

# Fire-Resistant California Native Species for Fire Safe Landscaping Northern San Luis Obispo County

Sources: University of California Cooperative Extension and San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden

## Although all plants can burn, fire-resistant plants:

- Contain very little flammable resins or oils
- Store water in their stems and leaves
- Hold moisture with little supplemental watering
- Grow deep roots
- Produce less leaf litter and detritus
- Grow low and slow with little maintenance
- Have an open habit

## Grasses and grass-like

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Carex praeegracilis</i>	California Field Sedge
<i>Festuca idahoensis</i>	Fescue
<i>Juncus patens</i> 'Elk Blue'	Rush
<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>	Blue Eyed Grass
<i>Stipa pulchra</i>	Purple Needle Grass

## Succulents

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Agave shawii</i>	Shaw's agave
<i>Dudleya ingens</i>	Baja Live Forever
<i>Dudleya pulverulenta</i>	Chalk dudleya
<i>Sedum spathulifolium</i>	Stonecrop

## Forbs, flowers, and vines

<b>Botanical Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow
<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	Columbine
<i>Clematis lasiantha</i>	Pipestem Clematis
<i>Erigeron glaucus</i> 'Sea Breeze'	Beach Aster
<i>Erigeron glaucus</i> 'Wayne Roderick'	Seaside Daisy
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	California poppy
<i>Fragaria californica</i>	Strawberry
<i>Heuchera maxima</i>	Island alum root
<i>Iris</i> 'Pacific Coast Hybrid'	Pacific Coast Iris
<i>Leptosyne gigantea</i>	Giant Coreopsis
<i>Lilium pardalinum</i>	Leopard Lily
<i>Mimulus aurantiacus</i>	Sticky Monkey Flower
<i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i> 'Electric Blue'	Foothill Penstemon
<i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i> 'Margarita BOP'	Blue Bedder
<i>Paeonia californica</i>	California peony
<i>Satureja douglasii</i>	Yerba Buena
<i>Vitis californicus</i> 'Roger Red'	California grape
<i>Zauschneria californica</i>	California fuchsia

## Shrubs and sub-shrubs

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Arcostaphylos andersonii</i>	Santa Cruz Manzanita
<i>Arcostaphylos densiflora</i> 'Howard McMinn'	Sonoma Manzanita
<i>Arcostaphylos edmundsii</i>	Little Sur Manzanita
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i> 'Pigeon Point'	Dwarf Coyote bush
<i>Calycanthus occidentalis</i>	Spice shrub
<i>Carpenteria californica</i>	Bush anemone
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Centennial'	Mountain Lilac
<i>Ceanothus gloriosus</i> 'Heart's Desire'	Point Reyes Ceanothus
<i>Ceanothus impressus</i> var. <i>nipomensis</i>	Nipomo Mesa Ceanothus
<i>Cornus stolonifera</i>	Red Stem Dogwood
<i>Dendromecon rigida</i>	Island Tree Poppy
<i>Eriogonum arborescens</i>	Santa Cruz Island Buckwheat
<i>Eriogonum crocatum</i>	Conejo Buckwheat
<i>Eriogonum giganteum</i>	St. Catherine's Lace
<i>Fremontodendron</i> 'Pacific Sunset'	Flannel bush
<i>Gambelia speciosa</i>	Island bush snapdragon
<i>Garrya elliptica</i>	Silk tassel bush
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Toyon
<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	Twinberry
<i>Malacothamnus clementinus</i>	San Clemente Bush Mallow
<i>Malosma laurina</i>	Laurel Sumac
<i>Malva assurgentiflora</i>	Malva Rosa
<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	Winter currant
<i>Rhamnus californica</i>	Coffeeberry
<i>Rhus integrifolia</i>	Lemonade berry
<i>Rubus parviflorus</i>	Thimbleberry
<i>Romneya coulteri</i>	Matilija Poppy
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Snowberry
<i>Trichostema lanatum</i>	Wooly Blue Curls

## Trees

<b>Botanical Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>
<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>	Big Leaf Maple
<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	Western redbud
<i>Lyonothamnus floribundus var. asplenifolius</i>	Catalina Ironwood
<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>	Catalina Cherry
<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak
<i>Quercus suber</i>	Cork oak