

## Fire-Resistant Plants

Select from this list of fire-resistant plants, or consult a professional for additional species. Plants on this list can be found at most commercial nurseries specializing in native plants. Some plants will do well along the coast, others in the warmer inland areas. A native plant nursery will recommend plants suited to your specific habitat conditions. **Remember:** *Even fire-resistant plants can be hazardous when not maintained.*

### NATIVE SHRUBS

Coffeeberry (prostrate)	<i>Rhamnus californica</i>
Spiny redberry	<i>Rhamnus crocea</i>
Calif. lilac (many spp.)	<i>Ceanothus spp.</i>
Golden-yarrow	<i>Eriophyllum confertiflorum</i>
California rose	<i>Rosa californica</i>
Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>
Creeping snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos mollis</i>
Silk tassel bush	<i>Garrya elliptica</i>
Toyon	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>
Western redbud	<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>
Bearberry	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>
Manzinitas	<i>Arctostaphylos spp.</i>
Bush poppy	<i>Dendromecon rigida</i>
Coyote brush	<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>
Currant (many species)	<i>Ribes spp.</i>
Holly-leaved cherry	<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>
Mountain mahogany	<i>Cercocarpus betuloides</i>

### NATIVE SHRUBS (RIPARIAN OR IRRIGATED AREAS)

Mock orange	<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>
California barberry	<i>Berberis pinnata</i>
Blue elderberry	<i>Sambucus mexicana</i>
Thimbleberry	<i>Rubus parviflorus</i>
Creek dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea ssp. occidentalis</i>
Flowering currant	<i>Ribes sanguineum var. glutinosum</i>
Bush anemone	<i>Carpenteria californica</i>

### NATIVE PERENNIALS

Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>
California poppy	<i>Eschscholtzia californica</i>
Chaparral penstemon	<i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i>
Firecracker penstemon	<i>Penstemon centranthifolius</i>
California buttercup	<i>Ranunculus californica</i>
Hummingbird sage	<i>Salvia spathacea</i>
Western columbine	<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>
Sticky monkeyflower	<i>Mimulus aurantiacus</i>
California fuchsia	<i>Epilobium canum</i>
California goldenrod	<i>Solidago californica</i>
Creeping sage	<i>Salvia sonomensis</i>
Coyote mint	<i>Monardella villosa</i>

### NATIVE FERNS

Western sword fern	<i>Polystichum munitum</i>
Giant chain fern	<i>Woodwardia fimbriata</i>
Coastal wood fern	<i>Dryopteris arguta</i>
Bracken	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>

### NATIVE GROUNDCOVERS, BUNCHGRASSES

Blue-eyed grass	<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>
Douglas' iris	<i>Iris douglasiana</i>

Yerba buena	<i>Satureja douglasii</i>
Strawberry	<i>Fragaria vesca</i>
Dudleya	<i>Dudleya cymosa</i>
Pacific stonecrop	<i>Sedum spathulifolium</i>
Spreading rush	<i>Juncus patens</i>
Foothill sedge	<i>Carex tumulicola</i>
Purple needlegrass	<i>Nassella pulchra</i>
Deer grass	<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>
California fescue	<i>Festuca californica</i>

### NATIVE TREES

Coast live oak	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>
Black oak	<i>Quercus kelloggii</i>
Canyon live oak	<i>Quercus chrysolepis</i>
California buckeye	<i>Aesculus californica</i>
Madrone	<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>
Catalina ironwood	<i>Lyonothamnus floribundus</i>

### NATIVE TREES (RIPARIAN OR IRRIGATED AREAS)

Coast redwood	<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>
Western sycamore	<i>Platanus racemosa</i>
Valley oak	<i>Quercus lobata</i>
Willows	<i>Salix spp.</i>
Big-leaf maple	<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>

These species are only firesafe when properly irrigated and maintained free of dead material. Learn more online at [www.firesafesanteo.org](http://www.firesafesanteo.org).



## ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

### SENSITIVE HABITATS

Some areas in San Mateo County require special attention due to their sensitive habitat value. For example, riparian corridors, wetlands, red-legged frog and San Francisco Garter Snake habitats should receive extra diligence when planting or disturbing native foliage. Contact your local planning department for specific information on fuel mitigation in sensitive habitat areas.

### TREE REMOVAL

Sometimes in our heavily-forested communities' trees may need to be removed in order to achieve defensible space or because they are at risk of falling onto a residence or access road. Please contact your local planning department for information regarding the removal of trees. For tree removals outside the city limits, contact CAL FIRE San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit Resource Management staff at (831) 335-6740.