

Lush Look in the Garden

You can replace your unused lawn and still have an attractive yard of lush green plantings. Try a mix of evergreen grasses and shrubs that flower throughout the year. They will not only reward you with pops of color and visual interest, but provide essential food and habitat for pollinators such as birds, bees and butterflies. Allow your grasses and shrubs to mingle and create a natural meadow look, or if you prefer a more formal look, plant them in distinct groupings.

Indian Summer Alstroemeria *Alstroemeria 'Indian Summer'*

Alstroemeria 'Indian Summer', (Indian Summer alstroemeria) perennial, 3-4 feet tall and spreading by rhizomes, with dark purplish green, narrowly oval to lance-shaped leaves on upright stems topped with clusters of coppery orange and yellow flowers from early summer to late fall or almost year round. Inticancha Series hybrid. Sun to light shade, afternoon shade inland, most well-drained soils.

Sunset: 5-9,14-24



Golden Columbine *Aquilegia chrysantha*

Aquilegia chrysantha (golden columbine), perennial, 2-3 feet tall and 1-2 feet wide, with leaves divided into lobed, bright green leaflets and large, fragrant, yellow flowers well above the leaves in late spring. Native to shaded, damp places in desert mountains from Arizona to western Texas and south to northern Mexico. Self-sows. Cool sun to part shade, well-drained soils. Can be cut back hard to renew.

Sunset: 1-24

Golden Abundance Mahonia *Berberis x 'Golden Abundance'*

Berberis 'Golden Abundance' (golden abundance mahonia), evergreen shrub, upright to 6-8 feet tall and spreading by rhizomes to 8-10 feet wide, with compound, glossy green leaves with spiny margins. Large sprays of bright yellow flowers in spring are followed by deep blue-purple berries. Natural hybrid involving *B. aquifolium*, *B. piperiana*, and *B. amplexans*, three species native to western North America. Cool sun to light shade, good drainage. May be offered as Mahonia.

Sunset: 2B-12,14-24



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Elizabeth Bush Anemone
Carpenteria californica 'Elizabeth'

Carpenteria californica (bush anemone), evergreen shrub, 6-8 feet tall and 3-5 feet wide, with glossy, dark green, lance-shaped leaves and clusters of fragrant, white flowers in late spring and early summer. Native to dry woodlands, often along seasonal streams, in the Sierra Nevada foothills of Fresno County, California. 'Elizabeth' is more compact. Sun along the coast, part shade or afternoon shade inland, most well-drained soils.

Sunset: 5-9,14-24

Cape Rush

Chondropetalum tectorum 'El Campo'

Chondropetalum tectorum 'El Campo', (cape rush) perennial, 2-3 feet tall and 3-4 feet wide, with stiff, narrow, dark green, reedlike stems, small, brownish, papery bracts at nodes along the stems, and clusters of tiny, dark brown flowers at stem ends in late summer. Selection of a species native to Western and Eastern Cape provinces, South Africa, near the coast and often in marshes or seeps. Sun to light shade, most soils. Including periodically flooded. May be offered as *Elegia*.

Sunset: N/A

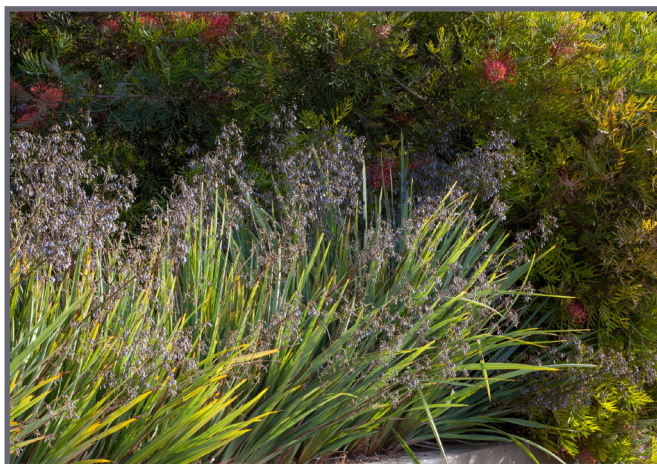


Cassa Blue Flax Lily

Dianella caerulea 'Cassa Blue'

Dianella caerulea 'Cassa Blue' (cassa blue flax lily), perennial from rhizomes, clump forming, 18 inches tall and 2-3 feet wide, with strap-shaped, blue-gray-green leaves and delicate, branched sprays of small, star-shaped, dark blue flowers with yellow stamens in late winter and spring. Flowers are followed by, small, lilac-blue berries. Garden origin, discovered in New South Wales, possibly a hybrid with *D. longifolia*. *D. caerulea* is native to southeastern Australia from Queensland to Tasmania. Sun to shade or part shade, most soils, including poorly drained. Can be cut back hard in winter to renew.

Sunset: 8-9,14-24



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Silver Falls Dichondra *Dichondra argentea* 'Silver Falls'

Dichondra argentea 'Silver Falls' (silver falls dichondra), perennial, fast growing, dense mat 2-3 inches tall and spreading 3-6 feet wide, with small, heart-shaped to nearly round, silvery pale green leaves and tiny, inconspicuous, greenish white flowers in late spring. Species is native to high deserts from southeastern Arizona to western Texas and northern Mexico. Cascades over rocks and walls. Spreads slowly by rooting stems. Cool sun to part shade or afternoon shade, well-drained soils.

Sunset: 8-10,12-24



Blackbird Spurge *Euphorbia* x 'Blackbird'

Euphorbia x 'Blackbird' (blackbird spurge), evergreen perennial, compact, bushy habit, 18-22 inches tall and wide, with heads of yellow-green flowers in spring on reddish stems. Tolerates high heat and hardy to nearly freezing temperatures. Year-round dark foliage and a good container plant, as well. Plant in full sun and irrigate regularly to occasionally.

Sunset: 2b-24

California Fescue *Festuca californica*

Festuca californica and cultivars (California fescue), cool-season bunchgrass, 2 feet tall and wide, with narrow, green to bluish green leaves and airy sprays of purple-tinged flowers on 4-to 5-foot stems in summer. Native to open, brushy or wooded slopes in central and northwestern California and southwestern Oregon. 'Serpentine Blue', a selection from northern California, has intensely blue leaves. 'River House Blues' is said to be especially well suited to southern California. Cool sun to part shade, good to excellent drainage. Best in cool-summer climates.

Sunset: 4-9,14-24



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Island Bush Snapdragon
Galvezia (Gambelia) speciosa

Galvezia speciosa, (island bush snapdragon) evergreen vining shrub, 3-4 feet tall and 5-6 feet wide, with soft, semi-succulent, pale green leaves and bright red, tubular or trumpet-shaped flowers from spring to early fall. Native to the Channel Islands in southern California and Guadalupe Island in Baja California. Sun to part shade or afternoon shade, most well-drained soils. Good choice for dry shade and seaside. Cut back in late winter to renew. May be offered as *Gambelia*.

Sunset: 14-24

Alpine Poker
Kniphofia thompsonii

Kniphofia thompsonii (alpine poker), perennial, 1-2 feet tall and 2-3 feet wide, rosette of narrow, upright, grasslike, blue-green leaves and widely spaced, downwardly curved, tubular, orange flowers on 4- to 5-foot stems in summer or almost year round in mild-winter climates. Native to mid- to high elevations in mountains of central and eastern Africa. Sun to part shade, well-drained soils.

Sunset: 6-9,14-24



Dwarf Yellow Poker Plant
Kniphofia x 'Dwarf Yellow'

Kniphofia 'Dwarf Yellow' (dwarf yellow poker plant), perennial, 18 inches tall and 1-2 feet wide, rosette of narrow, grasslike, green leaves and closely spaced, bright yellow, tubular flowers on 2- to 3-foot stems in spring and summer. Spreads by rhizomes. Likely a hybrid involving cultivars of *K. uvaria*, which is native to South Africa. Sun to part shade, well-drained soils.

Sunset: 2-9,14-24



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Crepe Myrtle

Lagerstroemia indica

Lagerstroemia species and cultivars (crepe myrtle), deciduous trees and shrubs, variable, 6-30 feet tall and 6-15 feet wide, with mottled, multicolored, peeling bark and oval to elliptic, green leaves that turn bright yellow, orange, or red in fall. Showy clusters of crinkled flowers in summer and fall are followed by small, round seed capsules. Most plants offered are selections of *L. indica*, a red-flowered species native to southeastern China, or hybrids of *L. indica* and *L. fauriei*, a white-flowered species from Japan. Dozens of cultivars with flowers in many shades of red, pink, purple, and white and some with purple leaves. Best where summers are long and hot, but some cultivars perform acceptably in cooler climates. Sun, good drainage, good air circulation.

Sunset: 7-10,12-14,18-21



Hairy Awn Muhly

Muhlenbergia capillaris 'Pink Flamingo'

Muhlenbergia capillaris 'Pink Flamingo' (hairy awn muhly), warm-season bunchgrass, 3-4 feet tall and 2-3 feet wide, with fine-textured, bluish gray-green leaves and tall plumes of pale pinkish gray flowers on 5-foot stems in fall. Flowers are followed by a haze of airy, purplish pink seedheads in late summer and fall. Natural hybrid discovered in Texas and believed to be between *M. lindheimeri* and *M. capillaris*. Sun to light shade, most well-drained soils, good air circulation.

Sunset: N/A

Pine Muhly

Muhlenbergia dubia

Muhlenbergia dubia (pine muhly), warm-season bunchgrass, 1-2 feet tall and 2 feet wide, with fine-textured, bright green leaves and tall plumes of purple-tinged, creamy white flowers in late summer and fall. Self-sows but not aggressively. Native to desert mountains from Arizona to southwestern Texas and northern Mexico. Sun to light shade, fast drainage, good air circulation.

Sunset: 3b,7-24



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Dwarf Karo

Pittosporum crassifolium

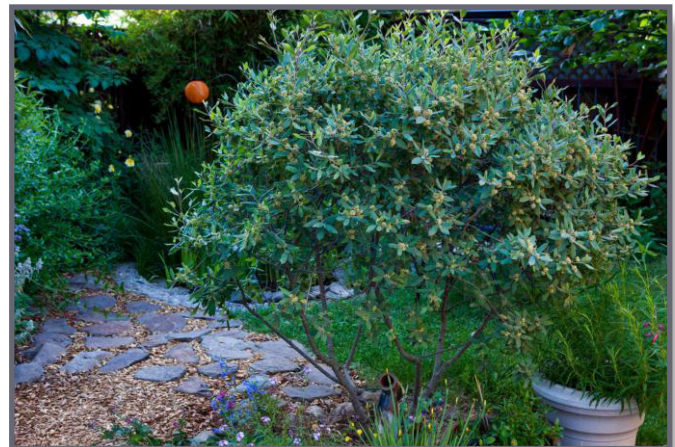
Pittosporum crassifolium 'Compactum' (dwarf karo), evergreen shrub, 2-4 feet tall and 4-6 feet wide, with small, oval, olive green leaves, gray-green beneath, and clusters of small, lightly fragrant, maroon flowers in spring. Compact selection of a species native to coastal North Island, New Zealand. Sun to part shade near the coast, part shade inland, well-drained soils. Good seaside plant. May be offered as *P. crassifolium* 'Nana'.

Sunset: 9,14-17,19-24

California Coffeeberry *Frangula (Rhamnus) californica* 'Leatherleaf'

Frangula californica (coffeeberry) evergreen shrub, 6-10 feet tall and wide, with leathery, dark green leaves, pale green beneath, insignificant and greenish yellow flowers in late spring to early summer followed by showy, red fruits that age to black. Native to dry, sandy or rocky slopes from southwestern Oregon to northern Baja California and east to western New Mexico. Sun to shade, most well-drained soils. May be offered as *Rhamnus*.

Sunset: 3a-10,14-24

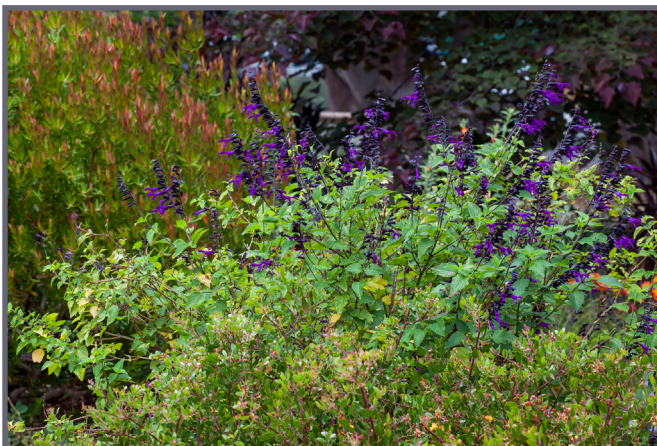


Friendship Sage

Salvia 'Amistad'

Salvia 'Amistad' (friendship sage), perennial or subshrub, 3-5 feet tall and 4-6 feet wide, with aromatic, oval to almost triangular, glossy, bright green leaves and tall spikes of dark purple, tubular flowers with nearly black bracts from early spring to fall. Selection of *S. guaranitica*, native from Brazil to northern Argentina, or possibly a hybrid with *S. gesneriiflora*, from the mountains of northeastern Mexico. Cool sun to light shade or afternoon shade, well-drained soils.

Sunset: N/A



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Blue Moor Grass *Sesleria caerulea*

Sesleria caerulea (blue moor grass), cool-season bunchgrass, 6-8 inches tall and 1-2 feet wide, with fine-textured, narrow, bluish green leaves, dark green beneath, both colors visible on the upright and slightly twisted leaves. Dark purplish spring flowers age to silvery gray. Native to rocky soils in grasslands of northern Europe. Cool sun to light shade or afternoon shade, most well-drained soils. Best near the coast.

Sunset: 2b-10,14-24



Greenlee Moor Grass *Sesleria x 'Greenlee Hybrid'*

Sesleria 'Greenlee Hybrid' (Greenlee moor grass), cool-season bunchgrass, 1 foot tall and wide, with fine-textured, narrow, bluish green leaves, dark green beneath, and silvery purplish flowers well above the leaves in spring. Garden origin, believed to be a hybrid between *S. caerulea* and *S. autumnalis*. Cool sun to light shade or afternoon shade, most well-drained soils.

Sunset: 3b-10,14-24

Dwarf Purple Top *Verbena bonariensis* 'Lollipop'

Verbena bonariensis (dwarf purple top), 2-4 feet tall and 1-3 feet wide, with narrow, toothed, dark green leaves, widely spaced on upright stems, and rounded clusters of tiny purple flowers from spring to fall. Native to Brazil and Argentina. Self-sows, sometimes aggressively. High risk of invasiveness in California, especially in moist soils.

Sunset: 8-24



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Lilac Verbena

Verbena lilacina 'De La Mina'

Verbena lilacina 'De la Mina' (lilac verbena), perennial or subshrub, 2-3 feet tall and 3-4 feet wide, with deeply dissected, bright green leaves and small, round clusters of tiny, lightly fragrant, lavender to purple, star-shaped flowers in spring and summer. Species is native to coastal Baja California. 'De la Mina' is a selection from Cedros Island. Cool sun to light shade or afternoon shade, most well-drained soils. May be offered as Glandularia.

Sunset: 12-24