

MASTER PLANT LIST for WOODLAND WATER-WISE MOW STRIPS



Plant species included below are recommended for use in the Woodland Water-Wise Mow Strips. See individual planting plans for design layouts, site preparation, installation and maintenance tips.

SHRUBS

COMMON NAME Botanical Name	Height	Width	Exposure	Description
AUTUMN SAGE <i>Salvia greggii</i>	3'	3'	sun/part shade	Small shrub with showy flowers that attract hummingbirds and beneficial insects. Many color varieties flowers profusely in the spring and fall
BLUE BLOSSOM (N) <i>Ceanothus maritimus</i> 'Valley Violet'	3'	3'	sun/part shade	Best small ceanothus for Central Valley gardens; clusters of dark-violet flowers bloom in spring; attracts beneficial insects. Little or no pruning required. Drought tolerant.
CLEVELAND SAGE (N) <i>Salvia clevelandii</i> 'Winnifred Gilman'	3'	3'	sun/part shade	Evergreen shrub produces maroon-stemmed, blue-violet flowers in spring; attracts hummingbirds, butterflies and beneficial insects. Remove old flower stalks in summer; prune to maintain compact form. Very drought tolerant.
COMPACT OREGON GRAPE <i>Mahonia aquifolium</i> 'Compacta' (N)	1-3'	2-3'	part shade/shade	Dark, grape-like fruits provide food for native birds; tough plant that tolerates a variety of garden conditions; attracts beneficial insects and birds. Drought tolerant.
GOODWIN CREEK LAVENDER <i>Lavendula x ginginsii</i> 'Goodwin Creek Grey'	3'	3'	sun	More heat resistant than English lavenders; long spring and summer bloom; attracts hummingbirds and beneficial insects; cut back after flowering; drought tolerant.
SPANISH LAVENDER <i>Lavandula stoechas</i>	1.5-3'	2-3'	sun	Showiest of all the lavenders; blooming in spring; cut back to removed old flowers; attracts butterflies and beneficial insects; drought tolerant.
RED YUCCA (N) <i>Hesperaloe parviflora</i>	3-4'	3-4'	sun	Attractive spiky-looking leaves; blooms all summer long; attracts hummingbirds; very heat and drought tolerant.
WHITE SAGE (N) <i>Salvia apiana</i>	3'	3'	sun/part shade	Soft silver aromatic leaves; white spring flowers attract pollinating bees and beneficial insects; very drought tolerant. Prune to shape

GROUNDCOVER

COMMON NAME Botanical Name	Height	Width	Exposure	Description
COOPER'S ICE PLANT <i>Delosperma cooperi</i>	5"	2'	sun	Succulent green groundcover with bright pink-purple flowers spring-fall; low water needs.
DWARF COYOTE BRUSH <i>Baccharis pilularis</i> (N) 'Twin Peaks #2'	3'	8'	sun	Tough drought tolerant native shrub that can easily be kept pruned into a tight hedge. Excellent habitat plant. Fall-blooming flowers are cream-colored and attract beneficial insects.
LAVENDER COTTON <i>Santolina chamaecyparissus</i>	.5-2'	3'	sun	Hardy groundcover with finely divided whitish gray foliage and bright yellow, buttonlike flower heads in summer on unclipped plants
DWARF GERMANDER <i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i> 'Nanum'	1'	2'	sun/part shade	One of the few groundcovers that does well in both sun and part shade; dark pink flowers spring-fall; attracts beneficial insects and native bees; drought tolerant.
SNOW-IN-SUMMER <i>Cerastium tomentosum</i>	6-8"	2-3'	sun	Silver foliage with white flowers spring-summer; low water needs.
ROSEMARY <i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> 'Mozart'	1.5-2'	4-6'	sun	Evergreen with dark-green aromatic leaves; blue flowers from spring through summer/fall; attracts beneficial insects; very drought tolerant.

PERENNIALS

COMMON NAME Botanical Name	Height	Width	Exposure	Description
ALUM ROOT (N) <i>Huechara</i> spp.	2-3'	2-3'	part shade/shade	Adapts to garden conditions. Blooms well in the shade. Can be used for groundcover and compete with tree roots.
BERGENIA <i>Bergenia crassifolia</i>	1-1.5'	3'	part shade/shade	Dense clusters of pink flowers winter-early spring; shiny leaves; attracts beneficial insects; remove flower stalks; low to medium water
CALIFORNIA FUCHSIA (N) <i>Epilobium canum</i>	1-2'	3'	sun	Easy to grow and tolerates heat and drought; different varieties can have narrow or broad leaves that range from silver to bright green. Attracts hummingbirds and beneficial insects. Cut to ground in late fall
CAPE BALSAM <i>Bulbine frutscens</i>	1.5'	3'	sun/part shade	Long-blooming spikes of delicate, star-shaped yellow flowers spring-fall; fleshy, bright green foliage; tolerates drought and poor soils
CATMINT <i>Nepeta cataria</i>	2	1.5-3'	sun	vigorous, spreading plants with soft gray-green foliage. Lavender-blue flowers in loose spikes may display in early summer. Shear them back after blooms.
DOUGLAS IRIS (N) <i>Iris douglasiana</i>	1-3'	3'	sun/shade	Dark, glossy, sword-like evergreen leaves. Flower color ranges from white to blue, lavender, reddish purple, and deep purple. Tolerates drought to occasional watering.

FOOTHILL PENSTEMON (N) <i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i>	1-2'	2'	sun	Spreading mound of narrow grey-green leaves. Spikeline clusters of purple-blue flowers bloom Spring-Summer. Attracts hummingbirds and beneficial insects
MEXICAN FLEABANE (N) <i>Erigeron karvinskianus</i>	1-1.5'	1.5-2'	sun/part shade	Graceful low spreading plant blooming profusely from spring through fall; small, daisylike flowers attract butterflies and beneficial insects.
PINCUSHION FLOWER <i>Scabiosa 'Butterfly Blue'</i>	.5-1'	1-1.5'	sun/part shade	Easy to grow perennial blooming spring-fall. Lavender blue flowers attracts butterflies.
LILAC VERBENA (N) <i>Verbena lilacina</i>	2-3'	3-6'	sun/part shade	Low loosely mounding with many clusters of fragrant light purple flowers spring-fall attracts butterflies.
YARROW (N) <i>Achillea millefolium</i>	3'	3'	sun/part shade	Creamy white with many colorful hybrids blooming spring-fall; ferny green foliage will spread; flowers attract butterflies and beneficial insects; remove old flower stalks or mow as needed: low water needs.

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

COMMON NAME Botanical Name	Height	Width	Exposure	Description
CALIFORNIA FESCUE (N) <i>Festuca californica</i>	2-3'	3'	part shade	Graceful, gray-green leaves and airy flowers that mature to a golden yellow color. Remove old flower stalks in fall for tidy appearance.
CALIFORNIA GREY RUSH (N) <i>Juncus patens</i>	1-2'	1.5-2.5'	sun/part shade	Dense clumps of rigid, upright to slightly arching stems.
DEERGRASS (N) <i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	3'	3'	sun/part shade	Makes a low informal screen; needs almost no maintenance; remove old leaves at any time; adds texture and movement to the garden.
FEATHER REED GRASS <i>Calamagrostis acutifolia</i> 'Karl Foerster'	2-4'	3'	sun/part shade	Attractive, upright dark green foliage; fluffy blooms in spring turn into attractive buff spikes that last all summer and fall; a vertical plant that performs well in narrow spaces. Cut to ground in winter.
IDAHO FESCUE (N) <i>Festuca idahoensis</i>	.5-1'	1-1.5'	sun/part shade	Fine-textured clumping cool-season grass useful as a low natural lawn, a drought tolerant meadow or pathway. Prefers very little summer water.
MOROCCAN FESCUE <i>Festuca mairei</i>	2.5'	3'	sun/part shade	Tidy clumping grass, a good groundcover for large areas
TUFTED HAIRGRASS (N) <i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i>	2-3'	2-3'	sun/part shade	Cool-season clumping grass with attractive flowers. Likes moderate water

MEADOW GRASSES AND SEDGES

COMMON NAME Botanical Name	Height	Width	Exposure	Description
CALIFORNIA DUNE SEDGE (N) <i>Carex pansa</i>	2-6"	1'	sun/part shade	Creeping evergreen native sedge makes a fine natural lawn. Can be kept 2 inches tall with three or four mowings a year.
CLUSTERED MEADOW SEDGE (N) <i>Carex praegracilis</i>	4-14"	1'	sun/part shade	Like <i>Carex pansa</i> , but finer textured and taller. Can be kept 4-6 inches with two mowings a year.

<p>CREEPING RED FESCUE (N) <i>Festuca rubra 'Molate'</i></p>	2-6"	1'	sun/part shade	Fine-textured cool-season grass. Creeping habit, can make a fine natural lawn.
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CALIFORNIA WILDFLOWERS

COMMON NAME Botanical Name	Height	Width	Exposure	Description
<p>BABY BLUE EYES (N) <i>Nemophila menziesii</i></p>	4-6"	1'	sun/part shade	One of the earliest annuals to bloom, low-growing, birds love the seeds.
<p>CALIFORNIA POPPY (N) <i>Eschscholzia californica</i></p>	1-2'	1.5'	sun	State flower of California, blue green leaves, finely dived, pure orange single flowers early spring until summer.
<p>GOLDFIELDS (N) <i>Lasthenia californica</i></p>	1'	1.5'	sun	The flowers resemble tiny yellow daisies, and blooms last and last, for up to two months
<p>SKY LUPINE (N) <i>Lupinus nanus</i></p>	.5-2'	1-2'	sun	Beautiful, fragrant blue flowers with white spots.
<p>NARROW-LEAVED MILKWEED (N) <i>Aesclepias fascicularis</i></p>	3'	3'	sun	A favorite larval food for the Western Monarch butterfly. No summer water.