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Botanical Name: *Abelia X grandiflora* Common Name: Pink Abelia

Plant Type: Shrub Sun: Full, Half, Shade Water: Low, Medium

This medium-sized evergreen shrub blooms all summer, displaying small, pink bell-shaped flowers. It has a naturally arching form. It can grow to 6 to

10 feet in the right conditions.

Plant Height: 3-6', 6-12' Flower Color: Pink Attracts Wildlife: Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Spring, Summer, Fall



Botanical Name: Acacia cognata 'Cousin Itt'

Common Name: Little River Wattle

Plant Type: Ground cover

Sun: Full, Half Water: Low

This low shiny ground cover has a low mounding form. It does well in both hot inland or coastal settings, needing little water or care once established. It is a great addition to Mediterranean style gardens, excellent for hillside plantings, rock gardens, mass plantings and with dry creek beds. It is small in stature growing less than 2 feet tall and 4 feet wide. It looks like side-ways bamboo.

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



Botanical Name: Ajuga reptans Common Name: Carpet Bugle Plant Type: Ground cover, Perennial Sun: Half, Shade, Deep Shade

Water: Medium

This colorful groundcover will grow in shade or sun with slightly moist soil. It is an evergreen with purplish rosettes that spread quickly on purplish stems. Blue bloom spikes cover these plants in April and May, and are 6"-8" when blooming. This versatile groundcover can also be used in shady wildflower beds. Other names: Carpet Bugle

Plant Height: Under 1' Flower Color: Blue Attracts Wildlife: Leaf Color:



Botanical Name: Armeria maritima

Common Name: Sea Pink

Plant Type: Ground cover, Perennial

Sun: Full, Half Water: Medium

This clumping, grass-like perennial is native to many areas, including coastal California. Its flowers range

from deep rose pink to white.

Plant Height: Under 1' Flower Color: Pink Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Green, Dark Green **Flower Season:** Spring, Intermittent



Botanical Name: *Buxus sempervirens 'Variegata'*Common Name: Variegated English Boxwood

Plant Type: Shrub Sun: Full, Half

Water: Medium, Extra in Summer

Upright and broad dwarf with green foliage in the center and bright yellow edges. Can be used for hedges or as an accent plant in the landscape. Excellent substitute for Variegated Euonymus where

deer browsing is a problem.

Plant Height: 3-6', 6-12' Flower Color: n/a Attracts Wildlife: Leaf Color:

Flower Season: n/a



Botanical Name: Calycanthus occidentalis

Common Name: Spice Bush

Plant Type: Shrub Sun: Half, Shade Water: Low

A large, fast deciduous shrub growing to 12' tall and 15' wide, the Spice Bush bears large green leaves and small, dull red magnolia-like flowers with narrow petals. Its leaves are fragrant when crushed. The plant should be grown in partial sun or shade, with average to little summer watering and good drainage.

Plant Height: 6-12' Flower Color: Red Attracts Wildlife: n/a Leaf Color: Green



Botanical Name: *Carpenteria californica* Common Name: Bush Anemone

Plant Type: Shrub Sun: Half, Shade Water: Low

CA native is a dense, clean evergreen shrub that grows 4'-8' high and 5' wide. It is tolerant of sun or shade. It has white fragrant flowers from May through August. Native to the foothills of Fresno, where it grows along seasonal creeks.

Plant Height: 6-12' Flower Color: White Attracts Wildlife: Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Spring, Summer



Botanical Name: Ceanothus 'Dark Star' Common Name: Dark Star Ceanothus

Plant Type: Shrub

Sun: Full Water: Low

Dark Star Ceanothus grows to 6' tall and 8' wide, producing small, rounded clusters of dark blue flowers from light burgundy buds that appear in spring. Its habit is compact, with small, dark green, dimpled leaves growing to only 1/2" long. This shrub does best in full sun in coastal areas with well draining soil. It needs very little water once it's established.

Plant Height: 6-12' Flower Color: Blue

Attracts Wildlife: Birds, Hummingbirds

Leaf Color: Dark Green **Flower Season:** Spring



Botanical Name: Centaurea cineraria

Common Name: Dusty Miller Plant Type: Perennial Sun: Full, Half

Water: Low

This perennial plant won't grow more than 1' tall and has large, silvery white leaves with purple or sometimes yellow flowers that bloom in summer.

Bees love the flowers too!

Plant Height: Under 1' Flower Color: Purple, Yellow Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Silver, White Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: Ceratostigma plumbaginoides

Common Name: Dwarf Plumbago **Plant Type:** Ground cover, Perennial

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Medium, Extra in Summer

Intense blue flowers adorn the glossy green leaves of this plant in summer. This mat-forming ground cover, 12"-18" tall and wide, does well in full or part sun, needing regular watering and more during hot summer spells. Dark green leaves turn reddish in fall. This plant spreads by rhizomes. This plant does best in well draining soil but will tolerate clay soil.

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



Botanical Name: *Chaenomeles speciosa*Common Name: Japanese Flowering Quince

Plant Type: Shrub Sun: Full, Half Water: Medium

Chaenomeles speciosa is a deciduous shrub that grows 6'-10' tall and wide with simple, glossy, dark green leaves. It requires half to full sun, medium watering, and will tolerate any soil that is well-draining. In early spring, red flowers appear, followed by edible, yellow green fruit (called quince) that are bitter but great in jellies and jams. Prune just to shape plant after flowering period. Branches have small spines. Established shrub needs less watering.

Plant Height: 6-12' Flower Color: Red Attracts Wildlife: n/a Leaf Color: Dark Green Flower Season: Spring



Botanical Name: Choisya ternata

Common Name: Mexican Orange, Mex. Mock

Orange

Plant Type: Shrub Sun: Full, Half Water: Medium

This evergreen shrub has glossy yellow-green leaves and produces clusters of white flowers that have a fragrance similar to that of orange blossoms. It makes an excellent informal hedge or screen. It requires full sun for growth and partial shade when grown in hot areas. It will need soil amendments if grown in alkaline soil or if water is high in salts.

Plant Height: 3-6'
Flower Color: White
Attracts Wildlife: n/a
Leaf Color: Dark Green



Botanical Name: *Cistus X hybridus* Common Name: White Rockrose Plant Type: Shrub, Ground cover

Sun: Full Water: Very Low

This is a small evergreen shrub with 2" long, dark gray green, crinkly leaves. It has pure white flowers with prominent yellow stamens, emerging from red buds in the spring. The shrub has a mounding habit, 2'-3' tall and 5'-6' wide. It does best in full sun with well draining soil. This is a great plant for hot, dry hillsides. It is deer resistant and tolerant of coastal conditions. It is considered one of the hardiest of the rock roses. It has low fuel for fires.

Plant Height: 1-3' Flower Color: White Attracts Wildlife: n/a Leaf Color: Grey Green Flower Season: Spring



Botanical Name: Correa reflexa

Common Name: Common Correa, Australian

Fuchsia

Plant Type: Shrub Sun: Full, Half Water: Very Low

This Australian native is reliable in areas that are frost free. It can be prostrate or reaching up to 5' tall and wide, depending on cultivar. Leaves are evergreen, oval shaped, gray green or olive green, hairy or smooth, depending on cultivar. Flowers can be bell-shaped or tubular, in varying colors such as cream, red, green with contrasting color tips. Blooms spring thru fall, attracting hummingbirds and other pollinators. Likes full to part sun in coastal areas as well as warm inland valleys. Prefers well draining soil and becomes drought tolerant once established. It is deer and wind ...

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

Flower Color: Green, Red, White, Multi-

Colored

Attracts Wildlife: Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Winter, Spring, Fall



Botanical Name: *Daphne odora 'Aureo-marginata'*Common Name: Variegated Winter Daphne

Plant Type: Shrub

Sun: Half

Water: Medium, Extra in Summer

This shrub will reach about 3'-4' tall and wide. It has a rounded habit and grows at a moderate rate. It has a small, glossy, green, evergreen leaves with white margins. It has pale pink, fragrant flowers that bloom in spring. This shrub does best in part sun, regular watering and more during hot spells. This plant does best in fertile, well draining soil.

Plant Height: 3-6'
Flower Color: Pink
Attracts Wildlife:
Leaf Color:



Botanical Name: *Digitalis purpurea* **Common Name:** Common Foxglove

Plant Type: Perennial

Sun: Half

Water: Medium, High

This biennial Foxglove will reach up to 4' when blooming in the early summer. The large spire of huge, bell-shaped flowers ranges from purple to pink to cream with purple specks. Large, textured leaves form an attractive rosette until bloom time. This plant likes a moist, filtered-sun area similar to the Lobelias and Columbines.

Plant Height: 3-6'

Flower Color: Pink, Purple, Multi-Colored

Attracts Wildlife: Hummingbirds Leaf Color: Green, Grey Green Flower Season: Spring, Summer



Botanical Name: Erigeron glaucus 'Wayne Roderick'
Common Name: Seaside Daisy, Beach Fleabane

Plant Type: Ground cover, Perennial

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Low, Medium, Extra in Summer

Perennial grows 1' tall and 1.5' wide. Has deep green foliage and lavender flowers with gold centers. Blooms spring through fall if deadheaded. Does well in coastal areas where it can be planted in full sun. Prefers afternoon shade inland. Requires little water once established but looks better with extra summer water. Attracts bees and butterflies.

Deer and rabbit resistant.

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Gold, Lavender, Multi-

Colored

Attracts Wildlife: Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Spring, Summer, Fall



Botanical Name: Escallonia x exoniensis

Common Name: Escallonia

Plant Type: Shrub Sun: Full, Half Water: Low

Escallonia is an evergreen shrub that grows to 6'-8' tall and wide. It is valued for its glossy foliage and clusters of pink flowers. The heaviest bloom period is during spring and fall, with some flowers all year. The Escallonias grow best in sun to part shade, but will tolerate mostly shade if necessary. These plants usually need little or no summer watering.

Plant Height: 6-12' Flower Color: Pink Attracts Wildlife: Birds Leaf Color: Dark Green

Flower Season: Spring, Summer, Fall,

Intermittent



Botanical Name: Eschscholzia californica Common Name: California Poppy

Plant Type: Annual Sun: Full, Half Water: Medium

The California State Flower. This small annual (sometimes acts as a perennial) plant will grow to less than 1' tall and has light, small blue green leaves with gold and orange flowers that bloom in spring and summer. It is an aggressive grower and can get away from you in a residential garden space. Plant it in spaces where it is alright for it to roam.

Plant Height: Under 1' Flower Color: Gold, Orange Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Blue Green, Grey Green, Light

Green

Flower Season: Spring, Summer



Botanical Name: Euryops pectinatus

Common Name: Euryops Plant Type: Shrub

Sun: Full
Water: Very Low

This dependable shrub with bright yellow, daisy-like flowers, blooms almost year-round. Its leaves are grey-green in color and divided. This shrub can reach 6' tall and wide. It is very hardy and does well in full sun and well draining soil. When established, it is drought tolerant. Prune when flowers start to fade. The branches are wonderful in flower arrangements. This shrub tends to show its branches at the bottom so plant something low growing like Basket of Gold alyssum.

Plant Height: 3-6' Flower Color: Yellow Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Dark Green, Grey Green **Flower Season:** Winter, Spring, Summer,

Fall, Constant



Botanical Name: Feijoa sellowiana Common Name: Pineapple Guava

Plant Type: Tree, Shrub

Sun: Full, Half Water: Low

Classified as an evergreen shrub or a small tree, this plant can be pruned to almost any size or shape. Its foliage is gray green and silvery underneath. White flowers with bright red stamens can be seen, followed by 1"-4" long, oval, edible fruit. Full sun is required for proper growth. Additional names: Acca sellowiana

Plant Height: 12-25'

Flower Color: Red, White, Multi-Colored

Attracts Wildlife: n/a Leaf Color: Grey Green Flower Season: Spring



Botanical Name: Felicia amelloides

Common Name: Blue Marguerite, Blue Felicia Daisy

Plant Type: Shrub, Ground cover

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Medium, Extra in Summer

This shrubby perennial is grown mostly as a ground cover since it reaches 18" tall and spreads up to 5'. It has oval, hairy leaves that are 1" in length and dark green in color. It produces a variety of bright blue, 1 1/4" wide flowers with yellow centers, resembling daisies. In cool summer areas, this plant may act as an annual, blooming from spring through fall. In hot summer places, plant in full sun but with afternoon shade. It will only bloom from spring through midsummer. It does best in well draining soil. It does best with regular watering. It does not tolerate hot humid areas. It ...

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Blue, Yellow, Multi-Colored

Attracts Wildlife: Butterflies Leaf Color: Dark Green

Flower Season: Spring, Summer, Fall



Botanical Name: Frangula californica Common Name: California Coffeeberry

Plant Type: Shrub Sun: Full, Half Water: Very Low

Easy-care, long-lived evergreen shrub grows 6'-8' tall and wide, sometimes larger, with a rounded form that can be pruned to shape. Native in chaparral, woodland, and forest communities from Oregon coast ranges through most of California into Arizona and Baja. Foliage is large, leathery, deep green with reddish tints, stems are reddish brown when young, spring flowers are inconspicuous but attract butterflies and bees. Leaf edges curl under during dry summers to conserve moisture. Red berries turn black in late summer, when they attract birds (and resemble coffee beans). Tolerates sun or p ...

Plant Height: 6-12' Flower Color: n/a Attracts Wildlife: Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Spring



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 'Yellow' trailing* Common Name: Trailing Yellow Gazania

Plant Type: Ground cover

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Very Low, Low, Extra in Summer

This somewhat hardy perennial will grow 6"-12" high and produces wonderful, bright yellow flowers.

Plant Height: Under 1' Flower Color: Yellow Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Blue Green, Grey Green **Flower Season:** Spring, Summer, Fall



Botanical Name: *Grevillea 'Superb'* Common Name: Superb Grevillea

Plant Type: Shrub Sun: Full, Half Water: Low

Hummingbirds, birds and bees cannot resist the nectar-filled flowers of this stunning evergreen shrub that is covered in 5-inch panicles of coral, pink and yellow blooms year-round in frost free areas. It prefers a neutral to acidic soil and thrives in well-drained soil that is low in phosphorous. The foliage has a beautiful textual quality. Light pruning encourages more blooms at the ends of each branch. This magnificent plant is a hybrid cross of G. banksii and G. bipinnatifida. -Village Nursery

Plant Height: 3-6'

Flower Color: Pink, Red, Yellow, Multi-

Colored

Attracts Wildlife: Birds, Hummingbirds

Leaf Color: Green

Flower Season: Winter, Spring, Summer,

Fall, Constant



Botanical Name: Helleborus hybrids

Common Name: Hybrid Helleborus or Hellebore

Plant Type: Perennial Sun: Half, Shade

Water: Medium, Extra in Summer

The Helleborus hybrids are evergreen plants that are a favorite for many gardeners due to the variety of flower colors and ease of growth. They maintain their dark green, glossy foliage through winter. By late winter, cut back the old foliage to view the emerging flower stalks. It prefers rich, well-drained soil and light to dark shade. It looks great in mass plantings under trees or large shrubs for a woodland effect. Leaves, stems and roots are poisonous.

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Green, Pink, White

Attracts Wildlife: Leaf Color:



Botanical Name: Hemerocallis hybrids Common Name: Daylily hybrids

Plant Type: Perennial Sun: Full, Half

Water: Low, Extra in Summer

These summer-blooming perennials form clumps with large, grass-like leaves. Its showy flowers, resembling lilies, are borne in clusters on stems held well above the foliage. Daylilies can be found in many colors: yellow, orange, red, purple, pink or multi-colored. Hemerocallis does better in welldraining soil and with extra summer water. Hemerocallis are very hardy, with few or none pests/problems.

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

Flower Color: Red

Attracts Wildlife: Birds, Butterflies

Leaf Color: Green

Flower Season: Spring, Summer



Botanical Name: Iberis sempervirens 'Little Gem' Common Name: Little Gem Evergreen Candytuft

Plant Type: Ground cover, Perennial

Sun: Full, Half Water: Low, Medium

The 'Snowflake' is an evergreen perennial that reaches a size of 6" tall and up to 15" wide. It has

narrow, dark green foliage that is covered with pure white flowers in spring and early summer. It does best in full to part sun with regular watering and more during hot summer spells. It needs well draining soil. This compact plant looks great in rock gardens, containers, borders, in woodland gardens. Plant near entryway because of fragrant flowers. Beautiful plant for moon gardens.

Plant Height: Under 1' Flower Color: White Attracts Wildlife: n/a Leaf Color: Dark Green

Flower Season: Spring, Summer



Botanical Name: Iris Pacific Coast Hybrids Common Name: Pacific Coast Irises

Plant Type: Perennial

Sun: Full, Half, Shade Water: Very Low, Low, Medium, Extra in Summer

These Irises are 6"-18" tall and have clumps of grass-like foliage. The flowers are 3"-4" across; it makes good cut flowers and vary from white, yellow, lavender, purple, blue, and reddish purple. Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Blue, Lavender, Multi-

Colored

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Green, Dark Green



Botanical Name: *Iris bearded 'Beverly Sills'* Common Name: Beverly Sills Bearded Iris

Plant Type: Perennial Sun: Full, Half Water: Low, Medium

This Iris is a well-known and beloved variety of tall bearded irises that has peachy, pink colored flower ruffles. This iris can reach 35" tall! Sword-shaped, narrow, green leaves can be 18" tall and 1.5" wide. It does best in well draining, sandy soil with average watering. Established plants can become drought tolerant. It tolerates full sun but will appreciate afternoon shade in warm, inland valleys. Plants typically bloom in June. It will appreciate regular watering during the bloom period. Plant the rhizomes from late July through October. This iris is prone to root rot and leaf spot. ...

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Orange, Pink Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Green, Grey Green **Flower Season:** Summer



Botanical Name: *Kniphofia uvaria* Common Name: Red Hot Poker

Plant Type: Perennial Sun: Full, Half

Water: Low

This perennial will reach about 3' tall and has large green leaves with orange flowers that bloom in

summer and fall.

Plant Height: 1-3' Flower Color: Orange

Attracts Wildlife: Hummingbirds

Leaf Color: Green

Flower Season: Summer, Fall



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 stoechas Common Name: Spanish Lavender Plant Type: Shrub, Perennial, Herb

Sun: Full, Half Water: Low

This dense shrub grows 2'-3' tall with blue gray foliage and deep purple flowers that have large showy bracts near the top of the spikes. Drought and deer tolerant.

Plant Height: 1-3' Flower Color: Purple Attracts Wildlife: Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Spring, Summer



Botanical Name: Leonotis leonurus

Common Name: Lion's Tail Plant Type: Shrub, Perennial

Sun: Full

Water: Very Low, Low, Extra in Summer

This is an upright shrub to about 6' tall and wide. Lion's Tail provides both lush greenery and a durable, drought-tolerant shrub. Tubular bright orange flowers are produced from summer through fall. Plants thrive in desert heat, and can be grown in containers, so plants can be moved to sheltered locations for frost protection. Also known as: Lion's-Ear

Plant Height: 3-6' Flower Color: Orange

Attracts Wildlife: Hummingbirds Leaf Color: Green, Dark Green Flower Season: Summer, Fall



Botanical Name: Limonium perezii Common Name: Sea Lavender Plant Type: Shrub, Perennial

Sun: Full, Half Water: Low

This mounding shrub will reach about 3' high and has large, dark green leaves with small blue and purple flowers that bloom in spring and summer. Very hardy and outstanding perennial for water wise gardens. Tall clusters of tiny, deep mauve flowers are produced throughout much of the year. Ornamental foliage is evergreen and forms an attractive, rounded mound. Can be mass planted for low maintenance areas or low, edging borders.

Plant Height: 1-3'
Flower Color: Purple
Attracts Wildlife: n/a
Leaf Color: Dark Green



Botanical Name: *Lithodora diffusa 'Grace Ward'* **Common Name:** Grace Ward Lithodora

Plant Type: Ground cover, Perennial

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Medium, Extra in Summer

The Lithodora is a prostrate perennial that grows from 6'-12' high and spreads up to 4' wide. It has green hairy leaves and stems with bright blue, starshaped flowers during summer. The Lithodora needs full sun to partial shade and needs regular watering and more during summer. A great plant for rock gardens, edgings for planters as it spills over and for woodland style gardens. This plant needs acidic, well draining soil. It does not tolerate clay soil.

Plant Height: Under 1' Flower Color: Blue

Attracts Wildlife: Butterflies

Leaf Color: Green **Flower Season:** Summer



Botanical Name: Luma apiculata

Common Name: Luma Plant Type: Shrub

Sun: Full Water: Medium

Luma apiculata is an evergreen shrub or small tree. It grows fast to 6'-8' tall and equally wide. Old plants develop beautiful bark, the color of cinnamon. The foliage is dense, with closely set, dark green, oval to roundish, .5"-1" long leaves. Flowers are white to

pinkish, a little more than .5" across, with four petals and a large brush of stamens in the center.

Plant Height: 6-12' Flower Color: Pink, White Attracts Wildlife: n/a Leaf Color: Dark Green Flower Season: n/a



Botanical Name: *Mahonia aquifolium*Common Name: Oregon Grape
Plant Type: Broadleaf Evergreen, Shrub

Sun: Full, Half, Shade **Water:** Medium

Evergreen shrub grows upright to 6' tall, slowly creeping outward by rhizomes. Leaves are 4"-10" long, with 5-9 very spiny-toothed, 1.5" oval leaflets. New springtime growth turns copper-bronze tone, and fall foliage turns a deep reddish tone. Performs in sun or shade and looks best with regular water but is considered drought tolerant. Terminal clusters of bright-yellow, bell-shaped flowers are followed by clusters of blue, grape-like fruits loved by birds. Makes good jelly.

Plant Height: 3-6' Flower Color: Yellow Attracts Wildlife: Leaf Color:



Botanical Name: *Mahonia repens*Common Name: Creeping Mahonia
Plant Type: Shrub, Ground cover

Sun: Half, Shade Water: Low

The creeping Mahonia is a small evergreen shrub that grows 1'-3' high. It has spiny, red to green foliage and yellow flowers in the spring. This plant spreads by underground stems and is resistant to oak root fungus. It is native to California and is drought tolerant.

Plant Height: 1-3' Flower Color: Yellow Attracts Wildlife: Birds

Leaf Color: Bronze, Blue Green **Flower Season:** Spring, Summer



Botanical Name: *Mimulus X hybridus*Common Name: Sticky Monkey Flower

Plant Type: Perennial Sun: Full, Half, Shade

Water: Very Low, Low, Extra in Summer Mimulus hybrids are short-lived perennials. Smooth, succulent, medium green leaves form a mound to 1'-1.5' high. Showy, velvety flowers are funnel shaped, 2"-2.5" long with two "lips." Available in yellow, white and pink colors. The flower shape co-evolved to accommodate bees.

Plant Height: 1-3', 3-6' Flower Color: Yellow Attracts Wildlife: Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Spring, Summer



Botanical Name: *Monardella villosa* Common Name: Coyote Mint

Plant Type: Shrub

Sun: Full

Water: Very Low

Perennial native to CA coast ranges grows 2' tall and wide, with gray-green foliage and light purple clusters of flowers in summer. Prefers part shade to sun and is drought tolerant but takes garden water if given perfect drainage. Grows in sand, clay, or serpentine soil and also does well on dry slopes. Smells like a minty toothpaste and was used by Spanish as cure for sore throats. Nectar source for butterflies - place in sunnier locale for more butterflies. Usually deer resistant. Cut back in winter for compact appearance. Drought tolerant.

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Purple, Violet

Attracts Wildlife: Leaf Color:



Botanical Name: *Myrica californica*Common Name: Pacific Wax Myrtle

Plant Type: Shrub Sun: Full, Half Water: Low

This large shrub/tree can reach 30' tall and has glossy, dark green leaves with purple nutlets that attract birds. It is used very effectively as a screen.

Also known as Morella californica.

Plant Height: 12-25' Flower Color: n/a Attracts Wildlife: Birds Leaf Color: Light Green Flower Season: Spring



Botanical Name: *Myrtus communis* **Common Name:** Common Myrtle

Plant Type: Shrub Sun: Full, Half Water: Low

This evergreen shrub is 6' high and 5' wide with aromatic leaves. It blooms with white, sweet-scented flowers followed by bluish black berries. It can be grown in sun or partial shade; well drained

soil is essential.

Plant Height: 3-6', 6-12', 12-25'

Flower Color: White
Attracts Wildlife: n/a
Leaf Color: Dark Green
Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: Narcissus Assorted Varieties

Common Name: Daffodil Plant Type: Perennial, Bulb

Sun: Full, Half Water: Very Low

Narcissus sp. is a spring-flowering bulb. They are permanent, increasing form year to year. Leaves are straight and flat or narrow and rushlike. Flowers are composed of right angled petals surrounding the trumpet in the center. Flowers usually face sun. Keep that in mind when selecting planting place.

Plant Height: Under 1', 1-3' Flower Color: Yellow, White Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Green **Flower Season:** Winter, Spring



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: Origanum vulgare

Common Name: Oregano Plant Type: Perennial, Herb

Sun: Full, Half Water: Low

Native to Europe and Central Asia, Oregano is one of the central flavors in Italian cooking. It is a bushy, rhizomatous, woody-branched perennial that grows 1-3' tall and 2' wide on square stems clad with aromatic round to ovate leaves. Bears small, two-lipped, pinkish-purple or white flowers that rise above the foliage in summer. Easily grown in gardens or pots in warm, sunny gardens. It's deer and drought resistant and performs in rocky or shallow soil.

Plant Height: Under 1' Flower Color: Pink Attracts Wildlife: Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: Osmanthus fragrans

Common Name: Sweet Olive

Plant Type: Shrub **Sun:** Full, Half **Water:** Medium

The sweet olive is a moderate-growing, evergreen shrub to 10' high. It is broad, dense and compact, with oval leaves that are 4" in length and a glossy, medium green color. Small flowers with a strong apricot-like fragrance are produced in the spring and summer. Some people have described the scent as a combination of Gardenia and Citrus which comes from the clusters of tiny cream colored flowers that appear in Spring and Summer. It's an excellent choice as a screen or hedge growing to about 10' tall and 8' wide. They do well in full sun with regular water and grow nicely with part shade ...

Plant Height: 3-6', 6-12' Flower Color: White Attracts Wildlife: n/a Leaf Color: Green



Botanical Name: Osmanthus heterophyllus

Common Name: False Holly

Plant Type: Shrub Sun: Full, Half, Shade Water: Medium

False holly is an extremely tough, strikingly evergreen shrub. The bright cream- edged foliage holds up well in sun or shade. Use it to brighten a shady corner, or set it against a background of dark evergreens. It makes a colorful informal hedge and can also be kept in a large container for many years. Once it is well established it will produce tiny- but powerfully fragrant - flowers in fall. The heavy perfume carries well, even on the cool autumn air. False hollies respond well to pruning and can make a dense and impenetrable hedge. If allowed to grow naturally, mature specimens develop ...

Plant Height: 6-12' Flower Color: White Attracts Wildlife: n/a Leaf Color: Green Flower Season: Fall



Botanical Name: Pelargonium (Scented Types)

Common Name: Scented Geranium

Plant Type: Perennial Sun: Full, Half

Water: Low

Scented Geraniums are woody type perennials that do well in warm dry climates with cool evenings. There are many varieties of Geraniums that have scented leaves when bruised. It used for medicinal and culinary purposes. Most of these plants grow 1'-4' tall and prefer full to part sun, slightly acidic, well draining soil. Many have flowers in the summer in different colors. Foliage is succulent and wrinkled at edges. These plants need good air circulation. It can be grown indoors in bright light.

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

Flower Color: Pink, Purple, Red

Attracts Wildlife: Birds

Leaf Color: Green, Dark Green, Variegated

Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: *Phlomis fruticosa* Common Name: Jerusalem Sage

Plant Type: Shrub

Sun: Full Water: Low

This hardy shrub can reach 4' tall and wide. It is a useful, old-time garden plant with soft, woolly gray green, wrinkled leaves. During spring and summer, yellow, 1" flowers in ball-shaped whorls with a clove like fragrance cover the shrub. It does best in full sun or light shade. It is both cold tolerant and drought tolerant once it's established.

Plant Height: 3-6' Flower Color: Yellow Attracts Wildlife: n/a Leaf Color: Grey Green



Botanical Name: *Plectranthus argentatus Longwood*

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Common Name: Silver Plectranthus

Plant Type: Perennial

Sun: Half Water: Medium

This attractive perennial quickly reaches 3' tall and 6' wide. Evergreen leaves are hairy, broad and silver green. Long spikes of reddish purple buds open up to pale pink flowers in summer and fall. This plant is mostly grown for the foliage. Plant in area where it will get afternoon shade. It does best in fertile, moist soils and regular watering. Branches are brittle and can be damaged by strong winds. It's best not to plant near walkways. Prune every 2 years in late winter.

Plant Height: 3-6'
Flower Color: Pink
Attracts Wildlife: n/a
Leaf Color: Green, Silver
Flower Season: Summer, Fall



Botanical Name: Plectranthus neochilius

Common Name: Lobster Flower

Plant Type: Perennial Sun: Full, Half

Water: Medium

Lobster flower is a perennial/ succulent herb, which grows as a mounded mat under 1 foot tall with blue/purple flower that shoot up from 3-6 inch stems. It makes for a grand ground cover that is water efficient. It is also great for container gardens. It is good in full sun and requires good drainage.

Plant Height: 3-6'

Flower Color: Blue, Purple Attracts Wildlife: n/a Leaf Color: Green, Silver

Flower Season: Winter, Spring, Summer,

Fall, Constant



Botanical Name: *Plumbago auriculata* Common Name: Cape Plumbago

Plant Type: Shrub Sun: Full, Half Water: Low

This mounding shrub will grow to 12'+ tall and has small, light green leaves with blue and white flowers

that bloom all year.

Plant Height: 3-6', 6-12' Flower Color: Blue Attracts Wildlife: n/a Leaf Color: Light Green

Flower Season: Winter, Spring, Summer,

Fall, Intermittent



Botanical Name: Prunus ilicifolia ssp. lyonii

Common Name: Catalina Cherry

Plant Type: Tree, Shrub

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Very Low, Low, Medium

Native to California's Channel Islands, the Catalina cherry is an evergreen shrub or small tree that grows 15' to 30' tall and wide, usually smaller and upright. Makes a nice tall, dense screen or hedge. Easily pruned to shape or control size. Develops showy white flower spikes in spring that bees adore and dark red-purple fruit in fall that is cherished by birds. Catalina cherry is drought tolerant, resists oak root fungus, and attracts beneficial insects and butterflies.

Plant Height: 6-12', 12-25' Flower Color: White Attracts Wildlife: Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Spring



Botanical Name: Rhododendron macrophyllum

Common Name: Pacific Rhododendron

Plant Type: Shrub **Sun:** Half, Shade

Water: Medium, Extra in Summer

The Pacific Rhododendron is found west of the Cascades from southern British Columbia to Northern California. It reaches to about 24 feet (8m); taller in the shade than in the sun. It grows in in fairly dry open forests and edges. It commonly grows along roadsides in the rainshadow of the Olympic Mountains. Washington State Flower.

Plant Height: 6-12', 12-25' Flower Color: Pink

Attracts Wildlife: Butterflies Leaf Color: Dark Green

Flower Season: Spring, Summer



Botanical Name: Ribes sanguineum glutinosum

Common Name: Winter Currant

Plant Type: Shrub Sun: Half, Shade Water: Very Low, Low

Beautiful semi-deciduous shrub with an upright growth habit that's round and open. Showy pink flowers bloom late winter and spring, a hummingbird's delight. Birds and other pollinators

relish the seeds.

Plant Height: 6-12' Flower Color: Pink Attracts Wildlife: Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Winter, Spring



Botanical Name: Rosmarinus officinalis 'Chef's

Choice'

Common Name: Chef's Choice Rosemary

Plant Type: Shrub Sun: Full, Half Water: Low

An outstanding new Rosemary specially selected for its higher oil content and spicy flavor. With a compact, mounding habit, this is the Rosemary of choice for container, herb and kitchen gardens.

Plant Height: Under 1', 1-3'

Flower Color: Blue Attracts Wildlife: n/a Leaf Color: Green Flower Season: Spring



Botanical Name: *Rudbeckia hirta*Common Name: Black-Eyed Susan

Plant Type: Perennial

Sun: Full

Water: Medium

Bright yellow, large, daisy-like flowers that grow all summer and fall highlight this daisy variety.

Plant Height: 3-6'

Flower Color: Yellow, Multi-Colored

Attracts Wildlife: n/a Leaf Color: Dark Green Flower Season: Summer, Fall



Botanical Name: Salvia buchananii Common Name: Buchanan Sage Plant Type: Shrub, Perennial

Sun: Full, Half Water: Medium

This attractive sage reaches 1'-2' tall and wide. Leaves are oval, dark green, glossy, and interestingly, spaced apart. Thin stems support 2-lipped, 2" long, drooping purple flowers that bloom in summer and fall. Sages attract bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. Buchanan Sage looks great in containers. It tolerates full sun but appreciates afternoon shade in warm inland valleys. It does not tolerate frost and prefers well draining soil.

Plant Height: 1-3'
Flower Color: Purple
Attracts Wildlife:
Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Summer, Fall



Botanical Name: Salvia canariensis var. 'Candidissima'

Common Name: Candissima Canary Island Sage

Plant Type: Shrub, Perennial

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Very Low, Low, Extra in Summer

A rare and more compact form of the S. canariensis, it bears bright, furry, silvery-white foliage and stems and performs in sunny, dry gardens. May reach 5' x 5' in a single season, with bushy and upright habit. Blooms are held on 12" spikes, with rosy-magentapink flowers and violet-purple calyces. Easy, deer resistant, and drought tolerant. Prefers well drained soil with some compost added. Loved by bees and hummingbirds. Cut back to 2'tall in winter.

Plant Height: 3-6'

Flower Color: Pink, Violet

Attracts Wildlife: Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Spring, Summer



Botanical Name: Salvia clevelandii 'Pozo Blue'

Common Name: Grey Musk Sage

Plant Type: Perennial

Sun: Full

Water: Very Low

This drought-tolerant 3' perennial has gray-green, aromatic, lance shaped foliage. It is a hybrid of Salvia clevelandii and Salvia leucophylla. Clusters of violet blue flowers cover the plant spring and summer, attracting hummingbirds, birds, and butterflies. This salvia needs full sun and is drought tolerant once established. It is cold and heat tolerant, growing in desert and coastal areas. It tolerates sandy and clay soil. Very reliable.

Plant Height: 3-6'

Flower Color: Blue, Violet

Attracts Wildlife:

Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Spring, Summer



Botanical Name: Salvia spathacea Common Name: Hummingbird Sage Plant Type: Shrub, Ground cover

Sun: Full, Half, Shade

Water: Low

Hummingbird sage is endemic to California, where it is found at low elevations of the Coast Ranges from San Bruno Mountain to Orange County. Fragrant, fruity foliage spreads by rhizomes. Flower stems rise 2 - 3 ft. above the leaves in spring, with ball-like clusters of deep fuchsia flowers. Loved by hummingbirds. Does best in cool sun or part shade in hot areas. Drought tolerant, but looks best with occasional summer water. Deer resistant. Excellent for dry shade and under oaks.

Plant Height: 1-3' Flower Color: Pink Attracts Wildlife: Leaf Color:



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: Scabiosa caucasica

Common Name: Scabiosa Plant Type: Perennial

Sun: Full

Water: Medium

A perennial that grows to 1' to 2' tall, 2'-3' wide, therefore used as edgings or borders. Lavender or blue or white flowers appear on stiff, thin stalks among the foliage during the summer. Flowers look like pincushions, thus the common name. Foliage is gray green, narrow and lance-shaped. This plant does best in full sun with well draining soil. Does not tolerate high heat and humidity. Prune spent flowers to encourage more blooms.

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Blue, Lavender, Multi-

Colored

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Green, Grey Green **Flower Season:** Summer



Botanical Name: Scaevola 'Mauve Clusters' Common Name: Mauve Clusters Fan Flower

Plant Type: Ground cover, Perennial

Sun: Full, Half Water: Medium

This perennial used as a ground cover will grow less than 1' tall but will spread 3-5' wide. It has small, green, fleshy leaves. Lavender blue, slightly fragrant, fan-shaped flowers bloom almost all year round. It tolerates full to part sun with medium amount of watering. It can be grown in coastal areas. Frost sensitive.

Plant Height: Under 1' Flower Color: Lavender Attracts Wildlife: n/a Leaf Color: Green

Flower Season: Winter, Spring, Summer,

Fall, Constant



Botanical Name: Sisyrinchium bellum Common Name: Blue-Eyed Grass

Plant Type: Perennial Sun: Full, Half Water: Very Low

Following winter rains, this grassy perennial brings a soft texture back into the garden. It produces an abundance of small blue-purple flowers which have a long bloom cycle. The foliage is similar to Irises. This California native prefers full sun and is drought tolerant once it's established. It's great in small spaces and among rocks. This plant reaches about 1' tall.

Plant Height: Under 1'
Flower Color: Blue, Purple
Attracts Wildlife: Hummingbirds

Leaf Color: Green

Flower Season: Winter, Spring, Summer



Botanical Name: *Stachys byzantina* Common Name: Lamb's Ear Plant Type: Shrub, Perennial

Sun: Full, Half Water: Very Low

This tiny shrub will grow less than 1' tall and has medium-size, greyish-green leaves with blue and lavender flowers that bloom in the spring. This shrub is grown more for its velvety leaves than the flowers. It is drought tolerant once it's established. Be careful not to overwater.

Plant Height: Under 1' Flower Color: Blue, Lavender Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Grey Green **Flower Season:** Spring



Botanical Name: Tagetes lemmonii

Common Name: Copper Canyon Dasiy, Perennial

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Plant Type: Perennial Sun: Full, Half

Water: Low

This larger perennial will grow to 6' tall and has small, light green leaves with yellow mustard colored flowers that bloom in winter and spring. Cut back to within 6" of the ground to refresh and reduce the size of the plant. This plant is a riot of color! Its unique fragrance is loved by pollinators (but not by deer).

Plant Height: 3-6' Flower Color: Yellow Attracts Wildlife: Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Winter, Spring, Summer



Botanical Name: *Tecoma capensis*Common Name: Cape Honeysuckle
Plant Type: Shrub, Ground cover, Vine

Sun: Full, Half Water: Low

The Cape Honeysuckle is an evergreen shrub that grows to 8' tall with pruning, or a vine that reaches 20' with support. The leaflets are shiny green, and the fall-winter flowers are orange and tubular shaped. This shrub can tolerate sun or part shade, heat, wind, and salt air. The Cape Honeysuckle is drought tolerant and attracts hummingbirds.

Plant Height: 6-12'

Flower Color: Orange, Red Attracts Wildlife: n/a Leaf Color: Dark Green

Flower Season: Winter, Summer, Fall



Botanical Name: *Tellima grandiflora* Common Name: Fringe Cups

Plant Type: Ground cover, Perennial

Sun: Half, Shade

Water: Medium, Extra in Summer

Fringe Cups does best in moist, shady areas and sends up tall flower stalks in the spring. The flowers range from yellowish-green to dark pink, and the leaves can be reddish too.

Plant Height: Under 1'
Flower Color: Green, Pink
Attracts Wildlife: Hummingbirds,
Butterflies

Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Spring



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* **Common Name:** Bush Germander

Plant Type: Shrub, Herb

Sun: Full Water: Low

This round shrub will reach about 12' high and has small, grayish silvery leaves with blue flowers that

appear throughout the seasons.

Plant Height: 3-6', 6-12' Flower Color: Blue Attracts Wildlife: n/a Leaf Color: Grey, Silver

Flower Season: Winter, Spring, Summer,

Fall, Intermittent



Botanical Name: *Thymus 'Victor Reiter'*Common Name: Victor Reiter Thyme
Plant Type: Ground cover, Perennial, Herb

Sun: Full, Half **Water:** Very Low

This evergreen ground cover needs full sun to light shade. It grows to 3" tall, forming a dense, thick mat. It needs well-drained, light soil. This thyme is considered drought tolerant. The foliage is dark green and slightly hairy. It has a pleasant, minty fragrance when crushed, though not considered for culinary uses. Flowers are lilac purple and bloom in the summer. It attracts bees and butterflies.

Plant Height: Under 1'
Flower Color: Purple
Attracts Wildlife: Butterflies
Leaf Color: Dark Green
Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: *Tibouchina urvilleana* Common Name: Princess Flower

Plant Type: Tree Sun: Full, Half, Shade Water: Medium

The Princess Flower is a rangy, loosely constructed evergreen shrub with oval, velvety leaves that are 3"-6" in length. Dramatic and elegant, 3" wide royal purple flowers form at the ends of the branches during the warm season. The shrub has very eyecatching flowers. When grown in the warmer valley areas, this plant prefers protection from hot, drying winds.

Plant Height: 6-12', 12-25' Flower Color: Purple Attracts Wildlife: n/a Leaf Color: Green

Flower Season: Spring, Summer, Fall,

Intermittent



Botanical Name: *Tulbaghia violacea* Common Name: Society Garlic

Plant Type: Perennial Sun: Full, Half, Shade Water: Medium

This clumping perennial will grow less than 1' tall and has narrow, blue green leaves. Clusters of lavender flowers bloom in spring and summer. Leaves and flowers have a distinct onion or garlic

smell if crushed.

Plant Height: Under 1' Flower Color: Lavender Attracts Wildlife: n/a Leaf Color: Green

Flower Season: Spring, Summer



Botanical Name: Verbena lilacina 'De La Mina'

Common Name: Cedros Island Verbena

Plant Type: Perennial Sun: Full, Half

Water: Very Low, Extra in Summer

This attractive perennial quickly reaches 2' tall and 4' wide. Foliage is bright green, dissected and fern-looking. During spring and summer, thin stalks rise above foliage, ending with fragrant, 1" diameter, lavender blue clusters of flowers, attracting bees and butterflies. This mound shaped plant prefers full to part sun. It is drought tolerant once it's established but will do better with occasional water

during hot summer months.

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Blue, Lavender

Attracts Wildlife: Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Spring, Summer



Botanical Name: Westringia fruticosa 'Morning

Light

Common Name: Morning Light Coast Rosemary

Plant Type: Shrub Sun: Full, Half Water: Medium

A small evergreen shrub that grows 3' tall and wide. It has white edged leaves and small white flowers that bloom in the spring. It is very drought tolerant.

Plant Height: 1-3' Flower Color: White Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Green, White, Yellow,

Variegated

Flower Season: Intermittent

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