



Master Gardener Favorite Low Impact Plants for Various Situations



Plants for Coastal Areas

Scientific name	Common name	Category
<i>Erigeron glaucus and cvs.</i>	Seaside Daisy or Beach Aster	Perennial
<i>Limonium perezii</i>	Statice or Sea Lavender	Perennial
<i>Penstemon spp.</i>	Beard Tongue (certain species)	Perennial
<i>Phormium spp. and cvs.</i>	New Zealand Flax	Perennial
<i>Satureja spp.</i>	Savory	Perennial
<i>Strelitzia reginae</i>	Bird of Paradise	Perennial
<i>Coprosma repens</i>	Mirror Plant	Shrub
<i>Dendromecon harfordii</i>	Island Bush Poppy (Santa Catalina Island)	Shrub
<i>Echium candicans</i>	Pride of Madeira	Shrub
<i>Lavatera maritima</i>	Bush Mallow	Shrub
<i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i>	Australian Tea Tree	Shrub
<i>Metrosideros excelsus</i>	New Zealand Christmas Tree	Shrub
<i>Polygala dalmaisiana</i>	Sweet Pea Shrub	Shrub
<i>Raphiolepis indica</i>	Indian Hawthorn	Shrub
<i>Westringia spp.</i>	Coast Rosemary	Shrub
<i>Agave spp.</i>	Agave (several species)	Succulent
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry Tree	Tree
<i>Lyonothamus floribundus asplenifolius</i>	Fernleaf Catalina Ironwood	Tree

Plants for Erosion Control

Scientific name	Common name	Category
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	California Poppy	Annual
<i>Opuntia spp.</i>	Cacti (various species)	Cacti
<i>Penstemon spp.</i>	Beard Tongue (certain species)	Perennial
<i>Romneya coulteri</i>	Matilija Poppy	Perennial
<i>Satureja douglasii</i>	Yerba Buena	Perennial
<i>Arctostaphylos densiflora</i>	Manzinita	Shrub
<i>Buddleia spp.</i>	Butterfly Bush	Shrub
<i>Ceanothus</i>	Wild lilac or California Lilac	Shrub
<i>Cistus spp.</i>	Rockrose	Shrub
<i>Dendromecon harfordii</i>	Island Bush Poppy (Santa Catalina Island)	Shrub
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Toyon, California Holly or Christmas Berry	Shrub
<i>Lantana spp.</i>	Lantana	Shrub
<i>Lavandula spp.</i>	Lavender	Shrub
<i>Rhus ovata</i>	Sugar Bush	Shrub
<i>Salvia clevelandii</i>	Cleveland Sage	Shrub
<i>Salvia greggii</i>	Autumn Sage	Shrub
<i>Lithops spp.</i>	Stone Plant	Succulent
<i>Senecio talinoides mandraliscae</i>	Blue Chalk Sticks	Succulent

(***Along with many California Natives.)

Plants for Sun



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<i>Epilobium californica</i> (<i>Zauschneria californica</i>)	California Fuschia	Perennial
<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>	Blue-eyed grass	Perennial
<i>Callistemon viminalis</i>	Dwarf Bottlebrush	Shrub
<i>Camellia sasanqua</i> and cvs.	Sasanqua Camellia	Shrub
<i>Rhapheolepis umbulata</i> (<i>R. ovata</i>)	Yeddo Hawthorn	Shrub
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> cv.	Upright Rosemary	Shrub
<i>Santolina chamaecyparissus</i>	Lavender Cotton	Tree
<i>Citrus</i>	Citrus	

Plants for Constant Moisture Due to Poor Drainage

Scientific name	Common name	Category
<i>Acorus spp.</i> and cvs.	Sweet Flag	Perennial
<i>Alocasia spp.</i> , <i>Colocasia spp.</i> and cvs.	Elephant's Ears, Taro	Perennial
<i>Juncus patens</i>	California Gray Rush	Perennial
<i>Mimulus cardinalis</i>	Scarlet Monkey Flower	Perennial
<i>Salvia ulignosa</i>	Bog Sage	Perennial
<i>Scirpus cernuus</i> (<i>IsolepisCernua</i>)	Fiber Optic Grass	Perennial
<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i>	Calla Lily	Perennial

Plants for Dry Shade/Under Native Oaks

Scientific name	Common name	Category
<i>Collinsia heterophylla</i> (<i>C. bicolor</i>)	Chinese Houses	Annual
<i>Woodwardia fimbriata</i>	Western Chain Fern	Fern
<i>Clivia miniata</i>	Clivia or Kaffir Lily	Perennial
<i>Heuchera maxima</i>	Coral Bells	Perennial
<i>Iris douglasiana</i> and Pacific Coast Hybrid Iris	Douglas and PCN Iris	Perennial
<i>Salvia spathacea</i>	Hummingbird Sage	Perennial
<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>	Blue-eyed Grass	Perennial
<i>Ceanothus</i>	Wild Lilac or California Lilac	Shrub
<i>Galvezia Speciosa</i>	Island Bush Snapdragon	Shrub
<i>Mahonia repens</i> (<i>Berberis repens</i>)	Creeping Mahonia	Shrub
<i>Ribes aureum</i>	Golden Currant	Shrub
<i>Sollya heterophylla</i>	Australian Bluebell Creeper	Shrub

Plants for Deep Shade

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<i>Acanthus mollis</i>	Bear's Breech	Perennial
<i>Aspidistra elatior</i>	Cast Iron Plant	Perennial
<i>Clivia miniata</i>	Clivia or Kaffir Lily	Perennial
<i>Carpenteria californica</i>	Bush Anemone	Shrub
<i>Justicia brandegeana</i> cv.	Variegatated Shrimp Plant	Shrub
<i>Ruscus hypoglossum</i>	Butcher's Broom	Shrub

Plants Good On or Against Walls

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<i>Anigozanthos spp.</i>	Kangaroo Paw	Perennial
<i>Bougainvillea spp.</i>	Bougainvillea	Shrub/Vine
<i>Camellia sasanqua</i>	Sun Camellia (spreading cultivars)	Shrub
<i>Ligustrum spp.</i>	Privet (certain species)	Shrub
<i>Grewia occidentalis</i>	Lavender Starflower	Shrub/Vine

Drought-tolerant Plants Grown for Flowers

<i>Scientific name</i>	<i>Common name</i>	<i>Category</i>
<i>Cosmos bipinnatus</i>	Cosmos	Annual
<i>Anigozanthus spp.</i>	Kangaroo Paw	Perennial
<i>Coreopsis spp.</i>	Coreopsis	Perennial
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Cone Flower	Perennial
<i>Erigeron giganteum</i>	St. Catherine's Lace	Perennial
<i>Gaillardia pulchell</i>	Blanket Flower	Perennial
<i>Limonium perezii</i>	Statice or Sea Lavender	Perennial
<i>Penstemon spp.</i>	Beard Tongue	Perennial
<i>Senecio spp.</i>	Many varieties (Dusty Miller, Mexican Flame Vine)	Perennial
<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>	Valerian or Garden Heliotrope	Perennial
<i>Amaryllis belladonna</i>	Naked Lady	Perennial/Bulb
<i>Iris x hollandica</i>	Dutch Iris	Perennial/Bulb
<i>Narcissus sp.</i>	Daffodil	Perennial/Bulb
<i>Tulipa clusiana</i>	Lady Tulip	Perennial/Bulb
<i>Tulipa saxatilis</i>	Candia Tulip	Perennial/Bulb
<i>Freesia sp.</i>	Freesia	Perennial/Corm
<i>Buddleia spp.</i>	Butterfly Bush	Shrub
<i>Chamelaucium uncinatum</i>	Geraldton Waxflower	Shrub
<i>Leonotis leonurus</i>	Lion's Tail	Shrub
<i>Leucophyllum spp.</i>	Texas Ranger, Silverleaf	Shrub
<i>Trichostema lanatum</i>	Wooly Blue Curls	Shrub

*** Along with many bulbs from the Cape region of South Africa and California Natives.

Succulents for Light or Dappled Shade

<i>Scientific name</i>	<i>Common name</i>	<i>Category</i>
<i>Aloe spp. - A. nobilis, A. striata</i>	some varieties but not all	Succulent
<i>Dudleya spp.</i>	Dudleya	Succulent
<i>Echeveria spp.</i>	Hen and Chicks	Succulent
<i>Gasteria spp.</i>	Gasteria	Succulent
<i>Kalanchoe spp.</i>	Kalanchoe	Succulent
<i>Sansevieria spp.</i>	Many varieties	Perennial
<i>Sedum spp.</i>	Stonecrop	Succulent