

## Water-wise Plants for Brookings

This is a suggested list of drought resistant plants. Other plants may be used if documentation of their low water needs is provided. Sunset's Western Garden book is another source of appropriate plants.

Type	Botanical name	Common name	Water Use
Tree	<i>Abies pinsapo</i>	Spanish Fir	Low
Perennial	<i>Achillea species</i>	Yarrow	Low
Tree	<i>Aesculus californica</i>	California Buckeye	Very Low
Perennial	Agapanthus		Low to Medium
Tree	<i>Albizia julibrissin</i>	Silk Tree	Low
Shrub	<i>Aloe sop,</i>	Aloe	Low
Shrub	<i>Aloysia triphylla</i>	Lemon verbena	Low
Shrub	<i>Alyogyne huegellii</i>	Blue Hibiscus	Low
Perennial	<i>Alyssum montanum</i>	Mountain alyssum	Low
Perennial	<i>Amaryllis belladonna</i>	Naked Lady	Very Low
Perennial	<i>Aquilegia spp.</i>	Columbine	Low
Tree	<i>Arbutus marina</i>	Marina Arbutus	Low
Tree	<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>	Madrone	Low-native species
Tree	<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	strawberry Tree	Low
Shrub/ground	<i>Arctostaphylos spp.</i>	Manzanita, Kinnikinnick	Very Low
Perennial	<i>Asplenium Scolopendrium</i>	Hart's tongue fern	Low
Perennial	<i>Aubrieta deltoidea</i>	Rock cress	Low
Shrub	<i>Bambusa spp.</i>	bamboo	Low
Shrub/ground cover	<i>Berberis spp.</i>	Barberry	Low
Perennial	<i>Blechnum spirant</i>	Deer fern	Low
Shrub/ground	<i>Bougainvillea spp.</i>	Bougainvillea	Low
Perennial	<i>Brodiaea spp.</i>	brodiaea	Very Low
Shrub	<i>Carpenteria californica</i>	Bush anemone	Low
Tree	<i>Catalpa speciosa</i>	Western catalpa	Low
Tree	<i>Carya illinoensis</i>	Pecan	Low
Shrub/ground	<i>Ceanothus spp,</i> and cultivars	Wild lilac	Low - Very Low, native species
Tree	<i>Cedrus deodora</i>	Deodar cedar	Low native species
Tree/Shrub	<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	Western redbud	Very Low
Shrub /ground	<i>Chamaemelum nobllis</i>	chomomile	Low
Shrub/ Ground	<i>Cistus spp.</i>	rockrose	Low
Perennial	<i>Coreopsis spp</i>	tickseed	Low
Shrub	<i>Corylus cornuta</i>	western hazelnut	Low native species
Perennial	<i>Decent spp,</i>	bleeding hearts	Medium native species
Shrub/ Perennial	<i>Echeveria spp.</i>	Hens and chicks	Low
Perennial	<i>Eschscholzia</i>	California poppy	Very Low
Perennial	<i>Festuca spp.</i>	Fescue- various	Low to Very Low
Shrub	<i>Forsythia x intermedia</i>	forsythia	Low
Ground cover	<i>Fragaria spp.</i>	wild strawberry	Low Native Species
Shrub	<i>Garryia eliptica</i>	Coast Silk tassel	Low
Perennial	<i>Gladiolus spp</i>	gladiolus	Low
Perennial	<i>Helenium biglovii</i>	Bigelow sneezeweed	Low
Perennial	<i>Heuchera spp,</i> and	alum root	Medium - some Native Species

Perennial	<i>Helictotrichon</i>	Blue oat grass	Low
Shrub	<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i>	Rose of Sharon	Low
Perennial	<i>Iris spp.</i>	Iris	Low
Perennial	<i>Ixia spp.</i>	African corn lily	Low
Perennial Tree	<i>Juniperus spp.</i>	juniper	Low native species
Shrub	<i>Kolkwitzia amabilis</i>	Beauty bush	Low
Tree/Shrub	<i>Laurus nobilis</i>	Sweet Bay	Low
Shrub	<i>Lavendula spp.</i>	lavender	Low
Shrub	<i>Lavatera spp. And</i>	lavatera	Low
Tree/Shrub	<i>Leptospermum spp</i>	Tea tree	Low
Tree	<i>Litocarpus densiflorus</i>	tanbark oak	Low native species
Shrub	<i>Myrica californica</i>	Pacific wax myrtle	Low
Shrub	<i>Myrtus communis</i>	true myrtle	Low
Shrub	<i>Nandina domestica</i>	heavenly bamboo	Low
Shrub Perennial	<i>Nolina spp.</i>	Bear Grass	Very Low
Ground cover	<i>Osteospermum spp.</i>	African Daisy	Low
Perennial	<i>Papaver pilosum</i>	poppy	Low
Perennial	<i>Pennisetum setaceum</i>	fountain grass	Low
Tree	<i>Pinus spp.</i>	pinus	Low, Medium Native Species
Perennial	<i>Polystichum</i>	sword fern	Low
Tree	<i>Prunus spp.</i>	(edible) prune	Low
Tree	<i>Prunus spp</i>	(ornamental) flowering peach	Low
Tree	<i>Prunus spp.</i>	(ornamental) flowering plum	Low
Perennial	<i>Pyrrosia spp.</i>	felt fern	Low
Tree S	<i>quercus spp.</i>	Selected oak tree	Very Low to Low to Medium-Native Species
Shrub	<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	Red flowering currant	Low Native Species
Shrub	<i>Rosa rugosa</i>	Japanese rose	Low
Shrub	<i>Rhododendron</i>	Western azalea	Medium - Native Species
Shrub	<i>Gaultheria shalon</i>	Salal	Medium - Native Species
Shrub Perennial	<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	rosemary	Low
Perennial S	<i>Salvia spp.- various</i>	Sage- many varieties	Low to Medium
Shrub Tree	<i>Sambucus spp.</i>	elderberry	Low Native Species
Ground cover	<i>Sarcococca</i>	Sweet box	Low
Perennial Shrub			
Perennial Ground cover	<i>Sedum spp.</i>	stonecrop	Low
Perennial	<i>Sidelacea spp.</i>	mallow	Medium - Native Species
Tree	<i>Styrax japonicum</i>	Japanese snowbell	Medium
Shrub	<i>Vaccinium ovatum</i>	evergreen huckleberry	Medium - Native Species
Perennial	<i>Vancoveria hexedra</i>	inside out flower	Medium - Native Species

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