

# Low Water and Drought Resistant Plants

Plants that are adapted to long, dry summers and short, rainy winters are called “Mediterranean-zone” plants. These plants do not need much water in the summer and have thrived in water-scarce conditions for thousands of years. Replacing part of your lawn with water-wise plants could help save around 40 gallons of water a day.

The plants listed below are appropriate for California’s climate and use less water than what you may already have in your garden. Check with your local nursery for suggestions on what plants are best for you area.

## **Trees**

- Arbutus Unedo (Strawberry Tree)
- Chitalpa Tashkentensis (Chitalpa)
- Geijera Parviflora (Australian Willow)
- Laurus Nobilis (Sweet Bay)
- Olea Europaea (Swan Hill Olive)
- Pinus Eldarica (Afgan Pine)
- Prosopis Chilensis (Chilean Mesquite)
- Quercus Agrifolia (Coast Live Oak)
- Rhus Lancea (African Sumac)

## **Vines**

- Bougainvillea Species (Bougainvillea)
- Macfadyena Unguis-Cati (Cat’s Claw)
- Vitis Californica (California Wild Grape)

## **Turf**

- Buchloe Dactyloides (Buffalograss)
- Cynodon Dactylon (Hybrid Bermudagrass)
- Zoysia (Victoria Zoysiagrass)

## **Ground Cover**

- Acacia Redolens (Desert Carpet)
- Dwarf Prostrate (Acacia)
- Achillea Species (Yarrow)
- Baccharis Species (Coyote Brush)
- Bearberry Cotoneaster
- Lampranthus Species (Ice Plant)
- Lantana Montevicensis (Trailing Lantana)
- Myoporum Parvifolium (Myoporum)
- Sedum Species (Stonecrop)

## **Perennials, Shrubs and Grasses**

- Agave Species (Agave)
- Alyogyne Huegelli (Blue Hibiscus)
- Arctostaphylos Species (Sagebrush)
- Ceanothus Species (California Lilac)
- Chamelaucium Uncinatum (Geraldton Waxflower)
- Cistus Species (Rockrose)
- Dudleya Species (Live Forever)
- Echeveria (Hens and Chickens)
- Lavandula Species (Lavender)
- Melalucea Nesophila (Pink Melaleuca)
- Nassella Species (Needle Grass)
- Rosmarinus Officinalis (Rosemary)
- Salvia (Sage)

