

## Nifty 50 Plants for WaterSmart Landscapes

These plants have been selected because they are attractive, generally 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 WaterSmart plants in a particular group, like salvias, that the group is listed with several examples.

### Shrubs

Manzanita *Arctostaphylos* species & hybrids, N  
California Lilac *Ceanothus* species and hybrids, N  
Western Redbud *Cercis occidentalis*, N  
Geraldton Wax flower *Chamelaucium uncinatum*  
Rockrose *Cistus* species  
*Grevillea* *Grevillea* species and hybrids  
Toyon *Heteromeles arbutifolia*, N  
Texas Ranger *Leucophyllum* species  
Oregon Grape *Mahonia aquifolium*, N  
Dwarf Myrtle *Myrtus communis* 'Compacta'  
Rosemary *Rosmarinus officinalis*  
Coast Rosemary *Westringia fruticosa*

### Succulents

*Aeonium* *Aeonium* species  
Agave Agave species and hybrids  
Aloe Aloe species and hybrids  
Rock Purslane *Calandrinia grandiflora*  
Live Forever *Dudleya* species and hybrids, N  
Hens-and-Chicks *Echeveria* species and hybrids

### Vines

Bougainvillea Bougainvillea  
Japanese Honeysuckle *Lonicera japonica*  
Japanese Wisteria *Wisteria floribunda*

### Groundcovers

Carmel Creeper *Ceanothus griseus horizontalis* species and hybrids, N

Silver Carpet *Dymondia margaretae*

Ice Plant *Lampranthus* species

Trailing Lantana *Lantana montevidensis*

### ROSEMARY:

Huntington Carpet Rosemary *Rosmarinus officinalis* 'Huntington Carpet'

Prostrate Rosemary *Rosmarinus officinalis* 'Prostrata'

Lockwood de Forest *Rosmarinus officinalis* 'Lockwood de Forest'

Stonecrop *Sedum* species and hybrids

Woolly Thyme *Thymus pseudolanuginosus*

Grasses \* includes ornamental grasses and grass like plants

New Zealand Cabbage *Cordyline australis*

Pink Muhly Grass *Muhlenbergia capillaris*

Elijah Blue Fescue *Festuca glauca 'Elijah Blue' Grass\**

New Zealand Flax *Phormium tenax* and some species and hybrids

#### Perennials

Kangaroo Paw *Anigozanthos* species and hybrids

California Sunflower *Encelia californica*, N

Trailing African Daisy *Osteospermum fruticosum*

Monkey Flower *Mimulus*, Native species and hybrids

Penstemon, Native species

    Foothill Penstemon *Penstemon heterophyllus*, N

    Parry's Beardtongue *Penstemon parryi*, N

    Showy Penstemon *Penstemon spectabilis*, N

Salvia species

    Dune Sage *Salvia Africana lutea*

    Germaner Sage *Salvia chamaedryoides*

    Cleveland Sage *Salvia clevelandii*, N

    Mexican Bush Sage *Salvia leucantha*

    Autumn Sage *Salvia greggii*

Lavandula species

    French Lavender *Lavandula dentata*

    Spanish Lavender *Lavandula stoechas*

Peruvian Verbena *Verbena peruviana*

#### Trees

Strawberry Tree *Arbutus 'Marina'*

Pindo Palm *Butia capitata*

Chitalpa *Chitalpa tashkentensis*, N

Australian Willow *Geijera parviflora*

Crape Myrtle *Lagerstroemia indica*

Sweet Bay *Laurus nobilis*

Fruitless Olive *Olea europaea 'Swan Hill'*

Desert Museum Palo Verde *Parkinsonia (Cercidium) x 'Desert Museum'*

Chinese Pistache *Pistacia chinensis*

Coast Live Oak *Quercus agrifolia*, N

Reference: San Diego County Water Authority