

Senecio cineraria



Photo by: Bob Perry

Common Name: Dusty Miller

Family: Asteraceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: Grows 2'-3' high with white foliage and clusters of bright yellow flower heads intermittently throughout the year.

Water needs: Low supplemental water.

Special Features: Often used in containers, mixed borders.

Sisyrinchium bellum



Photo by: Lynn Watson

Common Name: Blue-Eyed Grass

Family: Iridaceae

Light: Full sun to partial shade.

Characteristics of plant: A small clumping plant that grows 12"-18" high with purple flowers in early spring.

Water needs: Moderate supplemental water.

Special Features: Can be used on slopes, along borders and in wild-flower displays. Goes dormant in summer unless watered.

Stachys byzantina



Photo by: Bob Perry

Common Name: Lamb's Ears

Family: Lamiaceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: Grows 6"-12" high with woolly grey-green leaves and numerous small purple flowers in early summer.

Water needs: Low supplemental water.

Special Features: Heat and drought tolerant. Used in border and perennial plantings where its foliage provides excellent contrast. Foliage looks best if not allowed to flower.

Tanacetum (Chrysanthemum) parthenium



Photo by: Tony Morosco

Common Name: Feverfew

Family: Asteraceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: Grows 18"-24" high and 15"-18" across, with white flowers appearing late spring through fall.

Water needs: Moderate supplemental water.

Special Features: Used in perennial gardens as a border plant. Can be aggressive.

Teucrium chamaedrys



Photo by: Bob Perry

Common Name: Germander

Family: Lamiaceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: Grows 12"-15" high and 1'-2' across with colorful spikes of lavender to purple flowers in early summer.

Water needs: Low to moderate supplemental water.

Special Features: Used on dry hill-sides, along borders, and as a low hedge. Prune during winter to maintain health. Tolerant of heat and frost.

Verbena sp.



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Common Name: Verbena

Family: Verbenaceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: Grows 8"-5' high, depending on variety.

Flowers from early spring through summer, with many colors available.

Water needs: Low to moderate supplemental water.

Special Features: Pruning in late fall or winter will revitalize flower growth.

Groundcover varieties need more water than tall types such as *bonariensis* and *rigida*. Frost tolerance depends on variety.

Zauschneria (Epilobium) sp.



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Common Name: California Fuchsia

Family: Onagraceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: Grows 12"-15" high and 2'-4' across, with grey-green foliage and red, tubular flowers each summer.

Water needs: Low supplemental water.

Special Features: Attracts birds and can be used on dry slopes. Drought and heat tolerant once established.