

# DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANT PALETTE

The list of drought tolerant plants listed below is mostly for Western Riverside County area.

Full Sun, Extreme Heat	Large Trees & Shade	Slopes and/or Full Sun	Sun & Shade		
Botanical Name	Common Name	Color	Type	Mature Plant Coverage	
Acacia cultriformis	<u>Knife Acacia</u>	Yellow	Shrub	113	
Acacia longifolia	<u>Golden Wattle</u>	Yellow	Tree	314	
Acacia pendula	<u>Weeping Myall</u>	Yellow	Tree	491	
Acacia subporosa	<u>River Wattle</u>	Yellow	Tree	707	
Achillea millefolium	<u>Common Yarrow</u>	White	Perennial	7	
Aeonium arboreum	<u>Aeonium</u>	Yellow	Succulent	7	
Agrostis densiflora	<u>California Bentgrass</u>	Green	Perennial	N/A	
Aloe plicatilis	<u>Aloe</u>	Red	Shrub	20	
Aloe saponaria	<u>Shrimp Pink Aloe</u>	Orange	Succulent	113	
Alstroemeria hybrids	<u>Peruvian Lily</u>	Lavender	Perennial	1	
Alyogyne huegellii	<u>Blue Hibiscus</u>	Blue	Shrub	28	
Amarcrinum memoria-corsii	<u>Naked Lady Lily</u>	Pink	Perennial	7	
Anigozanthos flavidus	<u>Kangaroo Paws</u>	Green	Perennial	13	
Aquilegia chrysantha	<u>Golden Columbine</u>	Yellow	Perennial	3	
Aquilegia formosa	<u>Western Columbine</u>	Red	Perennial	2	
Arbutus 'Marina'	<u>Marina Arbutus</u>	Pink	Tree	491	
Arbutus menziesii	<u>Madrone</u>	White	Tree	452	
Arctostaphylos 'Dr. Hurd'	<u>Manzanita</u>	White	Shrub	154	
Arctostaphylos 'Howard McMinn'	<u>Manzanita</u>	Pink	Shrub	28	
Arctotheca calendula	<u>Cape Weed</u>	Yellow	Groundcover	3	
Arctotis hybrids	<u>African Daisy</u>	Orange	Perennial	1	
Armeria maritima	<u>Sea Thrift</u>	Pink	Perennial	1	
Artemisia 'Huntington'	<u>Huntington Artemisia</u>	Grey Green	Shrub	20	
Asclepias fascicularis	<u>Narrow-leaf Milkweed</u>	White	Shrub	1	
Asparagus densiflorus 'Sprenger'	<u>Emerald Fern</u>	Light Green	Shrub, Perennial	7	

Aurina saxatile	<u>Basket of Gold</u>	Yellow	Perennial	3
Baccharis pilularis 'Pigeon Point'	<u>Coyote Bush</u>	White	Groundcover	95
Berberis thunbergii 'Rose Glow'	<u>Rosy Glow Barberry</u>	Yellow/Red	Shrub	20
Bougainvillea sp.	<u>Bougainvillea</u>	Red	Bush/Vine	38
Brachychiton discolor	<u>Pink Flame Tree</u>	Pink	Tree	707
Bulbinella floribunda	<u>Buldinella</u>	Yellow	Perennial	N/A
Callandra tweedii	<u>Brazilian Flame Bush</u>	Red	Shrub	38
Callistemon 'Little John'	<u>Dwarf Callistemon</u>	Red	Shrub	7
Calystegia 'Anacapa Pink'	<u>Morning Glory</u>	Pink	Shrub	N/A
Campanula poscharskyana	<u>Serbian Bellflower</u>	Blue	Perennial	N/A
Carex barbarae	<u>Santa Barbara Sedge</u>	Green	Perennial	7
Carissa macrocarpa 'Prostrata'	<u>Natal Plum</u>	White	Groundcover	28
Carpenteria californica	<u>Island Bush Anemone</u>	White	Shrub	20
Ceanothus 'Ray Hartman'	<u>California Lilac</u>	Blue	Tree	64
Ceanothus "Skylark"	<u>Blue Blossom Ceanothus</u>	Blue	Shrub	20
Cedrus atlantica	<u>Atlas Cedar</u>	Grey Green	Tree	707
Centranthus ruber	<u>Jupiter's Beard</u>	Pink	Groundcover	7
Cerastium tomentosum	<u>Snow in Summer</u>	White	Perennial	7
Ceratonia siliqua	<u>Carob Tree</u>	Red	Tree	962
Cercis occidentalis	<u>Western Redbud</u>	Violet	Shrub	113
Chorisia speciosa	<u>Floss Silk Tree</u>	Pink	Tree	707
Chrysanthemum parthenium	<u>Feverfew</u>	White	Perennial	10
Cistus salvifolius	<u>Rockrose Sageleaf</u>	White	Shrub	38
Clandonensis 'Dark Knight'	<u>Caryopteris</u>	Blue	Shrub	13
Clarkia unguiculata	<u>Mountain Garland</u>	Pink	Annual	N/A
Clytostoma callistegioides	<u>Lavender Trumpet Vine</u>	Lavender	Vine	N/A
Coleonema pulchellum 'Gold Sunset'	<u>Golden Breath of Heaven</u>	Gold	Shrub	38
Convolvulus mauritanicus	<u>Ground Morning Glory</u>	Blue	Perennial	7
Cordia boissieri	<u>Texas Olive</u>	White	Shrub	64
Coreopsis grandiflora 'Flying Saucer'	<u>Tickseed</u>	Yellow	Perennial	7
Correa 'Carmine Bells'	<u>Australian Fuchsia</u>	Pink	Shrub	10
Cosmos bipinnatus	<u>Cosmos</u>	Pink	Annual	3
Cotinus coggygria	<u>Smoke Tree</u>	Pink	Shrub	133
Cotoneaster apiculatus	<u>Cranberry Cotoneaster</u>	Pink	Shrub	28
Cowania mexicana	<u>Cliffrose</u>	Yellow	Shrub	28
Crassula arborescens	<u>Silver Jade Plant</u>	Pink	Succulent	7
Crataegus phaenopyrum	<u>Washington Thorn</u>	White	Tree	314
Cuphea hyssopifolia	<u>False Heather</u>	Pink	Perennial	13
Cynara scolymus	<u>Artichoke</u>	Blue	Perennial	38
Delosperma 'Alba'	<u>White Trailing Ice Plant</u>	White	Succulent	N/A
Dicliptera suberecta	<u>Hummingbird Plant</u>	Orange	Perennial	2
Dioon edule	<u>Mexican Cycad</u>	Green	Palm	113
Distictis buccinatoria	<u>Scarlet Trumpet Vine</u>	Red	Vine	N/A

Dudleya pulverulenta	<u>Chalk Dudleya</u>	Red	Succulent	7
Erigeron fasciculatum	<u>Common Buckwheat</u>	Any Color	Perennial	13
Eriobotrya deflexa	<u>Bronze Loquat</u>	White	Tree	314
Eriophyllum nevinii 'Canyon Silver'	<u>Canyon Silver Lace</u>	Yellow		38
Erysimum 'Bowles Mauve'	<u>Wallflower</u>	Lavender	Perennial	28
Erythrina humeana	<u>Natal Coral</u>	Orange	Tree	707
Eschscholzia californica	<u>California Poppy</u>	Gold	Annual	N/A
Euonymus fortunei 'Colorata'	<u>Purple Leaf Wintercreeper</u>	Dark Green	Shrub	314
Euphorbia polychroma	<u>Cushion Spurge</u>	Yellow	Perennial	3
Euphorbia tirucalli	<u>Sticks on Fire</u>	Yellow/Orange	Succulent	28
Festuca 'Elija Blue'	<u>Elija Blue Fescue</u>	Grey	Grass	1
Fremontodendron 'California Glory'	<u>Flannel Bush</u>	Gold	Shrub	113
Fremontodendron 'El Dorado Gold'	<u>Fremontia</u>	Orange	Shrub	113
Gaillardia grandiflora 'Burgundy'	<u>Burgundy Blanketflower</u>	Red	Perennial	2
Galvezia juncea	<u>Baja Bush-Snapdragon</u>	Red	Shrub	20
Garrya elliptica	<u>Coast Silk Tassel</u>	White	Tree	177
Gaura lindheimeri	<u>White Gaura</u>	White	Perennial	10
Gazania species	<u>Gazania</u>	Gold	Groundcover	13
Geijera parviflora	<u>Australian Willow</u>	Light Green	Tree	314
Gelsemium sempervirens	<u>Carolina Jessamine</u>	Yellow	Vine	N/A
Gerbera jamesonii	<u>Transvaal Daisy</u>	Orange	Perennial	N/A
Gilia capitata	<u>Globe Gilia</u>	Blue	Annual	1
Graptopetalum paraguayense	<u>Ghost Plant</u>	Yellow	Succulent	N/A
Grevillea thelemanniana	<u>Hummingbird Bush</u>	Red	Shrub	50
Hakea laurina	<u>Sea Urchin Hakea</u>	Red	Shrub	314
Halimocistus wintonensis	<u>Halimocistus</u>	Purple	Shrub	20
Hamelia patens	<u>Texas Firecracker Bush</u>	Orange	Shrub/Tree	28
Hardenbergia violacea rosea	<u>Coral Pea</u>	Pink	Vine	N/A
Helianthemum nummularium	<u>Sunrose</u>	Orange	Shrub	7
Helichrysum petiolare	<u>Strawflower</u>	Yellow	Groundcover	13
Helictotrichon sempervirens	<u>Blue Oat Grass</u>	Blue Green	Clumping Grass	7
Helleborus lividus corsicus	<u>Corsican Hellebore</u>	Green	Perennial	7
Hemerocallis hybrids	<u>Day Lily</u>	Orange	Perennial	7
Herniaria glabra	<u>Common Burstwort</u>	Green	Groundcover	N/A
Hymenoxys acaulis	<u>Angelita Daisy</u>	Gold	Perennial	1
Ilex cornuta 'Burfordii'	<u>Burford Chinese Holly</u>	White	Shrub	79
Ipomoea indica	<u>Blue Dawn Flower</u>	Blue	Vine	N/A
Iris bearded 'Premier'	<u>Premier Bearded Iris</u>	Pink	Perennial	3
Iris douglasiana	<u>Douglas Iris</u>	Lavender	Perennial	3
Iva hayesiana	<u>San Diego Marsh Elder</u>	Green	Perennial	20
Jacaranda mimosifolia	<u>Jacaranda</u>	Blue	Tree	314
Jasminum mesnyi	<u>Primrose Jasmine</u>	Yellow	Vine	N/A
Juncus balticus	<u>Rush</u>	Green	Perennial	7
Juniperus chinensis 'Blue Point'	<u>Blue Point Juniper</u>	Grey	Tree	50

Juniperus chinensis 'Old Gold Pfitzer'	<u>Old Gold Pfitzer Juniper</u>	Dark Green	Shrub	50
Kalanchoe beharensis	<u>Felt Plant</u>	Yellow	Succulent	13
Kalanchoe pumila	<u>Flower Dust Plant</u>	Pink	Succulent	13
Kniphofia uvaria	<u>Red Hot Poker</u>	Orange	Shrub	7
Lagerstroemia 'Potomac'	<u>Potomac Crape Myrtle</u>	Pink	Shrub	452
Lampranthus aurantiacus	<u>Ice Plant</u>	Orange	Groundcover	N/A
Lantana camara	<u>Lantana</u>	Lavender	Shrub	28
Lavandula heterophylla	<u>Sweet Lavender</u>	Lavender	Shrub	7
Lavatera assurgentiflora 'Purissima'	<u>Purissima Tree Mallow</u>	Lavender	Shrub	113
Layia platyglossa	<u>Tidy-tips</u>	Yellow	Annual	3
Leptospermum laevigatum	<u>Australian Tea Tree</u>	White	Tree	314
Lessingia filaginifolia 'Silver Carpet'	<u>Silver Carpet Lessingia</u>	Lavender	Groundcover	38
Leymus condensatus	<u>Giant Wild Rye</u>	Blue	Clumping Grass	28
Lilium humboldtii	<u>Humboldt Lily</u>	Orange	Perennial	N/A
Limonium perezii	<u>Sea Lavender</u>	Blue	Shrub	7
Linum perenne 'Lewisii'	<u>Blue Flax</u>	Blue	Perennial	3
Lithodora diffusa 'Grace Ward'	<u>Grace Ward Lithodora</u>	Blue	Perennial	7
Lophostemon confertus	<u>Brisbane Box</u>	White	Tree	491
Lotus scoparius	<u>Deerweed</u>	Yellow	Perennial	7
Lygeum sparteum	<u>Esparto Grass</u>	Green	Clumping Grass	N/A
Lyonothamnus floribundus asplenifolius	<u>Island Ironwood</u>	White	Tree	177
Macfadyena unguis-cati	<u>Yellow Trumpet Vine</u>	Yellow	Vine	N/A
Mahonia 'Golden Abundance'	<u>Mahonia</u>	Yellow	Bush	20
Malacothamnus fasciculatus	<u>Chaparral Mallow</u>	Lavender	Shrub	50
Malephora lutea	<u>Rocky Point Ice Plant</u>	Gold	Succulent	13
Malosma laurina	<u>Laurel Sumac</u>	White	Shrub	177
Melaleuca armillaris	<u>Drooping Melaleuca</u>	White	Shrub	452
Merremia aurea	<u>Yellow Morning Glory Vine</u>	Gold	Vine	N/A
Mimulus 'Dos Equis'	<u>Monkey Flower Hybrid</u>	Orange	Perennial	3
Mirabilis multiflora	<u>Colorado Four O' Clock</u>	Pink	Groundcover	N/A
Miscanthus sacchariflorus	<u>Eulalia Grass</u>	Blue	Clumping Grass	28
Myoporum 'Pacificum'	<u>Myoporum</u>	White	Shrub	707
Myrica californica	<u>Pacific Wax Myrtle</u>	Light Green	Shrub	707
Myrtus communis 'Boetica'	<u>Myrtle</u>	White	Shrub	20
Nassella tenuissima	<u>Mexican Feather Grass</u>	Green	Grass	7
Nepeta faassenii	<u>Cat Mint, Cat Nip</u>	Blue	Perennial	3
Nerium oleander	<u>Oleander</u>	Pink	Shrub	113
Nolina beldingii	<u>Bear Grass</u>	White	Perennial	50
Oenothera caespitosa	<u>Tufted Evening Primrose</u>	Pink	Perennial	3
Olea europaea	<u>Olive</u>	Grey Green	Tree	707
Osmanthus fragrans	<u>Sweet Olive</u>	White	Shrub	113
Osteospermum fruticosum	<u>Freeway Daisy</u>	Blue	Groundcover	N/A
Panicum virgatum 'Heavy Metal'	<u>Heavy Metal Switch Grass</u>	Purple	Perennial	13

Parkinsonia aculeata	<u>Palo Verde</u>	Yellow	Tree	707
Pennisetum alopecuroides	<u>Fountain Grass</u>	Pink	Perennial	20
Penstemon 'Apple Blossom'	<u>Beard Tongue</u>	Pink	Perennial	7
Perovskia atriplicifolia	<u>Azure Sage</u>	Blue	Perennial	13
Philadelphus lewisii	<u>Lewis Mockorange</u>	White	Shrub	50
Phlomis lanata	<u>Jerusalem Sage</u>	Yellow	Perennial	28
Phormium tenax 'Dusky Chief'	<u>Dusky Chief Flax</u>	Red	Perennial	20
Photinia x fraseri	<u>Fraser Photinia</u>	White	Shrub	177
Pittosporum crassifolium	<u>Karo Pittosporum</u>	Red	Shrub	314
Podranea ricasoleana	<u>Pink Trumpet Vine</u>	Lavender	Vine	N/A
Polemonium caeruleum 'Brise d'Anjou'	<u>Jacob's Ladder</u>	Blue	Perennial	3
Polygala dalmatisiana	<u>Sweet Pea Shrub</u>	Violet	Shrub	20
Prosopis glandulosa torreyana	<u>Western Honey Mesquite</u>	White	Tree	707
Psidium cattleianum	<u>Strawberry Guava</u>	White	Shrub	N/A
Psilostrophe cooperi	<u>Paperflower</u>	Yellow	Perennial	3
Punica granatum	<u>Pomegranate</u>	Red	Shrub	79
Pyracantha coccinea 'Lalandei'	<u>Lalandei Pyracantha</u>	White	Shrub	79
Rhamnus alaternus variegata	<u>Variegated Italian Buckthorn</u>	Dark Green	Shrub	38
Rhamnus californica	<u>California Coffee Berry</u>	Green	Shrub	50
Rhaphiolepis indica	<u>Indian Hawthorn</u>	Pink	Shrub	28
Rhus lancea	<u>African Sumac</u>	Green	Tree	707
Ribes indecorum	<u>White Flowering Currant</u>	White	Shrub	28
Romneya 'White Cloud'	<u>White Cloud Matilija Poppy</u>	White	Perennial	N/A
Rosa banksiae	<u>Lady Banks' Rose</u>	Yellow	Vine	N/A
Rosa californica	<u>California Wild Rose</u>	Pink	Shrub	13
Rosa 'Cecile Brunner'	<u>Cecile Brunner Rose</u>	Pink	Shrub	13
Rosa 'Don Juan'	<u>Don Juan Climbing Rose</u>	Red	Shrub	13
Rudbeckia hirta	<u>Gloriosa Daisy</u>	Orange	Perennial	3
Ruellia brittoniana	<u>British Ruellia</u>	Blue	Perennial	3
Russelia equisetiformis	<u>Coral Fountain</u>	Orange	Shrub	20
Salvia 'Bee's Bliss'	<u>Creeping Sage Hybrid</u>	Blue	Groundcover	N/A
Sambucus mexicana	<u>Mexican Elderberry</u>	Yellow	Shrub	154
Santolina chamaecyparissus	<u>Lavender Cotton</u>	Yellow	Groundcover	N/A
Scabiosa caucasica 'Butterfly Blue'	<u>Pincushion Flower</u>	Blue	Perennial	3
Scaevola 'Mauve Clusters'	<u>Fan Flower</u>	Blue	Groundcover	13
Schizachyrium scoparium	<u>Little Blue Stem</u>	Any Color	Perennial	3
Scilla peruviana	<u>Peruvian Scilla</u>	Blue	Perennial	N/A
Sedum album	<u>Stonecrop</u>	Pink	Groundcover	N/A
Senecio mandraliscae	<u>Senecio</u>	White	Succulent	3
Senna splendida	<u>Golden Wonder Senna</u>	Gold	Tree	177
Sesleria autumnalis	<u>Autumn Moor Grass</u>	Green	Mounding Grass	N/A
Setaria palmifolia	<u>Palm Grass</u>	Green	Ornamental Grass	20

Sidalcea malviflora	<u>Checkerbloom</u>	Pink	Perennial	3
Sisyrinchium bellum	<u>Blue Eyed Grass</u>	Blue	Perennial	3
Solanum jasminoides	<u>Potatoe Vine</u>	White	Vine	N/A
Solanum rantonnetii	<u>Paraguay Nightshade</u>	Blue	Shrub	707
Sophora secundiflora	<u>Texas Mountain Laurel</u>	Purple	Shrub	177
Spartium junceum	<u>Spanish Broom</u>	Yellow	Shrub	20
Spiraea X bumalda 'Gold Flame'	<u>Gold Flame Spirea</u>	Pink	Shrub	7
Sporobolus airoides	<u>Alkali Dropseed</u>	Gold	Ornamental Grass	7
Stachys bullata	<u>Hedge Nettle</u>	Pink	Perennial	N/A
Stachys byzantina	<u>Lamb's Ear</u>	Blue	Shrub	N/A
Stipa gigantea	<u>Giant Feather Grass</u>	Any Color	Ornamental Grass	7
Strelitzia reginae	<u>Bird of Paradise</u>	Blue	Shrub	28
Thymus vulgaris	<u>Common Thyme</u>	Green	Perennial	3
Tibouchina urvilleana	<u>Princess Flower</u>	Blue	Shrub	28
Tilia cordata	<u>Littleleaf Linden</u>	White	Tree	380
Trichostema lanatum	<u>Woolly Blue Curls</u>	Purple	Shrub	28
Tristania laurina	<u>Kanooka Box</u>	Yellow	Tree	314
Tropaeolum majus	<u>Garden Nasturtium</u>	Orange	Groundcover	113
Tulbaghia violacea 'Silver Lace'	<u>Silver Lace Society Garlic</u>	Blue	Perennial	N/A
Vauquelinia californica	<u>Arizona Rosewood</u>	White	Shrub	177
Verbascum hybrida 'Nigra'	<u>Giant Mullein</u>	Yellow	Perennial	3
Verbena lilacina	<u>Lilac Verbena</u>	Lavender	Shrub	7
Viguiera laciniata	<u>San Diego County Viguiera</u>	Yellow	Perennial	7
Vitis californica	<u>California Wild Grape</u>	White	Vine	N/A
Westringia 'Wynyabbie Gem'	<u>Coast Rosemary</u>	Lavender	Shrub	38
Xylosma congestum	<u>Shiny Xylosma</u>	Light Green	Shrub	64
Yucca gloriosa	<u>Spanish Dagger</u>	White	Palm	50
Zauschneria californica	<u>California Fuchsia</u>	Red	Shrub	N/A
Zinnia grandiflora	<u>Prairie Zinnia</u>	Yellow	Perennial	3