

# DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANT SELECTION

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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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).

Here is an assortment of low water trees. A good place to hunt for tree information is Cal Poly's website <http://selecttree.calpoly.edu/> Don't forget that many low water edible trees can be added into the landscape also!

## **TREES**

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

## **EDIBLE TREES**

Apricot  
Avocado  
Chinese Jujube  
Date Palm  
Elderberry  
Filbert  
Loquat  
Nectarine/Peach

Olive  
Pecan  
Persimmon  
Pinyon Pine  
Pistachio  
Plum  
Pomegranate  
Quince  
Strawberry Tree

Sweet Bay

## **SHRUBS**

Australian Fuchsia  
Bush Poppy  
California Buckwheat  
California Coffeeberry  
California Lilac  
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Cedros Island Verbena  
Cleveland Sage  
Flowering Currant  
Island Bush Anemone  
Manzanita  
Matilija Poppy

Pineapple Guava  
Sandhill Sagebrush  
Snowberry  
St. Catherine's Lace  
Woolly Blue Curls

## **PERENNIALS**

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African Daisy  
Beach Aster  
Blanket Flower  
California Fuchsia  
Catmint  
Corsican Hellebore  
Coyote Mint

Foothill Penstemon  
Fortnight Lily  
Germander  
Yarrow  
Kangaroo Paws  
Lavender  
Monkeyflower

Rock Purslane  
Rosy Buckwheat  
Sage species  
Sea Lavender  
Sulfur Buckwheat  
Wooly Blue Curls  
Wooly Golden Aster

### **GROUND COVERS**

Seaview Calif. Coffeeberry  
California Lilac species  
Carmel Sur Manzanita  
Dwarf Coyote Bush  
Grevillea 'Coastal Gem'  
Hummingbird Sage

Juniper  
Lantana, Trailing  
Rosemary  
Sage  
Santa Barbara Daisy  
Yerba Buena

### **SUCCULENTS**

Aloe species  
Bulbine  
Hens and Chicks  
Ice Plant (Delosperma)

### **FERNS**

California Polypody  
Goldenback Fern

### **GRASSES**

Leafy Reed Grass  
Berkeley Sedge  
Deer Grass  
Lomandra

### **VINES**

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