

How do you know which plants are drought tolerant? The internet is deceptive and even nurseries may give inappropriate information. Luckily, in California we have an updated plant list called WUCOLS IV (Water Use Classification of Landscape Species, 4th version!) and an excellent free online app which helps us hydrozone (irrigate plants with other plants that need the same amount of water). It is [www.waterwonk.us](http://www.waterwonk.us).

Remember that not all California natives are drought tolerant. And many non-natives are drought tolerant.

Here is an assortment of low water trees. A good place to hunt for tree information is Cal Poly's website [www. http://selecttree.calpoly.edu/](http://selecttree.calpoly.edu/)

Don't forget that many low water edible trees can be added into the landscape also!

#### DROUGHT TOLERANT TREES:

Acacia	Live Oak
California Buckeye	Locust
Canary Island Pine	Majestic Beauty Indian Hawthorn
Carolina Cherry	Manzanita
Chinese Pistache	Marina Strawberry Tree
Chitalpa	Palo Verde
Crape Myrtle	Pepper Tree
Deodar Cedar	Toyon
Elm	Weeping Bottlebrush
Eucalyptus	Western Redbud

#### DROUGHT TOLERANT EDIBLE TREES:

Apricot	Pecan
Avocado	Persimmon
Chinese Jujube	Pinyon Pine
Date Palm	Pistachio
Elderberry	Plum
Filbert	Pomegranate
Loquat	Quince
Nectarine/Peach	Strawberry Tree
Olive	Sweet Bay

#### DROUGHT TOLERANT SHRUBS:

Australian Fuchsia	Flowering Currant
Bush Poppy	Island Bush Anemone
California Buckwheat	Manzanita
California Coffeeberry	Matilija Poppy
California Lilac	Pineapple Guava
California Lilac	Sandhill Sagebrush
Cedros Island Verbena	Snowberry
Cleveland Sage	St. Catherine's Lace
Dwarf Bottlebrush	Woolly Blue Curls

#### DROUGHT TOLERANT PERENNIALS

African Daisy	Kangaroo Paws
Beach Aster	Lavender
Blanket Flower	Monkeyflower
California Fuchsia	Rock Purslane
Catmint	Rosy Buckwheat
Corsican Hellebore	Sage species
Coyote Mint	Sea Lavender
Foothill Penstemon	Sulfur Buckwheat
Fortnight Lily	Woolly Blue Curls
Germander	Woolly Golden Aster
	Yarrow

#### DROUGHT TOLERANT GROUND COVERS

California Coffeeberry, Seaview	Juniper
California Lilac species	Lantana, Trailing
Carmel Sur Manzanita	Rosemary
Dwarf Coyote Bush	Sage
Grevillea 'Coastal Gem'	Santa Barbara Daisy
Hummingbird Sage	Yerba Buena

#### DROUGHT TOLERANT SUCCULENTS:

Aloe species  
Bulbine  
Hens and Chicks  
Ice Plant (Delosperma)

#### DROUGHT TOLERANT FERNS:

California Polypody, Sarah Lyman'  
Goldenback Fern

#### DROUGHT TOLERANT GRASSES:

Leafy Reed Grass  
Berkeley Sedge  
Deer Grass  
Lomandra

#### DROUGHT TOLERANT VINES:

Lady Banks Rose  
Bougainvillea  
Cape Honeysuckle  
Cecile Brunner Rose  
Grape (including native ones)  
Lilac Vine