

USE OF ORNAMENTAL OR NON-NATIVE LANDSCAPING

INTRODUCTION

If the use of local native plants propagated from local stock does not fit your landscaping goals, choose:

- **Non invasive drought-tolerant, non native ornamental plants** having no potential to cross pollinate native riparian species. For example, if native valley and coast live oaks, willows, sycamores or cottonwoods exist in the riparian corridor, don't plant ornamental oaks, willows, sycamores or poplars.
- **Non invasive, drought tolerant, non-local California natives** (aka ornamental natives), with no potential to cross-pollinate local native species; for example- Fremontodendron or Romneya.

When selecting plants and choosing their location in an ornamental landscape, the project design goals are generally geared to human aesthetics. In choosing ornamental landscaping, hardscape features, such as patios, decks, and walkways, are design components. **These features should be avoided within the riparian habitat area at all locations.**

PLANT SELECTION GUIDE

The choices of plants that meet the criteria described above for ornamental landscaping is vast. Selection of a plant species for a particular site will depend on goals of the landscape plan, site constraints, the owner's desires and budget. There are a variety of resources available from which selections can be made. Cities generally have plant lists available that were assembled for water conservation purposes. The East Bay Municipal Utility District has prepared a book, entitled "Plants and Landscapes for Summer Dry Climates" and the Sunset Western Garden Book, commonly available at most nurseries, has plant selections identified that are suitable for dry places. **Select plants from these sources as long as you avoid invasive plants and take the caution provided above for selecting native species that have not been propagated from your local watershed.**

REFERENCES

The California Native Plant Society's 'Guidelines for Protecting Native Plants from Genetic Degradation' is a helpful reference on the subject.

Find it at: <http://www.cnps.org/archives/archives.htm>

Scroll down to:

- 1) Policies and Guidelines
- 2) Conservation Policies
- 3) Guidelines for Landscaping to Protect Native Vegetation from Genetic Degradation.

NON – LOCAL CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANTS

The following California native plants have a very low potential of hybridizing with our Santa Clara County natives since they do not naturally occur in northern California

TREES

Chilopsis linearis, (Desert Willow), Lyonothamnus floribundus, (Catalina Ironwood), Prosopis glandulosa var. torreyana, (Mesquite)

SHRUBS

Fremontodendron californicum or Fremontodendron mexicanum, (Flannel Bush), Galvesia speciosa, (Island Bush Snapdragon) Rhus integrifolia, (Lemonade Berry), Rhus ovata, (Sugar Bush), Romneya coulteri, Matilija Poppy, Simmondsia chinensis, (Jojoba)

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COMMONLY FOUND INVASIVE SPECIES TO BE AVOIDED

Acacia*Acacia* spp.**Almond***Prunus dulcis***Ash, evergreen***Fraxinus uhdei***Bamboo, running types***Arundinaria*, *chimonobambusa*, *phyllostachys*, etc.**Black locust***Robinia pseudoacacia***Broom, french***Genista monspessulana*,
previously *cytisis monspessulanus***Broom, scotch***Cytisus scoparius***Broom, spanish***Spartium junceum***Cape weed***Arctotheca calendula***Cotoneaster***Cotoneaster* spp.**Elm***Ulmus* spp.**Eucalyptus***Eucalyptus* spp.**Fig***Ficus carica***Flowering plum, fruitful varieties***Prunus* spp.**Fountain grass***Pennisetum setaceum*; purple
variety "cupreum" is sterile and
acceptable**Foxglove***Digitalis purpurea***Giant reed***Arundo donax***Glossy privet***Ligustrum lucidum***Gorse***Ulex europaea***Himalayan blackberry***Rubus discolor***Holly oak***Quercus ilex***Iceplants***Carpobrotus edulis*, c. *Chilensis*,
mesembryanthemum spp.**Ivy, algerian***Hedera canariensis***Ivy, cape***Delairea odorata*,
previously *senecio mikanioides***Ivy, english***Hedera helix***Kikuyu grass***Pennisetum clandestinum***Lemon balm***Melissa officinalis***Lombardy poplar***Populus nigra* 'italica'**London plane tree***Platanus acerifolia***Mint, any kind including
pennyroyal, peppermint,
spearmint***Mentha* spp.**Monterey pine***Pinus radiata***Myoporum***Myoporum laetum***Olive***Olea europaea***Pampas grass,
jubata grass***Cortaderia selloana*, *C. Jubata***Pepper trees***Schinus* spp.**Periwinkle***Vinca major***Pyracantha***Pyracantha* spp.**Tamarisk, salt cedar***Tamarix* spp.**Tree of heaven***Ailanthus altissima***Walnut, english or black***Juglans regia*, *juglans californica*
var. *Hindsii*

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