

Substituting Native for non-native plants in the landscape: Handy Plant Re-specifier by Art Tyree

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Thinking of...

- Acacia longifolia.....
- Cupania (Carrotwood).....
- Eucalyptus.....
- Gazania.....
- Ivy.....
- Junipers.....
- Privet.....
- Myoporum.....
- Oleander.....
- Pines.....
- Pittosporum.....
- Flowering Cherry and.....
- Ornamental Pear.....
- Pyracantha.....
- Raphirolepis.....
- Star Jasmine.....
- Xylosma.....

Think again.

Such plants are unnecessary with the tough and handsome Lemonade Berry (*Rhus integrifolia*) and Nevin's Barberry (*Mehonia nevinii*) available. For a clean, stately shade tree, look at California Bay Laurel. Deliver us from Australia with California's own texture and character trees: Catalina Ironwood, Madrone, and Western Sycamore

Try some authentic color from Monkeyflower, Penstemons, Encelia, California Fuchsia. Spare us the Ivy menace with lush carpets of Manzanita 'Emerald Carpet' or 'Point Reyes'. Get out of the Juniper rut with the low-growing forms of Manzanita and Ceanothus 'Yankee Point'.

Quick! Flee to Sugarbush (*Rhus ovata*) and Hollyleaf Cherry (*Prunus ilicifolia*)

No excuse for this when we could enjoy Lemonadeberry and Pacific Wax Myrtle. California's color shrubs shine: Ceanothus, Mahonia and Summer Holly (*Comarostaphylis diversifolia*)

Instead of the habitual choices, consider Torrey Pine as a large pine, Piñon Pine as a small one, Knobcone Pine for fast growth in heat.

California Coffeeberry (*Rhamnus californica*) is lush, dense, untussy.

Western Redbud (*Cercis occidentalis*) is stronger, flowers longer. Catalina Cherry makes a fine small canopy tree.

Lush foliage, scarlet berries, minus Pyracantha's thorns, diseases, pests: Toyon (*Heteromeles arbutilifolia*)

Is this what you really want, or only a habit? Cure it with Manzanita 'Howard McMillin'.

Non-intrusive, great under trees is the aromatic Catalina Perfume (*Ribes viburnifolium*); shiny and neat like Star Jasmine on less than one fourth the water.

Clean, reliable green: California Coffeeberry, Sugarbush.

Some Native Plants That Don't Like Summer Water

These native shrubs and perennials should be planted well beyond the reach of any irrigation that's applied more than once a month in the summer. In nature, they tend to grow on dry hillsides. They are happiest in a similar situation in the home landscape.

Adenostoma spp. & cvs.....	Chamise	Malacothamnus spp.	Chaparral Mallow
Arctostaphylos, some spp. & cvs.....	Manzanita	Malosma laurina.....	Laurel Sumac
Artemisia californica.....	Coastal Sagebrush	Mimulus aurantiacus.....	Monkeyflower
Ceanothus, some spp. & cvs.....	Calif. Lilac	Penstemon, many spp. & cvs.....	Penstemon
Cercocarpus spp.....	Mountain Mahogany	Prunus ilicifolia ssp. ilicifolia.....	Hollyleaf Cherry
Ceanothium dumosum.....	Bushrue	Quercus, most spp.....	Oak
Dendromecon spp.....	Bush Poppy	Rhamnus crocea.....	Radberry
Dudleya spp.....	Live-forever	Rhamnus ilicifolia.....	Hollyleaf Redberry
Epilobium spp.....	California Fuchsia	Rhus integrifolia.....	Lemonade Berry
Eriogonum, some spp.....	Buckwheat	Rhus ovata.....	Sugarbush
Fremontodendron spp. & cvs.....	Flannelbush	Romneya trichocalyx.....	Hairy Matilija Poppy
Helianthemum scoparium.....	Sun Rose	Salvia, many spp. & cvs.....	Sage
Isomeris arborea.....	Bladderpod	Senecio flaccidus v. douglasii.....	Bush Groundsel
Lonicera subspicata.....	Chaparral Honeysuckle	Solanum xanthi.....	Purple Nightshade
Lotus spp.....	Lotus, Deer Weed	Trichostema lanatum.....	Woolly Blue Curlew
Lycium spp.....	Box Thorn		

Some Native Plants That Will Take Summer Water

These native shrubs and perennials can be planted near (but not in!) irrigated turf, or where they'll get water twice a month or more. In nature, they tend to grow on north-facing slopes, in canyon bottoms, or close to perennial streams or marshes. Some prefer light shade, or to have their roots in shade. Several are endemic to our offshore islands. This list doesn't include the many water and water-edge species, some of which will also grow in regular garden situations.

Achillea millefolium.....	Yarrow
Amorpha fruticosa.....	False Indigobush
Anemopsis californica.....	Yerba Mansa
Aquilegia formosa.....	Columbine
Arctostaphylos, some spp. & cvs.....	Manzanita
Asclepias fascicularis.....	Narrow-leaf Milkweed
Calycanthus occidentalis.....	Spice Bush
Calystegia macrostegia 'Anacapa Pink'	Island Morning-glory
Carpenteria californica.....	Bush Anemone
Ceanothus, some spp. & cvs.....	Wild Lilac
Encelia californica.....	Coast Sunflower
Epilobium, some spp. & cvs.....	California Fuchsia
Eriogonum, some spp. & cvs.....	Buckwheat
Eriophyllum confertiflorum.....	Golden Yarrow
Eriophyllum nevinii.....	Catalina Silverchase
Erysimium spp.....	Wallflower
Galvesia spp. & cvs.....	Island Bush Snapdragon
Gnindelia camporum v. camporum.....	Prostrate Gum Plant
Heteromeles arbutilifolia.....	Toyon
Heuchera spp. & hybrids.....	Coral Bells
Iris douglasiana spp. & hybrids.....	Douglas Iris
Lavatera 'Purissima'.....	Hybrid Tree Mallow
Mahonia (Berberis) spp. & cvs.....	Barberry
Monardella spp. & cvs.....	Mint, Pennyroyal
Myrica californica.....	Pacific Wax Myrtle
Prunus ilicifolia ssp. lyonii.....	Catalina Cherry
Quercus, some spp.....	Oak
Rhamnus californica & cvs.....	Coffeeberry
Rhus trilobata.....	Squawbush
Ribes, many spp. & cvs.....	Currant, Gooseberry
Rosa californica.....	California Wild Rose
Salvia, some spp. & cvs.....	Sage
Satureja spp.....	Savory, Yerba Buena
Solidago californica.....	California Goldenrod
Spiraea douglasii.....	Western Birdalreath
Stachys bulata.....	Hedge Nettle
Symphoricarpos mollis.....	Creeping Snowberry
Thalictrum fendleri v. polycarpum.....	Meadow Rue
Umbellularia californica.....	California Bay Laurel
Venegasia carpesoides.....	Canyon Sunflower
Viguiera laciniata.....	San Diego Sunflower