

# Plants for Water Smart Landscapes



San Diego County Water Authority

These plants have been selected because they are attractive, often available in retail nurseries, non-invasive, easy to maintain, long-term performers, scaled for residential landscapes, and of course, once established — drought tolerant. In some cases, there are so many excellent water smart plants in a particular group, like salvias, that we chose the group, and gave several examples.

and N = Native Plant

## Shrubs

- 1 **Manzanita**  
 Arctostaphylos species & hybrids, N
- 2 **California Lilac**  
 Ceanothus species and hybrids, N
- 3 **Western Redbud**  
 Cercis occidentalis, N
- 4 **Geraldton Waxflower**  
 Chamelaucium uncinatum
- 5 **Rockrose**  
 Cistus species
- 6 **Grevillea**  
 Grevillea species and hybrids
- 7 **Toyon**  
 Heteromeles arbutifolia, N
- 8 **Texas Ranger**  
 Leucophyllum species
- 9 **Oregon Grape**  
 Mahonia aquifolium, N
- 10 **Common Myrtle**  
 Myrtus communis
- 11 **Rosemary**  
 Rosmarinus officinalis
- 12 **Coast Rosemary**  
 Westringia fruticosa

## Succulents

- 13 **Aeonium**  
 Aeonium species
- 14 **Agave**  
 Agave species and hybrids
- 15 **Aloe**  
 Aloe species and hybrids
- 16 **Rock Purslane**  
 Calandrinia grandiflora
- 17 **Live Forever**  
 Dudleya species and hybrids, N
- 18 **Hens-and-Chickens**  
 Echeveria species and hybrids

## Vines

- 19 **Bougainvillea**  
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- 20 **Yellow Orchid Vine**  
 Mascagnia macroptera
- 21 **California Wild Grape**  
 Vitis californica, N

## Groundcover

- 22 **Carmel Creeper**  
 Ceanothus griseus horizontalis species and hybrids, N
- 23 **Silver Carpet**  
 Dymondia margaretae
- 24 **Ice Plant**  
 Lampranthus species
- 25 **Trailing Lantana**  
 Lantana montevidensis
- 26 **Huntington Carpet Rosemary**  
 Rosmarinus officinalis 'Huntington Carpet'
- ROSEMARY**
- Prostrate Rosemary**  
 Rosmarinus officinalis 'Prostrata'
- Lockwood de Forest**  
 Rosmarinus officinalis 'Lockwood de Forest'
- 27 **Stoncrop**  
 Sedum species and hybrids
- 28 **Woolly Thyme**  
 Thymus pseudolanuginosus

## Grass\*

- 29 **New Zealand Cabbage**  
 Cordyline australis
- 30 **Pink Muhly Grass**  
 Muhlenbergia capillaris
- 31 **Red Fountain Grass**  
 Pennisetum setaceum 'Rubrum'
- 32 **New Zealand Flax**  
 Phormium tenax and some species and hybrids

## Perennials

- 33 **Kangaroo Paws**  
 Anigozanthos species and hybrids
- 34 **California Sunflower**  
 Encelia californica, N
- 35 **Lavender**  
 Lavandula species and hybrids
- 36 **Monkey flower**  
 Mimulus, Native species and hybrids
- 37 **PENSTEMON, Native species**  
 Penstemon heterophyllus, N
- Foothill Penstemon**  
 Penstemon parryi, N
- Parry's Beardtongue**  
 Penstemon spectabilis, N
- Showy Penstemon**
- 38 **SALVIA SPECIES**  
 Salvia africana lutea
- Dune Sage**
- Gernander Sage**  
 Salvia chamaedryoides
- Autumn Sage**  
 Salvia greggii
- 39 **TAGETES PERENNIAL**  
 Tagetes lemmonii
- Cleveland Sage**  
 Salvia clevelandii, N
- Mexican Bush Sage**  
 Salvia leucantha
- Copper Canyon Daisy**  
 Tagetes lucida
- 40 **Peruvian Verbena**  
 Verbena peruviana
- Mexican Tarragon**
- 41 **Strawberry Tree**  
 Arbutus 'Marina'
- 42 **Pindo Palm**  
 Butia capitata
- 43 **Chitalpa**  
 Chitalpa tashkentensis, N

- 44 **Australian Willow**  
 Geijera parviflora
- 45 **Crape Myrtle**  
 Lagerstroemia indica
- 46 **Sweet Bay**  
 Laurus nobilis
- 47 **Fruitless Olive**  
 Olea europaea 'Swan Hill'
- 48 **Desert Museum Palo Verde**  
 Parkinsonia (Cercidium) x 'Desert Museum'
- 49 **Chinese Pistache**  
 Pistacia chinensis
- 50 **Coast Live Oak**  
 Quercus agrifolia, N

## Trees

\* Includes Ornamental Grasses & Grass-like Plants