



Mountain View Public Library Water-Wise Garden Plant Information Guide



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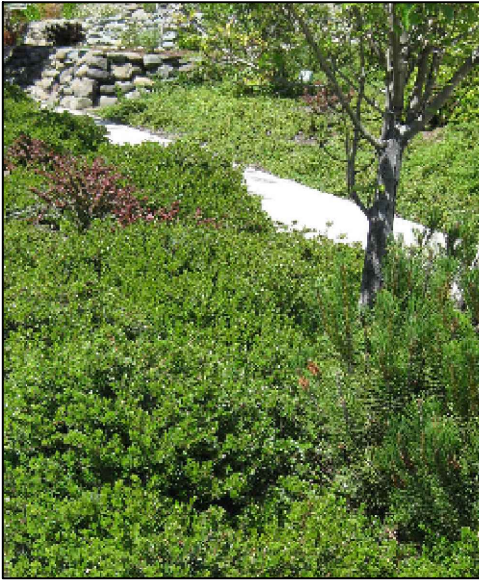
Watering Definition

Little summer water/Occasional water : water once a month

Moderate in summer : water every other week

Summer water : water once a week

Some summer water/Little water : water only if stress is apparent



Arctostaphylos 'Emerald Carpet'

Emerald Carpet Manzanita

Height: 8-14 inches
 Width: 5 feet
 Water: Little summer water*
 Soil: Tolerates poor soil
 Exposure: Sun, light shade
 Care: Mulch to suppress weeds, pinch spring growth
 Blooms: Spring, white
 Culture: Evergreen shrub
 Benefits: Very deep green leaf

*Once established



Arctostaphylos densiflora 'Howard McMinn'

McMinn's Manzanita

Height: 7-10 feet
 Width: 7-10 feet
 Water: No summer water*
 Soil: Tolerates sand and clay
 Exposure: Sun, light shade
 Care: Plant 5-10 feet from watered areas
 Blooms: Spring, white, showy
 Culture: Evergreen shrub
 Benefits: Most garden-tolerant of the Manzanitas

*Once established



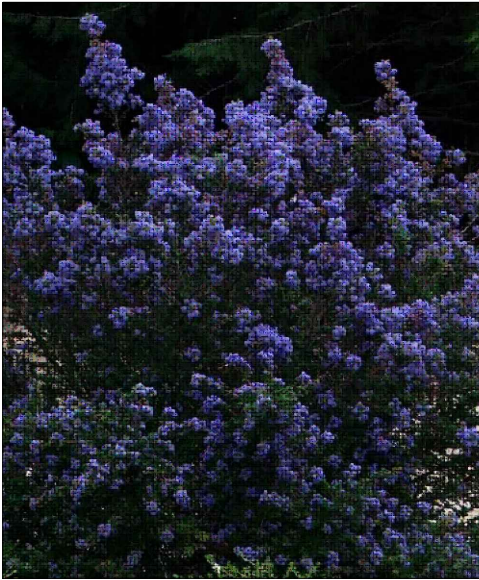
Calycanthus occidentalis

Spice Bush

Height: 5-12 feet
 Width: 5-12 feet
 Water: Moderate in summer*
 Soil: Well drained/sandy
 Exposure: Sun, dappled shade
 Care: Prune to shape
 Blooms: Spring/summer
 Culture: Hardy, deciduous
 Benefits: Maroon-red flowers have a wine-barrel like scent; can be grown as a small tree

*Once established

Sun Plants



Ceanothus 'Julia Phelps'

California Lilac v. 'Julia Phelps'

Height: 5 feet
Width: 7 feet
Water: Little summer water*
Soil: Well drained
Exposure: Sun
Care: Prune lightly to shape after blooming
Blooms: Spring, blue
Culture: Evergreen, 5-10 year lifespan
Benefits: Reliable bloomer

*Once established



Cistus ladanifer

Crimson Spot Rockrose

Height: 5 feet
Width: 3-5 feet
Water: Little summer water*
Soil: Well drained
Exposure: Sun
Care: Prune lightly to shape after blooming
Blooms: Spring
Culture: Hardy, evergreen
Benefits: Large white flowers; long, slender leaves are fragrant in summer

*Once established



Cotinus coggygria 'Royal Purple'

Royal Purple Smoke Tree

Height: 12-15 feet
Width: 6-8 feet
Water: Little summer water*
Soil: Takes poor, rocky soil
Exposure: Sun
Care: Prune to ground in fall
Blooms: Spring, pale yellow
Culture: Deciduous shrub
Benefits: Resistant to oak root fungus; red-purple foliage

*Once established



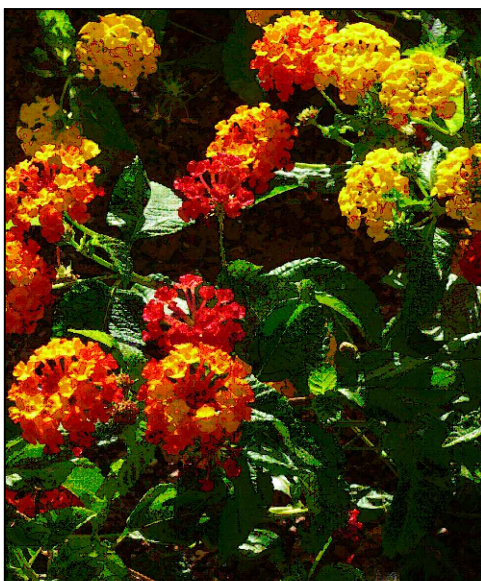
Lantana montevidensis

'Spreading White'

'Spreading White' Lantana

- Height: 1-2 feet
- Width: 3-6 feet
- Water: Little summer water*
- Soil: Well drained soil
- Exposure: Sun
- Care: Remove spent flowers and winter dieback
- Blooms: Spring/summer
- Culture: Herbacious evergreen
- Benefits: Flowers attract butterflies; good for erosion control

*Once established



Lantana montevidensis

'Orange Trailing'

'Orange Trailing' Lantana

- Height: 2-3 feet
- Width: 6-8 feet
- Water: Little summer water*
- Soil: Well drained soil
- Exposure: Sun
- Care: Remove spent flowers
- Blooms: Spring/summer
- Culture: Herbacious evergreen
- Benefits: Bright orange flowers attract butterflies.

*Once established



Lavatera assurgentiflora

Tree Mallow

- Height: 6 -12 feet
- Width: 6-12 feet
- Water: Little summer water*
- Soil: Well drained
- Exposure: Sun
- Care: Prune to keep dense
- Blooms: Late spring/summer
- Culture: Hardy, evergreen
- Benefits: Very fast growing; great for barrier or hedge

*Once established

Sun Plants



Leonotis leonurus

Lion's Tail

Height: 3-6 feet
Width: 18 inches-3 feet
Water: Little summer water*
Soil: Well drained
Exposure: Full sun
Care: Cut back in spring and keep well groomed
Blooms: Spring/summer
Culture: Hardy, evergreen
Benefits: Attracts nectivorous birds and butterflies

*Once established



Leptospermum scoparium

'Nanum Ruru'

Dwarf Tea Tree

Height: 2 feet
Width: 3 feet
Water: No summer water
Soil: Well drained
Exposure: Sun
Care: Prune to shape
Blooms: Spring/summer
Culture: Hardy, evergreen
Benefits: A good choice for smaller yards; showy pink flowers

*Once established



Lomandra longifolia

Breeze Dwarf Mat Rush

Height: 2-3 feet
Width: 2-3 feet
Water: Little summer water*
Soil: Tolerates wet soils
Exposure: Sun to moderate shade
Care: Little maintenance required
Culture: Hardy, perennial
Benefits: Will grow under Eucalyptus

*Once established



Lonicera involucrata

Twinberry

Height: 6-10 feet
Width: 5 feet
Water: Little summer water*
Soil: Tolerates wet soils
Exposure: Sun to moderate shade
Care: Prune to shape
Blooms: Spring
Culture: Hardy, deciduous
Benefits: Long lived shrub with bright green leaves; small yellow flowers form in pairs

*Once established



Lupinus arboreus

Yellow Bush Lupine

Height: 3-5 feet
Width: 4 feet
Water: Little summer water*
Soil: Well drained
Exposure: Sun
Care: Prune to shape
Blooms: Spring/summer
Culture: Hardy, deciduous
Benefits: Long lived shrub with bright green leaves, yellow flowers

*Once established



Muhlenbergia rigens

Deer Grass

Height: 3-5 feet
Width: 5 feet
Water: Little summer water*
Soil: Well drained
Exposure: Sun
Care: Prune to remove dead stalks
Culture: Hardy, evergreen
Benefits: Attracts butterflies and birds

*Once established

Sun Plants



Penstemon heterophyllus
'Margarita BOP'

Foothill Penstemon

Height: 2 feet
Width: 2 feet
Water: Little summer water*
Soil: Well drained
Exposure: Sun
Care: Prune to shape after
flowering
Blooms: Spring/summer
Culture: Frost tolerant, perennial
Benefits: Longer lived than most
Penstemon

*Once established



Phlomis fruticosa

Jerusalem Sage

Height: 3-4 feet
Width: 3-4 feet
Water: Little summer water*
Soil: Well drained
Exposure: Sun
Care: Cut back by half in fall
to keep compact
Blooms: Spring/summer
Culture: Hardy, evergreen
Benefits: Golden-yellow flowers
in whorls; resistant to
Oak Root Fungus

*Once established

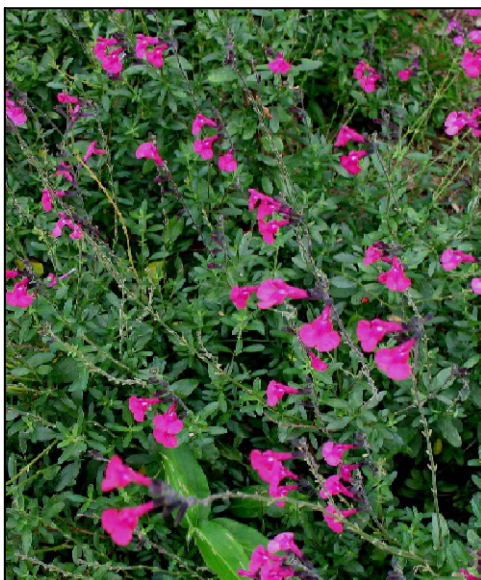


Physocarpus capitata

Ninebark

Height: 4-8 feet
Width: 4-8 feet
Water: Little summer water*
Soil: Tolerates Heavy Clay
Exposure: Sun or shade
Care: Cut old stems to ground
after flowering
Blooms: Spring, white
Culture: Deciduous shrub
Benefits: Dense clusters of showy
flowers

*Once established



Salvia greggii

Autumn Sage

Height: 1-4 feet
Width: 1-4 feet
Water: Little summer water*
Soil: Well drained
Exposure: Sun
Care: Prune to remove faded flower stalks
Blooms: Summer/fall
Culture: Herbaceous perennial
Benefits: Prolific red flowers attract hummingbirds over a long season

*Once established



Salvia leucantha

Mexican Sage

Height: 4-6 feet
Width: 4-6 feet
Water: Little summer water*
Soil: Well drained
Exposure: Sun/part shade
Care: Prune to remove faded flower stalks
Blooms: Late summer/fall
Culture: Herbaceous perennial
Benefits: Prolific purple flowers attract butterflies and hummingbirds

*Once established



Verbena bonariensis

Tall Verbena, Purpletop Veroain

Height: 3-6 feet
Width: 1-3 feet
Water: Little water*
Soil: Well drained
Exposure: Sun
Care: Prune faded flowers
Blooms: Spring
Culture: Herbaceous perennial
Benefits: Rose-purple flower clusters are held high above the plant; attracts butterflies

*Once established

Shade Plants



Asarum caudatum

Wild Ginger

Height: 6-8 inches
Width: 18 inches
Water: Occasional water*
Soil: Moist, cool
Exposure: Shade
Care: No special care
Blooms: Spring, brown-purple
Culture: Evergreen
groundcover
Benefits: Bold, heart-shaped
leaves release a ginger
fragrance when
crushed

*Once established



Blechnum spicant

Deer Fern

Height: 8-20 inches
Width: 2 feet
Water: Summer water
Soil: Acid loving
Exposure: Deep shade
Care: Remove dead fronds
Culture: Very hardy, evergreen
Benefits: Two frond types:
Sterile leaves spread
flat to create ground
cover, fertile fronds
emerge upright

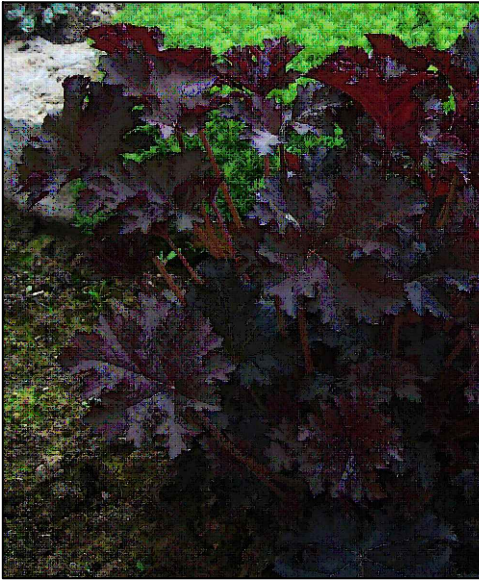


Carpenteria californica

Bush Anemone

Height: 6-8 feet
Width: 4-5 feet
Water: Some summer water*
Soil: Well drained
Exposure: Shade, part sun
Care: Prune to keep compact,
mulch root zone
Blooms: Spring/summer
Culture: Semi hardy, evergreen
Benefits: Very showy pure white
camelia-like flowers

*Once established



Heuchera micrantha 'Palace Purple'
Coral Bells var. 'Palace Purple'

Height: 1 foot
 Width: 1 foot
 Water: Little summer water*
 Soil: Well drained, humus-rich soil
 Exposure: Shade
 Care: Divide every three years.
 Blooms: Late spring, white
 Culture: Perennial
 Benefits: Good as a groundcover in dry, shady areas

*Once established



Holodiscus discolor
Cream Bush

Height: Can reach 20 feet
 Width: Can reach 15 feet
 Water: Little summer water*
 Soil: Tolerates clay soils
 Exposure: Shade/part sun
 Care: Thin after flowers turn brown
 Blooms: Late spring/summer
 Culture: Deciduous, hardy
 Benefits: White, fragrant, showy flowers in dry shade

*Once established



Hydrangea quercifolia
Oakleaf Hydrangea

Height: 4 feet
 Width: 3 feet
 Water: Some summer water*
 Soil: Well drained
 Exposure: Shade, part sun
 Care: Remove spent flowers, prune to shape, mulch root zone
 Blooms: Late spring/summer
 White
 Culture: Deciduous, shade
 Benefits: Easy care, showy

*Once established

Shade Plants



Iris douglasiana 'Canyon Snow'
Pacific Coast Iris 'Canyon Prince'
Height: 12-18 Inches
Width: 2-3 Feet
Water: Little summer water*
Soil: Well drained
Exposure: Shade, part sun
Care: Prune faded flowers
Blooms: Spring
Culture: Herbacious perennial
Benefits: Showy white flowers with bright yellow markings; vigorous, green foliage

*Once established



Polystichum munitum
Western Sword Fern
Height: 2-4 feet
Width: 2-4 feet
Water: Some summer water*
Soil: Well drained, acidic
Exposure: Shade
Care: Trim off dead fronds, apply diluted fertilizer regularly
Culture: Hardy, evergreen
Benefits: Deep green, leathery fronds are attractive year-round

*Once established



Ribes sanguineum
Pink Winter Currant
Height: 5-12 feet
Width: 5-12 feet
Water: Little summer water*
Soil: Will grow in clay
Exposure: Part sun/shade
Care: Prune after flowering to shape
Blooms: Spring
Culture: Deciduous shrub
Benefits: Dense clusters of showy, pink flowers in spring attract birds

*Once established



Symphoricarpos albus

Snowberry

Height: 4-6 feet

Width: 4-6 feet

Water: Little summer water*

Soil: Tolerates poor soils

Exposure: Sun/part shade

Care: Prune to shape

Blooms: Spring

Culture: Deciduous

Benefits: Provides cover and
for birds and
butterflies; good for
erosion control

*Once established