

TOP PLANTS FOR THE BAY AREA

Bay-Friendly landscapes and gardens feature a diversity of Mediterranean and California native plants adapted to our climate of seasonal rainfall. This list is a sampling of plants suited to our Mediterranean climate.

For more information about these and other climate-appropriate plants, check the award-winning book from the East Bay Municipal Utility District, *Plants and Landscapes for Summer-Dry Climates of the San Francisco Bay Region* (available at local nurseries, online and from EBMUD (www.ebmud.com/customers/district-store)).



Full Sun, Good Drainage

| Trees | | CA Native |
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| <i>Feijoa sellowiana</i> | Pineapple guava | |
| <i>Geijera parviflora</i> | Australian willow | |
| <i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i> , <i>L. scoparium</i> | Australian tea tree, New Zealand tea tree | |
| Shrubs | | |
| <i>Artemisia californica</i> | California sagebrush | ● |
| <i>Cistus</i> species and cultivars | Rockrose | |
| <i>Fremontodendron</i> spp. | Flannel bush | ● |
| <i>Lavatera</i> species and cultivars | Tree mallow | |
| <i>Lupinus</i> spp.* | Lupine | ● |
| <i>Phlomis fruticosa</i> | Jerusalem sage | |
| <i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> | Rosemary | |
| <i>Salvia</i> species and cultivars | Sage | |
| <i>Teucrium fruticans</i> | Germander | |
| <i>Westringia fruticosa</i> | Coast rosemary | |
| Perennials | | |
| <i>Armeria maritima</i> | Sea thrift | ● |
| <i>Artemisia</i> species and cultivars | Wormwood | |
| <i>Asclepias speciosa</i> | Showy milkweed | ● |
| <i>Eriogonum</i> species and cultivars | Wild buckwheat | ● (certain species) |
| <i>Lavandula</i> species and cultivars | Lavender | |
| <i>Nepeta</i> spp. | Catmint | |
| <i>Penstemon</i> species and cultivars | Penstemon | |
| <i>Perovskia atriplicifolia</i> | Russian sage | |
| <i>Salvia</i> spp. | Sage | |
| <i>Sphaeralcea</i> spp. | Globe mallow | ● (certain species) |
| Groundcovers | | |
| <i>Myoporum parvifolium</i> | Myoporum | |
| <i>Thymus</i> spp. | Thyme | |
| Vines | | |
| <i>Bougainvillea</i> cultivars | Bougainvillea | |

Full Sun to Part Shade, Good Drainage

Trees

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| <i>Arbutus unedo</i> , <i>Arbutus</i> 'Marina' | Strawberry tree | |
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Shrubs

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| <i>Arctostaphylos</i> species and cultivars | Manzanita | ● |
| <i>Ceanothus</i> species and cultivars | California lilac | ● |
| <i>Correa</i> species and cultivars | Australian fuchsia (some sp. prefer full shade) | |
| <i>Cotinus coggygria</i> and cultivars | Smoke tree | |
| <i>Garrya elliptica</i> | Silktassel | ● |
| <i>Grevillea</i> species and cultivars | Grevillea | |
| <i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i> * | Toyon | ● |

Perennials

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| <i>Alstroemeria</i> hybrids | Peruvian lily | |
| <i>Coreopsis</i> spp. | Coreopsis | |
| <i>Epilobium canum</i> | California fuchsia | ● |
| <i>Guara lindheimeri</i> | Gaura | |
| <i>Heuchera micrantha</i> | Coral bells (prefers part shade) | ● |
| <i>Phacelia</i> spp. | Phacelia | ● |
| <i>Thymus</i> spp. | Thyme | |

Groundcovers

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| <i>Dymondia margaretae</i> | Silver carpet | |
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Vines

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| <i>Hardenbergia violacea</i> | Lilac vine | |
| <i>Jasminum polyanthum</i> | Pink jasmine | |
| <i>Tecomaria capensis</i> | Cape honeysuckle | |
| <i>Wisteria</i> spp. | Wisteria | |

Full Sun, Most Soils

Trees

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| <i>Cercocarpus betuloides</i> | Mountain mahogany | ● |
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Shrubs

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| <i>Baccharis pilularis</i> | Coyote bush | ● |
| <i>Buddleja davidii</i> and cultivars | Butterfly bush | |

Perennials

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| <i>Achillea millefolium</i> | Yarrow | ● |
| <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> | Purple cone flower | |

Groundcovers

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| <i>Malvastrum</i> | Trailing mallow | |
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Vines

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| <i>Vitis californica</i> | California wild grape | ● |
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Sun to Part Shade, Most Soils

Trees

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| <i>Aesculus californica</i> | California buckeye | ● |
| <i>Cercis occidentalis</i> | Western redbud | ● |

Shrubs

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| <i>Abelia x grandiflora</i> | Glossy abelia | |
| <i>Berberis</i> spp. | Barberry (avoid <i>Berberis darwinii</i> as it may be invasive) | |
| <i>Chaenomeles</i> spp. | Flowering quince | |
| <i>Mahonia</i> spp. | Mahonia, Oregon grape | ● |
| <i>Malacothamnus</i> spp. | Bush mallow | ● (certain species) |
| <i>Mimulus aurantiacus</i> | Sticky monkeyflower (prefers well drained, tolerates clay) | ● |
| <i>Rhamnus californica</i> | Coffeeberry (some varieties prefer well-drained soil) | ● |
| <i>Ribes sanguineum</i> | Red flowering currant | ● |
| <i>Sambucus mexicana</i> | Blue elderberry | |

Perennials

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| <i>Calamagrostis foliosa</i> | Reed grass | ● |
| <i>Festuca</i> spp. | Fescue bunch grass (avoid <i>Festuca arundinacea</i> as it may be invasive) | ● (certain species) |
| <i>Iris douglasiana</i> (or Pacific Coast hybrids) | Douglas iris (some varieties prefer well-drained soil) | ● |
| <i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i> | Deer grass | ● |
| <i>Sesleria autumnalis</i> | Autumn moor grass | |
| <i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i> | Blue-eyed grass | ● |
| <i>Tagetes lemmonii</i> | Mexican bush marigold | |

Vines

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| <i>Clytostoma callistegioides</i> | Violet trumpet vine | |
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Shade, Clay Soil with Some Organic Matter

Perennials

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| <i>Dryoptera</i> spp. | Wood fern | ● (certain species) |
| <i>Polystichum munitum</i> | Western sword fern | ● |

spp. = multiple species

*Considered poisonous. Classified as "Major Toxicity" by California Poison Control System 2010.

The Bay-Friendly approach to landscapes and gardens was pioneered in Alameda County by StopWaste in collaboration with home gardeners, landscape professionals and public agencies. Find out more at www.StopWaste.org.

