



The City of San Diego

# Low Water Use Drought Tolerant Plant List

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## ANNUAL WILDFLOWERS

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Abronia villosa</i>	Sand-verbena
<i>Camissonia cardiophylla</i>	Heart-leaved Primrose
<i>Camissonia brevipes</i>	Yellow Cups
<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	Madagascar Periwinkle
<i>Centaurea rothrockii</i>	Basket Flower
<i>Chrysanthemum coronarium</i>	Crown Daisy
<i>Clarkia amoena</i>	Farewell-to-Spring
<i>Coreopsis bigelovii</i>	Desert Coreopsis
<i>Cosmos spp.</i>	Cosmos
<i>Dimorphotheca spp.</i>	African Daisy
<i>Eriophyllum lanosum</i>	Woolly Daisy
<i>Eschscholtzia californica</i>	California Poppy
<i>Euphorbia heterophylla</i>	Painted Spurge
<i>Gaillardia p ulchella</i>	Fire Wheel, Blanket Flower
<i>Geraea canescens</i>	Desert Sunflower
<i>Gilia leptantha</i>	Showy Blue Gilia
<i>Gomphrena globosa</i>	Globe Amaranth
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Wild Sunflower
<i>Helichrysum bracteatum</i>	Everlasting Daisy
<i>Layia platyglossa</i>	Tidy Tips
<i>Linaria spp.</i>	Toadflax
<i>Linum grandiflorum cv. 'Rubrum'</i>	Red Flax
<i>Lupinus densiflorus</i>	Lupine
<i>Machaeranthera canescens (Aster bigelovii)</i>	Blue Aster
<i>Matthiola longipetala Bicornis</i>	Evening Scented Stock
<i>Mimulus bigelovii</i>	Bigelow's Monkey flower

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<i>Mohavea confertiflora</i>	Ghost Flower
<i>Monarda spp.</i>	Bee Balm
<i>Nemophila maculata</i>	Five Spot
<i>Nemophila menziesii</i>	Baby Blue Eyes
<i>Oenothera spp.</i>	Evening Primrose
<i>Orthocarpus purpurascens</i>	Owl's Clover
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Shirley Poppy
<i>Perityle emoryi</i>	Rock Daisy
<i>Phacelia campanularia</i>	California Desert Bluebell
<i>Salvia columbariae</i>	Chia
<i>Tithonia rotundifolia</i>	Mexican Sunflower
<i>Verbesina encelioides</i>	Golden Crown Beard
<i>Viguiera annua</i>	Golden Eye
<i>Zinnia angustifolia x elegans</i>	Zinnia "Profusion"

## GROUNDCOVERS

<i>Acacia redolens 'Prostrata'</i>	Trailing Acacia
<i>Atriplex semibaccata</i>	Australian Saltbush
<i>Baccharis cv. 'Centennial'</i>	Centennial Baccharis
<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>	Blue Grama
<i>Convolvulus mauritanicus</i>	Ground Morning Glory
<i>Dalea greggii</i>	Trailing Dalea
<i>Eschscholtzia mexicana</i>	Mexican Gold Poppy
<i>Gazania spp.</i>	Gazania
<i>Gazania rigens</i>	Trailing Gazania
<i>Lantana montevidensis</i>	Trailing Lantana
<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	Deer Grass
<i>Myoporum parvifolium</i>	Myoporum
<i>Oenothera berlandieri</i>	Mexican Evening Primrose
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis 'Prostratus'</i>	Prostrate Rosemary
<i>Salvia chamaedryoides</i>	Blue Sage
<i>Santolina virens</i>	Green Santolina
<i>Santolina chamaecyparissus</i>	Lavender Cotton
<i>Schismus barbatus</i>	Mediterranean Grass
<i>Stipa tenuissima</i>	Mexican Feather Grass
<i>Teucrium chamaedrys cv. 'Prostrata'</i>	Germander
<i>Verbena peruviana</i>	Peruvian Verbena
<i>Verbena tenera</i>	Moss Verbena
<i>Zauschneria californica</i>	Hummingbird Flower

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<i>Anigozanthos spp.</i>	Kangaroo-paw
<i>Anisodonte hypomandrum</i>	African Mallow
<i>Arctotis spp.</i>	African Daisy
<i>Baileya multiradiata</i>	Desert Marigold
<i>Berlandiera lyrata</i>	Chocolate Flower
<i>Castilleja chromosa</i>	Indian Paintbrush

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<i>Delphinium amabile</i>	Larkspur
<i>Delphinium scaposum</i>	Barestem Larkspur
<i>Dichelostemma pulchellum</i>	Bluedicks
<i>Erigeron divergens</i>	Spreading Fleabane
<i>Evolvulus arizonicus</i>	Arizona Blue Eyes
<i>Gaura lindheimeri</i>	Desert Orchid
<i>Helianthus maximiliana</i>	Maximilian's Sunflower
<i>Hesperocallis undulata</i>	Ajo Lily
<i>Hibiscus coulteri</i>	Desert Rose Mallow
<i>Hymenoxys acaulis</i>	Angelita Daisy
<i>Ipomopsis longiflora</i>	Pale Blue Trumpets
<i>Linum lewisii</i>	Blue Flax
<i>Machaeranthera gracilis</i>	Yellow Aster
<i>Melampodium leucanthum</i>	Blackfoot Daisy
<i>Oenothera caespitosa</i>	Tufted Evening Primrose
<i>Penstemon spp.</i>	Penstemon
<i>Psilostrophe cooperi</i>	Paperflower
<i>Ratibida columnaris</i>	Mexican Hat, Coneflower
<i>Romneya coulteri</i>	Matilija Poppy
<i>Senna covesii (Cassia covesii)</i>	Desert Senna
<i>Sphaeralcea spp</i>	Globe-mallow
<i>Stachys coccinea</i>	Red Mint, Betony
<i>Tagetes spp.</i>	Marigold
<i>Verbena gooddingii</i>	Goodding Verbena
<i>Zephyranthes spp.</i>	Rain Lily
<i>Zinnia acerosa</i>	Desert Zinnia
<i>Zinnia grandiflora</i>	Rocky Mountain Zinnia

## SHRUBS

<i>Abutilon palmeri</i>	Superstition Mallow
<i>Acacia spp.</i>	Acacia
<i>Agave spp.</i>	Agave
<i>Aizoaceae</i>	Ice Plant Family
<i>Aloe spp.</i>	Aloe
<i>Anisacanthus spp.</i>	Desert Honeysuckle
<i>Arctotis acaulis</i>	African Daisy
<i>Artemisia californica</i>	California Sagebrush
<i>Atriplex spp.</i>	Saltbush
<i>Baccharis sarothroides</i>	Desert Broom
<i>Bauhinia macarantnera</i>	Orchid Tree
<i>Bebbia juncea</i>	Sweet Bush
<i>Berberis haematocarpa</i>	Red Barberry
<i>Buddleia marrubifolia</i>	Woolly Butterfly Bush
<i>Bulbine frutescens</i>	Bulbine
<i>Cactaceae</i>	Cactus Family
<i>Caesalpinia spp.</i>	Bird-of-Paradise
<i>Calliandra californica</i>	Baja Fairy Duster
<i>Calliandra eriophylla</i>	Fairy Duster

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<i>Botanical Name</i>	Common Name
<i>Callistemon citrinus</i>	Lemon Bottlebrush
<i>Callistemon viminalis</i>	Bottlebrush
<i>Cassia (Senna) spp.</i>	Cassia
<i>Celtis pallida</i>	Desert Hackberry
<i>Cistus spp.</i>	Rockrose
<i>Convolvulus cneorum</i>	Bush Morning Glory, Silverbush
<i>Cordia parvifolia</i>	Little Leaf Cordia
<i>Cycas revoluta</i>	Sago Palm
<i>Dalea bicolor var. argyrea</i>	Silver Dalea
<i>Dalea spp.</i> (Smoketree)	Indigo Bush
<i>Dasyliirion spp.</i>	Desert Spoon
<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i>	Hopbush
<i>Encelia spp.</i>	Brittlebush
<i>Eriogonum spp.</i>	Buckwheat
<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i>	California Buckwheat
<i>Erythrina flabelliformis</i>	Southwest Coralbean
<i>Euphorbia biglandulosa (rigida)</i>	Euphorbia
<i>Euphorbia antisiphilitica</i>	Wax Plant, Candelilla
<i>Feijoa sellowiana</i>	Pineapple Guava
<i>Forestiera neomexicana</i>	Desert Olive
<i>Fraxinus greggii</i>	Littleleaf Ash
<i>Hesperaloe spp.</i>	Hesperaloe
<i>Lymanoclea monogyra</i>	Burrobrush
<i>Lycium emoryi</i>	Desert-lavender
<i>Osmanthus mesnyi</i>	Primrose Jasmine
<i>Juniperus chinensis varieties</i>	Juniper
<i>Rhus typhina spp.</i>	Mexican Honeysuckle, Chuparosa
<i>Sida acuta spp.</i>	Lantana
<i>Sida acuta tridentata</i>	Creosote Bush
<i>Leucophyllum spp.</i>	Texas Sage, Texas Ranger
<i>Maytenus phyllanthoides</i>	Mangle Dulce
<i>Acacia spp.</i>	Australian Myrtle
<i>Mimosa dysocarpa</i>	Velvet Pod Mimosa
<i>Myrtus communis</i>	Myrtle
<i>Bambusa domestica</i>	Heavenly-bamboo
<i>Nerium oleander varieties</i>	Oleander
<i>Nolina spp.</i>	Bear-grass
<i>Penstemon baccharifolius</i>	Rock Penstemon
<i>Perovskia atriplicifolia</i>	'Heavenly Blue' Russian Sage
<i>Salvia frutescens</i>	Jerusalem Sage
<i>Plumbago capensis</i>	Cape Plumbago
<i>Plumbago scandens</i>	Plumbago

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<i>Portulacaria afra</i>	Elephant's Food
<i>Punica granatum varieties</i>	Pomegranate
<i>Pyracantha spp.</i>	Pyracantha, Fire-thorn
<i>Pyracantha coccinea</i>	Firethorn
<i>Rhus virens</i>	Evergreen Sumac
<i>Rhus ovata</i>	Sugarbush
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	Bush Rosemary
<i>Ruellia spp.</i>	Ruellia
<i>Salvia leucantha</i>	Mexican Bush Sage
<i>Salvia spp.</i>	Sage
<i>Simmondsia chinensis</i>	Jojoba
<i>Sphaeralcea ambigua</i>	Globe Mallow
<i>Tagetes palmeri (lemmoni)</i>	Mt. Lemmon Marigold
<i>Tecoma spp.</i>	Tacoma
<i>Tecomaria capensis</i>	Cape Honeysuckle
<i>Teucrium fruticans</i>	Bush Germander
<i>Thevetia peruviana</i>	Yellow Oleander
<i>Viguiera tomentosa</i>	Golden Eye
<i>Westringia rosmariniformis</i>	Westringia
<i>Yucca spp.</i>	Yucca
<i>Zephyranthes candida</i>	Zephyr Flower

## TREES

<i>Acacia spp.</i>	Acacia
<i>Bauhinia spp.</i>	Orchid Tree
<i>Brachychiton populneus</i>	Bottle Tree
<i>Brahea spp.</i>	Fan Palm
<i>Brahea armata</i>	Mexican Blue Palm
<i>Brahea edulis</i>	Guadalupe Palm
<i>Bursera spp.</i>	Elephant Tree
<i>Butia capitata</i>	Jelly Palm
<i>Callistemon ssp.</i>	Bottlebrush
<i>Casuarina spp.</i>	Beefwood
<i>Celtis reticulata</i>	Western Hackberry
<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	St. John's Bread Tree, Carob Tree
<i>Cercidium spp.</i>	Palo Verde
<i>Cercis canadensis var. mexicana</i>	Mexican Redbud
<i>Cercis canadensis var. texensis</i>	Texas Redbud
<i>Chamaerops humilis</i>	Mediterranean Fan Palm
<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>	Desert-willow

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<i>Chitalpa tashkentensis</i>	Chitalpa
<i>Chorisia speciosa</i>	Silk Floss Tree
<i>Cupressus arizonica</i>	Arizona Cypress
<i>Casuarina cunninghamiana</i>	River She Oak
<i>Cercidium floridum</i>	Blue Palo Verde
<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>	Italian Cypress
<i>Erythrina torquata</i>	Coral Gum
<i>Eucalyptus spp.</i>	Eucalyptus Tree
<i>Geijera parviflora</i>	Australian-willow
<i>Prosopis glandulosa var. torreyana</i>	Texas Honey Mesquite
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	Honey Locust
<i>Melaleuca leucocylon</i>	White Ironbark
<i>Lysiloma spp.</i>	Desert-fern
<i>Olea europaea</i>	Olive
<i>Olneya tesota</i>	Ironwood
<i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i>	Mexican Palo Verde
<i>Phoenix dactylifera</i>	Date Palm
<i>Phoenix canariensis</i>	Canary Island Date Palm
<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Italian Stone Pine
<i>Pinus canariensis</i>	Canary Island Pine
<i>Pinus eldarica</i>	Afghan Pine
<i>Pinus roxburghii</i>	Chir Pine
<i>Pinus halepensis</i>	Aleppo Pine
<i>Pistacia spp.</i>	Pistachio
<i>Pithecellobium flexicaule</i>	Texas Ebony
<i>Pittosporum phillyraeoides</i>	Willow Pittosporum
<i>Prosopis spp.</i>	Mesquite
<i>Quercus spp.</i>	Oak
<i>Rhus lancea</i>	African Sumac
<i>Rhus lanceolata</i>	Prairie Flameleaf Sumac
<i>Schinus molle</i>	California Pepper Tree
<i>Sophora secundiflora</i>	Mescal Bean
<i>Tipuana tipu</i>	Tipu Tree
<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	'Sempervirens' Chinese Evergreen Elm
<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	Chaste Tree
<i>Washingtonia filifera</i>	California Fan Palm
<i>Washingtonia robusta</i>	Mexican Fan Palm
<i>Xylosma congestum</i>	Xylosma
<i>Ziziphus jujuba</i>	Chinese Jujube

## VINES

<i>Botanical Name</i>	Common Name
<i>Antigonon leptopus</i>	Coral Vine, Queen's Wreath
<i>Bougainvillea spp.</i>	Bougainvillea
<i>Campsis radicans</i>	Common Trumpet Creeper
<i>Cissus trifoliata</i>	Grape Ivy
<i>Clematis drummondii</i>	Virgin's Bower
<i>Hardenbergia comptoniana</i>	Lilac Vine
<i>Hardenbergia violacea</i>	Purple Coral Pea
<i>Macfadyena unguis - cati</i>	Cat's Claw
<i>Passiflora foetida</i>	Passion Vine
<i>Podranea ricasoliana</i>	Pink Trumpet Vine
<i>Rosa banksiae</i>	Lady Bank's Rose
<i>Solanum jasminoides</i>	Potato Vine

## SUCCULENTS/ACCENTS

<i>Agave americana</i>	Century Plant
<i>Agave parryi</i>	Parry's Agave
<i>Aizoaceae</i>	- Ice Plant Family
<i>Aloe ferox</i>	Tree Aloe
<i>Aloe saponaria</i>	Tiger Aloe
<i>Aloe barbadensis (vera)</i>	Medicinal Aloe
<i>Cactaceae</i>	- Cactus Family
<i>Carpobrotus chilensis</i>	Ice Plant
<i>Campanula spp.</i>	Bell Flower
<i>Cephalophyllum cv. 'Red Spike'</i>	Red Spike Ice Plant
<i>Cereus hildmannianus</i>	Hildmann's Cereus
<i>Dasyliirion acrotriche</i>	Green Desert Spoon
<i>Drosanthemum speciosum</i>	Dewflower
<i>Echinocactus grusonii</i>	Golden Barrel
<i>Ficus edulis</i>	Hottentot Fig
<i>Ferocactus wislizenii</i>	Fishhook Barrel
<i>Fouquieria macdougallii</i>	Chunari Hesperaloe
<i>Hesperaloe parviflora</i>	Red Hesperaloe
<i>Malephora crocea</i>	Ice Plant
<i>Mesembryanthemum crystallinum</i>	Common Ice Plant
<i>Nolina matapensis</i>	Tree Bear Grass
<i>Opuntia violacea</i>	Purple Prickly Pear
<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i>	Indian Fig
<i>Opuntia engelmannii</i>	Desert Prickly Pear
<i>Opuntia bigelovii</i>	Teddy Bear Cholla
<i>Yucca aloifolia</i>	Spanish Bayonet



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