

## *Abelia grandiflora* 'Edward Goucher'



Photo by: unknown

Common Name: Edward Goucher  
Abelia

Family: Caprifoliaceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: A small evergreen shrub, growing 3'-5' high and across, with white-pink, bell-shaped flowers late spring through-out summer.

Water needs: Low supplemental water.

Special Features: Attracts bees, birds and butterflies, and is mildly fragrant.

## *Arbutus unedo*



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Common Name: Strawberry Tree

Family: Ericaceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: A large shrub to small tree growing 8'-12' high with small clusters of white to pink flowers in late fall to early winter. Bark is interesting and adds character if visible. Produces a fruit like a strawberry in winter.

Water needs: Low supplemental water.

Special Features: Can be used in large containers. Variety 'Compacta' grows to 5'.

## *Arctostaphylos sp.*



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Common Name: Manzanita

Family: Ericaceae

Light: Full sun to partial shade.

Characteristics of plant: Has many forms, from 3'-4' spreading shrubs to upright plants approaching tree size.

Small light pink to white flowers in early spring and attractive red bark.

Water needs: Low supplemental water.

Special Features: Used on banks and in mixed plantings. Good landscape shrub varieties include 'Howard McMinn' and 'Wayside'. Upright varieties include 'Sentinel', 'Louis Edmunds' and the tree-like 'Dr. Hurd'.

## *Baccharis pilularis*



Photo by: Lynn Watson

Common Name: Dwarf Coyote Bush

Family: Asteraceae

Light: Full sun to light shade.

Characteristics of plant: A spreading evergreen shrub growing 2'-3' high and 4'-6' across, with insignificant flowers and a light scent during summer.

Water needs: Little to no supplemental water once established.

Special Features: Often used on slopes as a ground cover.

# *Carpenteria californica*



Photo by: Bob Perry

Common Name: Bush Anemone  
 Family: Philadelphaceae  
 Light: Full sun to partial shade.  
 Characteristics of plant: An evergreen shrub growing up to 8' high, with showy, yellow centered, white flowers in early spring.  
 Water needs: Low supplemental water.  
 Special Features: Drought and heat tolerant.

# *Ceanothus sp.*



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Common Name: California Wild Lilac  
 Family: Rhamnaceae  
 Light: Full sun to partial shade.  
 Characteristics of plant: A shrub from 4'-10' high and 6'-10' across, depending on variety, with flower clusters in lavender and purple in spring.  
 Water needs: Low supplemental water.  
 Special Features: Attracts wildlife and improves soil fertility by fixing nitrogen. Used as a ground cover, as an accent shrub or on banks. Grows quickly but is not a long-lived shrub, especially if over-watered. Varieties 'Dark Star' and 'Julia Phelps' have best dark blue color.

## *Chaenomeles sp.*



Photo by: unknown

**Common Name:** Flowering Quince  
**Family:** Rosaceae  
**Light:** Full to partial sun.  
**Characteristics of plant:** A large deciduous shrub/small tree, that grows 3'-10' high and equally across, with dark, glossy leaves and red, pink or white flowers in winter.  
**Water needs:** Low to moderate supplemental water.  
**Special Features:** Attracts wildlife, can be used as a specimen plant or as a hedge.

## *Chilopsis linearis*



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**Common Name:** Desert Willow  
**Family:** Bignoniaceae  
**Light:** Full sun.  
**Characteristics of plant:** A large deciduous shrub growing from 15'-20' high, with colorful trumpet shaped flowers in white, pink or purple, lasting for several weeks during spring.  
**Water needs:** Low to moderate supplemental water.  
**Special Features:** Prefers deep, sandy soil.

## *Choisya ternata*



Photo by: unknown

Common Name: Mexican Orange  
 Family: Rutaceae  
 Light: Partial shade.  
 Characteristics of plant: An evergreen shrub which can grow up to 6' high and wide, with fragrant white flowers in spring.  
 Water needs: Low to moderate supplemental water.  
 Special Features: Can be grown as a hedge with proper pruning, or to attract wildlife.

## *Cistus sp.*



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Common Name: Rockrose  
 Family: Cistaceae  
 Light: Full sun.  
 Characteristics of plant: Evergreen shrubs growing from 4' to 9' high with dark-green to gray-green foliage and pink or white flowers in spring.  
 Water needs: Low to moderate supplemental water, avoid over-watering.  
 Special Features: Can often tolerate poor quality soils. Good for covering large areas because of fast growth. Tall growers such as 'Blanche' make good screens.