

# Cabrillo Estates

## Recommended Plant List

Thanks to John Nowak of Gritley's Horticulture and Cabrillo resident Mark Mushkat for the following recommendations of plants well suited to our Cabrillo climate. We provide them as a resource for Cabrillo property owners.

### John's recommendations

#### Shrub List

Botanical name, Common name	Flower color	Mature height
<i>Cerastium tomentosum</i> , Snow-in Summer	White	1/2ft.
<i>Festuca ovina glauca</i> , Blue Fescue	Brown	18 in.
<i>Hypericum calycinum</i> , St. John's Wort	Yellow	3ft.
<i>Ribes viburnifolium</i> , Catalina Currant	Red	3ft.
<i>Rosmariunus officinalis prostratus</i> , Dwarf Rosemary	Blue	2ft.
<i>Salvia sonomensis</i> , Creeping Sage	Lavender to Purple	1ft.
<i>Santolina chamaecyparissus</i> , Santolina	Yellow	18in.
<i>Leymus condensatus</i> , Giant Wildrey	Wheat	3ft.
<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i> , Deer Grass	Silver	5ft.
<i>Nassella pulchra</i> , Purple Needle Grass	Purple (used for making baskets)	4ft.
<i>Minulus aurantiacus</i> , Monkey Flower	White to Red	4ft.
<i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i> , Wall Germander	Purple	18in.
<i>Senecio cineraria</i> , Dusty Miller	Yellow	3ft.
<i>Kniphofin uvaria</i> , Red-Hot-Poker	Red, Orange, Yellow	5ft.
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i> , Wormwood	White	5ft.
<i>Stachys byzantina</i> , Lamb's Ears	Purple	30in.
<i>Choisya ternata</i> , Mexican Orange	White	5ft.

<i>Ribes speciosum</i> , Fuschia Flowered Gooseberry	Red	5ft.
<i>Myrica californica</i> , Pacific Wax Myrtle	White to Red	30ft.
<i>Cercis occidentalis</i> , Western Redbud	Red	15ft.
<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i> , Loquat	Yellow fruit	30ft

#### Notes

1) These plants are all relatively disease free. They have been selected because they require minimal water and become drought tolerant when they are established. Most of the time the deer will not bother them but as we all known under condition of stress they will eat anything.

2) Recommendations are never perfect. We accept that improvements can and should be made. If you find something that you feel should be changed please send a note to this Website. With your comments the next revision will be improved.

Shrub list updated April 2018

#### Native Trees

**Botanical name, Common name**  
**Flower color**                      **Mature height**

<i>Ceanothus thyrsiflorus</i> , Blueblossom	Blue	20ft.
<i>Arbutus Marina</i> , Strawberry tree	Pink	30ft.
<i>Prunus illicifolin</i> , Hollyleaf cherry	Edible cherries	30ft.
<i>Fremontodendron californicum</i> , California flannelbush	Yellow	18ft.
<i>Myrica Californica</i> , Pacific wax myrtle	White	25ft.
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i> , Toyon	Brownish berries	15ft.
<i>Lyonothamnus floribundus</i> , Catalina ironwood	White	40ft.*
<i>Cercocarpus betuloides</i> , Birch leaf mountain mahogany	White	30ft.

*Aesculus Californica*, Buckeye  
Pale pink                      35ft.\*

*Quercus agrifolia Nee*, Coast live oak  
Acorn                      45ft.\*

#### Non-Native Trees

<i>Eriobotrya Japonia</i> , Loguat	White	25ft.
<i>Agonis Flexuosa</i> , Australian Peppermint Tree	White	45ft.*
<i>Metrosideros Tomentosa</i> , New Zealand Christmas Tree	Red	30ft.
<i>Callistemon citrinus</i> , Bottlebrush	Red fuzzy	15ft.
<i>Leptospermum</i> , Pink tee tree	Pink	20ft.
<i>Melaleuca nesophila</i> , Pink melaeuce	Purple	20ft.
<i>Myoporum leatum</i> , Ngaio or Mousehole tree	White	35ft.*

*Feijoa sellowiana*, Pineapple guava  
 Red flowers & edible fruit 23 ft.

*Escallonia fradesii*, Pink  
 Princess Pink  
 Shrub 10ft.

*Juniperus chinensis torulosa*, Hollywood juniper  
 Red flowers & fruit 23ft.

*Podocarpus macrophyllus*, Yew pine  
 Red seed cone 60ft.\*

*Pittosporum eugenioides*, Lemonwood or tarata  
 Yellow cream 39ft.\*

*Tristania conerta*, Brisbane box  
 White 35ft.\*

*Xylosma congestum*, Xylosma congestum  
 none Shrub 8ft.

*Olea europaea*, Olive  
 Small white feathered & fruit 35ft.\*

**Notes:**

1) All the Trees on this list, except the Buckeye, are evergreen. They are all relatively disease free. They have been selected because they require minimal water and become drought tolerant when they are established. Most of the time the deer will not bother them but as we all known under condition of stress they will eat anything.

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\* Those marked with an asterisk can get very tall. Please respect your neighbor's view shield when selecting a location to plant them. Occasional pruning might be necessary.

Tree list updated March 2018.

## Mark's recommendations – added December 2021

Arctostaphylos, Manzanita

Bacharis pilularis, Coyote brush

**Encelia californica, California Brittlebush**

**Epilobium canum, CA fuschia**

**Eriogonum arborescens, Island buckwheat**

Festuca ovina glauca, Blue fescue

Ribes viburnifolium, Catalina current

**Salvia Clevelandii, Cleveland sage**

Salvia sonomensis, Creeping sage

**Salvia leucophylla, Purple sage**

Leymus condensatus, Giant wild rye

Muhlenbergia rigens, Deer grass

Nassella pulchra, Purple needle grass

Mimulus aurantiacus, Sticky monkey flower

Ribes speciosum, fuschia flowered gooseberry

Myrica californica, Pacific wax myrtle

Cercis occidentalis, Western redbud

Ceanothus thyrsiflorus, Blueblossum

Heteromeles arbutifolia, Toyon

Prunus illicifolia, Hollyleaf cherry

Fremontodendron californicum, CA Flannel Bush

Lyonothamnus floribundus, Ironwood

Cercocarpus betuloides, Birch leaf mountain mahogany

Aesculus californica, Buckeye

Quercus agrifolia, Coast live oak

**Quercus tomentella, Island Oak**

Notes from Mark:

Below are the natives from the plant list. I've included as well other suggestions in bold. Natives are so important because 1) They have intrinsic value for nature lovers and invoke the unique California habitats they come from 2) They support native populations of birds, bugs, and other animals 3) They are less resource intensive to grow since they often require less water, fertilizer, pesticides than non-adapted plants from elsewhere 4) There is less concern about garden 'escapees' becoming invasive.