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<i>Artemisia palmeri</i>	Palmer Sagebrush	shrub	3' H x 3' W	fast	full to part sun	moderate		This plant is rare and threatened by development and flood control projects.
<i>Baccharis salicifolia</i>	Mule Fat	shrub	4-10' H x 8' W	fast	full to part sun	moderate		A forage source for the Dusky Metalmark. High wildlife value.
<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>	Blue Grama	grass	6-12" H x 6-12" W	fast	full to part sun	occasional	x	Seed heads resemble small flags with an eyelash shape. Recommended for erosion control.
<i>Cylindropuntia munzii</i>	Munz's Cholla	shrub	3' H x 3' W	slow	full sun	drought tolerant		This species grows in sandy flats, alluvial washes and gravelly hills in desert scrub.
<i>Cylindropuntia ramosissima</i>	Pencil Cholla	perennial	2-6' H x 3' W	slow	full sun	infrequent		Spines are usually single, growing from the center of the tubercles, but they may be absent in some specimens, or grow only around the uppermost part of the stems.
<i>Danthonia californica</i>	California Oatgrass	grass	1-3' H x 1-2' W	fast	full to part sun	moderate		A native grass that grows primarily in northern and central California in the mountains. Can be an attractive garden grass.
<i>Dudleya hassei</i>	Catalina Island Liveforever	succulent	1' H x 1' W	moderate	full to part sun	drought tolerant	x	Infrequent deep watering is best.
<i>Erigeron glaucus</i>	Seaside Daisy	perennial	1' H x 2' W	fast	full to part sun	regular	x	Abundant flowers all year. Great for massed ground cover. Recommended for coastal butterfly gardens. Easy to grow. Formal appearance. Good for flower borders and parkways.
<i>Erythranthe guttata</i>	Golden Monkey Flower	perennial	2' H x spreading	fast	full sun to part shade	regular	x	Useful along the edges of ponds or the fountains. Very floriferous for months in spring-summer.
<i>Euphorbia xanti</i>	Baja Spurge	perennial	6' H x spreading	fast	full sun to part shade	infrequent	x	An interesting fast growing openly-branched deciduous evergreen shrub.

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<i>Frangula californica</i>	California Coffeeberry	shrub	8-12' H x 4-8' W	moderate	full sun to part shade	drought tolerant		A great wildlife plant. A nice looking wildland interface plant, adding drama to a boring garden. Also a great hedge plant or good screen plant.
<i>Grindelia camporum</i>	Common Gumplant	perennial	1' H x 2' W	fast	full sun	drought tolerant	x	Likes full sun, and can tolerate deer, and will grow in salty soil.
<i>Hazardia cana</i>	San Clemente Island Hazardia	shrub	3' H x 2-3' W	fast	full sun to part shade	drought tolerant		Rare outside California. Cut back to promote compact form in early fall.
<i>Hesperoyucca whipplei</i>	Chaparral Yucca	shrub	4' H x 5' W	slow	full sun	drought tolerant		The plant takes several years to reach maturity and flower, at which point it usually dies. Then a cluster of clones around its base continue to grow and reproduce.
<i>Lonicera subspicata</i> var. <i>johnstonii</i>	Johnston's Honeysuckle	vine	3-8' H x 5-8' W	fast	full sun	drought tolerant	x	Has small yellowish or cream-colored flowers sometimes tinged with pink. An ideal plant for covering banks in sun or shade.
<i>Oenothera elata</i> ssp. <i>hookeri</i>	Hooker's Evening Primrose	perennial herb	1-4' H x 1-2' W	fast	full to part sun	regular		Grows flat on the ground sending up a 3' spike of 3-4" yellow flowers that open in the evening and morning. Use in the background. Do not use in a formal watered garden.
<i>Opuntia basilaris</i> var. <i>brachyclada</i>	Beavertail Prickly Pear	cactus	1' H x 1' W	moderate	full sun	drought tolerant		A dwarf purple prickly pear cactus that is a great addition to drought tolerant, hillside and xeriscape gardens.
<i>Peritoma arborea</i>	Bladderpod	shrub	3-4' H x 4' W	fast	full to part sun	drought tolerant		This gorgeous shrub is native to the Santa Monica Mountains and the Mojave Desert. Flowers light yellow, followed by curiously shaped inflated pods.
<i>Platanus racemosa</i>	California Sycamore	tree	30-80' H x 30' W	fast	full sun	moderate		A beautiful deciduous tree with tall white trunk, irregularly branched crown and light green foliage.

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Ribes aureum	Golden Currant	shrub	6' H x 2-3' W	fast	full to part sun	drought tolerant		Forage source for Cooper and Anglewing butterflies. Berries are edible.
Ribes speciosum	Fuchsia Flowering Gooseberry	shrub	10' H x 8' W	moderate	full to part sun	drought tolerant		Crimson flowers are loved by hummingbirds. Numerous sharp thorns make this a good barrier plant. Can spread by underground roots.
Ribes viburnifolium	Catalina Currant	groundcover	2' H x 6' W	moderate	part to full shade	occasional		Excellent under oaks and for erosion control in dry, shaded spots. Berries appeal to birds.
Rosa californica	California Wild Rose	shrub	5' H x spreading	moderate	full sun to part shade	drought tolerant		A rather small shrub sending up many branches from the ground soon forming a large clump. Produces many delicate pink fragrant blossoms in late spring and early summer.
Salvia 'Shirley's Creeper'	Shirley's Creeper Sage	shrub	4-6' H x 4-6' W	fast	full to part sun	occasional		An ideal bank cover for a sunny dry area with good drainage. Somewhat misnamed as it is a fairly tall plant. Will quickly form a dense mound 4 to 6 feet tall and wide.
Senegalia greggii	Catclaw Acacia	large shrub	10-15' H x 10-15' W	fast	full sun	drought tolerant		An interesting deciduous shrub from the Colorado Desert. Rather sprawling in habit, attaining a height of 4 to 7 feet and occasionally more, its branches are armed with short curved prickles.
Sporobolus airoides	Alkali Sacaton	grass	2' H x 3' W	fast	full sun	drought tolerant		Graceful seedheads on a robust, tough bunchgrass. Loves clay soil.

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Adromischus cristatus var. clavifolius	Adromischus cristatus var. clavifolius	succulent	2-5" H x 2-5" W	slow	part sun	regular	x	Leaves will wrinkle if the plant is under direct sun for many hours a day so ensure the plant receives a mix of direct and indirect sunlight in a sheltered environment away from splashing rain.
Aeonium decorum	Green Pinwheel	perennial	1' H x 1-2' W	moderate	full to part sun	occasional	x	Odd looking succulents, with long, arching stems and rosettes of leaves that can often look artificial. You'd be forgiven if you had to touch one to tell if it was real or rubbery plastic.
Agave wercklei	Agave wercklei	succulent	3' H x 3' W	slow	sun or shade	infrequent	x	Makes a fantastic container plant and often flourishes when taken care of and watered in a container.
Ajania pacifica	Pacific Chrysanthemum	perennial	1-2' H x 2-3' W	fast	full sun to part shade	regular		Noted for its attractive variegated foliage in spring and summer. Undersides of the leaves are also silvery.
Aloe isaloensis	Isalo Aloe	succulent	6-24" H x 16" W	moderate	full sun to part shade	occasional		A small, tubular-leaved, narrow leaved aloe from Madagascar. In full sun the leaves become a purple-grey-sea-green. In the shade, or with plenty of water, the leaves have a light green color.
Aloe juvenna	Tiger Tooth Aloe	succulent	1' H x 2-3' W	slow	full sun to part shade	infrequent		This plant suckers profusely to make a dense stand or ground cover and can trail downwards over rocks or walls. It does not flower regularly but when it does it is an unbranched spike with orange-red flowers.
Aloe maculata	Soap Aloe	succulent	18" H x 2' W	slow	part to full shade	infrequent	x	A slow-growing aloe that provides an excellent focal point for a rockery garden and should be planted in well drained soil mixed with compost.

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<i>Aloe nobilis</i>	Gold Tooth Aloe	perennial	6-12" H x 1' W	moderate	full sun	drought tolerant	x	Beautiful golden orange tubular flowers seasonally. Hummingbirds will flock to this plant!
<i>Aloe prinslooii</i>	<i>Aloe prinslooii</i>	succulent	6-12" H x 6-12" W	slow	full sun	infrequent	x	A small, spotted Aloe endemic to the savanna and open woodland of South Africa.
<i>Bulbine frutescens</i>	Stalked Bulbine	succulent	1-2' H x 1-2' W	fast	full sun	occasional	x	Yellow flowers are 6-petaled and star-like with frilly yellow stamens on long stalks that rise above the foliage in the spring and summer.
<i>Chrysactinia mexicana</i>	Damianita Daisy	shrub	1-2' H x 2' W	moderate	full sun	drought tolerant	x	Creates a vivid, yellow carpet when massed. Excellent border plant for flower bed or a ground cover for hillsides or hot exposed areas. Showy, aromatic, and attractive .
<i>Colliguaja odorifera</i>	Colliguay	shrub	3-6' H x 3-6' W	slow	full sun to part shade	infrequent		A shrub from the Mediterranean climate of Chile, where it grows on slopes in their equivalent of chaparral.
<i>Crassula conjuncta</i>	String of Buttons	succulent	2-5" H x 2-5" W	slow	part sun	occasional	x	Plants need 4-6 hours of light to prevent etiolation. Can tolerate partial sun to full sun, but need to be acclimated to full sun to prevent sun damage.
<i>Crassula mesembryanthemoides</i>	Crassula Moon Glow	succulent	1' H x 1' W	slow	full sun to part shade	occasional	x	An evergreen perennial native to South Africa and grown in the subtropics, desert, or Mediterranean climate, or as an indoor house plant.
<i>Crassula multicava</i>	Fairy Crassula	succulent	1' H x spreading	moderate	sun or shade	occasional		Grows carefree throughout the garden but is not so rapidly growing and has such shallow roots that it really is not a pest. It is easily controllable or simple to move to a more wanted location or to share with friends.

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<i>Crassula tetragona</i>	Miniature Pine Tree	succulent	3-4' H x 2-3' W	fast	full sun to part shade	occasional	x	A unique-looking succulent native to southern Africa. Prized among collectors for its distinctive foliage and compact size. An especially popular choice for bonsai enthusiasts.
<i>Cuphea micropetala</i>	Candy Corn Plant	shrub	1-3' H x 1-3' W	fast	full sun to part shade	moderate	x	A tireless bloomer best known for its small, tubular flowers, each colored in vivid orange hues and tipped with white, like the ash on a glowing cigar.
<i>Dracaena draco</i>	Canary Island Dragon Tree	tree	15-25' H x 15-25' W	slow	sun or shade	infrequent		An attractive and interesting succulent tree.
<i>Echium giganteum</i>	Giant Echium	shrub	6-7' H x 4-6' W	fast	full sun	moderate		A tall woody shrub with numerous dome shaped inflorescences with white flowers.
<i>Echium simplex</i>	White Tower of Jewels	shrub	4-8' H x 1-2' W	fast	full sun	occasional		Flowers should be allowed to mature fully so that seed is produced to perpetuate the plant in the garden when it dies after its second or third year.
<i>Engelmannia peristenia</i>	Engelmann's Daisy	perennial herb	2' H x 14-16" W	fast	full sun to part shade	dry/semi-moist	x	The fuzzy cut green foliage adds an interesting lush texture to the very dry garden. Flowers open in the afternoon and bloom through the night eventually fading and recurring in the hottest part of the day.
<i>Euphorbia grandicornis</i>	Cow Horn Cactus	succulent	3-6' H x 3-6' W	moderate	full sun	occasional	x	A great looking, upright, multistemmed, succulent shrub with strong spines resembling the shape of cows' horns. Has great angular and zig-zag shaped stems making in a good ornamental choice.
<i>Euphorbia resinifera</i>	Resin Spurge	shrub	2' H x 6-7' W	slow	full sun	infrequent	x	Superficially resembles a cactus. Native to the Canary Islands and the slopes of the Atlas mountains in Morocco.

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<i>Euphorbia tirucalli</i> 'Sticks on Fire'	Sticks on Fire	succulent	4-8' H x 4-8' W	slow	full sun	infrequent		Very striking succulent shrub. Resembles sea coral.
<i>Flourensia thurifera</i>	Maravella del Campo	shrub	3-4' H x 3-4' W	moderate	full sun	occasional		Showy yellow daisy flowers in spring followed by a period of summer dormancy. Endemic to Chile.
<i>Gasteria glauca</i>	Kouga River Gasteria	succulent	6" H x 6" W	moderate	full sun to part shade	drought tolerant	x	A small aloe-like plant with grey-green leaves arranged in a dense rosette. Grows on cliff faces overlooking the Kouga River of the Eastern Cape Province and is one of the most easily grown of all gasterias.
<i>Gasteria glomerata</i>	Ox Tongue	succulent	4" H x 1' W	slow	part shade	drought tolerant	x	A small succulent plant, native to the Eastern Cape, South Africa. The shape of the flowers is called "gasteriform", meaning shaped like a stomach, which is the basis for the name of the genus.
<i>Haworthia kingiana</i>	<i>Haworthia kingiana</i>	succulent	6-8" H x 5" W	slow	full sun to part shade	regular	x	An evergreen succulent plant with short, sharp, bright green leaves arranged in rosettes. The yellowish-green leaves have rounded, flat, white tubercles.
<i>Hesperaloe funifera</i>	Giant False Yucca	subshrub	6' H x 6' W	slow-moderate	full sun	infrequent		An excellent, low-maintenance accent plant with a bold, striking form. This clumping, stemless, upright plant grows to 6 feet tall and wide.
<i>Hyalis argentea</i>	Plazia	flower	3' H x 3' W	slow	full sun	moderate		Very silver and narrow leaves make you think it's a grass but it's actually a member of the daisy family.
<i>Lampranthus spectabilis</i>	Trailing Ice Plant	succulent	6-12" H x 18-26" W	moderate	full sun to part shade	occasional		A tender perennial with a sprawling habit that provides a spectacular floral display with an abundance of daisy-like blossoms. Native to South Africa.

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<i>Lepechinia hastata</i>	Pitcher Sage	perennial	4' H x 4' W	moderate	full sun	drought tolerant	x	Has an interesting aroma that is somewhat reminiscent of a nice smelling cleaning compound, though others describe it as being like Kool-Aid.
<i>Lobelia laxiflora</i>	Mexican Lobelia	perennial	1-2' H x spreading	fast	full to part sun	moderate		Spreading habit makes it useful as a dense, large-scale ground cover or tall border.
<i>Mammillaria vetula</i> ssp. <i>gracilis</i>	Thimble Cactus	cactus	2-3" H x 6" W	slow	full sun to part shade	infrequent	x	Fabulous for use in rockeries and potted gardens. Great for fairy gardens and miniature gardens. Handle with care; offshoots break off easily.
<i>Mimosa dysocarpa</i>	Velvetpod Mimosa	shrub	3-6' H x 3-6' W	moderate	full sun to part shade	moderate		Extremely drought tolerant and can take reflected heat. Regular pruning encourages growth of more branches and flowers.
<i>Montanoa hibiscifolia</i>	Bush Daisy	shrub	3-10' H x 3-10' W	fast	full sun to part shade	regular		Native to Mexico and Central America. Can be invasive.
<i>Nicotiana sylvestris</i>	White Shooting Stars	biennial	3-5' H x 1-2' W	fast	full sun to part shade	moderate		Mass in borders or cottage gardens. Site near a patio, deck or sidewalk to enjoy the fragrant flowers.
<i>Nolina lindheimeriana</i>	Devil's Shoestring	grass	2-3' H x 2-3' W	slow	full sun	drought tolerant		In a landscape, would be an excellent choice as a focal point or ground cover for dry, shaded spots on well drained soils.
<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	Obedient Plant	perennial	3-4' H x 2-3' W	fast	full sun to part shade	moderate		An attractive plant that is snapdragon-like, but its square stem is typical of the mint family. Can be invasive.
<i>Portulacaria afra</i>	Elephant Bush	succulent	8-15' H x 8-15' W	moderate	full sun to part shade	moderate		Recent research has shown <i>P. afra</i> is an excellent "carbon sponge", with the ability to efficiently use more carbon from the air than most other plants.

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<i>Prosopis tamarugo</i>	Tamarugo	tree	50-60' H x 50-60' W	fast	full sun	drought tolerant		Native to the Pampa del Tama which is part of the Atacama Desert in Chile, one of the driest locations on the planet, where it survives by getting its water from a very long taproot.
<i>Puya chilensis</i>	Chilean Puya	bromeliad	5-12' H x 5-6' W	slow	full sun to part shade	occasional	x	A rare Bromeliad with a massive cluster of shocking, chartreuse-yellow flowers. Looks like a radioactive tiki torch.
<i>Salvia adenophora</i>	Oaxaca Red Sage	shrub	4' H x 3' W	moderate	part shade	moderate		Due to its arching habit, it's best to be planted at the back of the bed or in the middle where it can use other shrubs for support.
<i>Salvia lyrata</i>	Lyre-leaf Sage	shrub	1-2' H x 6-12" W	moderate	full sun to part shade	regular		Makes a great evergreen groundcover. Even takes mowing and can be walked on.
<i>Salvia rosmarinus</i>	Rosemary	perennial	2-5' H x 2-4' W	fast	full sun	infrequent	x	Where winter hardy, grow in herb gardens, borders or foundations, as an ornamental specimen, or low hedge. Container plants are attractive additions to patios, decks and other sunny areas around the home.
<i>Sedum clavatum</i>	Tiscalatengo Gorge Sedum	succulent	4" H x 4-6" W	moderate	full sun	infrequent	x	Sprawling habit makes this a great choice for a hanging basket, but they can also easily be pruned and transplanted to maintain a more compact look.
<i>Sideritis cyprica</i>	Cyprian Sideritis	shrub	1-2' H x 1-2' W	moderate	full sun	occasional	x	Endemic to Cyprus. Relatively large, firm-textured leaves are a soft luminous gray-white.
<i>Stachys byzantina</i>	Lamb's Ears	perennial herb	1' H x 12-18" W	fast	full sun	occasional	x	A favorite addition to gardens for the silver color and irresistible soft, fuzzy velvety feel of the leaves.
<i>Syzygium cumini</i>	Jambolan	tree	30-50' H x 20-30' W	fast	full sun	moderate		A very ancient fruit crop, cultivated for over 2,500 years in India.

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<i>Thamnochortus insignis</i>	Thatching Reed	grass-like perennial	4-6' H x 6-8' W	moderate	full sun	occasional		Plant in full sun and give it room to grow. A very durable plant that will tolerate drought once established.
<i>Tradescantia</i> sp.	Purple Heart	perennial	6-12" H x 12-18" W	moderate	full to part sun	moderate	x	A tender evergreen perennial native to northeast Mexico that is grown as an ornamental for its striking purple foliage. Can be used as a ground cover, cascading in baskets, as a trailer in mixed containers, or as a houseplant.
<i>Trichodesma scottii</i>	Socotran Borage	shrub	5' H x 4' W	fast	full sun to part shade	occasional		Upright evergreen shrub to 4-5' tall with 7" x 4" leaves and large umbels of 1 inch pendant white flowers in winter and spring. The flower has been described by some as looking like an "upturned mop".
<i>Vachellia caven</i>	Aromita	tree	8-12' H x 8-12' W	fast	full sun	occasional		Native to Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay. The flowers are used in perfume.