

Nifty 50 Plants



Here in Morgan Hill, we've curated a selection of plants that thrive in Central California's climate. All of these plants are low-water, drought-tolerant, and readily available at local nurseries. We specifically chose them for their pollinator-friendly qualities, ensuring that they support local wildlife. This list was designed to help our community create beautiful, sustainable, and eco-friendly landscapes while conserving precious water resources.

Small Plants

Lavendar



Lavandula

Coyote Brush



Baccharis pilularis

Little River Wattle



Acacia congrata

Rosemary



Rosmarinus officinalis

Kangaroo Paw



Anigozanthos hybrids

Globe Mallow



Sphaeralcea

Salvia Cleveland/Alan Chickering



Salvia clevelandii

Ground Cover

Myoporum



Myoporum parvifolium

Trailing Lantana



Lantana montevidensis

Centennial Ceanothus



Ceanothus 'Centennial'

Dymondia



Dymondia margaretae

Bee's Bliss Sage



Salvia 'Bee's Bliss'

Point Reyes Manzanita



Arctostaphylos uva-ursi 'Point Reyes'

Berkeley Sedge



Carex tumulicola

Medium Plants

Sticky Monkey Flower



Mimulus aurantiacus

Mexican Bush Sage



Salvia leucantha

Fortnight Lily



Dietes bicolor

Douglas Iris



Iris douglasiana

Heavenly Bamboo



Nandina domestica

Rockrose



Cistus

John Dourley Manzanita



Arctostaphylos 'John Dourley'

Teucrium Fruticans



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Vines

Boston Ivy



Parthenocissus tricuspidata

Roger's Red Grape



Vitis 'Roger Red'

Bougainvillea



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Grasses

Deer Grass



Muhlenbergia rigens

California Grey Rush



Juncus patens

California Fescue



Festuca californica

Giant Wild Rye



Elymus condensatus

Tufted Hairgrass



Deschampsia cespitosa

Blue Grama



Bouteloua gracilis

New Zealand Flax



Phormium tenax

Large Plants

Howard McMinn Manzanita



Arctostaphylos densiflora

Toyon



Heteromeles arbutifolia

Grevillea



Grevillea spp.

Fringe Flower



Loropetalum chinense

Red Flowering Currant



Ribes sanguineum

Trees

Coast Live Oak



Quercus agrifolia

Kentucky Coffee Tree



Gymnocladus dioica

Chinese Elm



Ulmus parvifolia

Chinese Pistache



Pistacia chinensis

Crape Myrtle



Lagerstroemia spp.

Chitalpa



Chitalpa tashkentensis

Western Redbud



Cercis occidentalis

Desert Willow



Chilopsis linearis

Italian Cypress



Cupressus sempervirens

Fruitless Olive



Olea europaea