

Hypericum calycinum



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Common Name: St. Johnswort
 Family: Hypericaceae
 Light: Partial shade.
 Characteristics of plant: Grows 1' tall with oblong blue-green leaves and bright yellow flowers in late spring to early summer.
 Water needs: Low supplemental water in well-drained soil.
 Special Features: Flowering tops used medicinally for many ailments. Will spread in an area. Tolerant of poor soils.

Juniperus sp.



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Common Name: Creeping Juniper
 Family: Cupressaceae
 Light: Full sun.
 Characteristics of plant: Shrub growing up to 2' high and 4'-10' across, depending on variety.
 Water needs: Low to moderate water in well-drained soil.
 Special Features: Groundcover varieties include blue-foliaged 'Blue Carpet', 'Blue Chip', 'Wiltonii' and green-foliaged 'Arcadia', 'Buffalo' and 'Tamariscifolia'. Juniper chinensis procumbens 'Nana' is often used in rock gardens and Asian landscapes.

Ribes viburnifolium



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Common Name: Evergreen
Currant/Catalina Fragrance
Family: Saxifragaceae
Light: Partial shade.
Characteristics of plant: Grows 2'-3'
high, with dark green foliage and
maroon colored flowers in early
spring.
Water needs: Low to moderate
supplemental water in variety
of soil conditions.
Special Features: Well adapted to
hills/slopes. Used for erosion control
and is known for use beneath native
oaks.

Rosmarinus officinalis 'Prostratus'



Photo by: unknown

Common Name: Dwarf Rosemary
Family: Lamiaceae
Light: Full sun.
Characteristics of plant: A shrub
that grows 12"-18" high and 4'-8'
wide with narrow green leaves with
white undersides. Small light blue
flowers bloom at varying times, fall
through spring.
Water needs: Well-drained soil, with
low amounts of supplemental water.
Special Features: Attracts
birds/bees. Used in cooking as an
herb and in many products such as
perfumes, lotions and soaps. Will
cascade over walls and borders.
Tolerant of heat, drought, poor soils,
frost. Deer resistant.

Salvia sonomensis



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Common Name: Creeping Sage
 Family: Lamiaceae
 Light: Full sun.
 Characteristics of plant: Grows 8"-12" high and spreads 3'-4' across with violet-blue flowers on 6" spikes in spring and summer.
 Water needs: Low supplemental water in well-drained soil.
 Special Features: Can be used on banks, with long lasting show of color. Complements many other plants. Can tolerate heat/drought by losing some foliage.

Santolina sp.



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Common Name: Santolina
 Family: Asteraceae
 Light: Full sun.
 Characteristics of plant: Spreading shrub grows 1'-2' high and 2'-3' wide, with grey or green foliage and bright yellow flowers.
 Water needs: Low supplemental water in well-drained soil.
 Special Features: Used in mixed plantings and next to garden rocks. Tolerant of heat and drought.

Sedum sp.



Photo by: 2002 Sherry Ballard

Common Name: Stonecrop

Family: Crassulaceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: A spreading ground cover 2"-18" high, depending on variety.

Water needs: Low supplemental water in well-drained soil.

Special Features: Popular in rock gardens and in planters. Popular varieties for ground cover include dendroideum and angelicum.

Tolerant of heat and drought.