

FIRESCAPING WITH NATIVE PLANTS

Santa Cruz County, CA

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

DROUGHT TOLERANT & FIRE RESISTANT SHRUBS

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
Lemonade Berry	<i>Rhus integrifolia</i>
Coffee Berry	<i>Rhamnus californica</i>
Rock Rose	<i>Helianthemum scoparium</i>
California Fuchsia	<i>Epilobium canum (Zauschneria californica)</i>
Sugar Bush	<i>Malosma (Rhus) ovata</i>
California Lilac, Blue Blossom	<i>Ceanothus thyrsiflorus</i>
Golden Yarrow	<i>Eriophyllum confertiflorum</i>
California Rose	<i>Rosa California</i>
Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>

FIRE RESISTANT TREES (upland)

Coast Live Oak	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>
Toyon	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>
California Wax Myrtle	<i>Myrica californica (may need some water)</i>
Catalina Ironwood	<i>Lyonothamnus floribundus</i>
Yellow Willow	<i>Salix lucida</i>
Western Redbud	<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>
Santa Cruz Island Oak	<i>Quercus tomentella</i>
Tanoak	<i>Lithocarpus densiflora</i>

FIRE RESISTANT TREES & SHRUBS (riparian, irrigated, or wet areas)

Coast Redwood	<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>
Western Sycamore	<i>Platanus racemosa</i>
Willow (yellow, red, arroyo, coastal)	<i>Salix, spp</i>
Big Leaf Maple	<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>

Blue Elderberry	<i>Sambucus Mexicana</i>
Thimbleberry	<i>Rubus parviflorus</i>
California Hazelnut	<i>Corylus cornuta var. californica</i>
Creek Dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea ssp. occidentalis</i>
Flowering Currant	<i>Ribes sanguineum var. glutinosum</i>
Bush Anemone	<i>Carpenteria californica</i>

FIRE RESISTANT NATIVE PERENNIAL FORBS

Yarrow	<i>Achillea spp.</i>
California Poppy	<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>
Penstemon	<i>Penstemon spp.</i>
Blue-Eyed Grass	<i>Sisyrinchium bellum.</i>
California Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus californica</i>
Bracken Fern	<i>Pteridium aquilinum var. pubescens</i>

FIRE RESISTANT NATIVE GROUNDCOVERS / SHORT GRASSES

Douglas Iris and related spp.	Iris douglasiana and other native Iris
Alum Root	Heuchera, spp.
Sword Fern	Polystichum munitum
Redwood Sorrel	Oxalis oregano
Dudleyas	Dudleya, spp.
Pine Grass	Calamagrostis rubescens
Idaho Fescue	Festuca idahoensis
Molate Fescue	Festuca rubra

INVASIVE AND/OR HIGH FIRE HAZARD SHRUBS AND TREES

Acacia; pampas grass; juniper; eucalyptus; chamise; all pines, including knob cone and Monterey pine; cypress trees; coyote brush; greasewood; sagebrush; buckwheat; sage; pepper tree; bamboo; palms; periwinkle/vinca; Algerian, English or German ivy; French, Spanish and Scotch broom, hemlock, spruce, cedar, and Douglas fir.

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