

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
<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

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

<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

<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

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

<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

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

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

Perennials

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

Groundcovers

<i>Malvastrum</i>	Trailing mallow	
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Vines

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

Trees

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

Shrubs

<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

<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

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

Perennials

<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.

