





WaterSmart Plant List for the Sacramento Region
Very Low, Low, and Moderate Water-Use
Shrubs - Large

Genus	Species	Variety / Cultivar / Hybrid	Common Name	Water Use	Plant Type	Exposure	Climate Zone	Mature Size Tall (T) / Wide (W)	Plant Coverage Value (Sq. Ft.)	Bloom Color / Season							
Shrubs - Large											Uses / Benefits						
Acacia	<i>aneura</i>		Mulga	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	8, 9, 12-24	15-20' T / W	241	Yellow / Spring	Y		Y				
Acacia	<i>boormanii</i>		Snowy River Wattle	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	8, 9, 12-24	10-15' T / 6-15' W	87	Yellow / Winter, Spring			Y				
Acacia	<i>constricta</i>		Whitehorn Acacia, Mescat Acacia	L	Deciduous to Semi-deciduous	FS	8 to 24	10-20' T / W	177	Yellow / Spring, Summer	Y		Y				
Acacia	<i>convenyi</i>		Blue Bush	L	Evergreen	FS	8, 9, 12-24	12-20' T / 10-15' W	123	Yellow / Winter, Spring	Y						
Acacia	<i>cultriformis</i>		Knife Acacia	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	12 to 24	10-16' T / 10-15' W	123	Yellow / Spring	Y		Y				
Acacia	<i>greggii</i>		Catclaw Acacia	L	Deciduous	FS	10 to 24	15-25' T / 15-20' W	241	Yellow / Spring		Y					
Acacia	<i>iteaphylla</i>		Willow Wattle	L	Evergreen	FS	8, 9, 12-24	8-12' T / 10-15' W	123	Yellow / Winter, Spring	Y		Y				
Acca (Feijoa)	<i>sellowiana</i>		Pineapple Guava	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	7-9, 12-24, H1, H2	18-25' T / W	177	Red and White / Spring, Summer	Y		Y	Y	Y		
Aloysia	<i>citrodora (triphylla)</i>		Lemon Verbena	L	Deciduous	FS	9, 10, 12-21	6-8' T / W	38	White, Lilac / Summer							
Arbutus	<i>unedo</i>	'Compacta'	Compact Strawberry Tree	L	Evergreen	FS	4 to 24	6-8' T / W	38	White / Fall, Winter	Y		Y			Y	Y
Arctostaphylos	<i>densiflora</i>	'Howard McMinn'	McMinn's Manzanita	L	Evergreen	FS	7-9, 14-21	5-8' T / 7' W	38	Light Pink / Winter, Spring	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Arctostaphylos	<i>densiflora</i>	'Sentinel'	Sentinel Manzanita	L	Evergreen	FS	7-9, 14-21	10' T / 8' W	50	Pinkish White / Spring	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y
Arctostaphylos	<i>manzanita</i>	'Dr. Hurd'	Dr. Hurd's Manzanita	VL	Evergreen	FS	4-9, 14-24	12-16' T / 15' W	177	White / Winter	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y
Arctostaphylos	<i>pajaroensis</i>	'Paradise'	Pajaro Manzanita	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	14-24	6' T / 8-10' W	64	Pink / Spring	Y	Y				Y	Y
Buddleja	<i>davidii</i>		Butterfly Bush	M	Semi-evergreen to Deciduous	FS	2-24, H1	5-15' T / W	79	Purple / Summer, Fall	Y		Y				Y
Caesalpinia (Poinciana)	<i>gilliesii</i>		Desert Bird of Paradise, Yellow Bird of Paradise	L	Semi-evergreen	FS	8-16, 18-24	10' T / 8' W	50	Yellow / Summer	Y						
Caesalpinia (Poinciana)	<i>pulcherrima</i>		Red Bird of Paradise, Dwarf Poinciana	L	Semi-evergreen	FS	12-16, 18-23, H1, H2	10-20' T / 6-12' T	64	Orange-yellow / Spring, Summer, Fall	Y						
Camellia	<i>sasanqua</i>		Sasanqua Camellia	M	Evergreen	PS	4-9, 12, 14-24	6-12' T / W	64	Pink, Red, White / Spring							
Calycanthus	<i>occidentalis</i>		Western Spice Bush	L	Deciduous	PS	4-9, 14-24	4-12' T / W	50	Red / Spring, Summer		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
Carpenteria	<i>californica</i>		Bush Anemone	L	Evergreen	PS	5-9, 14-24	6-8' T / 4-5' W	16	White and Yellow / Spring, Summer	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
Carpenteria	<i>californica</i>	'Elizabeth'	Elizabeth Bush Anemone	L	Evergreen	PS	5-9, 14-24	6-7' T / 4-8' W	28	White and Yellow / Spring, Summer	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y
Ceanothus	<i>spp. (large species)</i>		Ceanothus	L	Evergreen	FS	5-9, 14-24	6-10' T / W	50	Blue / Spring		Y	Y				Y
Ceanothus		'Blue Jeans'	Blue Jeans Ceanothus	L	Evergreen	FS	5-9, 14-24	7-9' T / W	50	Violet-blue / Late Spring, Summer	Y	Y	Y				Y

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<i>Ceanothus</i>		'Concha'	Concha Ceanothus	L	Evergreen	FS	6-9, 14-24	6-8' T / W	38	Dark Blue / Winter, Spring	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	
<i>Ceanothus</i>		'Frosty Blue'	Frosty Blue Ceanothus	L	Evergreen	FS	5-9, 14-24	6-9' T / 8-10' W	64	Deep Blue, Frosted White / Spring	Y	Y				Y	
<i>Ceanothus</i>		'Ray Hartman'	Ray Hartman Ceanothus	L	Evergreen	FS	5-9, 14-24	12-20' T / 15-20' W	241	Blue / Winter, Spring	Y	Y		Y		Y	
<i>Ceanothus</i>	<i>thyrsiflorus</i>	'El Dorado'	El Dorado Ceanothus	M	Evergreen	FS/PS	5-9, 14-24	8' T / W	50	Blue / Spring	Y	Y	Y			Y	
<i>Cercocarpus</i>	<i>betuloides</i>		Mountain Mahogany	VL	Evergreen	FS	3, 5, 7-10, 13-24	5-12' T / W	57		Y	Y		Y		Y	
<i>Choisya</i>	<i>ternata</i>		Mexican Orange	M	Evergreen	FS/PS	6-9, 14-24	6-8' T / W	38	White / Early Summer			Y				
<i>Coprosma</i>	<i>repens (baueri)</i>	& cvs.	Mirror Plant	M	Evergreen	FS/PS	14-24	10' T / 6' W	28	White / Spring, Summer	Y						
<i>Cotinus</i>	<i>coggygria</i>		Smoke Tree	L	Deciduous	FS	2 to 24	12-15' T / W	143	Lavender-pink / Summer	Y						
<i>Cotinus</i>	<i>coggygria</i>	'Ancot' PP13,082	Golden Spirit Smoke Tree	L	Deciduous	FS/PS	2 to 24	8' T / 6' W	28	Yellow / Spring, Summer	Y		Y				
<i>Cotinus</i>	<i>coggygria</i>	'Royal Purple'	Royal Purple Smoke Tree	L	Deciduous	FS/PS	2 to 24	15' T / 10-12' W	95	Purple / Summer	Y		Y				
<i>Cycas</i>	<i>revoluta</i>		Sago Palm	M	Evergreen	FS/PS	2 to 24	8' T / W	50	Pink / Summer							
<i>Dodonaea</i>	<i>viscosa</i>	'Purpurea'	Hop Bush, Hopseed Bush	L	Evergreen	FS	7 to 24	10-15' T / W	123		Y		Y			Y	
<i>Elaeagnus</i>	<i>pungens</i>		Silverberry	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	4 to 24	10-15' T / W	123	White / Fall	Y		Y			Y	
<i>Elaeagnus</i>	<i>pungens</i>	'Fruitlandii'	Fruitland Elaeagnus	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	4 to 24	10-15' T / W	123	White / Fall	Y		Y			Y	
<i>Elaeagnus</i>	<i>pungens</i>	'Variegata'	Yellow-Edge Elaeagnus	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	4 to 24	10-15' T / W	123	White / Fall	Y		Y			Y	
<i>Elaeagnus</i>	<i>pungens</i>	'Gilt Edge'	Silverberry	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	4 to 24	10-15' T / W	123	White / Fall	Y		Y			Y	
<i>Eriogonum</i>	<i>gaganteum</i>		Saint Catherine's Lace, St. Catherine's Lace	VL	Semi-deciduous	FS	5, 7-9, 14-24	6-10' T / W	50	Pinkish-white / Spring, Summer, Fall	Y	Y	Y				
<i>Escallonia</i>	<i>rubra</i>		Escallonia	M	Evergreen	FS/PS	4-9, 14-24	6-15' T / W	87	Red / Summer			Y			Y	
<i>Euonymus</i>	<i>alatus</i>	'Compacta'	Dwarf Winged Euonymus	M	Deciduous	FS	2B-10, 14-16	6-10' T / W	50								
<i>Euonymus</i>	<i>japonicus</i>		Evergreen Euonymus	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	4 to 20	8-12' T / 6' W	28							Y	
<i>Euonymus</i>	<i>japonicas</i>	'Greenspire'	Green Spire Euonymus	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	4 to 20	6-8' T / 1-3' W	3								
<i>Feijoa (Acca)</i>	<i>sellowiana</i>		Pineapple Guava	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	7-9, 12-24, H1, H2	18-25' T / W	363	Red and White / Spring, Summer	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	
<i>Forsythia</i>	<i>x intermedia</i>		Forsythia	L	Deciduous	FS	2B-11, 14-16, 18-19	4-10' T / 4-8' W	28	Yellow / Late Winter, Early Spring						Y	
<i>Frangula (Rhamnus)</i>	<i>californica</i>		Coffeeberry, California Coffeeberry	L	Evergreen	FS	3A-10, 14-24, H1, H2	8-12' T / 4-8' W	28	Yellowish / Spring	Y	Y				Y	








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<i>Frangula (Rhamnus)</i>	<i>californica</i>	'Eve Case'	Eve Case Coffeeberry	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	3A-10, 14-24, H1, H2	6-8' T / W	38	Greenish White / Spring	Y	Y				Y	Y
<i>Fremontodendron</i>		'Pacific Sunset'	Pacific Sunset Flannel Bush	VL	Evergreen	FS	2 to 24	12-15' T / W	143	Orange-yellow / Spring	Y	Y	Y				Y
<i>Garrya</i>	<i>elliptica</i>		Coast Silktassel	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	4-9, 14-24	8-15' T / W	104	Greenish White / Winter, Spring		Y					Y
<i>Garrya</i>	<i>elliptica</i>	'Evie'	Evie Silktassel	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	4-9, 14-24	8-15' T / W	104	Greenish White / Winter, Spring	Y	Y					Y
<i>Grevillea</i>		'Canberra Gem'	Canberra Gem Grevillea	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	8, 9, 12-24	8' T / 12' W	113	Red / Winter, Spring	Y		Y				
<i>Heteromeles</i>	<i>arbutifolia</i>		Toyon, Christmas Berry	VL	Evergreen	FS/PS	5-9, 14-24	8-15' T / 8-10' W	64	White / Summer	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<i>Heteromeles</i>	<i>arbutifolia</i>	'Davis Gold'	Davis Gold Toyon	VL	Evergreen	FS/PS	5-9, 14-24	8-15' T / 8-10' W	64	White / Summer	Y	Y					Y
<i>Hibiscus</i>	<i>syriacus</i>		Rose of Sharon, Hardy Hibiscus	M	Deciduous	FS	2 to 24	10-12' T / 6' W	28	White, Lavender, Red, Pink / Summer, Fall							
<i>Jasminum</i>	<i>mesnyi</i>		Primrose Jasmine	M	Evergreen	FS/PS	4-24, H1, H2	6-10' T / 6-10' W	50	Yellow / Winter, Spring			Y				
<i>Juniperus</i>	<i>californica</i>		California Juniper	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	3, 6-12, 14-24	10-40' T / W	491		Y	Y					Y
<i>Juniperus</i>	<i>chinensis</i>	'Kaizuka' / 'Torulosa'	Hollywood Juniper	L	Evergreen	FS	1 to 24	15' T / 10' W	79		Y		Y				Y
<i>Lavatera (Malva)</i>	<i>assurgentiflora</i>		Tree Mallow, Malva Rosa	M	Evergreen	FS/PS	14-24	10-12' T / W	95	Pink-lavender / Spring, Summer	Y						Y
<i>Lavatera</i>	<i>maritima (bicolor)</i>		Bush Mallow	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	6-9, 12-24	6-8' T / W	38	Light Lavender / Year-round			Y				
<i>Leucophyllum</i>	<i>frutescens</i>		Texas Ranger, Cenizo	L	Evergreen	FS	7 to 24	6-8' T / W	38	Purple / Summer	Y		Y	Y			Y
<i>Leptospermum</i>	<i>scoparium</i>		New Zealand Tea Tree	M	Evergreen	FS	14-24	6-8' T / 4-5' W	16	White, Red, Pink, Burgundy, Lavender / Fall, Spring	Y		Y				Y
<i>Leptospermum</i>	<i>scoparium</i>	'Helene Strybing'	Pink New Zealand Tea Tree	M	Evergreen	FS	14-24	8-10' T / 8-12' W	79	Pink / Fall, Spring	Y		Y				Y
<i>Leptospermum</i>	<i>scoparium</i>	'Ruby Glow'	Red New Zealand Tea Tree	M	Evergreen	FS	14-24	6-8' T / 4-5' W	16	Red / Fall, Spring	Y		Y				Y
<i>Loropetalum</i>	<i>chinense</i>		Fringe Flower	M	Evergreen	PS	6-9, 14-24	6-10' T / W	50	White / Spring							
<i>Morella (Myrica)</i>	<i>californica</i>		Pacific Wax Myrtle	M	Evergreen	FS/PS	4-9, 14-24	10-30' T / W	314	Yellow / Spring	Y	Y	Y		Y		
<i>Nandina</i>	<i>domestica</i>		Heavenly Bamboo	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	3 to 24	6-8' T / 3-4' W	10	Pinkish white / Spring, Summer	Y		Y		Y		
<i>Nerium</i>	<i>oleander</i>	& cvs.	Oleander	L	Evergreen	FS	8-16, 18-24	3-20' T / 4-12' W	50	White, Yellow, Pink, Red / Spring, Summer, Fall	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
<i>Osmanthus</i>	<i>x fortunei</i>		Hybrid Tea Olive	M	Evergreen	FS	4-10, 14-24	15-20' W / 6-10' T	50	White / Fall				Y			
<i>Osmanthus</i>	<i>fragrans</i>		Sweet Olive	M	Evergreen	PS	5-7, 8-9, 12-24	8-10' T / W	64	White / Spring, Summer							

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<i>Osmanthus</i>	<i>heterophyllus</i>		Holly-Leaf Osmanthus	M	Evergreen	PS	4-10, 14-24	10-20' T / W	177	White / Fall, Winter							
<i>Osmanthus</i>	<i>heterophyllus</i>	'Variegatus'	Variegated Osmanthus	M	Evergreen	PS	4-10, 14-24	8-10' T / W	64	White / Fall, Winter							
<i>Osmanthus</i>	<i>heterophyllus</i>	'Gulf tide'	Gulf tide False Holly	M	Evergreen	PS	4-10, 14-24	8' T / 10' W	79	White / Winter							
<i>Philadelphus</i>		'Belle Etoile'	Belle Etoile Mock Orange, Purple Spot Mock Orange	M	Deciduous	FS/PS	2 to 17	6-8' T / W	38	White / Summer	Y			Y			Y
<i>Philadelphus</i>	<i>lewisii</i>		Wild Mock Orange, Western Mock Orange	M	Deciduous	FS/PS	1-10, 14-24	4-10' T / W	38	White / Spring	Y	Y					Y
<i>Philadelphus</i>	<i>lewisii</i>	'Goose Creek'	Goose Creek Mock Orange	M	Deciduous	PS	1-10, 14-24	6-8' T / W	38	White / Summer		Y					Y
<i>Philadelphus</i>	<i>x virginalis</i>		Double Mock Orange	M	Deciduous	FS	2 to 17	6-8' T / W	38	White / Spring							Y
<i>Photinia</i>	<i>x fraseri</i>		Fraser Photinia	M	Evergreen	FS	4 to 24	10-15' T / W	123	White / Spring					Y		
<i>Physocarpus</i>	<i>opulifolius</i>		Common Nine Bark	M	Deciduous	FS/PS	1-10, 14-17	9' T / 6-12' W	64	White, Pink / Spring, Summer							
<i>Pieris</i>	<i>japonica</i>		Japanese Pieris, Lily-of-the-Valley Shrub	M	Evergreen	PS	2B-9, 14-17	9-10' T / W	71	White, Pink, Red / Winter, Spring			Y				
<i>Pinus</i>	<i>mugo</i>		Mugo Pine, Swiss Mountain Pine	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	1-11, 14-24	4-8' T / 11-12' W	104				Y				
<i>Pittosporum</i>	<i>tobira</i>		Mock Orange	M	Evergreen	FS/PS	8 to 24	12-16' T / 8-12' W	79	White / Spring	Y						Y
<i>Prunus</i>	<i>caroliniana</i>	'Bright 'n Tight'	Bright N Tight Cherry Laurel, Bright N Tight Carolina Laurel	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	5 to 24	8-10' T / 6-8' W	38	White / Spring	Y					Y	Y
<i>Pyracantha</i>	<i>coccinea</i>		Firethorn, Scarlet Firethorn	L	Evergreen, Semi-evergreen	FS	3 to 24	8-10' T / W	64	White / Spring	Y		Y			Y	Y
<i>Pyracantha</i>	<i>fortuneana (crenatoserrata)</i>		Firethorn	L	Evergreen	FS	4 to 24	15' T / 10' W	79	White / Spring	Y		Y				Y
<i>Rhamnus</i>	<i>alaternus</i>		Italian Buckthorn	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	4 to 24	10-20' T / W	177	Greenish White / Spring	Y					Y	Y
<i>Rhamnus</i>	<i>alaternus</i>	'John Edwards'	John Edwards Italian Buckthorn	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	4 to 24	15-18' T / 6-10' W	50	Greenish White / Spring	Y					Y	Y
<i>Rhamnus</i>	<i>alaternus</i>	'Variegata'	Variegated Italian Buckthorn	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	4 to 24	6-8' T / W	38	Greenish White / Spring	Y					Y	Y
<i>Rhamnus (Frangula)</i>	<i>californica</i>		Coffeeberry, California Coffeeberry	L	Evergreen	FS	3A-10, 14-24, H1, H2	8-12' T / 4-8' W	28	Yellowish / Spring	Y	Y					Y
<i>Rhamnus (Frangula)</i>	<i>californica</i>	'Eve Case'	Eve Case Coffeeberry	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	3A-10, 14-24	6-8' T / W	38	Greenish White / Spring	Y	Y				Y	Y
<i>Rhamnus (Frangula)</i>	<i>ilicifolia</i>		Hollyleaf Redberry	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	7-10, 14-23	3-9' T / W	28	Yellow, Cream / Winter, Spring	Y	Y	Y				Y
<i>Rhus</i>	<i>ovata</i>		Sugar Bush	L	Evergreen	FS	9-12, 14-21	4-10' T / W	38	White or Pink / Spring	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y
<i>Spiraea</i>	<i>prunifolia</i>	'Plena'	Bridal Wreath Spiraea	M	Deciduous	FS/PS	2-11, 14-21	6-7' T / W	33	White / Spring		Y	Y				Y

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<i>Syringa</i>	<i>x laciniata</i>		Cut Leaf Lilac	L	Deciduous	FS/PS	3-12, 14-16, 18-22	5-8' T / W	33	Purple / Spring			Y	Y			Y
<i>Thuja</i>	<i>occidentalis</i>	'Smaragd'	Smaragd Arborvitae	M	Evergreen	FS	1-9, 15-17, 21-24	10-15' T / 3-4' W	10								
<i>Viburnum</i>	<i>suspensum</i>		Sandankwa Viburnum	M	Evergreen	FS/PS	12 to 24	8-10' T / W	64	Pink / Spring			Y				Y
<i>Viburnum</i>	<i>tinus</i>		Laurustinus	M	Evergreen	FS/PS	4-10, 12-24	6-12' T / W	64	Pink / Fall, Winter, Spring			Y				Y
<i>Xylosma</i>	<i>congestum</i>		Shiny Xylosma	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	8 to 24	6-10' T / 4-12' W	50		Y		Y		Y		
<i>Yucca</i>	<i>filamentosa</i>	& cvs.	Adam's Needle	M	Evergreen	FS	1 to 24	2.5' T / 5' W	20	Yellowish White / Spring	Y		Y				
<i>Yucca</i>	<i>gloriosa</i>		Spanish Dagger	L	Evergreen	FS	7-9, 12-24, H1, H2	6-10' T / 3-6' W	16	Summer / White	Y						