

Deer Resistant Plant List

The following information has been drawn from a variety of sources including: the Island Specialty Nursery Catalogue, 1999; The Island Grower, August/September, 1994; Cannor Nursery; The Home, Yard & Garden Pest Newsletter, University of Illinois Extension, 1997; Sunset Western Gardener; "Living with Wildlife in the Pacific Northwest" by Russell Link (University of Washington Press) and Dinter Nursery.

General comments about deer-proof plants:

- The most reliably deer-proof plants are those with **acrid sap** like Euphorbias; **strongly scented foliage** like lavender, sages and oregano; **dry-loving plants** like Cistus and Halimium; **fuzzy leafed plants** like Stachys and Pulmonaria; also most plants with **grey/silver foliage** such as dusty millers.
- Deer use their sense of smell to detect predators. Strongly scented plants may "confuse" deer's sense of smell, which makes them uneasy. Plants with strongly scented foliage may therefore act to deter deer from an area. Consider several plants with varying strong scents planted around the deer's usual pathway to your property, and as a perimeter around other plants as a possible protective/deterrent strategy. Good candidates include *santolina*, *helichrysum italicum* (curry plant), *Ruta graveolens* (Jackman's rue), *Lantana*, and very aromatic herbs like thyme and oregano.
- Plants not browsed for years can fall prey whenever food is in very short supply and the deer are desperate. Deer will "remember" these plants as edible and may start browsing them regularly in future years. Some gardeners have successfully planted a perimeter garden of "deer fodder" to provide food so the garden plants are left alone.

The usual caveats apply to this list:

- Deer will often try a new plant. This usually will not permanently disfigure perennials or even shrubs, but not so with trees. Best to fence them until the deer cannot reach the canopy. There are a number of commercial products which claim to repel or deter deer, and recipes for home made sprays. Gardeners should be advised to **use caution when trying home remedies**, similar to cautions about using home remedies for pest management. These remedies are not necessarily "tried and true" and may not be safe for use on all plants.
- Deer will often rub the felt off their antlers on your most tender tree trunk; potential for damage is high. To protect trees, wrap trunks loosely with chicken wire up to several feet off the ground (i.e. beyond height deer can reach.)
- Fawns will try just about anything.
- Often a plant's mature foliage is resistant, but deer may eat the new young growth, or nibble or bite off flower heads/buds.
- Deer broaden their menu in very dry years.
- Lastly, DEER DON'T READ THIS LIST!

Trees

Latin Name	Common Name	Evergreen/ Deciduous	Sun/Shade	Moisture
<i>Abies koreana</i>	Korean Fir	E	☀	Moist well drained
<i>Aesculus californica</i>	California Buckeye	D	◐→☀	Dry to moist; drought tolerant
<i>Albizia julibrissin</i>	Silk Tree	D	☀→◑	Drought tolerant
<i>Amelanchier</i>	Juneberry, Serviceberry	D	☀→◑	Dry to moist
<i>Araucaria araucana</i>	Monkey Puzzle Tree	E	☀	Moist well drained
<i>Betula</i>	Birch	D	◐→◑	Moist
<i>Cedrus</i>		E	☀	Well drained
<i>Chamaecyparis</i>	False Cypress	E	Varies	Varies
<i>Cupressus arizonica</i>	Arizona Cypress	E	☀	Drought tolerant
<i>Cupressus leylandii</i>	Leylandii Cypress	E	☀	Well drained
<i>Eucalyptus</i>		E	☀	Well drained
<i>Fraxinus</i>	Ash	D	☀	Drought tolerant
<i>Fremontodendron</i>	Flannel Bush	E	☀	Dry or moist soil, drought tolerant once established
<i>Ginko biloba</i>	Maidenhair Tree	D	◐→☀	Well drained not over watered
<i>Juniperus</i>	Juniper	E	☀→◑	Drought tolerant
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	Sweetgum	D	☀→◑	Moist well drained, drought tolerant
<i>Magnolia</i>		D	☀→◑	Moist well drained
<i>Morus</i>	Mulberry	D	☀	Average moisture
<i>Picea</i>	Spruce	E	☀	Drought tolerant once established
<i>Pinus</i>	Pine	E	☀	Drought tolerant once established
<i>Rhus</i>	Sumac	D or E	☀	Moist well drained
<i>Styrax japonicus</i>	Japanese Snowbell	D	☀→◑	Moist well drained
<i>Tsuga</i>	Hemlock	E	◑	Moist

Shrubs (over 1 foot tall)

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<i>Abelia grandiflora</i>	Glossy Abelia	D	⊗ → ▶	Moist well drained & drought tolerant
<i>Amelanchier</i>	Juneberry, Serviceberry	D	⊗ → ▶	Moist to average, well drained
<i>Arctostaphylos columbiana</i> Gary oak ecosystem native	Hairy Manzanita	E	⊗	Dry well drained, drought tolerant
<i>Atriplex canescens</i>	Four-wing Saltbush	E	⊗	Drought tolerant
<i>Berberis darwinii</i>	Barberry	D	⊗ → ▶	Moist well drained
<i>Brachyglottis greyi</i>	Senecio Greyi	E	⊗	Drought tolerant
<i>Buddleia</i>	Butterfly Bush	D	⊗	Well drained, drought tolerant
<i>Buddleja davidii</i> BC invasive	Butterfly Bush	D	⊗	Well drained, drought tolerant
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	English Boxwood	E	⊗ → ▶	Moist, cool & mulched roots
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>	Heather	E	⊗	Drought tolerant once established
<i>Calycanthus occidentalis</i>	Spicebush	D	⊗ → ▶	Moist soil
<i>Ceanothus</i>	California Lilac	E	⊗	Little moisture, drought tolerant ¹
<i>Chaenomeles japonica</i>	Japanese Flowering Quince	D	⊗ → ▶	Drought tolerant
<i>Chamaerops humilis</i>	Mediterranean palm fan	E	⊗ → ▶	Drought tolerant once established
<i>Choisya ternata</i> ‘Sundance’ or ‘Aztec pearl’	Mexican Mock Orange	E	⊗ → ▶	Average
<i>Cistus</i>	Rockrose	E	⊗	Drought tolerant
<i>Continus</i>	Smokebush	D	⊗	Tolerates moist to dry
<i>Corokia</i>	Wire Netting Bush	E	⊗ → ▶	Average
<i>Cotoneaster</i>		E/D	⊗	Moist & drought tolerant
<i>Daphne</i>		E	⊗ → ▶	Moderate well drained
<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>	Russian Olive	D	⊗	Dry well drained
<i>Elaeagnus pungens</i>	Thorny Elaeagnus, Silverthorn	E	◀ → ⊗	Dry to average
<i>Erica</i>	Heather	E	⊗	Moist well drained
<i>Escallonia</i>		E	⊗	Well drained
<i>Forsythia</i>		D	⊗ → ▶	Moist well drained
<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>	Salal	E	◀ → ⊗	Moist to dry
<i>Gaultheria procumbens</i>	Wintergreen, Winterberry	E	◀	Dry to moist
<i>Grevillea</i>		E	⊗	Well drained
<i>Halimium</i>	Rockrose	E	⊗	Drought tolerant
<i>Hamamelis</i>	Witch Hazel	D	◀ → ⊗	Moist & drought tolerant
<i>Hypericum</i>	St John’s Wort	D	◀ → ⊗	Moist well drained

¹ According to a California-based native plant nursery website “Without water or fertilizing, a Ceanothus looks much less appetizing to a deer.”

http://www.lasplitas.com/groups/ceanothus/Northern_california_lilacs/Northern_california_ceanothus.html

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<i>Ilex</i> Some Invasive	Holly	E	⊗	Moist well drained
<i>Kerria japonica</i>	Japanese Yellow Rose	D	◐→⊗	Evenly moist
<i>Laurus nobilis</i>	Bay Leaf	E	⊗→◑	Moist well drained
<i>Lavandula</i>	Lavender	E	⊗	Drought tolerant
<i>Lavatera</i>	Mallow	D	⊗	Well drained
<i>Leucothoe</i>		E	◐→⊗	Moist well drained
<i>Ligustrum japonica</i>	Japanese Privet	E	⊗→◑	Average, drought tolerant
<i>Mahonia</i>	Oregon Grape	E	◑	Moist, drought tolerant
<i>Myrica californica</i>	Pacific Wax Myrtle	E	⊗→◑	Moist, drought tolerant
<i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>	Northern Bayberry	D	⊗→◑	Moist, drought tolerant
<i>Nandina</i>	Heavenly Bamboo	E	⊗→◑	Moderate, drought tolerant
<i>Osmanthus</i>	Japanese False Holly, Sweet Olive	E	⊗→◑	Moist well drained
<i>Paeonia</i>	Peony	D	⊗	Drought tolerant once established
<i>Phormium</i>	New Zealand Flax	E	⊗→◑	Drought tolerant
<i>Pieris</i>	Lily-of-the-Valley Shrub	E	◑→●	Moist well drained
<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	Shrubby Cinquefoil, Buttercup Shrub	D	⊗	Drought tolerant
<i>Pyrecantha</i>	Firethorn	E	⊗→◑	Moderate to drought tolerant
<i>Rhododendron</i>	Rhodo	E	⊗→◑	Average well drained
<i>Ribes sanguineum</i> BC Native	Red-flowering Current	D	◑	Average to dry
<i>Rosmarinus</i>	Rosemary	E	⊗	Drought tolerant
<i>Sarcococca</i>	Sweetbox	E	●	Moist well drained
<i>Skimmia</i>		E	⊗→◑	Moist well drained
<i>Spiraea</i>		D	⊗→◑	Moist
<i>Syringa</i>	Lilac	D	⊗	Average well drained
<i>Vaccinium ovatum</i> BC Native	Evergreen Huckleberry	E	⊗ to ●	Moist well drained
<i>Viburnum burkwoodii</i>		D	◐→⊗	Average to moist
<i>Yucca</i>		E	⊗	Drought tolerant

Annuals and Perennials

Latin Name	Common Name	Annual/ Perennial	Sun/ Shade	Moisture
<i>Acanthus mollis</i>	Bear's Breeches	P	☀→◐	Varies
<i>Achillea</i>	Yarrow	P	☀	Drought tolerant
<i>Aconitum</i>	Monkshood	P	◐	Moist
<i>Agapanthus</i>	African Lily	P	☀→◐	Water in spring & summer
<i>Agastache</i>	Anise Hyssop	P	☀	Average
<i>Ageratum</i>	Floss Flower	A	☀→◐	Moist well drained
<i>Ajuga</i>		P	◐	Keep moist
<i>Alchemilla</i>	Lady's Mantle	P	☀→◐	Moist well drained
<i>Anaphalis</i>	Pearly Everlasting	P	☀	Well drained
<i>Anemone x hybrida</i>	Windflower	P	◐	Moist well drained
<i>Antirrhinum majus</i> *	Snapdragon	Short-lived P	☀	Well drained soil
<i>Aquilegia</i> *	Columbine	P	☀→◐	Well drained soil
<i>Arabis</i>	Rock Cress	P	☀	Very well drained
<i>Arctotis</i>		P treated as A	☀	Drought tolerant
<i>Argyranthemum</i>	Marguerites	P treated as A	☀	Well drained
<i>Armeria</i>	Thrift	P	☀	Dry
<i>Artemesia Lactiflora</i>	Wormwood	P	☀	Well drained
<i>Asarum caudatum</i>	Wild Ginger	P	◐	Moist
<i>Aster</i>		P	☀→◐	Moist
<i>Astilbe</i> *	Astilbe	P	◐	Moist well drained
<i>Aubrieta</i>	Aubrieta	P	☀→◐	Well drained
<i>Aurinia saxatilis</i>	Alyssum Saxatile	P	☀	Gritty well drained
<i>Bacopa</i>		A	☀→◐	Rich well drained
<i>Ballota</i>	Cuban Oregano	P	☀	Drought tolerant
<i>Begonia</i>	Tuberous Begonia	P treated as A	◐	Average well drained
<i>Belamcanda chinensis</i>	Leopard Lily	P	☀	Water in summer
<i>Brunnera macrophylla</i>	Brunnera	P	◐	Moist
<i>Calendula officinalis</i>	English Marigold	A	☀→◐	Moist well drained
<i>Campanula</i>	Bellflower	P	☀→◐	Moist well drained
<i>Centaurea cineraria</i> <i>(Centaurea gymnocarpa)</i>	Dusty Miller	P treated as A	☀	Well drained
<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	Bachelor's buttons, Cornflower	A	☀	Well drained
<i>Centaurea macrocephala</i>	Globe Cornflower, Armenian Basket Flower	P	☀	Average
<i>Cerastium tomentosum</i>	Snow-in-Summer	P	☀→◐	Drought tolerant
<i>Cheiranthus</i>	Wallflower	P	☀→◐	Average
<i>Chrysanthemum</i>	Hardy Chrysanthemum	P	☀	Well drained
<i>Clarkia</i>		A	☀→◐	Moist well drained
<i>Cleome hassleriana</i>	Spider Flower	A	☀	Well drained
<i>Consolida ambigua</i>	Larkspur	A	☀	Well drained
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	Lily-of-the-Valley	P	◐	Moist
<i>Coreopsis</i>	Tickseed	P or A	☀	Well drained
<i>Cosmos</i>		A	☀	Well drained
<i>Crocosmia</i>		P	☀	Well drained
<i>Cyclamen</i>	Cyclamen	P	◐	Well drained
<i>Dahlia</i>	Dahlia	P (tender in wet winter)	☀	Well-drained

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<i>Delphinium</i>	Larkspur	P	⊗	Well drained
<i>Dianthus</i>	Pinks, Carnations	P or A	⊗	Well drained, drought tolerant
<i>Diascia</i>	Twinspur	P treated as A	⊗→◐	Moist well drained
<i>Dicentra</i>	Bleeding Heart	P	◐	Moist well drained
<i>Dierama</i>	Angel's Fishing Rod	P	⊗	Moist well drained
<i>Digitalis</i>	Foxglove	Biennial	◐	Well drained
<i>Dracocephalum</i>	Dragon's Head	P	⊗	Moist
<i>Echinacea</i>	Coneflower	P	⊗	Drought tolerant once established
<i>Echinops</i>	Globe Thistle	P	⊗	Heat tolerant
<i>Epimedium</i>	Barrenwort	P	●	Drought tolerant
<i>Erigeron</i>	Fleabane	P or A	⊗	Well drained
<i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i> <i>Native</i>	Woolly Sunflower	P	⊗	Drought tolerant
<i>Eryngium amethystinum</i>	Sea Holly	P or Biennial	⊗	Well drainage
<i>Erysimum</i>	Wallflower	P or A	⊗	Well drained
<i>Eschscholzia</i>	California Poppy	P	⊗	Drought tolerant
<i>Euphorbia</i>	Wood Spurge	P	⊗→◐	Well drained
<i>Euryops</i>	Yellow Bush Daisy	P treated A	⊗	Drought tolerant
<i>Galium odoratum</i>	Sweet Woodruff	P	◑→●	Moist well drained
<i>Gaillardia</i>	Blanket Flower	P or A	⊗	Well drained, drought tolerant
<i>Gazania</i>		A	⊗	Drought tolerant
<i>Gentiana</i>	Gentian	P	⊗	Dry to moderate
<i>Geranium x cantabrigiense</i>	Cranesbill	P	⊗	Damp, well drained
<i>Geranium macrorrhizum</i>	Big Root Geranium	P	◑→●	Drought tolerant
<i>Geum</i>	Geum	P	⊗	Moist well drained
<i>Gunnera manicata</i>	Giant Rhubarb, Chilian Rhubarb	P	⊗	Moist
<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i> BC Invasive	Baby's Breath	P	⊗	Well drained
<i>Helichrysum</i>	Strawflowers	P treated as A	⊗	Well drained
<i>Helichrysum italicum</i> or <i>H. angustifolium</i>	Curry Plant (not the cooking spice)	P treated as A	⊗	Drought tolerant
<i>Helleborus</i>	Hellebore	P	◐	Moist well drained
<i>Hesperis matronalis</i>	Dame's Rocket	P or Biennial	⊗	Moist, well drained
<i>Iberis</i>	Candytuft	A or P	⊗→◐	Well drained
<i>Iris</i> , esp. bearded types	Bearded Iris	P	Varies	Varies
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i> BC Invasive	Yellow Flag Iris	P	⊗→◐	Constant moisture
<i>Kniphofia</i>	Red-hot Poker, Torch Lily	P	⊗	Well drained
<i>Lamium</i>	False Salvia, Deadnettle	A & P	Varies	Varies
<i>Lantana</i>	Latan Palm	P treated as A	⊗	Drought tolerant
<i>Lavendula</i>	Lavender	P	⊗	Well drained
<i>Leucanthemum superbum</i>	Shasta Daisy	P	⊗	Moist well-drained
<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Blazing Star, Gay Feather	P	⊗	Dry to damp
<i>Linaria</i>	Toadflax	P	⊗	Well drained
<i>Liriopae</i>	Lilyturf	P	⊗→●	Moist well drained
<i>Lithodora diffusa</i>		P	⊗→◐	Drought tolerant
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal Flower	P	⊗→◐	Moist
<i>Lupinus</i>	Lupine	P	⊗	Well drained

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<i>Lychnis</i>	Campions	P	○	Varies
<i>Matthiola</i>	Stock	P treated as A	○	Moist well drained
<i>Monarda</i>	Bergamots	P, A	○→●	Moist, well drained
<i>Myosotis</i>	Forget-me-not	A, P	●	Well-drained
<i>Nepeta</i>	Catmint, Catnip	P	○	Well-drained
<i>Nicotiana</i>	Flowering Tobacco	A, P	○	Moist well drained
<i>Oenothera</i>	Evening Primrose	P, A, Biennial	○	Drought tolerant
<i>Origanum</i>	Oregano, Marjoram, Sweet Marjoram	P	○	Drought tolerant
<i>Osteospermum</i>		P treated as A	○	Well drained
<i>Oxalis</i>	Sorrel (Aggressive spreader)	P	○→●	Moderately moist well-drained
<i>Pachysandra</i>	Japanese Spurge	P	●→●	Well drained
<i>Phlomis</i>	Jerusalem Sage	P	○→●	Moist well drained
<i>Paeonia</i>	Peony	P	○→●	Moist well drained
<i>Papaver</i>	Poppy	A, P, B	○	Moist well drained
<i>Pelargonium</i>	Geranium	P treated as A	○	Well drained
<i>Penstemon</i>		P	○	Well drained
<i>Perovskia</i>	Russian Sage	P	○	Well drained, drought tolerant
<i>Phlox subulata</i>	Creeping Phlox, Moss Phlox	P	○→●	Moist, drought tolerant
<i>Polemonium</i>	Jacob's Ladder	P	○→●	Moist well drained
<i>Polygonatum</i> *	Solomon's Seal	P	●	Moist
<i>Pulmonaria</i>	Lungwort	P	●	Moist
<i>Rheum acuminatum</i>	Ornamental Rhubarb	P	○→●	Moist
<i>Romneya coulteri</i>	California Tree Poppy	P	○	Well drained, drought tolerant
<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	Black-eyed Susan	P	○→●	Average
<i>Ruta graveolens</i>	Jackman's Rue	P	○	Drought tolerant
<i>Salvia</i>	Sage	A & P	○	Drought tolerant
<i>Santolina</i>	Santolina	P treated as A	○	Well drained, drought tolerant
<i>Scabiosa</i>	Scabiosa	P	○	Well drained
<i>Sempervivum</i>	Hen and Chicks	P	○	Well drained
<i>Senecio cineraria</i>	Dusty Miller	P treated as A	○	Average
<i>Sisyrinchium</i>	Blue-eyed Grass	A or P	○	Well drained
<i>Solidago</i>	Goldenrod	P	○	Average, drought tolerant
<i>Stachys byzantina</i>	Lamb's Ears	P	○	Drought tolerant
<i>Stylophorum diphyllum</i>	Celandine Poppy	P	●	Evenly moist
<i>Tagetes</i>	French Marigolds	A	○	Well drained
<i>Thalictrum</i>	Meadow Rue	P	●	Varies
<i>Tiarella</i>	Foam Flower	P	●→●	Varies
<i>Tibouchina</i>	Princess Flower	P protect in winter	○	Average, do not overwater
<i>Tradescantias</i>	Spiderwort	P	○→●	Moist
<i>Verbascum</i>	Mullein	P	○ or ●	Well drained
<i>Veronica</i>	Speedwell	P	○→●	Varies
<i>Vinca major</i>	Periwinkle (aggressive spreader)	P	●	Moist
BC Invasive				
<i>Vinca minor</i>	Periwinkle (spreader)	P	●→●	Moist, drought tolerant
BC Invasive				

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<i>Viola odorata</i>	Sweet Violet	P	⊗ → ▶	Moist well drained
<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i>	Calla Lily	P	⊗	Moist to wet
<i>Zauchchneria</i>	California Fuchsia	P	⊗	Drought tolerant

Bulbs

The following bulbs are generally deer-resistant. However, in some cases, deer (usually the fawns) may nip off flower buds before they open.

Latin Name	Common Name	Sun/Shade	Moisture
<i>Allium</i>	Ornamental Onion	Varies	Varies
<i>Amaryllis</i>		⊗ → ▶	Average
<i>Chionodoxa</i>	Glory-of-the-snow	⊗	Consistently moist
<i>Colchicum</i>	Autumn crocus	⊗ → ▶	Varies
<i>Crocus</i>	Crocus	⊗ → ▶	Well drained
<i>Eranthus hyemalis</i>	Winter Aconite	⊗ → ▶	Consistently moist
<i>Fritillaria</i>		⊗ → ▶	Varies
<i>Fritillaria lanceolata</i>	Chocolate Lily, Checkered Lily	⊗ → ▶	Varies
BC Native			
<i>Galanthus</i>	Snowdrops	▶	Moist
<i>Hyacinth</i>		⊗	Moist well drained
<i>Leucojum</i>	Summer Snowflake	⊗	Moist or dry
<i>Muscati</i>	Grape Hyacinth	⊗	Moist well drained
<i>Narcissus</i>	Daffodil	⊗	Well drained
<i>Scilla</i>	Scilla	⊗ then ▶	Varies
<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i>	Hardy Calla Lily	⊗ → ▶	Moist to dry

Herbs

Most garden herbs (with the exception of basil, parsley and sometimes chives) are deer-resistant due to their aromatic foliage with high oil content including: thyme, oregano, sage, rosemary, mint, marjoram, verbena, chives (not reliably) and lavender.

Vines

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<i>Akebia</i>	Chocolate Vine	E	⊗ → ▶	Moist, well drained
<i>Clematis</i>		E or D	⊗ Cool roots	Average
<i>Jasminum</i>	Jasmine	E or D	⊗ → ▶	Average
<i>Parthenocissus</i>	Boston Ivy	D	⊗ or ●	Average
<i>Wisteria</i>		D	⊗	Dry to moist

Grasses

Generally, all the true sedges (“with edges” that feel sharp when you run your hand down a clump of them) should be deer resistant, as their edges can be quite sharp.

Latin Name	Common Name	Evergreen/ Deciduous	Sun/Shade	Moisture
<i>Bambusa</i>	Bamboo	E	⊗→◐	Average
<i>Carex</i>	Sedge	E	Varies	Varies
<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	Pampas Grass	E	⊗	Average to dry
<i>Fargesia nitida</i>	Fountain Bamboo	E	◐	Moist well drained
<i>Festuca glauca</i>	Common Blue Fescue	E	⊗	Well drained, drought tolerant
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> (Most varieties)	Maidenhair Grass	E	⊗	Moist well drained
<i>Ophiopogon</i> (or <i>Liriope</i>)	Mondo grass, Liliy turf (not a true grass)	E	⊗→◐	Moist well drained, drought tolerant
<i>Pennisetum setaceum</i>	Fountain Grass	P treated as A	⊗	Average to moist
<i>Phyllostachys nigra</i>	Black Bamboo	E	⊗→◐	Average
<i>Stipa tenuissima</i>	Mexican Feather Grass	E	⊗	Drought tolerant

Groundcover (up to 1 foot tall)

Latin Name	Common name	Evergreen/ Deciduous	Sun/Shade	Moisture
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	Kinnikinnick	E	⊗→◐	Well drained
<i>Cornus canadensis</i>	Bunchberry	D	●→◐	Moist well drained
<i>Cotoneaster</i>		D, some E	⊗	Moderate to dry
<i>Gaultheria procumbens</i>	Wintergreen	E	●	Moist
<i>Fragaria</i>	Wild Strawberry	P	⊗→◐	Moderate
<i>Mahonia</i>	Oregon Grape	E	Varies	Varies
<i>Ceanothus</i>		E	⊗	Drought tolerant
<i>Rosmarinus officianalis prostratus</i>	Trailing Rosemary	E	⊗	Drought tolerant
<i>Thymus</i>	Thyme	E	⊗→◐	Moderate
<i>Helianthemum</i>	Sunrose	E	⊗	Drought tolerant
<i>Lithodora diffusa</i>		P	⊗→◐	Drought tolerant
<i>Vinca major</i> BC Invasive	Periwinkle (aggressive spreader)	E	●→◐	Average, drought tolerant
<i>Vinca minor</i> BC Invasive	Periwinkle (spreader)	E	●→◐	Average, drought tolerant
<i>Rubus calycinoides</i>	Ornamental Raspberry, Crinkled Creeper	E	⊗→◐	Average to dry, drought tolerant

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Trees

<i>Abies koreana</i> Korean Fir	<i>Aesculus californica</i> California Buckeye
<i>Amelanchier</i> Serviceberry	<i>Araucaria araucana</i> Monkey Puzzle Tree
<i>Cedrus</i>	<i>Chamaecyparis</i> False Cypress
<i>Cupressus leylandii</i> Leylandii Cypress	<i>Eucalyptus</i>
<i>Fremontodendron</i> Flannel Bush	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i> Maidenhair Tree
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> Sweetgum	<i>Magnolia</i>
<i>Picea</i> Spruce	<i>Pinus</i> Pine
<i>Styrax japonicas</i> Japanese Snowbell	<i>Tsuga</i> Hemlock

<i>Albizia julibrissin</i> Silk Tree
<i>Betula</i> Birch
<i>Cupressus arizonica</i> Arizona Cypress
<i>Fraxinus</i> Ash
<i>Juniperus</i> Juniper
<i>Morus</i> Mulberry
<i>Rhus</i> Sumac

Shrubs

<i>Abelia grandiflora</i> Glossy Abelia	<i>Amelanchier</i> Juneberry, Serviceberry
<i>Atriplex canescens</i> Four-wing Saltbush	<i>Berberis darwinii</i> Barberry
<i>Buddleia</i> Butterfly Bush	<i>Buxus sempervirens</i> English Boxwood
<i>Calycanthus occidentalis</i> Spicebush	<i>Ceanothus</i> California Lilac
<i>Chamaerops humilis</i> Mediterranean palm fan	<i>Choisya ternata</i> ‘Sundance’ or ‘Aztec pearl’ Mexican Mock Orange
<i>Cistus</i> Rockrose	<i>Continus</i> Smokebush
<i>Cotoneaster</i>	<i>Daphne</i>
<i>Elaeagnus pungens</i> Silverthorn	<i>Erica</i> Heather
<i>Forsythia</i>	<i>Gaultheria shallon</i> Salal
<i>Grevillea</i>	<i>Halimium</i> Rockrose
<i>Hypericum</i> St John’s Wort	<i>Ilex</i> Holly
<i>Laurus nobilis</i> Bay Leaf	<i>Lavandula</i> Lavender
<i>Leucothoe</i>	<i>Ligustrum japonica</i> Japanese Privet
<i>Myrica californica</i> Pacific Wax Myrtle	<i>Myrica pensylvanica</i> Northern Bayberry
<i>Osmanthus</i> Japanese False Holly	<i>Paeonia</i> Peony
<i>Pieris</i> Lily-of-the-Valley Shrub	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i> Shrubby Cinquefoil
<i>Rhododendron</i>	<i>Ribes sanguineum</i> Red-flowering Current
<i>Sarcococca</i> Sweetbox	<i>Skimmia</i>
<i>Syringa</i> Lilac	<i>Vaccinium ovatum</i> Evergreen Huckleberry
<i>Viburnum burkwoodii</i>	<i>Yucca</i>

<i>Archostaphylos columbiana</i> Hairy Manzanita
<i>Brachyglossis greyi</i> Senecio Greyi
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i> Heather
<i>Chaenomeles japonica</i> Flowering Quince
<i>Corokia</i> Wire Netting Bush
<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i> Russian Olive
<i>Escallonia</i>
<i>Gaultheria procumbens</i> Wintergreen
<i>Hamamelis</i> Witch Hazel
<i>Kerria japonica</i> Japanese Yellow Rose
<i>Lavatera</i> Mallow
<i>Mahonia</i> Oregon Grape
<i>Nandina</i> Heavenly Bamboo
<i>Phormium</i> New Zealand Flax
<i>Pyreantha</i> Firethorn
<i>Rosmarinus</i> Rosemary
<i>Spiraea</i>

Ground Covers

<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> Kinnikinnick
<i>Gaultheria procumbens</i> Wintergreen
<i>Ceanothus</i>
<i>Thymus</i> Thyme
<i>Rubus calycinoides</i> Ornamental Raspberry

<i>Cornus Canadensis</i> Bunchberry
<i>Fragaria</i> Wild Strawberry
<i>Rosmarinus officianalis prostratus</i> Trailing Rosemary
<i>Helianthemum</i> Sunrose

<i>Cotoneaster</i>
<i>Mahonia</i> Oregon Grape
<i>Lithodora diffusa</i>

Vines

<i>Akebia</i> Chocolate Vine	<i>Clematis</i>	<i>Jasminum</i> Jasmine	<i>Parthenocissus</i> Boston Ivy	<i>Wisteria</i>
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Grasses

<i>Bambusa</i> Bamboo	<i>Carex</i> Sedge
<i>Fargesia nitida</i> Fountain Bamboo	<i>Festuca glauca</i> Common Blue Fescue
<i>Ophiopogon</i> (or <i>Liriope</i>) Mondo grass, Littlyturf (not a true grass)	
<i>Phyllostachys nigra</i> Black Bamboo	<i>Stipa tenuissima</i> Mexican Feather Grass

<i>Cortaderia selloana</i> Pampas Grass
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> Maidenhair Grass
<i>Pennisetum setaceum</i> Fountain Grass

Bulbs

<i>Allium</i> Ornamental Onion	<i>Amaryllis</i>
<i>Colchicum</i> Autumn crocus	<i>Crocus</i> Crocus
<i>Fritillaria</i>	<i>Galanthus</i> Snowdrops
<i>Leucojum</i> Summer Snowflake	<i>Muscari</i> Grape Hyacinth
<i>Scilla</i> Scilla	<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i> Hardy Calla Lily

<i>Chionodoxa</i> Glory-of-the-snow
<i>Eranthus hyemalis</i> Winter Aconite
<i>Hyacinth</i>
<i>Narcissus</i> Daffodil

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<i>Acanthus mollis</i> Bear's Breeches	<i>Achillea</i> Yarrow	<i>Aconitum</i> Monkshood
<i>Agapanthus</i> African Lily	<i>Agastache</i> Anise Hyssop	<i>Ageratum</i> Floss Flower
<i>Ajuga</i>	<i>Alchemilla</i> Lady's Mantle	<i>Anaphalis</i> Pearly Everlasting
<i>Anemone x hybrid</i> Windflower	<i>Antirrhinum majus*</i> Snapdragon	<i>Aquilegia*</i> Columbine
<i>Arabis</i> Rock Cress	<i>Arctotis</i>	<i>Argyranthemum</i> Marguerites
<i>Armeria</i> Thrift	<i>Artemesia Lactiflora</i> Wormwood	<i>Asarum caudatum</i> Wild Ginger
<i>Aster</i>	<i>Astilbe*</i> Astilbe	<i>Aubrieta</i> Aubrieta
<i>Aurinia saxatilis</i> Alyssum Saxatile	<i>Bacopa</i>	<i>Ballota</i> Cuban Oregano
<i>Begonia</i> Tuberous Begonia	<i>Belamcanda chinensis</i> Leopard Lily	<i>Brunnera macrophylla</i> Brunnera
<i>Calendula officinalis</i> English Marigold	<i>Campanula</i> Bellflower	(<i>Centaurea cinerea</i>) Dusty Miller
<i>Centaurea cyanus</i> Bachelor's buttons	<i>Centaurea macrocephala</i> Globe Cornflower	<i>Chrysanthemum</i> Hardy Chrysanthemum
<i>Cerastium tomentosum</i> Snow-in-Summer	<i>Cheiranthus</i> Wallflower	<i>Consolida ambigua</i> Larkspur
<i>Clarkia</i>	<i>Cleome hassleriana</i> Spider Flower	<i>Cosmos</i>
<i>Convallaria majalis</i> Lily-of-the-Valley	<i>Coreopsis</i> Tickseed	<i>Dahlia</i>
<i>Crocosmia</i>	<i>Cyclamen</i> Cyclamen	<i>Diascia</i> Twinspur
<i>Delphinium</i> Larkspur	<i>Dianthus</i> Pinks, Carnations	<i>Digitalis</i> Foxglove
<i>Dicentra</i> Bleeding Heart	<i>Dierama</i> Angel's Fishing Rod	<i>Echinops</i> Globe Thistle
<i>Dracocephalum</i> Dragon's Head	<i>Echinacea</i> Coneflower	<i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i> Woolly Sunflower
<i>Epimedium</i> Barrenwort	<i>Erigeron</i> Fleabane	<i>Eschscholzia</i> California Poppy
<i>Eryngium amethystinum</i> Sea Holly	<i>Erysimum</i> Wallflower	<i>Galium odoratum</i> Sweet Woodruff
<i>Euphorbia</i> Wood Spurge	<i>Euryops</i> Yellow Bush Daisy	<i>Gentiana</i> Gentian
<i>Gaillardia</i> Blanket Flower	<i>Gazania</i>	<i>Geum</i> Geum
<i>Geranium x cantabrigiense</i> Cranesbill	<i>Geranium macrorrhizum</i> Big Root Geranium	<i>Helleborus</i> Hellebore
<i>Gunnera manicata</i> Giant Rhubarb	<i>Helichrysum</i> Strawflowers	<i>Iris</i> Iris, bearded verities
<i>Helichrysum italicum</i> or <i>H. angustifolium</i>	<i>Curry Plant</i>	<i>Lantana</i> Latan Palm
<i>Hesperis matronalis</i> Dame's Rocket	<i>Iberis</i> Candytuft	<i>Liatris spicata</i> Blazing Star, Gay Feather
<i>Kniphofia</i> Red-hot Poker, Torch Lily	<i>Lamium</i> False Salvia, Deadnettle	<i>Lithodora diffusa</i>
<i>Lavendula</i> Lavender	<i>Leucanthemum superbum</i> Shasta Daisy	<i>Lychnis</i> Campions
<i>Linaria</i> Toadflax	<i>Liriopae</i> Lilyturf	<i>Myosotis</i> Forget-me-not
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> Cardinal Flower	<i>Lupinus</i> Lupine	<i>Oenothera</i> Evening Primrose
<i>Matthiola</i> Stock	<i>Monarda</i> Bergamots	<i>Oxalis</i> Sorrel
<i>Nepeta</i> Catmint, Catnip	<i>Nicotiana</i> Flowering Tobacco	<i>Paeonia</i> Peony
<i>Origanum</i> Oregano, Marjoram	<i>Osteospermum</i>	<i>Penstemon</i>
<i>Pachysandra</i> Japanese Spurge	<i>Phlomis</i> Jerusalem Sage	<i>Polemonium</i> Jacob's Ladder
<i>Papaver</i> Poppy	<i>Pelargonium</i> Geranium	<i>Rheum acuminatum</i> Ornamental Rhubarb
<i>Perovskia</i> Russian Sage	<i>Phlox subulata</i> Creeping Phlox	<i>Ruta graveolens</i> Jackman's Rue
<i>Polygonatum*</i> Solomon's Seal	<i>Pulmonaria</i> Lungwort	<i>Scabiosa</i> Scabiosa
<i>Romneya coulteri</i> California Tree Poppy	<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i> Black-eyed Susan	<i>Sisyrinchium</i> Blue-eyed Grass
<i>Salvia</i> Sage	<i>Santolina</i> Santolina	<i>Stylophorum diphyllum</i> Celandine Poppy
<i>Sempervivum</i> Hen and Chicks	<i>Senecio cineraria</i> Dusty Miller	<i>Tiarella</i> Foam Flower
<i>Solidago</i> Goldenrod	<i>Stachys byzantine</i> Lamb's Ears	<i>Verbascum</i> Mullein
<i>Tagetes</i> French Marigolds	<i>Thalictrum</i> Meadow Rue	<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i> Calla Lily
<i>Tibouchina</i> Princess Flower	<i>Tradescantia</i> Spiderwort	
<i>Veronica</i> Speedwell	<i>Viola ordorata</i> Sweet Violet	
<i>Zauchchneria</i> California Fuchsia		

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