



SAMLARC Water-Wise Mediterranean Plant List

Annuals & Perennials

Annuals are plants that flower or produce tender foliage for one season and Perennials are plants that live for more than two years. Annual and perennial plants are a wonderful way to infuse color into your landscape. They both provide showy blooms and foliage, and their different blooming seasons provide variety in your garden. Annuals and perennials are typically used as an accent to planting areas.

Common Name	Latin Name
Lily of the Nile	<i>Agapanthus africanus</i>
Peruvian Lily	<i>Alstromeria</i>
Sea Thrift	<i>Armeria maritima</i>
Wax Begonia	<i>Begonia semperflorens</i>
Winter blooming bergenia	<i>Bergenia crassifolia</i>
Mango Punch	<i>Coreopsis</i>
Blanket Flower	<i>Gaillardia 'Fanfare'</i>
Coral bells	<i>Heuchera 'Crimson Curls'</i>
Sea Lavender	<i>Limonium perezii</i>

Shrubs

A shrub is a woody plant which is smaller than a tree and has several main stems arising at or near the ground. A properly planted and maintained shrub will grow faster and live longer than one that is incorrectly planted. Late summer or early fall is the optimum time to plant shrubs in many areas. This gives the shrub a chance to establish new roots before winter arrives. When spring arrives, the shrub is ready to grow. Shrubs are typically used as an accent in planting areas.

Common Name	Latin Name
Mexican Abelia	<i>Abelia floribunda</i>
Glossy Abelia	<i>Abelia X grandiflora</i>
Prostrate Acacia	<i>Acacia redolens</i>
Pineapple Guava	<i>Acca sellowiana (Feijoa sellowiana)</i>
Red Centered Hibiscus	<i>Alyogyne hakeifolia</i>



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Kangaroo Paw	<i>Anigozanthos flavidus</i>
Yellow Kangaroo Paw	<i>Anigozanthus</i> x. 'Harmony'
Strawberry Tree	<i>Arbutus unedo</i>
Manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos edmundsii</i>
Foxtail Fern	<i>Asparagus</i> d. 'Myers'
Japanese Aucuba	<i>Aucuba japonica</i>
Dwarf Coyote Brush	<i>Baccharis pilularis</i> cvs.
Coyote Brush	<i>Baccharia</i> 'Starn'
Bougainvillea	<i>Bougainvillea</i> spp.
Butterfly Bush	<i>Buddleja davidii</i>
Japanese Boxwood	<i>Buxus microphylla japonica</i>
Pink Powder Puff	<i>Calliandra haematocephala</i>
Dwarf Bottle Brush	<i>Callistemon</i> 'Little John'
Bush Anemone	<i>Carpenteria californica</i>
Feathery Cassia	<i>Cassia artemisioides</i>
California Lilac	<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Joyce Coulter'
Orchid Rockrose	<i>Cistus purpureus</i>
Tasman Flax Lily	<i>Dianella tasmanica</i>
Fortnight Lily	<i>Dietes vegeta</i>
Pride of Madeira	<i>Echium fastuosum</i>
Silverberry	<i>Elaeagnus pungens</i>
Wild Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i>
Yellow Bush Daisy	<i>Euryops pectinatus</i>
Patty's Purple Hebe	<i>Hebe buxifolia</i> 'Patty's Purple'
Daylily	<i>Hemerocallis</i> sp.
Torch Lily	<i>Kniphofia uvaria</i>
Big Sage	<i>Lantana camara</i>
Trailing Lantana	<i>Lantana montevidensis</i>
French Lavender	<i>Lavandula dentata</i>
California Holly Grape 'Ken Hartman'	<i>Mahonia pinnata</i> 'Ken Hartman'
Pink Melaleuca	<i>Melaleuca nesophila</i>
Heavenly bamboo	<i>Nandina domestica</i>
Geranium	<i>Pelargonium</i> sp.



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Surfer New Zealand Flax	<i>Phormium t. 'Surfer'</i>
Clara Indian Hawthorn	<i>Raphiolepis l. 'Clara'</i>
Upright Rosemary	<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>
Coast Rosemary	<i>Westringia fruticosa</i>
Mexican Sage	<i>Salvia leucantha</i>
Autumn Sage	<i>Salvia gregii</i>
Green Lavender Cotton	<i>Santolina virens</i>
Bird of Paradise	<i>Strelitzia reginae</i>
Society Garlic	<i>Tulbaghia violacea</i>

Vines

Vines are a plant whose stem requires support and which climbs by tendrils or twining or creeps along the ground. Vines add versatility and height to the landscape. Climbing vines can be used to add background to a garden bed, shield an unsightly view, or supply fragrance. Use of invasive vines is not permitted.

Common Name	Latin Name
Lavender Trumpet Vine	<i>Clytostoma callistegioides</i>
Creeping Fig	<i>Ficus repens</i>
Carolina Jessamine	<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>
Purple Vine Lilac	<i>Hardenbergia violacea</i>
Pink Jasmine	<i>Jasminum polyanthum</i>
Star Jasmine	<i>Trachelospermum jasminoides</i>
Cat's Claw Vine	<i>Macfadyena unguis-cati</i>
Blood Red Trumpet Vine	<i>Distictus buccinatoria</i>
Trumpet Creeper	<i>Campsis spp.</i>



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Grasses

Grasses can be used as groundcover, as edging along a pathway, as a privacy screen, and as part of mixed perennial and shrub borders. Some are low and clumping, some are arching, and others are more upright.

Common Name	Latin Name
Blue Sedge	<i>Carex glauca</i>
Blue Wheatgrass	<i>Elymus magellanicus</i>
Blue Fescue	<i>Festuca glauca</i>
Creeping Red Fescue	<i>Festuca rubra</i>
Blue Oat Grass	<i>Helictotrichon sempervirens</i>
Big Blue Lilyturf	<i>Liriope muscari</i>
Maiden Grass	<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i>
Pink Muhly	<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>
Purple Fountain Grass	<i>Pennisetum s. 'Rubrum'</i>
Fireworks Fountain Grass	<i>Pennisetum 'Fireworks'</i>

Ground Cover

Ground cover is low-growing, spreading plants that help to stop weeds from growing. Ground covers help to insulate the soil when the temperature gets very hot or cold. Unlike bark and pebble mulches, ground covers can also add color to the garden with attractive leaves or flowers.

Common Name	Latin Name
Carpet Bugle	<i>Ajuga reptans</i>
Carmel Sur Manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos e. 'Carmel Sur'</i>
Bougainvillea	<i>Bougainvillea spp.</i>
Natal Plum	<i>Carissa macrocarpa (prost.cvs.)</i>
Bearberry	<i>Cotoneaster dammeri</i>
Ornamental Strawberry	<i>Fragaria chiloensis</i>
Creeping Mahonia	<i>Mahonia repens</i>
Prostrate Rosemary	<i>Rosmarinus o. 'Prostratus'</i>



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Succulents

Succulents are drought resistant plants in which the leaves, stem or roots have become more than usually fleshy by the development of water-storing tissue. Succulents are used as an accent to planting beds and may make up no more than 5% of the total plan bed area.

Common Name	Latin Name
Giant Velvet Rose	<i>Aeonium canariense</i>
Foxtail Agave	<i>Agave attenuata</i>
Giant Chalk Dudleya	<i>Dudleya brittonii</i>
Mexican Snowball	<i>Echeveria elegans</i>
Paddle Plant	<i>Kalanchoe thyrsiflora</i>
Blue Finger	<i>Senecio mandraliscae</i>
Variegated Orange Stonecrop	<i>Sedum Kamtschaticum 'Variegatum'</i>
Hens and Chicks	<i>Sempervivum tectorum</i>
Datil Yucca	<i>Yucca bacata</i>