Shrubs/Perennials/Ornamental Grasses

Agave spp.
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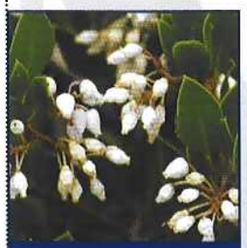
Alyogyne huegelii
Blue Hibiscus



Arctostaphylos spp.
Manzanita

Artemisia spp.
Sagebrush

Ceanothus spp.
California Lilac

Chamelaucium uncinatum
Geraldton Waxflower

Cistus spp.
Rockrose (cover)

Dudleya spp.
Live Forever

Echeveria spp
Hens-and-Chickens

Encelia californica
California Encelia

Galvezia speciosa
Island Bush Snapdragon

Grevillea spp.
Grevillea

Heteromeles arbutifolia
Toyon

Lavandula spp.
Lavender

Leucophyllum spp.
Texas Ranger

Lobelia laxiflora
Mexican Bush Lobelia

Mahonia nevinii
Nevin's Barberry

Melalueca nesophila
Pink Melaleuca

Myrtus communis
Common Myrtle

Nassella spp.
Needlegrass

Penstemon spp.
Penstemon

Rhus spp.
Sumac

Rosmarinus officinalis
Rosemary

Salvia spp.
(selected species)
Sage (cover)

Sisyrinchium bellum
Blue-eyed Grass

Tapetes lemmonii
Copper Canyon Daisy

Verbena spp.
(selected species) Verbena

Trees

Arbutus unedo
Strawberry Tree

Chitalpa tashkentensis
Chitalpa

Geijera parviflora
Australian Willow

Laurus nobilis
Sweet Bay

Olea europaea 'Swan Hill'
Swan Hill Olive

Pinus eldarica
Afghan Pine

Prosopsis chilensis
Chilean Mesquite

Quercus agrifolia
Coast Live Oak (cover)

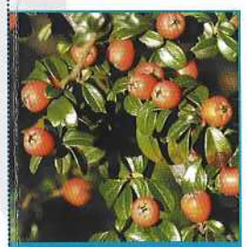
Rhus lancea
African Sumac

Groundcover

Acacia redolens 'Desert Carpet'
Dwarf Prostrate Acacia

Achillea spp.
Yarrow

Baccharis spp.
Coyote Brush



Cotoneaster dammeri
Bearberry Cotoneaster

Lampranthus spp.
Ice Plant

Lantana montevidensis Trailing Lantana

Myoporum parvifolium
Myoporum

Sedum spp.
Stonecrop

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Vines

Bougainvillea spp.
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Macfadyena unguis-cati
Cat's Claw

Vitis californica
California Wild Grape

Turf

Buchloe dactyloides
Buffalograss

Cynodon dactylon
Hybrid Bermudagrass

Zoysia 'Victoria'
Victoria Zoysiagrass

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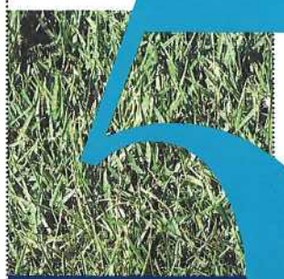

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PERENNIALS
Sage

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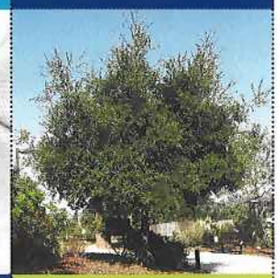

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Coast Live Oak

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