

Drought Tolerant Plants

Pacifica has a Mediterranean climate with mild, wet winters and extended, dry summers which encourage plants to adapt to long seasons without water. Some plants that are not native to California can be drought tolerant in California's climate.

Mediterranean-climate plants typically have characteristics that enable them to defend themselves against summer drought and to thrive in soils that are low in nutrients. For this reason, some drought tolerant plants originally found in the Mediterranean can make great additions to our coastal gardens.



Rosemary
Rosmarinus officinalis



Kangaroo Paw
Anigozanthos manglesii

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French Lavender
Lavendula Dentata



Nepeta
Faassenii



Jerusalem Sage
Phlomis fruticosa

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North Coast County Water District

Guide to Native and Drought Tolerant Plants

Please explore this guide and familiarize yourself with native and drought tolerant plants that will beautify your garden and help conserve water.



Sticky Monkeyflower
Mimulus aurantiacus

Native to Pacifica

Plants that are “native” to our area have adapted over time to our soil and climate. Pacifica’s natives expect fog, dry summers, lack of rain and are very low maintenance. Plants that are exotic and non-native to our area require water almost daily just to keep alive. These plants may be native to areas that have rain throughout the year, unlike Pacifica.

Some gardeners may mistakenly classify native plant species as “weeds” and pull them from their gardens. This guide identifies plants native to our area, and will hopefully help welcome them into gardens throughout Pacifica.



Blue-Eyed Grass
Sisyrinchium Bellum



Toyon
Heteromeles Arbutifolia



Yellow Bush Lupine
Erigeron Glaucus



Douglas Iris
Iris Douglasiana



Blue Bedder Penstemon
Penstemon Heterophyllus



Yarrow
Achillea Millefolium



Wild Lilac
Ceanothus “Concha”



Seaside Paintbrush
Castilleja wightii



Bronze Hat Manzanita
Ceanothus “Concha”



Seaside Daisy
Erigeron Glaucus



Lemonade Berry
Rhus Integrifolia



California Fescue
Festuca californicam