

## Vines

*Campsis* spp. - Trumpet Creeper  
*Jasminum mesnyi* - Primrose Jasmine  
*Macfadyena unguis-cati* - Cat's Claw Vine  
*Polygonum aubertii* - Silver Lace Vine  
*Rosa banksiae* - Lady Banks Rose  
*Rosa 'Cecil Brunner'* (climbing variety) -  
Cecil Brunner Rose  
*Vitis* spp. – Grape/**California Wild Grape\*\*\***

## Perennials

*Achillea* spp. – **Yarrow\*\*\* ♣**  
*Amaryllis belladonna* - Naked Lady  
*Anemone X hybrida* – Japanese Anemone  
*Aquilegia* spp. – **Columbine\*\*\***  
*Aurinia saxatilis* - Basket of Gold Allysum  
*Briza media* - **Quaking Grass\*\*\***  
*Brodiaea* spp. – **Brodiaea\*\*\***  
*Bulbine frutescens* – Dwarf Orange Bulbine  
*Calamagrostis* spp. – **Feather Reed\*\*\***  
*Carex* (garden spp.) – **Sedge\*\*\***  
*Centaurea acineraria* - Dusty Miller ♣  
*Coreopsis* spp. – Coreopsis ♣  
*Crocrosmia* hybrids (also called *Tritonia*) – Montbretia  
*Deschampsia caespitosa* – **Tufted Hairgrass\*\*\***  
*Dietes bicolor* and *D. iridoides* - Fortnight Lily ♣  
*Dudleya* - Dudleya  
*Epilobium* spp. (also called *Zauschneria*) -  
**California Fuchsia\*\*\***  
*Erigeron karvinskianus* – Fleabane ♣  
*Eriogonum* spp. – **Buckwheat\*\*\***  
*Erodium chrysanthum* - Cranesbill  
*Erysimum* spp. – Wallflower  
*Erysimum suffrutescens* – **Pt. Reyes Wallflower\*\*\***  
*Eschscholzia californica* - **California Poppy\*\*\***  
*Fescue californica* - **California Fescue\*\*\***  
*Fescue idahoensis* - **Idaho Fescue\*\*\***  
*Fescue glauca* - Blue Fescue  
*Gaillardia grandiflora* - Blanket Flower  
*Galium odoratum* – Sweet Woodruff  
*Helictotrichon sempervirens* – Blue Oat Grass  
*Heuchera sanguinea* – **Coral Bells\*\*\***  
*Iris douglasiana* - **Pacific Coast Iris\*\*\***  
*Iris* spp. (bearded varieties) - Bearded Iris ♣  
*Ixia* spp. - African Corn Lily  
*Lantana montevidensis* – Lantana ♣  
*Lavandula perzil* - Sea Lavender ♣  
*Limonium commune* var. *californicum* – **Coastal  
Statice\*\*\***  
*Linum* spp. – Flax

## Perennials (continued)

*Lotus scoparius* – Deer Weed  
*Mirabilis jalapa* – Four O'clock  
*Mimulus* spp. (shrubby forms) - **Monkey Flower\*\*\* ♣**  
*Muhlenbergia capillaries* – Hairy Awn Muhly  
*Muhlenbergia dumosa* – Bamboo Muhly  
*Muhlenbergia rigens* – **Deer Grass\*\*\***  
*Muscari macrocarpum* - Grape Hyacinth  
*Narcissus* spp. – Daffodil  
*Nassella tenuissima* – Texas Needle Grass  
*Nepeta* spp. - Catmint  
*Oenothera speciosa* - Mexican Evening Primrose  
*Pelargonium x hortorum* - Garden Geranium  
*Pennisetum alopecuriodes* - Black Pennisetum  
*Pennisetum orientale* – Chinese Fountain Grass  
*Penstemon wild* spp. (native, non-hybrid) –  
**Penstemon\*\*\***  
*Perovskia* spp. – Russian Sage  
*Phlomis fruticosa* – Jerusalem Sage  
*Polystichum munitum* – **Western Sword Fern\*\*\***  
*Romneya coulteri* - Matilija Poppy  
*Salvia* spp. (select varieties) – Sage  
*Salvia sonomensis* – **Sonoma Sage\*\*\***  
*Satureja douglasii* – Yerba Buena  
*Scilla peruviana* - Peruvian Bluebell  
*Senecio cineraria* - Dusty Millar  
*Sidalcea* spp. – **False Mellow\*\*\***  
*Stachys byzantina* - Lamb's Eras ♣  
*Tanacetum parthenium* - Feverfew  
*Teucrium chamaedrys* - Germander  
*Verbena* spp. (most varieties) - Verbena

## REFERENCE INFORMATION

We used the 1999 version of WUCOLS (Water Use Classification of Landscape Species) as our reference. Most of the plants on our list were classified in WUCOLS as needing low or very low amounts of irrigation water in our area.

Plants listed as fire-wise are referenced from the following brochure: "Living with Fire in Sonoma County – A Guide for the Homeowner." [http://www.sonoma-county.org/fire/pdf/fire/living\\_with\\_fire.pdf](http://www.sonoma-county.org/fire/pdf/fire/living_with_fire.pdf)  
Even though no plants are fireproof, fire-wise plants can be used in landscaping for fire prevention.

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## 'Cash for Grass' Plant List

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Most of the plants listed here are low water use, requiring only 1/3 the water of lawns (or approximately 12" of irrigation a year once established).

Not all of the plants on this list are right for every garden, so please be sure to talk to your local nursery center or use a reference guide to find specific information about a plant's mature size and preferred exposure and other needs (like soil type and drainage).

Low water-use plants that are known to become invasive in Sonoma County have been omitted from the list.

This list shows two names for each plant: a *botanical name* (in italics) and a common name (in regular type). No two plants have the same botanical name, but some common names have been given to more than one plant. For accuracy when looking up plant specifics or purchasing a plant, use the botanical name.

### Large Trees (over 40')

*Cedrus deodara* - Deodar Cedar  
*Cupressus sempervirens* - Italian Cypress  
*Lithocarpus densiflorus* - **Tanbark Oak**\*\*\*  
*Lyonothamnus floribundus* - Catalina Ironwood  
*Melia azedarach* - Chinaberry  
*Pinus spp.* (most varieties) - Pine  
*Quercus agrifolia* - **Coast Live Oak**\*\*\* ♣  
*Quercus ilex* - Holly Oak ♣  
*Quercus kelloggii* - **California Black Oak**\*\*\* ♣  
*Quercus lobata* - **Valley Oak**\*\*\* ♣  
*Quercus suber* - Cork Oak ♣  
*Robinia X ambigua* - Locust

### Small Trees (to 40')

*Acer palmatum* - Japanese Maple ♣  
*Albizia julibrissin* - Silk Tree  
*Amelanchier alnifolia* - Serviceberry 'Thiessen'  
*Arbutus 'Marina'* - Marina Arbutus  
*Arbutus unedo* - Strawberry Tree ♣  
*Celtis spp.* - Hackberry  
*Ceratonia siliqua* - Carob  
*Cercis occidentalis* - **Western Redbud**\*\*\* ♣  
*Cercocarpus betuloides* - **Mountain Ironwood**\*\*\* ♣  
*Corylus cornuta californica* - **Western Hazelnut**\*\*\*  
*Diosporus kaki* - Japanese Persimmon  
*Eryobotrya japonica* - Loquat  
*Feijoa sellowiana* - Pineapple Guava ♣  
*Heteromeles arbutifolia* - **Toyon**\*\*\* ♣  
*Lagerstroemia indica* - Crepe Myrtle  
*Laurus nobilis* - Sweet Bay  
*Laurus 'Saratoga'* - Saratoga Bay  
*Pistacia chinensis* - Chinese Pistache ♣  
*Pittosporum spp.* - Mock Orange ♣  
*Prunus ilicifolia* - Holly Leaf Cherry  
*Prunus spp.* (plums) - Plum/Prune  
*Rhus lancea* - African Sumac  
*Ziziphus jujuba* - Chinese Jujube

### Large Shrubs (10' to 20')

*Buddleja alternifolia* - Fountain Butterfly Bush ♣  
*Calycanthus occidentalis* - **Western Spice Bush**\*\*\*  
*Carpenteria californica* - Bush Anemone ♣

### Large Shrubs (continued)

*Cercis occidentalis* - Western Redbud  
*Chaenomeles spp.* - Flowering Quince  
*Cotinus coggygria* - Smoke Tree  
*Dodonea viscosa* - Hopseed Bush  
*Elaeagnus pungens* - Silverberry  
*Fremontodendron spp.* - **Flannel Bush**\*\*\*  
*Garrya elliptica* - Coast Silktassel ♣  
*Gaultheria shallon* - Salal  
*Hakea suaveolens* - Sweet Hakea  
*Ilex cornuta 'Burfordii'* - Burford Holly  
*Lavatera aassurgentiflora* - Malva Rose ♣  
*Myrica californica* - **Pacific Wax Myrtle**\*\*\*  
*Nerium oleander* - Oleander ♣  
*Osteospermum fruticosum* - Trailing African Daisy ♣  
*Philadelphus mexicanus* - Evergreen Mock Orange  
*Pittosporum tobira* - Mock Orange  
*Prunus carolina* - Carolina Laurel Cherry  
*Prunus lusitanica* - Portugal Laurel  
*Prunus lyonii* - Catalina Cherry ♣  
*Punica granatum* - Pomegranate ♣  
*Rhamnus alaternus* - Italian Buckthorn ♣  
*Rhamnus californica* - **California Coffeeberry**\*\* ♣  
*Rhus integrifolia* - Lemonade Berry ♣  
*Rhus ovata* - Sugar Bush  
*Ribes sanguineum glutinosum* -  
**Red Flowering Currant**\*\*\* ♣  
*Simmondsia chinensis* - Jojoba ♣  
*Sophora secundiflora* - Texas Mountain Laurel  
*Xylosma congestum* - Shiny Xylosma

### Low Shrubs

*Alyogyne huegelii* - Blue Hibiscus  
*Arctostaphylos spp.* - **Manzanita/Pt. Reyes Bearberry**\*\*\*  
*Berberis spp.* - Barberry  
*Bougainvillea spp.* - Bougainvillea  
*Capparis spinosa* - Caper Bush  
*Ceanothus spp.* - **California Lilac**\*\*\* ♣  
*Convolvulus cneorum* - Bush Morning Glory ♣  
*Correa spp.* - Australian Fuchsia  
*Erysimum 'Bowles Mauve'* - Wallflower  
*Euryops pectinatus* - Shrub Daisy  
*Galvezia speciosa* - Island Snapdragon  
*Grevillea spp.* - Grevillea  
*Halimium lasianthum* - Sunrose  
*Holodiscus discolor* - Ocean Spray  
*Lantana spp.* - Lantana  
*Lavandula spp.* - Lavender  
*Lavatera spp.* - Bush/Tree Mallow

### Low Shrubs (continued)

*Ligustrum ovalifolium* - California Privet  
*Loropetalum chinensis* - Fringe Flower  
*Mahonia spp.* (most varieties) - **Oregon Grape**\*\*\*/**California Holly Grape**\*\*\*  
*Melianthus major* - Honey Bush  
*Myrsine africana* - African Boxwood  
*Myrtus communis* - True Myrtle  
*Nandina domestica* - Heavenly Bamboo  
*Phormium hybrids* - Flax  
*Phormium tenax* - New Zealand Flax  
*Pinus mugo* - Mugo Pine  
*Plumbago auriculata* - Cape Plumbago  
*Portulacaria afra* - Elephant's Food  
*Raphirolepis indica* - Indian Hawthorne  
*Raphirolepis unbellata* - Yeddo Hawthorne  
*Ribes aureum* - Golden Currant  
*Ribes viburnifolium* - **Evergreen Currant**\*\*\*  
*Rosa rugosa* - Japanese Rosa  
*Rosmarinus officinalis* - Rosemary  
*Salvia apiana* - **White Sage**\*\*\*  
*Salvia clevelandii* - **Cleveland Sage**\*\*\*  
*Salvia greggii* (all varieties) - Autumn Sage  
*Salvia leucantha* - Mexican Bush Sage  
*Salvia spathacea* - **Hummingbird Sage**\*\*\*  
*Santolina spp.* - Lavender Cotton  
*Sarcococca ruscifolia* - Fragrant Sarcococca  
*Symphoricarpos albus* - Snowberry  
*Syringa vulgaris* - Lilac  
*Teucrium fruticans* - Bush Germander  
*Westringia spp.* - Westringia

### Ground Covers

*Artemisia spp.* - Sagebrush  
*Baccharis pilularis* (dwarf cultivars) -  
**Dwarf Coyote Brush**\*\*\*  
*Ceratostigma plumbaginoides* - Dwarf Plumbago  
*Chamaemelum nobile* - Chamomile  
*Convolvulus mauritanicus* - Ground Morning Glory  
*Coprosma x kirkii* - Creeping Coprosma ♣  
*Cotoneaster spp. (ground covers)* - Cotoneaster ♣  
*Echeveria spp.* - Hens & Chicks ♣  
*Helianthemum nummularium* - Sunrose  
*Juniperus spp.* (prostrate varieties) -  
Prostrate Juniper  
*Osteospermum spp.* - African Trailing Daisy  
*Rosmarinus officinalis 'prostratus'* - Prostrate Rosemary

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