: Full

Water: Very Low

Blue Oak is a deciduous tree that has a slow growth rate and reaches 50 ft. high. It develops 2" long, lobed blue-green leaves. Blue Oak is very drought tolerant, is native to California and attracts butterflies. Because of its slow growth, it can be used for bonsai. Flowers are insignificant. Acorns were used by California Natives for food.

Plant Height: 40-60'

Flower Color: n/a

Attracts Wildlife: Birds, Butterflies

Leaf Color: Blue Green

Flower Season: n/a



Botanical Name: *Quercus lobata*

Common Name: Valley Oak

Plant Type: Tree

Sun: Full

Water: Low, Medium

The Valley Oak is a large deciduous tree that can quickly reach 20' tall in 5 years, then another 20' tall in the subsequent 5 years. Then this majestic California native slows down in growth, becoming more vase-like in habit, until reaching 60' tall in 20 years. Thus, not a good choice for residential homes. Leaves are deeply lobed and gray green, fuzzy, with underneath a pale green. Leaves turn yellow, then orange, then brown during the fall. Flowers appear in spring but are considered insignificant, followed by acorn fruit. Young trees have a pewter colored trunk, changing to dark gray ...

Plant Height: 40-60', 60-100'

Flower Color: n/a

Attracts Wildlife: Birds, Wildlife

Leaf Color: Grey Green

Flower Season: n/a



Botanical Name: *Rhamnus cal. 'Eve Case'*

Common Name: Eve Case Compact Coffeeberry

Plant Type: Shrub

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Very Low, Extra in Summer

The "Eve Case" coffeeberry is a compact shrub, typically 4-6' tall and wide, with a mounding habit. Evergreen, long, dark leaves are found on reddish stems. Inconspicuous flowers bloom in spring, followed by attractive green berries, which turn red and ripen to black. It develops larger berries than the parent plant. This shrub tolerates full to part sun and is drought tolerant once it's established. Does better with additional summer water. Birds love this plant!

Plant Height: 3-6'

Flower Color: White

Attracts Wildlife: Birds

Leaf Color: Dark Green

Flower Season: Spring



Botanical Name: *Rosmarinus officinalis* 'Tuscan Blue'

Common Name: Tuscan Blue Upright Rosemary

Plant Type: Shrub

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Very Low, Extra in Summer

'Tuscan Blue' is an upright shrub that grows 4'-6' tall and wide. It has olive green, needle-like, small, aromatic leaves and bright showy lavender-blue flowers that are larger than other cultivars, blooming in winter and spring. This shrub is drought tolerant once it's established, preferring full sun and well draining soil.

Plant Height: 3-6'

Flower Color: Blue, Lavender

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Grey Green, Yellow Green

Flower Season: Winter, Spring



Botanical Name: *Rudbeckia f.s.* 'Goldstrum'

Common Name: Blackeyed Susan

Plant Type: Perennial

Sun: Full

Water: Medium

This cultivar is an eastern native, with long-lasting, golden daisy-like flowers with black cones. It should be placed under full sun or part sun and in average soil. The flowers are great for cutting and are abundant from July through September. Overall height of perennial is 2' tall. Butterflies love this plant. Cut spent flowers to encourage more blooming.

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Gold, Multi-Colored

Attracts Wildlife: Butterflies

Leaf Color: Dark Green

Flower Season: Summer, Fall



Botanical Name: *Salvia apiana*

Common Name: White Sage, Sacred White Sage

Plant Type: Shrub

Sun: Full

Water: Very Low

Woody shrub has stiff, upright stems with highly pungent, gray-green, wrinkled evergreen juvenile leaves that become smooth and white. Fragrant white-lavender flowers bloom in spring, attracting bees. Likes sunny dry slopes, fast-draining soil, and no extra water after the first year. May reach 6' tall and wide over time, although it is considered slow growing. (A compact variety grows about half this size.) Prune after bloom. Leaves used for herbal teas and for medicinal purposes. Native Americans created smudge sticks from this plant for use in sweat lodges and ceremonies.

Plant Height: 3-6'

Flower Color: Lavender, White

Attracts Wildlife:

Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Spring



Botanical Name: *Salvia clevelandii* 'Winnifred Gilman'

Common Name: Winnifred Gilman Dark Blue Sage

Plant Type: Shrub

Sun: Full

Water: Very Low, Extra in Summer

The 'Winnifred Gilman' Sage is a dense, compact shrub that grows to 4'-5' tall and wide, and has a round form. It has blue purple flowers in spikes above the foliage in summer. This sage has gray aromatic foliage. Plant in full sun with well draining soil. It is drought tolerant once it's established but will look better with occasional deep watering.

Plant Height: 3-6'

Flower Color: Blue, Purple

Attracts Wildlife: Hummingbirds

Leaf Color: Grey Green

Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: *Salvia greggii*

Common Name: Autumn or Texas Sage

Plant Type: Shrub

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Very Low, Extra in Summer

The Autumn Sage is a hybrid evergreen shrub that grows 3'-4' high and wide. It has fragrant green leaves and colorful flowers in shades of red that bloom in spring and summer. This lovely perennial can tolerate sun or partial shade and is hardy to 15 degrees. The Autumn Sage is drought tolerant and attracts hummingbirds. The flower colors that can be grown are coral, pink, purple, red, and white. It can be grown near the coast and in inland warm valleys.

Plant Height: 3-6'

Flower Color: Pink

Attracts Wildlife: Hummingbirds

Leaf Color: Green

Flower Season: Spring, Summer



Botanical Name: *Salvia leucantha*

Common Name: Mexican Sage

Plant Type: Shrub

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Low

The Mexican Sage is a bushy shrub that grows 3'-4' tall and wide. It has hairy white stems, grey-green leaves and velvet-like purple flower spikes that bloom summer through fall. This shrub tolerates sun, light shade, little water, and is hardy to 15 degrees F. The Mexican Sage attracts hummingbirds. Be careful not to overwater. - Cornflower Farms

Plant Height: 3-6'

Flower Color: Purple

Attracts Wildlife: Hummingbirds, Butterflies

Leaf Color: Grey Green

Flower Season: Summer, Fall



Botanical Name: *Santolina chamaecyparissus*

Common Name: Gray Lavender Cotton

Plant Type: Shrub, Ground cover

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Low

This ground cover/small shrub will grow to 3' tall and has small, grayish silver leaves with yellow flowers that bloom in the summer. A native of the Mediterranean region, Lavender Cotton has been cultivated in gardens since the sixteenth century. This slow growing shrub is very hardy. Its yellow flowers can be cut during or after they bloom in order to encourage fresh growth of the aromatic, gray foliage, which is not attractive to deer. Lavender Cotton's stems have been used for household moth repellent and to produce oil for perfume. The plant also responds well to shearing and is used ...

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Yellow

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Grey, Silver

Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: *Teucrium X lucidrys*

Common Name: Trailing Germander

Plant Type: Shrub, Ground cover, Herb

Sun: Full

Water: Very Low, Low

This small shrub reaches 1' tall and 2' wide, with small, shiny, dark green, aromatic leaves on woody stems can be sheared and shaped. Lovely, reddish purple or white flowers appear between the upper leaves during summer. It can be used as a low hedge plant in herbal knot gardens or has a ground cover. To encourage branching, it should be pruned in the spring. It prefers full sun and well draining soil. It does not tolerate wet soil. It is drought tolerant once it's established.

Plant Height: Under 1', 1-3'

Flower Color: White

Attracts Wildlife:

Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: *Teucrium fruticans 'Compactum'*

Common Name: Compact Bush Germander

Plant Type: Shrub

Sun: Full

Water: Very Low, Extra in Summer

This silvery-stemmed evergreen shrub is 3' high x 3' wide and has lavender/blue, fragrant flowers that bloom from spring through fall. Evergreen foliage is 2-toned: woolly and silver color below and gray green above. This plant is a compact mound and reliable since it takes full sun and little water once it's established. Bees and hummingbirds love this plant! It prefers well draining soil and is heat tolerant.

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Blue

Attracts Wildlife: Hummingbirds

Leaf Color: Grey, Silver

Flower Season: Spring, Summer, Fall



Botanical Name: *Verbena bonariensis*

Common Name: Purple Top Verbena

Plant Type: Perennial, Annual

Sun: Full

Water: Low

This 4'-5' tall plant is a drought hardy performer, with blooms atop the sturdy, squarish stem all summer and fall. The flower is a striking purple tuft that makes a good fresh or dried flower. The sparse foliage makes this a great accent flower that hovers high and blends well. Deadheading will prolong its blooming. -Holland Wildflower Farm

Plant Height: 1-3', 3-6'

Flower Color: Purple

Attracts Wildlife: Butterflies

Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Spring, Summer, Fall, Constant



Botanical Name: *Vitex agnus-castus*

Common Name: Chaste Tree, Monk's Pepper Tree

Plant Type: Shrub

Sun: Full

Water: Medium, Extra in Summer

Chaste Tree is not a tree but a deciduous shrub that quickly grows to 20' tall and wide. It has beautiful, fragrant lavender or white flowers in summer which is striking against the gray green, slender, pointed leaves. Butterflies love this shrub too. It full sun and medium amount of watering, more in summer. It tolerates coastal conditions but needs heat to look its best. Prune spent flowers to keep it tidy looking.

Plant Height: 12-25'

Flower Color: Lavender

Attracts Wildlife: Butterflies

Leaf Color: Grey Green

Flower Season: Summer

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