







**TREES**

| <i>Botanical Name</i>  | <i>Common Name</i>  |
|--|---------------------|
|  Acacia baileyana                       | Bailey Acacia       |
|  Aesculus californica                   | California Buckeye  |
|  Arbutus menziesii                      | Madrone             |
|  Arbutus unedo                          | Strawberry Tree     |
|  Calocedrus decurrens                   | Incense Cedar       |
|  Cedrus deodara                         | Deodar Cedar        |
|  Cercis occidentalis                    | Western Redbud      |
|  Chitalpa tashkentensis                 | Chitalpa            |
|  Cupressus forbesii                     | Tecate Cypress      |
|  Cupressus glabra (arizonica)           | Arizona Cypress     |
|  Eriobotrya japonica                    | Loquat              |
|  Ficus carica                           | Edible Fig          |
|  Fraxinus velutina                      | Arizona Ash         |
|  Ginkgo biloba                          | Maidenhair Tree     |
|  Juglans hindsii                        | Ca. Black Walnut    |
|  Lagerstroemia indica                   | Crape Myrtle        |
|  Laurus nobilis                         | Grecian Bay         |
|  Lithocarpus densi Florus               | Tanbark Oak         |
|  Lyonothamnus floribundus asplenifolius | Catalina Ironwood   |
|  Olea europaea                          | European Olive      |
|  Pinus coulteri                         | Coulter Pine        |
|  Pinus sabiniana                        | Gray Pine           |
|  Pistacia chinensis                     | Chinese Pistache    |
|  Platanus acerifolia                   | London Plane Tree   |
|  Platanus racemosa                    | California Sycamore |
|  Populus fremontii                    | Western Cottonwood  |
|  Quercus sp.-Ca. natives              | Oaks                |
|  Quercus ilex                         | Holly Oak           |
|  Quercus suber                        | Cork Oak            |
|  Robinia ambigua                      | Idaho Locust        |
|  Sequoiadendron giganteum             | Giant Sequoia       |
|  Umbellularia californica             | Ca. Bay             |
|  Zelkova serrata                      | Sawleaf Zelkova     |



**LEGEND**

-  California Native
-  Deer Resistant\*
-  Fire Resistant
-  Shade
-  Part Sun
-  Full Sun

*\*Deer Resistance:* The level of browse resistance varies with season, deer population and availability of more desirable forage. It may be necessary to protect all plants until established (2 to 3 years). For browse protection, cage plants above ground much as you do for gopher protection below ground.

**Water-Conserving Gardens:**

- Atascadero Lake Pavilion
- Colony House – Atascadero Historical Society (on East Mall, across from the City Administration Building)
- Atascadero High School Baseball Field (corner of San Andres and Santa Lucia)
- San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden (El Chorro Regional Park)



**Useful Websites:**

- Atascadero Native Tree Association (ANTA) [www.atascaderonativetree.org](http://www.atascaderonativetree.org)
- San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden [www.slobg.org](http://www.slobg.org)
- California Native Plant Society [www.cnps.org](http://www.cnps.org)
- Fire Safe Council [www.firesafecouncil.org](http://www.firesafecouncil.org)

**Plant Directory:**

Color pictures and botanical/horticultural information of the plants listed in this brochure are contained in a directory available at Atascadero Mutual Water Company. Call AMWC for the names of other locations where the directory is available.

**Protecting Oaks:**

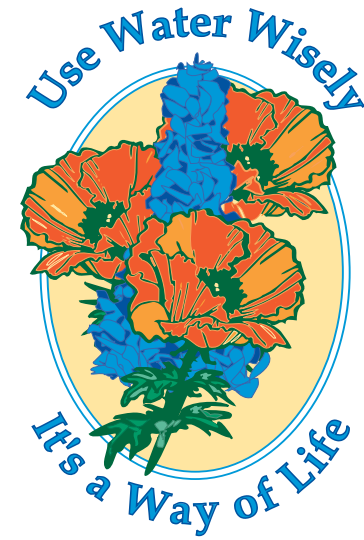
Appropriate landscaping under and around established native oaks is essential to preserving their long-term health. It is important to maintain a dry soil environment around the trunk during summer months. Plants selected from this list will require little to no summer water once established and, therefore, meet this requirement.

**Wildfire:**

Wildfires are a common occurrence in the North County. As more homes are built in the urban/wildland interface, the risk of wildfire increases. Proper landscaping and plant selection can help protect your home from wildfires. If you live in a fire prone area, add fire resistance to the qualities you look for when choosing plants. See the Fire Safe Council website for additional information on protecting your home from wildfires.



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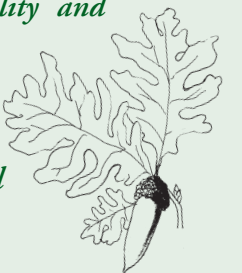
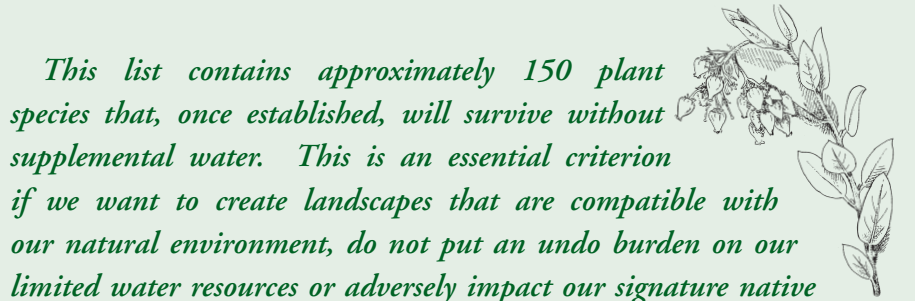
**Water-Conserving Plants**  
 for  
**North County Landscapes**

*California natives and plants adapted to Mediterranean climates*

*Residents of the Central Coast are fortunate to live among some of the most diverse plant communities in California. Our characteristic Mediterranean climate (short, cool, wet winters followed by long, hot, dry summers) is similar to several other locations including Chile, South Africa, Australia and the Mediterranean region of Europe. Plants from these regions also thrive in central California and many are readily available at local nurseries.*

*This list contains approximately 150 plant species that, once established, will survive without supplemental water. This is an essential criterion if we want to create landscapes that are compatible with our natural environment, do not put an undo burden on our limited water resources or adversely impact our signature native oaks. Appropriate plant selection is fundamental to creating a truly sustainable landscape. Choosing the right plants will help reduce ongoing maintenance and the use of water, fertilizers, and pesticides and help make your landscape a place you can continually enjoy.*

*Proper plant selection also helps your landscape weather periodic droughts. Droughts are a fact of life in Central California, a part of the natural weather cycle. Growing populations and global climate change are further impacting the quality and availability of fresh water. We are fortunate to have an extensive assortment of plants that have evolved to survive long periods without rainfall. If we use them in our landscapes, we can greatly reduce the demand on our limited water resources.*



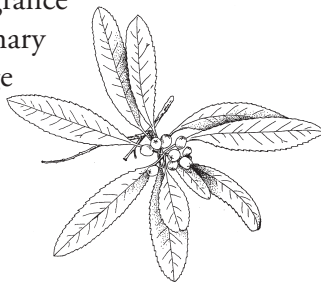
## ANNUALS & BIENNIALS

| Botanical Name           | Common Name                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Alcea rosea              | Hollyhock                     |
| Calendula officinalis    | Calendula                     |
| Centaurea cyanus         | Cornflower, Bachelor's Button |
| Clarkia sp.              | Godetia                       |
| Cosmos                   | Cosmos                        |
| Dimorphotheca sinuata    | Cape Marigold                 |
| Eschscholzia californica | California Poppy              |
| Helianthus annuus        | Sunflower                     |
| Lupinus nanus            | Bi-color Lupine               |



## GROUNDCOVERS

| Botanical Name                      | Common Name           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Achillea tomentosa                  | Woolly Yarrow         |
| Arctostaphylos sp.                  | Manzanita             |
| Baccharis pilularis 'Pidgeon Point' | Dwarf Coyote Bush     |
| Ceanothus sp.                       | Ca. Wild Lilac        |
| Cerastium tomentosum                | Snow-In-Summer        |
| Cistus sp.                          | Rockrose              |
| Cotoneaster dammeri                 | Bearberry Cotoneaster |
| Festuca ovina glauca                | Blue Fescue           |
| Hypericum calycinum                 | St. John's Wort       |
| Juniperus sp.                       | Creeping Juniper      |
| Ribes viburnifolium                 | Catalina Fragrance    |
| Rosmarinus officinalis prostratus   | Dwarf Rosemary        |
| Salvia sonomensis                   | Creeping Sage         |
| Santolina sp.                       | Santolina             |
| Sedum sp.                           | Stonecrop             |



## VINES

| Botanical Name         | Common Name         |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Gelsemium sempervirens | Carolina Jessamine  |
| Polygonum aubertii     | Silver Lace Vine    |
| Rosa banksiae          | Lady Banks Rose     |
| Rosa 'Cecile Brunner'  | Cecile Brunner Rose |
| Wisteria sinensis      | Chinese Wisteria    |

## ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

| Botanical Name              | Common Name         |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Elymus (Leymus) condensatus | Giant Wild Rye      |
| Festuca californica         | California Fescue   |
| Muhlenbergia rigens         | Deer Grass          |
| Nassella pulchra            | Purple Needle Grass |

## PERENNIALS

| Botanical Name                 | Common Name              |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Achillea sp.                   | Yarrow                   |
| Artemisia sp.                  | Wormwood                 |
| Centranthus ruber              | Jupiter's Beard          |
| Ceratostigma plumbaginoides    | Dwarf Plumbago           |
| Coreopsis grandiflora          | (Coreopsis)              |
| Echinaceae Purpurea            | Purple Coneflower        |
| Eriogonum sp.                  | Buckwheat                |
| Erigeron 'Wayne Roderick'      | Fleabane                 |
| Gaillardia grandiflora         | Blanket Flower           |
| Gaura lindheimeri              | Gaura                    |
| Helianthemum nummularium       | Sunrose                  |
| Hemerocallis                   | Daylily                  |
| Heuchera maxima                | Island Coral Bells       |
| Hunnemannia fumariifolia       | Mexican Tulip Poppy      |
| Iris douglasiana hybrids       | Douglas Iris             |
| Iris                           | Bearded Iris             |
| Kniphofia uvaria               | Red-Hot Poker            |
| Lavandula sp.                  | Lavender                 |
| Mimulus aurantiacus            | Monkey Flowers           |
| Nepeta faassenii               | Catmint                  |
| Oenothera berlandieri          | Mexican Evening Primrose |
| Penstemon heterophyllus purdyi | Blue Bedder Penstemon    |
| Perovskia atriplicifolia       | Russian Sage             |
| Rudbeckia hirta                | Gloriosa Daisy           |
| Senecio cineraria              | Dusty Miller             |
| Sisyrinchium bellum            | Blue-Eyed Grass          |
| Stachys byzantina              | Lamb's Ears              |
| Tanacetum parthenium           | Feverfew                 |
| Teucrium chamaedrys            | Germander                |
| Verbena sp.                    | Several varieties        |
| Zauschneria (Epilobium) sp.    | California Fuchsia       |



## BULBS

| Botanical Name           | Common Name   |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Amaryllis belladonna     | Naked Lady    |
| Crocosmia crocosmiiflora | Montbretia    |
| Narcissus                | Daffodil      |
| Watsonia                 | Watsonia      |
| Zephyranthes candida     | Zephyr Flower |



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## SHRUBS

| Botanical Name               | Common Name                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Abelia grandiflora           | Glossy Abelia                  |
| Arbutus unedo 'Compacta'     | Compact Strawberry Tree        |
| Arctostaphylos sp.           | Manzanita                      |
| Baccharis pilularis          | Coyote Bush                    |
| Carpenteria californica      | Bush Anemone                   |
| Ceanothus sp.                | Ca. Wild Lilac                 |
| Chaenomeles sp.              | Flowering Quince               |
| Chilopsis linearis           | Desert Willow                  |
| Choisya ternata              | Mexican Orange                 |
| Cistus sp.                   | Rockrose                       |
| Cotinus coggygria            | Smoke Bush                     |
| Cotoneaster sp.              | Cotoneaster                    |
| Dendromecon rigida           | Bush Poppy                     |
| Elaeagnus pungens            | Silverberry                    |
| Feijoa sellowiana            | Pineapple guava                |
| Fremontodendron californicum | Flannel Bush                   |
| Garrya elliptica             | Silk Tassel Bush               |
| Grevillea 'Canberra'         | Canberra Gem                   |
| Grevillea 'Noellii'          | None                           |
| Heteromeles arbutifolia      | Toyon                          |
| Ilex cornuta 'Burfordii'     | Burford Holly                  |
| Juniperus sp.                | Juniper                        |
| Lagerstroemia indica         | Crape Myrtle                   |
| Mahonia aquifolium           | Oregon Grape                   |
| Myrica californica           | Pacific Wax Myrtle             |
| Nandina domestica            | Heavenly Bamboo                |
| Nerium oleander              | Oleander                       |
| Prunus ilicifolia            | Holly-Leaved Cherry            |
| Prunus lyonii                | Catalina Cherry                |
| Punica granatum              | Pomegranate                    |
| Pyracantha sp.               | Firethorn                      |
| Rhamnus alaternus            | Italian Buckthorn              |
| Rhamnus californica          | Coffeeberry                    |
| Rhus ovata                   | Sugar Bush                     |
| Ribes aureum                 | Golden Currant                 |
| Ribes sanguineum             | Pink Winter Currant            |
| Ribes speciosum              | Fuchsia Flowered<br>Gooseberry |
| Romneya coulteri             | Matilija Poppy                 |
| Rosa californica             | Wild Rose                      |
| Rosmarinus officinalis       | Rosemary                       |
| Salvia sp.                   | Sage - many varieties          |
| Sambucus mexicana            | Blue Elderberry                |
| Symphoricarpos albus         | Snowberry                      |
| Teucrium fruticans           | Bush Germander                 |