

Deb's Delightful Drought Tolerant Plant List



Baja Fairy Duster - Calliandra californica – 4 - 8' h x 3 - 5' w.
Red puff-like flowers bloom in spring and continue year-round.
Drought tolerant - grows quicker w/additional moisture. Full sun promotes flowering. Attracts hummingbirds & bees and provides larval food for butterflies. If you must prune, never prune below 16" -- prune in a way that compliments the natural form!



Lavender - Lavandula Goodwin Creek - Silver-gray leaves, 2'- 3' high, 2'- 3' wide

Lavender - Lavandula dentata Candicans – French, 2" - 3' high x 4' -5" wide: blooms year-round; gray-green leaves



Plectranthus ma. Marginatus - Sun to partial shade; Violet blooms, 12" - 18" high; 36" – 48" wide



Lamb's Ears Stachys Helen von Stein – 12" high x 18" w; soft and fuzzy leaves; pink-purple bloom in summer



Verbena lilacina 'De La Mina' - Cedros Island Verbena – 2' – 3' high, 4' – 6' wide, spring and summer bloom, butterfly lover!



⇐ **Grevillea lanigera prostrata** – (My favorite!) yellow-pink flowers, winter and spring bloom, 1' h x 4' - 6' w

⇒ **Grevillea thelemanniana** – red flower, year round bloom, 2' – 3' high, 4' – 5' wide

Grevillea – Wakiti Sunrise – 1-2' h x 4-6' w



There are several different kinds & sizes of Grevilleas. They are all awesome!!!



Crinum – Pink flowers; Amaryllidaceae family; summer bloomer; full sun bulb; dies back in winter; Plant one bulb per s.f.; 2'- 3' high, 2'- 3' wide



Ceanothus thyrsiflorus; 'Arroyo de la Cruz' is low and mounding (4' h x 6-10' w); exceptionally bright, shiny leaves and blue flowers in Spring. NOTE: Many different kinds of ceanothus (size and colors vary!).

Ceanothus griseus horizontalis 'Yankee Pt.' - Powder blue flowers in the spring. An energetic bright green shrub growing up to 3 ft. tall and spreading rapidly to 10 ft. wide. A good evergreen weed smothering groundcover for full sun to light shade. Drought tolerant.



Ceanothus Edinburg – California Lila; 10' h x 8' w; dark green leaves, intense blue flowers

Joyce Coulter – 2' h x 8' w; medium blue; blooms March to May



Rhamnus tomentella – coffee berry; sun, 6-10' high & wide; CA native



Vigna caracalla - Corkscrew vine - 15' – 20' h x 3' – 5' w' This fascinating vine changes colors (pink, yellow, lavender and cream) as the curly-Q blossoms open; Full sun; Fragrant; Average water. Never seen it, but thought it looked super cool!

Canna Phasion – Big redish colored variegated leaf w/tall flowers; clusters of flowers are open and tangerine-orange and burnt-red; seed is sterile, pollen is sterile; Summer Flowering; perennials; Full sun; Fast growing erect stalks to 5 ft. tall.; Stands erect ; Blooms summer to fall



Justica (Shrimp Plant) 2 -4.4 ' t & w; Hummingbirds & butterfly larve like it; likes dry soil but tolerates some water; Full sun, good on barren slopes; Spring to fall bloom; Perennial; Native; Good for close-up planting near terraces, patios; Leaves drop in cold weather if soil too wet or dry

Cassia didymobotrya syn. Senna didymobotrya; - E. Central Africa. "Popcorn bush" 4 – 10' h, plant in groups, full sun, 8 – 12" long spikes of bright golden yellow flowers from late spring to early fall; Bees, butterflies and/or birds; Allow pods to dry on plant; break open to collect seeds



Chinese Witch Hazel, Chinese Fringe Flower or Fringe Tree, Pink Fringe Flower - 'Purple Majesty'; Loropetalum chinense var. rubrum 6-12 ft. high x 4 -8 ft. w; Sun to Partial Shade Pink flowers, blooms repeatedly; leaves are evergreen, dark/black, smooth-textured; average water



Island Bush Snapdragon: Full sun to light shade; Evergreen perennial, 2.5 to 4 feet x 3 to 5 feet w; Little to moderate water.; hummingbirds, blooms in spring; Frost tolerant.

Black Coral Pea - *Kennedia nigricans* - This unusual climber or ground cover has black pea-like flowers with yellow patches. Flowers appear during spring and summer. Very hardy and fast growing. Grows 1.5m H x 1.3m W in full sun to part shade. Never seen, but cool looking.



Torch Lily *Kniphofia 'Christmas Cheer'* - 2-3' h x 3-4' w; Evergreen; Orange Red flowers; blooms in fall/Winter; Full Sun; Low Water Needs; Winter Hardy = <15°

Orange Flame - *Kniphofia galpinii 'Orange Flame'* =Smaller version; 1-2'; h x 1-2' w; Blooms Spring/Summer

Pink Muly or Pink Hair Grass - 3' – 6' h x 1' – 3' w; grows in clumps; full sun to part shade; deer & drought Tolerant; Self Seeds; Bloom in Fall;



Purple Coral Pea (*Hardenbergia violacea*) - Shrub or vine for fences; 10' h x 5' w; pink & purple flowers bloom in winter and spring, butterflies love it; Australian; moderate water; good drainage.



Texas Ranger, Texas Sage, Silverleaf (*Leucophyllum frutescens*)
Hardy to 12° F; Full sun; Evergreen shrub to 4' - 8' h x 3' – 8' w; Blue-gray leaves; Little to moderate water, needs good drainage



Brugsmansia x candida - A tender, subtropical shrub that grows to 12', the Angel's Trumpet shows huge, felted leaves and enormous, pendant trumpet-shaped flowers. It has a sweet, heavy fragrance at night. It should be grown in sun to part shade, with average to little summer watering. One of my favorites!

Howard McMinn Manzanita, 4 – 6' h & w; Dense show of small, pale pink, urn-shaped flowers; mahogany-red to brown bark (which peels beautifully) like apple looking fruit; little white flowers bloom from late winter to spring. Attracts birds, bees and butterflies. (One of many very different Manzanitas)





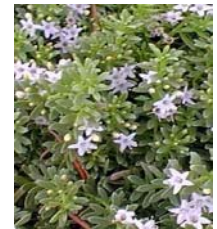
Woolly Blue Curls; *Trichostema lanatum* - 3-5 ft. high; evergreen; Open branching habit; long stalks of brilliant purple wooly flowers in the spring and summer. Native; low water; Attracts hummingbirds.

Buddleia (*Buddleia davidii*) – Comes in a variety of colors and sizes: as small as 4’ h to as tall as 12’ h. White, purple, blue, yellow. Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds. Deer and drought tolerant.



Kangaroo paw Cat's Paw - *Anigozanthos flavidus* – 3 – 6’ h x 2 – 3’ w; Full sun to part shade; Colors = Chartreuse (Yellow-Green); Maroon (Purple-Brown) and Brown/Bronze; Blooms; Late Spring/Early Summer and Mid Summer; Evergreen; low water; propagate by dividing root balls.

Myoporum - 6 – 10” h x 12 – 15’ w. Small, medium-green leaves and produces clusters of tiny but noticeable white or pink flowers in early spring. Fire and frost resistant. Plant it from rooted cuttings at 5 to 7 feet apart, and they will grow together in 1 to 2 growing seasons. Once established, it needs water no more than every 3 to 4 weeks.



Artemisia California – Canyon Gray- An ever gray shrub, 1’ h x 4’ w. Sun w/ good to fair drainage. Very drought tolerant Deer proof. Makes a gray fuzzy mat 1ft tall. Best when mowed or heavily trimmed every 1 or 2 years. Flows nicely over walls and boulders. Allelopathic to all but its friends.

Bougainvillea x buttiana `Orange King` 20-30 h & w; Quick cover and beautiful, showy masses of bronze-orange-gold Evergreen. Full sun.



Bougainvillea brasiliensis 'Raspberry Ice' – Full Sun; Magenta (Pink-Purple); Blooms repeatedly; Variegated leaves; Attracts bees, butterflies and/or birds;

Scarlet Trumpet Vine, Blood Trumpet Vine OR Red Bignonia (*Distictis buccinatoria*); 20-30’ h x 20 w; Once established, very low water



Baja Passion Vine - Passiflora foetida v. longipedunculata – 10’ h x 10’ w; full sun, purple and white showy flowers; sem-ievergreen; attracts butterflies



Hall's honeysuckle, *nicera japonica* 'Halliana' - 15-20' h x large w; Vigorous, twining, evergreen vine; occasionally grown rampant ground cover. Fast cover on fences and trellises. Renew growth by cutting plants back severely in late winter every year or two. Highly fragrant flowers are pure white then quickly turn golden yellow. They are most profuse in spring, blooming sporadically in summer.

Coroneaster – Comes in different sizes white to pink small flowers blooms June – September Smooth, soft green or woolly & gray leaves; Red berries in clusters along branches from September - February.



Toyon Bush - *Heteromeles arbutifolia* - Rosaceae (Rose Family) Small, white flowers bloom June – September; Dark green, leathery, coarsely toothed, 3 - 6 inches long leaves. Small bright red berries, in clusters from November - January.

Texas Ranger, Texas Sage, Silverleaf (*Leucophyllum frutescens*) Hardy to 12° F (-8°C); Full sun; Evergreen shrub to 4 to 8 feet tall x 3 to 8 feet wide; Blue-gray leaves; Little to moderate water, needs good drainage



Salvia apiana compacta, Compact white sage: Looks a lot like regular white sage but it is smaller and neater. Half the size. It has the same chalky white foliage and clean white flowers.

Salvia Bee's Bliss looks a lot like *Salvia Gracias*. Low growing with blue flowers. Not as explosive as 'Gracias'. A nice little ground cover.



Mexican Sage - *Salvia leucantha* – 4' h x 4' w; Blooms mid to late spring til Fall; cut back in winter or spring?; attracts hummingbirds and butterflies; easy to grow.

Monardella - Coyote mint. 2' h x 2' w; perennial; Gray-green leaves. Flowers clusters come in light purple-pink and white. Blooms in summer; Takes water if given perfect drainage. Smells like a minty toothpaste and was used by Spanish as cure for sore throats. Butterflies use as a nectar source.





Salvia Clevelandii Cleveland Sage: 3'- 4' tall' 4' – 8' wide. Fragrant gray foliage and blue flowers bloom between May and August. Full sun. Attracts a variety of insects and its dense foliage is sometimes used as a nesting space by birds. Long purple stem flowers.

California Fuchsia, Onagraceae (Evening Primrose Family)–3' h x 2' w
Hummingbird fuchsia = flowers are intense red.

Ghostly Red = best foliage is fuzzy grey foliage. Plant looks like a grey acrylic sweater that was just removed from the dryer and someone sprinkled red dots all over it. Fall blooms; Full sun, low water. Attracts hummingbirds; Deciduous in 110' summer or blizzard winter.



Mexican Bird of Paradise, - SPECIFICALLY the Red" Bird of Paradise or Caesalpinia Pulcherrima - 6 – 8' h x 4 – 6; w; Sun to Partial Shade; Parts of the plant –seeds - are poisonous; blooms in late Summer/Early Fall, almost year round; Evergreen; Attractive to bees, butterflies and/or birds; Average Water – don't overwater; Self-sows freely; Hardy =15 degrees. Likes to be cut back to 8" to 12" annually in the winter or very early spring.

Spotted Emu Bush (Eremophila maucolata) - blooms in winter. flowers are an ornate spotted red. The 1.5" lanceolate leaves are an apple green. The plant is tidy and 4-6' in diameter.



Pink Emu Bush (Eremophila laanii) – 6' – 8' h x 4' – 6' w

Lantana – 1' h x 4' w; Groundcover grows fast and easy; Yellow, white, purple and new Lemon Swirl; full sun; year round flowers; may get fussy with frost; attracts butterflies; berries are poisonous.



Acacia redolens 'Low Boy' (Prostrate Acacia) – 1' h x 10-15' w; great for slopes; Dense plant is heavily branched and covered with narrow, gray-green leaves. Small yellow flowers in spring. Australian.



Dwarf Coyote Brush (*Baccharis pilularis* Pigeon Point) - 1' h x 12' w dark-green groundcover. Great for slope stabilization. Plant 6 – 10' apart. Stays low and clean for 10 – 12 years. Attracts predatory wasps, native (small) butterflies and native flies and other odd bugs. Water about once every two weeks to wash the dust off of the foliage. Coyote Brush, like many native plants, hates dust.

Sun Rose, Orchid Rock Rose, *Cistus x purpureus* -

4-6 ft. h x 4-6 ft. w; Full Sun' Pink or Maroon (Purple-Brown) flowers bloom in Mid Summer; Evergreen; Deciduous; Aromatic; Attracts bees, butterflies and/or birds; low water; Provides winter interest



Yarrow - *Achillea millefolium* – Paprika - red-orange flowers spring-summer, 1'- 2' tall x 2'- 3' wide; also have Summer Pastels (photo); Moonshine (yellow) and white flower yarrow.

Jerusalem Sage (*Phlomis lantana*) – gray fuzzy leaves, April/May and late summer yellow blooms, 2' – 3' h x 5' w



***Clytostuma callistegioides* - Bignonia;** 20-30'; sun to partial shade; blooms late spring to early summer

Gray Santolina - Lavender Cotton - 2' h ; full sun; no fuss gray leaves with yellow flowers



Creeping Snowberry - Caprifoliaceae (Honeysuckle Family); Evergreen, flowers from May to June, seeds ripen from August to September. The flowers are hermaphrodite (have both male and female organs) and are pollinated by Insects. Prefers light (sandy) and medium (loamy) soils. Prefers acid and neutral soils, can grow in very acid soil. Likes semi-shade (light woodland). It requires moist or wet soil.

***Chamaebatiaria millefolium* Fern Bush and Desert –** Sweet, sticky leaves; 3 – 4' h x w; fragrant plant and white flowers





Blue Hibiscus, Lilac Hibiscus, California Hibiscus, Alyogyne huegelii-
4-6 ft. h x 4-6 ft. w; Full Sun; Bloom Colors = Rose/Mauve, Violet/
Lavender or Purple; Late Spring - Mid Fall; Evergreen; Average Water

Magic Flower, Sacred Flower of the Incas, Cantua buxifolia – 4' – 6' h
& w; Sun to Partial Shade; Scarlet (Dark Red) blooms in Late Spring/Early
Summer; Evergreen; Attacks to bees, butterflies and/or birds; Average
Water Needs;



Chocolate Daisy, Berlandiera lyrata – 18-24" h x 15-18" w; Full Sun;
Bright Yellow flowers in Mid Spring to Mid Summer; Grown for foliage,
Herbaceous; Attracts bees, butterflies and/or birds; Flowers are yummy
& fragrant!!!; Drought-tolerant; Self-sows freely (good!), deadhead if you
do not want volunteer seedlings next season.

Rabbitbrush, Chrysothamnus nauseosus – 12" – 90" ?, shrub;
Blooms in late summer, yellow pungent flowers, butterflies love it!



California Flannel Bush - Fremontodendron californicum
15-20' h, 10-12' w ; Full Sun; blooms several times; leaves can
make skin itchy; Velvet/Fuzzy-Textured leaves; (place by fence)

Orange African Bulbine: Bulbine frutescens – 18" – 24" h x w;
Succulent foliage, and produces racemes of star-shaped yellow with
orange flowers in the summer months. Deadheaded to encourage more
flowering; Can withstand light frost, Commonly called Bulbinella and
Burn jelly plant, the sap in the leaves is used for healing in S. Africa.



Bladderpod Isomeris arborea - Unusual yellow flowers and
cool fruits that when dry, resemble a paper lantern that rattles
from seeds inside. Evergreen shrub, 4' h & w. Seeds and
pods can be treated as capers. Resents overwatering and
suffers the most in wet winters.



Tree mallow *Lavatera maritime* - 4 - 6' h; 3 – 6' w, full sun; pink, magenta or white flowers; bloom Feb – Nov.;

Pride of Madeira (*Echium fastuosum*) – 6-8' h x 4-6' w' blooms in late spring to mid-summer; huge purple flowers; may irritate skin; drought tolerant; full sun; cut back dead flowers; Attracts birds, butterflies and bees; Evergreen



Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*) – 3' – 4' h; Plant from seeds; perennial;

Annual Lion's Ear, Devil's Pincushion - *Leonotis nepetifolia*- 4'-6' h x 4'-6' w; Annual; Full sun; Plant has spines or sharp edges; use extreme caution when handling Scarlet (Dark Red) or Red-Orange bloom in Late Summer/Early Fall; Aromatic; Attracts bees, butterflies and/or birds; Drought-tolerant. Nicer blooms than the Lion's tail.



Lion's Tail - *Leonotis menthifolia* – 2 – 4' h x 2 – 4' w; annuals; full sun; Orange bloom in Mid Summer / Early Fall / Mid Fall -Blooms repeatedly; Aromatic; Good Fall Color; Attracts bees, butterflies and/or birds; Handling plant may cause skin irritation or allergic reaction; Plant has sharp edges; Cut it back and mulch in the fall and it grows back in early spring.

***All of these plants are beautiful and interesting!
Most are drought tolerant and thrive in full sun.
The majority flower thereby inviting birds, hummingbirds,
butterflies and bees into your yard.***

I found the plants on “Deb’s Delightful Plant List” by touring a variety of gardens, visiting websites, reading books, attending classes and talking to professional & backyard gardeners.

There are several good websites that offer water wise plant info including www.bewaterwise.com.

Good luck creating your water wise wonderland!

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