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| <p>Ceanothus 'Dark Star'</p>  | <p>California Lilac (CA native)</p> <p>Dark Star Ceanothus is an evergreen shrub with small dark leathery leaves that is more deer resistant than most Ceanothus varieties. In the spring it forms pink buds that open to a solid mass of cobalt blue. It will grow to about 6' tall x 8' wide over time. It prefers coastal conditions. Takes full sun in cooler areas, drought tolerant.</p> |
| <p>Westringia fruticosa 'Morning Light'</p>  | <p>Coast Rosemary</p> <p>This Australian native grows to about 3' tall and wide and sports light colored variegated leaves and white spring blooms. It is fast growing and prefers light, well drained soils. The species grows larger and has fine textured grey green leaves with lavender blooms. Takes full sun to part shade, very low water.</p> |
| <p>Cotinus coggygia 'Royal Purple'</p>  | <p>Smoke Bush</p> <p>This deciduous shrub can grow to 15' tall or more, but is usually maintained at a smaller size in the garden. It has deep purple leaves and makes great fall color. In the summer, its feathery blooms look like puffs of smoke, giving the tree its common name. The species (called just Cotinus coggygia) is less commonly used and has blue green leaves with wonderful fall color. Takes full sun, low water.</p> |
| <p>Anigozanthos flavidus</p>  | <p>Kangaroo Paw</p> <p>This Australian native sends up spikes of unusual red, yellow or purple tubular flowers all summer long above clumps of sword shaped leaves. Varieties are now available in heights from 1' to 6' tall and many colors. It prefers well drained soil. For best blooming, cut spent bloom stalks to the ground. Takes full sun, low water.</p> |
| <p>Hesperaloe parvifolia</p>  | <p>Red Yucca</p> <p>Red Yucca (which is not a true Yucca) forms 3' tall clumps of grass like leaves with the texture of a succulent. In the late summer, it blooms with delicate spikes of pink or yellow flowers that reach 5' tall. Native to the southwest, it is very heat tolerant. Takes full sun, low water.</p> |
| <p>Chondropetalum tectorum</p>  | <p>Cape Rush</p> <p>This rush like plant from South Africa adds a strong architectural element to the garden. It forms a thicket of dense, upright stems 2-3' tall with decorative brown bands. It tolerates a wide range of water and soil conditions. Takes full sun, very low water.</p> |

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| Euphorbia 'Blackbird' | Blackbird Spurge |
|  | <p>There are hundreds of Euphorbia varieties, ranging from delicate ground covers to bold spiky succulents. 'Blackbird' forms a dense mound of dark purple foliage about 18" tall and forms feathery flower plumes in deep purple with yellow accents. When the blooms fade, cut the spent woody spikes all the way to the ground and enjoy the next round of foliage.</p> <p>Takes full sun to part shade, low water.</p> |
| Senecio vitalis | Narrow-Leaf Chalksticks/Blue Chalk Fingers |
|  | <p>This powder blue succulent grows to about 18" tall and wide, forming long narrow spikes in a dense cluster. This plant is very heat and drought tolerant, but will not tolerate freezing temperatures.</p> <p>Takes full sun, drought tolerant.</p> |
| Grevillea lanigera 'Coastal Gem' | Woolly Grevillea |
|  | <p>This Australian native is a low, spreading shrub that will grow about 18" tall and up to 4' wide if left unpruned. The grey-green leaves are narrow and dense, growing on branching stems. It has a unique, shrimp shaped pink bloom over a long season. Prefers well drained soil and tolerates seaside conditions.</p> <p>Takes full sun, drought tolerant.</p> |
| Arctotis 'Pumpkin Pie' | African Daisy |
|  | <p>This colorful perennial is native to South Africa. It will grow to about 12" tall and wide and flowers nearly year round. Other varieties come in shades of red, orange, yellow and purple.</p> <p>Takes full sun, moderate water.</p> |
| Rubus pentalobus | Bramble |
|  | <p>This Taiwanese native is often blended with California natives. It is a low growing, sprawling shrub that will spread to 5' wide over time. The stiff ruffled leaves take on a gold tint in dry gardens. This is a highly textured ground cover that will suppress weeds.</p> <p>Takes sun to part shade, low water.</p> |
| Succulents | |
| | <p>Low water succulents used in this garden include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cistanthe grandiflora (also known as Calandrinia grandiflora) • Aeonium 'Sunburst' • Echeveria 'Afterglow' • Agave attenuata • Echeveria 'Hens and Chicks' |