

This list is only a start. These are plants well-adapted to our local mediterranean climate of dry summers. Check with your local nursery for these plants as well as others that are colorful, water-conservative, and suited to our climate.

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Arroyo Grande *in Bloom*

Starter Plant List

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Notes:

Botanical name: Use for ordering plants. A plant has only one botanical name.

Type: All plants are evergreen unless marked "deciduous."

Maximum size: Use to space plants. Pruning can control this, but space planning is better.

Uses: "Containers" includes pots, planters. "Deer, diseases, fire, pests" all mean resistance to these.

Water: "Mediterranean" means summer-drought-tolerant. Most like a little. Use a water probe to avoid over-watering.

Soil: "Adapts" means tolerates a variety.

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<i>Acacia covenyi</i> - Coveny's acacia	shrub or tree	20 ft. H, 15 ft. W	Deer, diseases, drought, fire, fragrant, hedge/screen, neglect, pests, poor soil, slopes	mediterranean	yellow	adapts	sun
<i>Acacia iteaphylla</i> - willow wattle	shrub	10 ft. H, 15 ft. W	Deer, drought, fire, hedge/screen, neglect, poor soil, slopes	mediterranean	yellow	adapts	sun
<i>Aeonium arboreum</i> 'Atropurpureum'	succulent perennials	3 ft. H	Containers, deer, fire, rock gardens	Moderate	yellow	well- drained	sun/shade
<i>Agapanthus</i> 'Summer Sun' or 'Tinkerbell' - lily of the Nile	perennial	12 in. H	Borders, containers, deer, drought, fire, hummingbirds, neglect, pests, poor soil and drainage, slopes, wind	mediterranean	blue	adapts	sun/shade
<i>Aloe longistyla</i> x <i>Aloe humilis</i>	succulent shrub	6 in. H Flower: 14 in.	Borders, containers, deer, hummingbirds, fire, rock garden	little to moderate	scarlet, orange, or yellow	well- drained	sun
<i>Alstroemeria hybrid</i> - Peruvian lily	perennial	4 ft. H, 5 ft. W	Borders, containers, hummingbirds, showy	regular when blooming	lavender /yellow	well- drained	sun/part shade
<i>Anagallis monellii</i> - blue pimpernel	perennial	18 in. H & W	Borders, containers, deer, neglect, poor soil	mediterranean	blue	adapts	sun/shade
<i>Anigozanthus flavidus</i> - tall kangaroo plant	perennial	18 in. H, 3 ft. W flowers to 6 ft.	Containers, cut flowers, hummingbirds	mediterranean	yellow, pink, or red	sand or well- drained	sun
<i>Arbutus unedo</i> 'October Festival' - strawberry bush or tree	shrub or tree	6 ft. H, 4 ft. W	Containers, deer, fire, hummingbirds, screen, under oak trees	mediterranean	pink; red fruit	well- drained	sun; some shade in heat

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<i>Arctostaphylos densiflora</i> 'Howard McMinn' - vine hill manzanita	shrub	6 ft. H, 7 ft. W	Containers, deer, fire, hummingbirds, screen, slopes, under oak trees	mediterranean	pink/white; red fruit	well-drained	sun/light shade
<i>Arctotis acaulis</i> 'Magenta' - African daisy	perennial	1 ft. H, 4 ft. W	Borders, containers, drought, groundcover	mediterranean	magenta	light	sun
<i>Artemisia pycnocephala</i> 'David's choice' - beach sanwort	shrub	1 ft. H, 2 ft. W	Borders, diseases, drought, groundcover, neglect, pests, poor soil, slopes	mediterranean	(foliage)	sand	sun
<i>Asteriscus maritimus</i> - gold chip, gold coin	perennial	1 ft. H, 4 ft. W	Borders, containers, drought, groundcover, hummingbirds, neglect, slopes	mediterranean	yellow	well-drained	sun, some shade in heat
<i>Bracteantha bracteata</i> - golden everlasting daisy	shrubby perennial	4 ft. H, 4 ft. W	Borders, containers	regular	gold to bronze to red	well-drained	sun/part shade
<i>Calandrinia spectabilis</i> - rock purslane	perennial	2 ft. H, 2 ft. W	Borders, containers, showy	Moderate	pink	well-drained	sun
<i>Calothamnus villosus</i> - silky netbush	shrub	7 ft. H, 10 ft. W	Drought, hedge/screen, hummingbirds, neglect, pests, poor soil, slopes, wind	mediterranean	orange pink	sand	sun
<i>Carissa grandiflora</i> - natal plum	shrub or tree	10 ft. H, 10 ft. W	Drought, hedge/screen, neglect, wind	mediterranean	white	adapts	sun
<i>Carpenteria californica</i> - bush anemone	shrub	8 ft. H, 8 ft. W	Deer, screen, under oaks	little to moderate	white	well-drained	sun/some shade
<i>Ceanothus 'Ray Hartman'</i> - wild lilac	shrub	16 ft. H, 15 ft. W	Drought, fire, hedge/screen, neglect, poor soil, slopes, wind	mediterranean	blue	adapts	sun
<i>Ceanothus gloriosus</i> 'Anchor Bay' - Point Reyes Ceanothus	shrub	1.5 ft. H, 8 ft. W	Drought, fire, groundcover, neglect, poor soil, slopes, wind	mediterranean	blue	adapts	sun/ part shade
<i>Ceanothus impressus var. nipomensis</i> - Arroyo Grande lilac	shrub	8 ft. H, 8 ft. W	Drought, fire, hedge/screen, neglect, poor soil, slopes, wind	mediterranean	dark blue	well-drained/ sandy	sun
<i>Centaurea gymnocarpa</i> - dusty miller	shrub	4 ft. H, 5 ft. W	Container, deer, drought, fragrant, neglect, pests, poor soil, slopes	mediterranean	lavender	adapts	sun

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<i>Chamaemelum nobile</i> - chamomile	perennial	12 in. H, 18 in. W	Borders, containers, deer, groundcover, poor soil	moderate	yellow	well-drained	sun/part shade
<i>Chamelaucium uncinatum</i> 'Purple Pride' - Geraldton waxflower	shrub	7 ft. H, 8 ft. W	Cut flowers, drought, hedge/screen, slopes,	moderate	rose	well-drained	sun/part shade
<i>Cistus x purpureus</i> - orchid rockrose	shrub	4 ft. H, 4 ft. W	Deer, drought, fire, hedge/screen, salt spray, slopes, wind	mediterranean	orchid	adapts/ well-drained	sun
<i>Coleonema pulchrum</i> 'Sunset Gold' - golden breath of Heaven	shrub	4 ft. H, 4 ft. W	Borders, containers, deer, fragrant, groundcover, hedge, pests, slopes	moderate	pink	well-drained	sun/part shade
<i>Coprosma</i> 'Rainbow Surprise' - mirror plant variegated	shrub	5 ft. H, 5 ft. W	Containers, drought, colorful foliage, hedge/screen, neglect, poor soil, shade	medium	(foliage)	sand	sun/shade
<i>Cornus sericea</i> - red-osier dogwood	deciduous shrub	12 ft. H, 12 ft. W	Screen, showy	regular	white	moist	sun/shade
<i>Correa pulchella</i> - Australian fuchsia	shrub	2 ft. H, 8 ft. W	Containers, deer, drought, fire, groundcover, hummingbirds, poor soil, slopes, under oaks	mediterranean	pink	well-drained	sun/part shade
<i>Cotinus coggygria</i> 'Purpureus' - smoke tree	deciduous shrub or tree	15 ft. H, 15 ft. W	Poor soil, near oaks, screen, showy, wind	moderate	(pink stalks)	well-drained	sun
<i>Cotoneaster glaucophyllus</i> - bright bead cotoneaster	shrub	8 ft. H, 8 ft. W	Container, screen/hedge, red fruit	medium	white	adapts	sun/shade
<i>Cotyledon orbiculata</i> var. <i>flanaganii</i> - pig's ear	succulent shrub	3 ft. H, 2 ft. W	Borders, containers, deer, drought, fire, indoors, hummingbirds, rock gardens	mediterranean	orange	well-drained	sun/some shade
<i>Crassula falcata</i> - propeller plant	succulent perennial	4 ft. H, 4 ft. W	Borders, containers, deer, drought, fire, rock garden	little to none	red	well-drained	sun/part shade
<i>Crotalaria agatiflora</i> - canary bird bush	shrub	12 ft. H, 12 ft. W	Diseases, drought, neglect, pests, poor soil, wind	mediterranean	char-treuse	sand	sun
<i>Cynara scolymus</i> - globe artichoke	herb	6 ft. H, 6 ft. W	Showy accent	moderate during growth	bright purple	well-drained	sun

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<i>Dioon edule</i> - chestnut dion	shrub	6 ft. H, 12 ft. W	Edible fruit, drought, neglect, poor soil, seacoast, wind	low	(foliage)	adapts	sun/shade
<i>Epilobium (Zauschneria) canum</i> - California fuchsia	shrub	2 ft. H, 6 ft. W	Borders, containers, deer, drought, fire, groundcover, neglect, poor soil, slopes, wind	mediterranean	red/orange	adapts	sun/shade
<i>Erica cruenta</i> - heath	shrub	3 ft. H, 3 ft. W	Borders, containers, deer, groundcover, hedge, hummingbirds, neglect, pests, poor soil, slopes	mediterranean	magenta	sand	sun
<i>Eriogonum grande</i> var. <i>rubescens</i> - San Miguel Island buckwheat	shrub	1 ft. H, 1.5 ft. W	Borders, containers, deer, drought, fire, groundcover, neglect, pests, poor soil, slopes	mediterranean	rose pink	adapts	sun
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i> - California poppy	perennial	2 ft. H, 3 ft. W	Deer, fire, groundcover, neglect, slopes	mediterranean	orange	well-drained	sun
<i>Euphorbia rigida</i> - narrow-leaved glaucous spurge	succulent perennial	4 ft. H, 5 ft. W	Borders, containers, deer, drought, fire, neglect, poor soil, slopes	mediterranean	lemon yellow	well-drained	sun
<i>Fuchsia magellanica</i>	shrub	5 ft. H, 5 ft. W	Containers, color	mediterranean	red	adapts	sun/shade
<i>Globularia x indubia</i> - globe flower	perennial	2 ft. H, 5 ft. W	Containers, deer, drought, neglect, poor soil	mediterranean	white/lavender	sand	sun
<i>Gomphostigma virgatum</i> - otterbush	perennial	7 ft. H, 10 ft. W	Showy screen	mediterranean	white	well-drained	sun
<i>Grevillea 'Pink Pearl'</i> - pink pearl hummingbird bush	shrub	8 ft. H, 10 ft. W	Borders, deer, drought, hedge/screen, neglect, pests, poor soil, slopes, wind	mediterranean	deep rose	adapts	sun coast
<i>Hardenbergia violacea</i> - lilac vine	shrub twining vine	10 ft.	Containers, deer, drought, neglect, pests, poor soil, screen, shade, slopes, wind	mediterranean	purple	adapts	shade or sun
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i> - toyon	shrub or tree	20 ft. H, 20 ft. W	Deer, drought, fire, neglect, screen, slopes	mediterranean	white	well-drained	sun/part shade
<i>Hypocalymma angustifolium</i> - white myrtle	shrub	3 ft. H, 4 ft. W	Border, containers, groundcover, showy	mediterranean	white or pink	well-drained	sun/shade

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<i>Isopogon formosus</i> - rose coneflower	shrub	6 ft. H, 6 ft. W	Light screen, showy	moderate	rose pink	well-drained	sun/some shade
<i>Juncus patens</i> 'Elk Blue' - California gray rush	perennial	2 ft. H, 2 ft. W	Borders, containers, drought, dry or wet streams	ample	gray-green stems	moist	sun/some shade
<i>Juniperus conferta</i> - shore juniper	shrub	1 ft. H, 8 ft. W	Containers, deer, drought, fire, fragrant, groundcover, neglect, poor soil, wind	low	(foliage)	adapts/sand	sun
<i>Kniphofia thomsonii</i> - alpine poker	perennial	5 ft. H, 4 ft. W	Containers, diseases, drought, hummingbirds, neglect, pests, poor soil, slopes	mediterranean	coral	adapts	sun
<i>Lachenalia aloides</i> var. <i>quadricolor</i> - Cape cowslip	perennial (from bulb)	1 ft. H, 1 ft. W	Borders, containers, drought, hummingbirds, indoors, rock garden, showy	none when dormant, regular in bloom	yellow/red	well-drained	sun/some shade in heat
<i>Lampranthus aurantiacus</i> - ice plant	succulent perennial	15 in. H, 18 in. W	Borders, containers, deer, drought, fire, groundcover, seashore, showy, slopes	little to none	orange or yellow	well-drained	sun
<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i> - English lavender	shrub	2 ft. H, 2 ft. W	Borders, containers, deer, drought, fire, fragrant	mediterranean	white, pink, purple	adapts, well-drained	sun
<i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i> - Australian tea tree	shrub or tree	30 ft. H, 30 ft. W	Deer, drought, hedge/screen, neglect, pests, poor soil, wind	mediterranean	white	sand	sun
<i>Leptospermum rotundifolium</i> , round leafed tea tree	shrub	6 ft. H, 9 ft. W	Containers, diseases, drought, hedge/screen, neglect, pests, poor soil, slopes, wind	mediterranean	lavender	adapts	sun
<i>Leptospermum scoparium</i> - New Zealand tea tree	shrub	10 ft. H, 6 ft. W	Containers, diseases, drought, heat/cold, hedge/screen, neglect, pests, poor soil, slopes, wind	medium	pink, rose	sand	sun
<i>Leucadendron discolor</i> - Piketberg cone bush	shrub	6 ft. H, 6 ft. W	Containers, cut flowers, screen, showy	moderate	red with gold bracts	well-drained, mulch	sun
<i>Lonicera involucrata</i> - twinberry honeysuckle	shrub deciduous	6 ft. H, 10 ft. W	Containers, drought, hedge/screen, poor soil & drainage, shade, slopes	mediterranean	coral/yellow	adapts	sun/shade
<i>Luma apiculata</i> - arrayan	shrub or tree	8 ft. H, 8 ft. W	Accent shrub/tree, deer, screen, showy	little to regular	white to pink	well-drained	sun

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<i>Melaleuca hypericifolia</i> - dotted melaleuca	shrub	10 ft. H, 10 ft. W	Containers, drought, hedge/screen, neglect, pests, poor soil, slopes	low	red	adapts	sun
<i>Melaleuca incana</i> - gray honey myrtle	shrub or tree	9 ft. H, 9 ft. W	Deer, diseases, drought, hedge/screen, neglect, pests, poor soil, slopes, wind	mediterranean	cream	sand	sun
<i>Myoporum laetum</i> 'Carsonii' - compact coast myoporum	shrub or tree	30 ft. H, 20 ft. W	Deer, drought, hedge/screen, poor soil & drainage, slopes, wind	mediterranean	white/ purple	adapts	sun/shade
<i>Myoporum parvifolium</i> 'Putah Creek' - creeping myoporum	shrub	1 ft. H, 15 ft. W	Deer, drought, fire, groundcover, neglect, pests, slopes	mediterranean	white	adapts	sun/shade
<i>Nauplius sericeus</i> - Canary Island daisy	perennial	1 ft. H, 3 ft. W	Borders, containers, drought, groundcover, hummingbirds, neglect, seashore, slopes, wind	mediterranean	yellow	well-drained	sun; avoid extreme heat
<i>Nerine bowdenii</i>	perennial from bulb	1 ft. H, 2 ft. W	Containers, showy	moderate; none when dormant	pink	well-drained	sun/some shade
<i>Orphium frutescens</i> - sea rose	perennial	2 ft. H, 2 ft. W	Borders, containers, deer, drought, fire, hedge, neglect, pests, poor soil, showy, wind	mediterranean	lavender	adapts	sun
<i>Pelargonium sp.</i> 'Brilliant' - pineapple geranium	shrubby perennial	3 ft. H, 3 ft. W	Borders, containers, groundcover, hummingbirds, showy	mediterranean	pink	well-drained	sun, some shade in heat
<i>Phlomis fruticosa</i> 'Grande Verde' - Jerusalem sage	shrub	5 ft. H, 4 ft. W	Containers, deer, diseases, drought, fire, neglect, pests, poor soil, slopes, wind	mediterranean	yellow	adapts	sun
<i>Pittosporum tenuifolium</i> 'Marjorie Channon' - variegated Kohuhu	shrub	12 ft. H, 8 ft. W	Espalier, hedge/screen, slopes, wind	mediterranean	black-red	adapts	sun/shade
<i>Plumbago auriculata</i> 'Imperial Blue' - Cape plumbago	shrub	8 ft. H, 10 ft. W	Deer, hedge/screen, showy, slopes	deep	blue	well-drained	sun/some shade
<i>Polygala x dalmaisiana</i> - sweet pea shrub	shrub	4 ft. H, 5 ft. W	Borders, hummingbirds, neglect, screen	regular	purple-pink	well-drained	sun/some shade
<i>Psoralea pinnata</i> - grape soda plant	shrub or small tree	15 ft. H, 15 ft. W	Fragrant, hedge/screen, slopes	mediterranean	blue or violet/ white	well-drained	sun

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<i>Punica granatum</i> 'Nana' - dwarf pomegranate	shrub	3 ft. H, 6 ft. W	Borders, containers, drought, fire, poor soil	mediterranean	orange-red	adapts	sun
<i>Raphiolepis indica</i> 'Pink Dancer' - Indian hawthorn 'Pink Dancer'	shrub	4 ft. H, 5 ft. W	Borders, drought, hedge/screen, pests	mediterranean	dark pink	well-drained	sun/some shade
<i>Rohdea Japonica</i> 'Miyako no jo' - Japanese sacred lily	perennial	18 in. H, 18 in. W	Borders, containers, drought, neglect, pests, poor soil, showy fruit, wind	low	(foliage & red berries)	adapts	shade
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> 'Prostratus' - dwarf rosemary	shrub	2 ft. H, 8 ft. W	Containers, deer, drought, groundcover, poor soil, slopes, wind	mediterranean-looks better with some	pale lavender	well-drained	sun/some shade
<i>Salvia chamaedryoides</i> - germander sage	shrub	3 ft. H, 4 ft. W	Colorful rock gardens, deer, drought, fire, fragrant, hedge/screen, hummingbirds, neglect, pests, poor soil, slopes, wind	low	purple blue	adapts	sun
<i>Santolina chamaecyparissus</i> - lavender cotton	shrub	2 ft. H, 3 ft. W	Borders, containers, deer, drought, fire, hedge, groundcover, slopes	low	yellow	well-drained	sun
<i>Satureja douglasii</i> - yerba buena	perennial	6 in. H, 3 ft. W	Drought, groundcover	regular	small, white or lavender	rich, moist	part shade
<i>Senecio viravira</i> - dusty miller	shrub	4 ft. H, 4 ft. W	Deer, drought, groundcover, seacoast, wind	mediterranean	gold	sand	sun
<i>Sollya heterophylla</i> - Australian bluebell creeper	shrub	3 ft. H, 5 ft. W	Borders, containers, deer, drought, groundcover, hedge, slopes	regular	blue	adapts	sun/some shade
<i>Stachys byzantina</i> 'Silver Carpet' - lamb's ears	perennial	1.5 ft. H, 2 ft. W	Borders, deer, groundcover	moderate	(silver foliage)	well-drained	sun/some shade
<i>Strelitzia reginae</i> - bird of paradise	perennial	6 ft. H, 6 ft. W	Containers, drought, neglect, pests, poor soil & drainage	mediterranean	multi	adapts	sun/ part shade
<i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i> - wall germander	shrub	1 ft. H, 2 ft. W	Borders, containers, deer, drought, fire, groundcover, hedge, neglect, pests, poor soil, slopes, wind	mediterranean	mauve	adapts	sun
<i>Thymus vulgaris</i> 'French Thyme' - common thyme	shrubby perennial (herb)	1 ft. H, 1.5 ft. W	Borders, containers, deer, drought, hedge	mediterranean	lilac to white	well-drained	sun/some shade

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<i>Viburnum tinus</i> 'Spring Bouquet' - laurustinus	shrub or small tree	6 ft. H, 6 ft. W	Deer, hedge/screen, poor soil	regular	white or pink	adapts	sun/some shade
<i>Woodwardia fimbriata</i> - giant chain fern	fern	5 ft. H, 3 ft. W	Drought, fragrant, neglect, poor soil & drainage	medium	(foliage)	adapts	shade
<i>x Amarcrinum memoria-corsii</i> - crinodonna	perennial	2 ft. H (flowers 4 ft.)	Containers, deer, drought, fragrant, hummingbirds, neglect, poor soil	mediterranean/ low	pink	adapts	sun/shade