

Water Conserving Plants

Water conservation in California is a way of life. Planning for potential future drought when planning our landscapes is practical and sustainable. A drought-tolerant landscape does not have to be dull or arid looking. There are many plants that offer interest with flowers, fruits and colorful foliage. Plants adapted to a Mediterranean climate whether they be Australian, South African, European or native can combine to create a successful whole. Here is a partial list to help you get started. All will do well with little to moderate water. (Moderate meaning less than average). Highly flammable plants such as juniper, pine and eucalyptus and rosemary (though drought-tolerant) have been omitted.

Trees

Aesculus sp. (Buckeye)	Jacaranda mimosifolia
Albizia julibrissin (Mimosa)	Lagerstroemia indica (Crape Myrtle)
Almond	Melaleuca quinqueveria (Paperbark)
Arbutus 'Marina' (Strawberry Tree)	Metrosideros (New Zealand Christmas Tree) *
Cedrus deodora (California Christmas Tree)	Olea europaea (Olive)
Ceratonia siliqua (Carob)	Pistacia chinensis (Chinese Pistache) *
Chitalpa tashkentensis (Desert Willow)	Quercus sp. (Oak)
Cinnamomum camphora (Camphor)	Robinia sp. (Locust)
Ficus carica (Fig)	Schinus molle (California Pepper) *
Ginkgo biloba (Maidenhair Tree)	Umbellularia californica (Pacific Bay)

Shrubs

Acacia latifolia and redolens	Dendromecon harfordii (Island Bush Poppy)
Adenanthos sp (Woolybush)	Dodonaea viscosa (Hopseed) *
Alyogyne huegglei	Eleagnus sp. (Silverberry) *
Arbutus unedo (Strawberry Tree)	Eremophila (Emu Bush)
Arctostaphylos sp. (Manzanita) *	Eriogonum sp. (Buckwheat) *
Astartea	Euryops pectinatus
Banksia sp.	Fallugia (Apache Plume)
Buddleja sp. (Butterfly Bush)	Feijoa sellowiana (Pineapple Guava) *
Buxus sp. (Boxwood) *	Fremontodendron (Flannel Bush)
Callistemon sp. (Bottlebrush) *	Grevillea sp.
Capparis spinosa (Caper)	Hakea suaveolens
Carpentaria californica *	Halimolobos
Caryopteris sp.	Halimium sp (Rockrose relative)
Ceanothus sp (California Lilac) *	Heteromeles arbutifolia (Toyon) *
Chamaelirium sp. (Waxflower)	Isopogon
Cistus sp. (Rockrose)	Kerria sp.

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Coprosma sp. (Mirror Plant)
Corokia
Correa sp. (Australian Fuchsia)
Cotinus coggygria (Smoke Bush)
Cotoneaster sp.
Luma apiculata (Chilean Guava)
Melaleuca sp. (Paperbark)
Melianthus major (Honeybush)
Myoporum sp. *
Myrsine africana (African Box)
Myrtus communis (Myrtle)
Nandina domestic (Heavenly Bamboo)
Nerium oleander (Oleander) *
Osmanthus sp. (Sweet Olive)
Plumeria
ProteaPrunus laurocerasus (English Laurel)

Perennials

Agapanthus (Lily of the Nile) *
Allysum saxatile (Basket of Gold)
Aloysia triphylla (Lemon Verbena)
Anacyclus (Atlas Daisy)
Anagallis
Armeria sp. (Sea Thrift) *
Artemesia sp.
Asteriscus sp. (Gold Coin)
Ballota sp.
Bulbine *
Cactus and succulents *
Carex sp.
Centranthus rubber (Jupiters Beard)
Dasyilirion
Dietes sp. (Fortnight Lily) *
Dudleya *
Sedum sp. *
Echinops (Globe Thistle)
Echium sp. (Pride of Madiera)
Erigeron sp (Fleabane) *
Eryngium sp. (Sea Holly)
Festuca sp. *
Gailardia sp (Blanket Flower)

Vines

Bougainvillea
Campsis radicans (OrangeTrumpet Vine)
Hardenbergia violacea (Lavender Pea Vine)

Kunzea sp.
Lavandula sp. (Lavender)
Laurus nobilis (Sweet Bay)
Leonothus leonaurus (Lion Tail)
Ligustrum ovalifolium (California Privet)
Pyracantha sp (Firethorn)
Raphiolepis sp. (Hawthorne)
Rhamnus alaternus (Italian Buckthorn) *
Pittosporum sp. *
Plumbago sp. *
Rhamnus alaternus (Italian Buckthorn)
Rhus integrifolia (Lemonade berry) *
Ribes sanguineum
Symphoricarpus (Snowberry) *
Teucrium sp. (Germander) *
Vitex agnus castus (Chaste Tree)
Xylosma congestum *

Gypsophila sp. (Baby Breath)
Gaura lindheimeri
Helianthemum (Rockrose)
Hemerocallis (Daylily) *
Helichrysum sp. (Licorice plant)
Hesperaloe parvifolia *
Kniphofia uvaria (Red Hot Poker)
Lantana sp.
Limonium sp. (Sea Lavender)
Lychnis sp.
Malvastrum
Nassella sp (Needle grass)
Oenothera (Evening Primrose) *
Origanum sp. (Oregano)
Penstemon sp. (Beard Tongue) *
Perovskia (Russian Sage)
Phormium (Flax)
Phygelius rectus (Cape Fuchsia)
Romneya coulteri (Fried Egg Plant)
Senecio (Dusty Miller)
Solidago (Goldenrod)
Stachys byzantina (Lambs Ears) *
Trichostema (Woolly Blue Curls)

Lonicera sp. (Honeysuckle) *
Wisteria

*Indicates from Firesafe Marin plant list.