

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT LIST



*Sustaining Native
Plant Communities*

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What are fire-resistant plants? Fire-resistant plants are those that do not readily ignite from a flame or other ignition sources. These plants can be damaged or even killed by fire; however, their foliage and stems do not significantly contribute to the fuel and, therefore, the fire's intensity. There are several other significant factors that influence the fire characteristics of plants, including plant moisture content, age, total volume, dead material, and chemical content.

Fire-resistant does not mean fireproof!



Even fire-resistant plants will burn if not well maintained. Be sure to keep all of your landscape plants healthy with appropriate watering, proper pruning, etc.

SUGGESTED PLANT LIST FOR A DEFENSIBLE SPACE

<u>BOTANICAL NAME</u>	<u>COMMON NAME</u>	<u>Climate Zone</u>
TREES		
Acer		
platanoides	Norway Maple	M
rubrum	Red Maple	M
saccharinum	Silver Maple	M
saccarum	Sugar Maple	M
macrophyllum	Big Leaf Maple	C/ (R)
Alnus rhombifolia	White Alder	C/I/M (R)
Arbutus		
unedo	Strawberry Tree	All zones
Archontophoenix		
cunninghamiana	King Palm	C
Arctostaphylos spp.**	Manzanita	C/I/D
Brahea		
armata	Blue Hesper Palm	C/D
edulis	Guadalupe Palm	C/D
Ceratonia siliqua	Carob	C/I/D
Cerdidium floridum	Blue Palo Verde	D
Cercis occidentalis**	Western Redbud	C/I/M
Cornus		
nuttallii	Mountain Dogwood	I/M
stolonifera	Redtwig Dogwood	I/M
Eriobotrya		
japonica	Loquat	C/I/D
Erythrina caffra	Kaffirboom Coral Tree	C
Ginkgo biloba "Fairmount"	Fairmount Maidenhair Tree	I/M
Gleditsia triacanthos	Honey Locust	I/D/M
Juglans		
californica	California Walnut	I
hindsii	California Black Walnut	C/I
Lagerstroemia indica	Crape Myrtle	I/D/M
Ligustrum lucidum	Glossy Privet	I
Liquidambar styraciflua	Sweet Gum	C/I/M
Liriodendron tulipifera	Tulip Tree	I
Lyonothamnus floribundus		
ssp. Asplenifolius	Fernleaf Catalina Ironwood	C
Melaleuca spp.	Melaleuca	C/I/D
Parkinsonia aculeate	Mexican Palo Verde	C/I
Pistacia		
chinensis	Chinese Pistache	
	Pistachio Nut	C/I/D

vera
Pittosporum
 phillyraeoides
 viridiflorum
Platanus
 acerifolia
 racemosa**
Populus
 alba
 fremontii**
 trichocarpa
Prunus
 xblireiana
 caroliniana
 ilicifolia**
 lyonii**
 serrulata 'Kwanzan'
 yedoensis 'Akebono'
Quercus
 agrifolia**
 engelmannii
** suber
Rhus
 lancea**
 Salix spp.**
Tristania conferta
Ulmus
 parvifolia
 pumila
Umbellularia californica**

Pistachio Nut

Willow Pittosporum
Cape Pittosporum

London Plane Tree
California Sycamore

White Poplar
Western Cottonwood
Black Cottonwood

Flowering Plum
Carolina Laurel Cherry
Hollyleaf Cherry
Catalina Cherry
Flowering Cherry
Akebono Flowering Cherry

Coast Live Oak
Engelmann Oak
Cork Oak

African Sumac
Willow
Brisbane Box

Chinese Elm
Siberian Elm
California Bay Laurel

I

C/I/D
C/I

All zones
C/I/M

D/M
I
I/M

M
C
C
C
M
M

C/I
I
C/I/D

C/I/D
All zones (R)
C/I

I/D
C/M
C/I

SHRUBS

Agave	Century Plant	D
americana	Century Plant	D
deserti	Shawis Century Plant	D
shawii**		
Amorpha fruticosa**	False Indigobush	I
Arbutus		
menziesii**	Madrone	C/I
Arctostaphylos spp.**	Manzanita	C/I/D
Atriplex**		
canescens	Hoary Saltbush	I
lentiformis	Quail Saltbush	D
Baccharis**		
glutinosa	Mule Fat	C/I
pilularis	Coyote Bush	C/I/D
Carissa grandiflora	Natal Plum	C/I
Ceanothus spp.**	California Lilac	C/I/M
Cistus spp.	Rockrose	C/I/D
Cneoridium dumosum**	Bushrue	C
Comarostaphylis**		
diversifolia	Summer Holly	C
Convolvulus cneorum	Bush Morning Glory	C/I/M
Dalea		
orcuttii	Orcutt's Delea	D
spinosa**	Smoke Tree	I/D
Elaeagnus		
pungens	Silverberry	C/I/M
Encelia**		
californica	Coast Sunflower	C/I
farinose	White Brittlebush	D/I
Eriobotrya		
deflexa	Bronze Loquat	C/I
Eriophyllum		
confertiflorum**	Golden Yarrow	C/I
staechadifolium	Lizard Tail	C
Escallonia spp.	Escallonia	C/I
Feijoa sellowiana	Pineapple Guava	C/I/D
Fouquieria splendens	Ocotillo	D
Fremontodendron**		
californicum	Flannelbush	I/M
mexicanum	Southern Flannelbush	I
Galvezia		
juncea	Baja Bush-Snapdragon	C
speciosa	Island Bush-Snapdragon	C
Garrya		
elliptica	Coast Silktassel	C/I
flavescens**	Ashy Silktassel	I/M

Heteromeles arbutifolia**
 Lantana spp.
 Lotus scoparius
 Mahonia spp.

 Malacothamnus
 clementinus

 fasciculatus**

 Melaleuca spp.
 Mimulus spp.**
 Nolina
 parryi
 parryi ssp. wolfii
 Photinia spp.
 Pittosporum
 crassifolium
 rhombifolium
 tobira 'Wheeler'
 undulatum
 viridiflorum
 Plumbago auriculata
 Prunus
 caroliniana
 ilicifolia**
 lyonii**
 Puncia granatum
 Pyracantha spp.
 Quercus
 dumosa**
 Rhamus
 alaternus
 californica**
 Rhamphiolepis spp.
 Rhus
 integrifolia**
 laurina
 lentii
 ovata**
 trilobata**
 Ribes
 viburnifolium
 speciosum**
 Romneya coulteri
 Rosa
 californica**
 minutifolia

Ashy Silktassel
 Toyon
 Lantana
 Deerweed
 Barberry

San Clemente Island Bush Mallow

Mesa Bushmallow

Melaleuca
 Monkeyflower

Parry's Nolina
 Wolf's Bear Grass
 Photinia

Queensland Pittosporum
 Wheeler's Dwarf
 Victorian Box
 Cape Pittosporum
 Cape Plumbago

Carolina Laurel Cherry
 Hollyleaf Cherry
 Catalina Cherry
 Pomegranate
 Firethorn

Scrub Oak

Italian Blackthorn
 Coffeeberry
 Rhamphiolepis

Lemonade Berry
 Laurel Sumac
 Pink-Flowering Sumac
 Sugarbush
 squawbush

Evergreen Currant
 Fuschia-Flowering Gooseberry
 Matilija Poppy

I/M
 C/I/M
 C/I/D
 C/I
 C/I/M

 C

 C/I

 C/I/D
 C/I (R)

 I
 D
 All Zones

 C/I/I
 C/I
 C/I/D
 C/I
 C/I
 C/I/D

 C
 C
 C
 C/I/D
 All Zones

 C/I

 C/I
 C/I/M
 C/I/D

 C/I
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 C/I
 C/I/D
 I

Salvia spp.**	California Wild Rose	C/I
Sambucus spp.**	Baja California Wild Rose	C/I
Symphoricarpos mollis**	Sage	All Zones
Syringa vulgaris	Elderberry	C/I/M
Tecomaria capensis	Creeping Snowberry	C/I
Teucrium fruticans	Lilac	M
Toxicodendron**	Cape Honeysuckle	C/I/D
diversilobum	Bush Germander	C/I
Verbena		
lilacina	Poison Oak	I/M
Xylosma congestum		
Yucca**	Lilac Verbena	C
schidigera	Shiny Xylosma	C/I
whipplei		
	Mojave Yucca	D
	Foothill Yucca	I

GROUNDCOVERS

Achillea**	Yarrow	All Zones
Aptenia cordifolia	Apteria	C
Arctostaphylos spp.**	Manzanita	C/I/D
Baccharis**		
pilularis	Coyote Bush	C/I/D
Ceanothus spp.**	California Lilac	C/I/M
Cerastium tomentosum	Snow-in-Summer	All Zones
Coprosma kirkii	Creeping Coprosma	C/I/D
Cotoneaster spp.	Redberry	All Zones
Drosanthemum hispidum	Rosea Ice Plant	C/I
Dudleya		
brittonii	Brittonis Chalk Dudleya	C
pulverulenta**	Chalk Dudleya	C/I
virens	Island Live Fore-ever	C
Eschscholzia californica**	California Poppy	All Zones
Euonymus fortunei		
'Carrierei'	Glossy Winter Creeper	M
'Coloratus'	Purple-Leaf Winter Creeper	M
Ferocactus viridescens**	Coast Barrel Cactus	C
Gaillardia grandiflora	Blanket Flower	All Zones
Gazania spp.	Gazania	C/I
Helianthemum spp.**	Sunrose	All Zones
Lantana spp.	Lantana	C/I/D
Lasthenia		
californica**	Common Goldfields	I
glabrata	Coastal Goldfields	C
Lupinus spp.**	Lupine	C/I/M
Myoporum spp.	Myoporum	C/I
Pyracantha spp.	Firethorn	All zones
Rosmarinus officinalis	Rosemary	C/I/D
Santolina		
chamaecyparissus	Lavender Cotton	All Zones
virens	Santolina	All Zones
Trifolium frageriferum	O'Connor's Legume	C/I
Verbena		
rigida	Verbena	All Zones
Viguiera laciniata**	San Diego Sunflower	C/I
Vinca		
minor	Dwarf Periwinkle	M

VINES

Antigonon leptopus	San Miguel Coral Vine	C/I
Distictis buccinatoria	Blood-Red Trumpet Vine	C/I/D
Keckiella cordifolia**	Heart-Leaved Penstemon	C/I
Lonicera		
japonica 'Halliana'	Hall's Honeysuckle	All Zones
subspicata**	Chaparral Honeysuckle	C/I
Solanum		
jasminoides	Potato Vine	C/I/D

PERENNIALS

Coreopsis		
gigantea	Giant Coreopsis	C
grandiflora	Coreopsis	All Zones
maritime	Sea Dahlia	C
verticillata	Coreopsis	C/I
Heuchera maxima	Island Coral Bells	C/I
Iris douglasiana**	Douglas Iris	C/M
Iva hayesiana**	Poverty Weed	C/I
Kniphofia uvaria	Red-Hot Poker	C/M
Lavandula spp.	Lavender	All Zones
Limonium californicum		
var. mexicanum	Coastal Statice	C
perezii	Sea Lavender	C/I
Oenothera spp.	Primrose	C/I/M
Penstemon spp.**	Penstemon	C/I/D
Satureja douglasii	Yerba Buena	C/I
Sisyrinchium		
bellum	Blue-Eyed Grass	C/I
californicum	Golden-Eyed Grass	C
Solanum		
xanthii	Purple Nightshade	C/I
Zauschneria**		
californica	California Fuschia	C/I
cana	Hoary California Fuschia	C/I
'Catalina'	Catalina Fuschia	C/I

ANNUALS

Lupinus spp.**	Lupine	C/I/M
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