
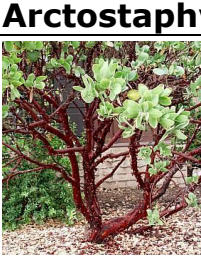

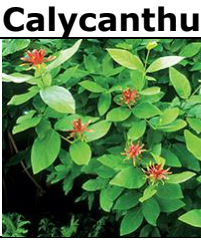









# Low Water Substitutes for Thirsty Plants

## San Mateo

<b>Lagerstroemia hybrids</b>	<b>Crape Myrtle (Arboretum All-Star)</b>
	<p>Replaced Japanese Maples. These deciduous trees provide showy late summer blooms, fall color and striking bark. Varieties are available in white, pinks, reds and purple and sizes from 8' to 30' tall. Hybrids that have been named for Indian tribes ('Comanche', 'Hopi', 'Zuni', etc.) have been bred for hardiness and mildew resistance.</p> <p><b>Takes sun, low water.</b></p>
<b>Arctostaphylos 'Dr Hurd'</b>	<b>Parry Manzanita (CA Native)</b>
	<p>Replaced Japanese Maple. This multi-trunked, evergreen tree grows to about 12' tall. It features peeling, deep burgundy bark and delicate white or pink spring blooms. 'Dr Hurd' is more tolerant of garden conditions than most manzanitas.</p> <p><b>Takes sun, drought tolerant.</b></p>
<b>Ribes sanguineum 'Claremont'</b>	<b>Pink Flowering Currant (CA Native)</b>
	<p>Replaced Rhododendron. This spring blooming native shrub puts on fabulous display in early spring when it is filled with clusters of hanging pink flower clusters. It naturally grows in a neat, vase shape up to 8' tall and works well in both formal and informal gardens. Deciduous.</p> <p><b>Best in part shade (takes full sun in cooler areas), low water.</b></p>
<b>Calycanthus occidentalis</b>	<b>Spice Bush (CA native, Arboretum All-Star)</b>
	<p>Replaced Rhododendron. This sprawling shrub will grow to about 6' tall and will spread to fill its space. From late spring it features burgundy star shaped flowers with a unique spicy fragrance. It is deciduous with good fall color and generally avoided by deer.</p> <p><b>Takes sun to part shade, low water.</b></p>
<b>Prostanthera ovalifolia 'Variegata'</b>	<b>Australian Mint Bush</b>
	<p>Replaced Rhododendron. This soft-textured shrub bursts with lavender colored blooms in spring. It will grow 5-8' tall and 3-4' wide. It has fragrant leaves and is ignored by deer.</p> <p><b>Prefers part shade, low water.</b></p>
<b>Euphorbia 'Tasmanian Tiger'</b>	<b>Variegated Euphorbia</b>
	<p>Replaced Hydrangea. This perennial grows to 2-3' tall and makes a bold statement in or out of bloom with its gray foliage edged in creamy white. To maintain plant shape, cut spent bloom stalks to ground level.</p> <p><b>Takes sun to part shade, low water.</b></p>

<b>Lupinus albifrons</b>	<b>Silver Bush Lupine (CA Native)</b>
	<p>Replaced Hydrangea. This shrub will grow to 5' tall and wide and features silver foliage with spikes of deep blue blooms in the spring and early summer. The plants often only live a few years, but may self sow in the garden. It requires good drainage. This is a favorite of bees and butterflies.</p> <p><b>Takes sun, drought tolerant.</b></p>
<b>Helleborus argutifolia</b>	<b>Corsican Hellebores (Arboretum All-Star)</b>
	<p>Replaced David Viburnum. A great plant for dry shade, Corsican hellebores provide rich color and strong texture throughout the year and feature long lasting cream to pale green flowers during the winter.</p> <p><b>Takes part shade to full shade, low water.</b></p>
<b>Rhamnus californica</b>	<b>Coffeeberry (CA native)</b>
	<p>Replaced David Viburnum. This evergreen shrub has dark green leathery leaves adding strong texture to the low water garden. Berries start out green and turn red and purple throughout the summer. 'Mound San Bruno' is a smaller variety that can be kept to 3' tall with regular pruning. Other varieties can grow as large as 10' tall.</p> <p><b>Takes sun or shade, drought tolerant.</b></p>
<b>Mandevilla laxa</b>	<b>Chilean Jasmine (Arboretum All-Star)</b>
	<p>Replaced climbing Rose. This deciduous vine twines as it grows to wrap itself around a trellis. It features white summer blooms with a tropical scent.</p> <p><b>Takes full sun to part shade, low water.</b></p>
<b>Fragaria chiloensis</b>	<b>Beach Strawberry (CA native)</b>
	<p>Replaced lawn. This native strawberry sends out runners and quickly fills in to form a solid ground cover. It is dark green year round with bright white spring blooms and small edible fruit enjoyed by wildlife. It uses less than ¼ the water of the turf it replaced.</p> <p><b>Takes sun to part shade, low water.</b></p>
<b>Other low water perennials</b>	
	<p><b>Other low water perennials include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Achillea millifolium 'Paprika' (Yarrow, CA native, Arboretum All-Star)</li> <li>• Cistus 'Sunset' (Rockrose)</li> <li>• Epilobium species (California fuchsia, CA native, Arboretum All-Star)</li> <li>• Origanum rotundifolium 'Kent Beauty' (Ornamental Oregano)</li> <li>• Penstemon heterophyllus 'Margarita BOP' (Foothill Penstemon, CA native, Arboretum All-Star)</li> <li>• Stachys byzantine 'Countess Helen von Stein' (Lamb's ears)</li> </ul>