

Day lily (*Hemerocallis spp.*)
Delphinium (*Delphinium spp.*)
Flax (*Linum spp.*)
Gaillardia (*Gaillardia spp.*)
Garden Phlox (*Phlox spp.*)
Gayfeather (*Liatris spp.*)
Golden Glow (*Rudbeckia laciniata*)
Iceland Poppy (*Papaver nudicaule*)
Lupine (*Lupinus spp.*)
Matilija Poppy (*Romneya coulteri*)
Oriental Poppy (*Papaver orientale*)
Paper Flower (*Bougainvillea spp.*)
Penstemon (selected *Penstemon spp.*)
Peony (*Paeonia spp.*)
Pincushion Flower (*Scabiosa spp.*)
Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)
Sedum, Stonecrop (*Sedum spp.*)
Shasta Daisy (*Chrysanthemum maximum*)
Sulphur Flower (*Eriogonum umbellatum*)
Sweet William (*Dianthus barbatus*)
Yarrow (*Achillea spp.*)

Ornamental Grasses

Big Bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*)
Blue Oat Grass (*Helictotrichon sempervirens*)
California Fescue (*Festuca californica*)
Deer Grass (*Muhlenbergia rigens*)
Flax (*Linum spp.*)
Mosquito Grass (*Bouteloua gracilis*)
Switch Grass (*Panicum virgatum L.*)

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SUGGESTED WATER-WISE PLANTS FOR XERISCAPE GARDENING

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What is Xeriscape Gardening?

Xeriscape gardens are designed to use water efficiently while creating beautiful landscapes. Plants are grouped with others that have similar water needs: low water use (xeric) plants are in hot, dry, south-facing areas and moisture lovers face north and east. Emphasis is on plants that thrive in wet winters and dry summers. Lawn area is reduced or eliminated or may include native grasses. Patios, decks, and paths also reduce planted area.

Compost and mulch are used to conserve water and add organic matter. Water is applied with drip or soaker hoses. Properly planned and maintained landscapes save water, time and money, and reduce pesticide use and runoff. Habitat for birds and beneficial insects (pollinators, natural enemies) can also be created.

The following plants are *suggested* to help gardeners get started creating beautiful water-saving landscapes. Consult other sources for further suggestions. It is important to remember that growth of any plant will vary under different soil, climate, and care conditions.



Flannel Bush (*Fremontodendron* spp.)

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Trees

California Buckeye (*Aesculus californica*)
California Redbud (*Cercis occidentalis* or *orbiculata*)
Common Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)
Deodora Cedar (*Cedrus deodara*)
Foothill Ash (*Fraxinus dipetala*)
Incense Cedar (*Calocedrus decurrens*)
Madrone (*Arbutus menziesii*)
Oaks (*Quercus* spp.)
Western Catalpa (*Catalpa speciosa*)

Shrubs

Apache Plume (*Fallugia paradoxa*)
Carpenteria (*Carpenteria californica*)
Ceanothus (*Ceanothus* spp.)
Cinquefoil (*Potentilla* spp.)
Cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster* spp.)
Flannel Bush (*Fremontodendron* spp.)
Juniper spp. (*Juniperus* spp.)
Manzanita spp. (*Arctostaphylos* spp.)
Mountain Mahogany (*Cercocarpus* spp.)
Redbud (*Cercis* spp.)
Rhamnus (Coffeeberry) (*Rhamnus* spp.)
Rockrose (*Cistus* spp.)
Rock Spirea (*Holodiscus dumosus*)
Sage (*Salvia* spp.)
Silver Buffaloberry (*Shepherdia argentea*)
Smooth Sumac (*Rhus glabra*)
Sugar Bush (*Rhus ovata*)
Toyon (Christmas Berry) (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*)
Yucca (*Yucca* spp.)

Ground Covers for Sun

Blue Fescue (*Festuca ovina* var. *glauca*)
Ceanothus (*Ceanothus* spp.)
Cushion Spurge (*Euphorbia polychroma*)
Houseleek, Hen and Chickens (*Sempervivum* spp.)
Juniper spp. (*Juniperus* spp.)
Lavender-Cotton (*Santolina chamaecyparissus*)
Mock Strawberry (*Duchesnea indica*)
Penstemon (selected *Penstemon* spp.)
Pussytoes (*Antennaria* spp.)
Sage (*Salvia* spp.)
Snow-In-Summer (*Cerastium tomentosum*)
Stonecrop (*Sedum* spp.)
Sulphur Flower (*Eriogonum umbellatum*)
Tall Fescue (*Festuca arundinacea*)
Thyme (*Thymus* spp.)
Woolly Yarrow (*Achillea tomentosa*)

Ground Covers for Shade

Creeping Oregon Grape (*Mahonia* spp.)
Lily-of-the-Valley (*Convallaria majalis*)
Penstemon (selected *Penstemon* spp.)

Perennials for Sun

Aster (*Aster* spp.)
Bearded Iris (Iridaceae spp.)
Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)
Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
Cactus (Cactaceae spp.)
Coreopsis (*Coreopsis* spp.)
Cornflower (*Centaurea cyanus*)