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Plant Name	Height & Spread	Evergreen or Deciduous	Description	Photo
<p>Rosemary <i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i></p> 	<p>Creeping: 1 foot tall, 6 feet wide</p> <p>Upright: 3-4 feet tall and wide</p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 15 degrees</p>	<p>Fragrant foliage. Purple winter flowers. Culinary uses. Creeping makes good groundcover. Upright makes good hedge.</p> <p>Deer rating: 10/10</p>	
<p>Wall Germander <i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i></p>  	<p>12-18 inches tall 12-18 inches wide</p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 0 degrees</p>	<p>Aromatic leaves are green, shiny, and have serrated edges. In late spring and early summer, magenta pink tubular flowers grow on stalks above foliage. Flowers are loved by bees.</p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	
<p>Bluebeard <i>Caryopteris</i></p>  	<p>2-3 feet tall 2-3 feet wide</p>	<p>Deciduous</p> <p>Hardy to 0 degrees</p>	<p>Lush, aromatic, green foliage. Late summer flowers resemble clouds of purple-blue mist. Flowers are loved by bees. 'Worcester Gold' and 'Sunshine Blue' varieties have yellow foliage.</p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	

<p>Juniper 'Old Gold'</p> 	<p>2-3 feet tall 4-5 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p>	<p>Graceful habit with ascending branches. Showy gold foliage. <i>Other varieties of Juniper may be green or blue and vary by size/growth habit.</i></p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	
<p>Spiraea <i>Spiraea japonica</i></p> 	<p>2-4 feet tall 2-4 feet wide</p> 	<p>Deciduous</p> <p>Hardy to minus 25 degrees</p>	<p>Leaves may be green or yellow/orange depending on variety. Flat pink flowers in summer. Showy fall color.</p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	
<p>Rockrose <i>Cistus purpureus</i></p> 	<p>3-4 feet tall 4-6 feet wide</p> 	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 15 degrees</p>	<p>A tidy, compact, sun and heat-loving shrub. Showy rose-purple blooms with maroon spots in late spring. Low maintenance.</p> <p>Deer rating: 8/10</p>	
<p>Dwarf Yaupon Holly <i>Ilex vomitoria 'Nana'</i></p> 	<p>3-5 feet tall 3-5 feet spread</p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 10 degrees</p>	<p>Slow-growing. Green, holly foliage. Greenish-white, insignificant flowers in summer. Rounded shape.</p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	

<p>Bush Germander <i>Teucrium fruticans</i></p> 	<p>4-5 feet tall 4-5 feet spread</p> 	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 10 degrees</p>	<p>Grey-green leaves with silvery-white undersides give a soft silver look. Deep blue flowers at branch tips in summer. <i>'Compacta' variety is smaller with tighter branches</i></p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	
<p>Barberry <i>Berberis</i></p> 	<p>2-6 feet tall 3-5 feet spread</p> 	<p>Most are deciduous</p> <p>Hardy to minus 25 degrees</p>	<p>Favorite varieties have showy red or purple leaves. Small yellow flowers in early summer, red berries in fall.</p> <p>Most popular varieties: Crimson Pygmy, Rose Glow, Red Rocket, Red Japanese</p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	
<p>Noell's Grevillea <i>Grevillea</i></p> 	<p>3-4 feet tall 3-4 feet spread</p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 15 degrees</p>	<p>Wispy, pine-like foliage. Red-pink flowers in early spring.</p> <p>Deer rating: 8/10</p>	
<p>Boxwood <i>Buxus</i></p> 	<p>3-5 feet tall 3-5 feet spread</p> 	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 0 degrees (foliage turns bronze in cold winter)</p>	<p>Slow-growing. Glossy green (or yellow variegated) foliage turns bronze during cold of winter. Insignificant white flowers in spring. Popular as hedge or topiary.</p> <p>Deer rating: 10/10</p>	

<p>Myrtle <i>Myrtus communis</i></p> 	<p>3-6 feet tall (or more with time) 2-5 feet spread</p> 	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 15 degrees (may burn in cold winter)</p>	<p>Slow-growing. Fragrant green foliage, small white flowers in early summer. Leaves may be green or yellow variegated. Blue berries in fall. Good hedge.</p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	
<p>Scotch Broom <i>Cytisus</i></p>	<p>5-6 feet tall 5-6 feet wide</p>	<p>Deciduous</p> <p>Hardy to 5 degrees</p>	<p>Lovely, long sprays of pea-like, yellow flowers in spring. Green branches have tiny green leaves. <i>Some varieties have red in flowers.</i></p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	
<p>Mexican Orange <i>Choisya ternate</i></p>	<p>6-8 feet tall 6-8 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 15 degrees</p>	<p>Soft green leaves have citrus scent when crushed, new growth is bright yellow. Fragrant white flowers cover the plant in late spring to early summer.</p> <p>Deer rating: 8/10</p>	
<p>Silverberry <i>Elaeagnus pungens</i></p> 	<p>6-10 feet tall 6-10 feet wide</p> 	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 10 degrees</p>	<p>Fast-growing, big and beautiful shrub. Silvery-green foliage and small, fragrant, creamy-white flowers in fall. <i>'Gilt Edge' variety has yellow variegated leaves</i></p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	

<p>Holly <i>Ilex meserveae</i></p>	<p>8-10 feet tall 6-8 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen Hardy to 0 degrees</p>	<p>Dense, blue green foliage. Leaves have spiny edges. Female varieties get bright red berries in winter if pollinated by a male variety nearby. Deer rating: 9/10</p>	
<p>Oleander <i>Nerium</i></p> 	<p>8-12 feet tall 8-12 feet spread</p> 	<p>Evergreen Hardy to 15 degrees (may burn in cold winter)</p>	<p>Long-blooming flowers from early summer until a frost. Flowers red, pink or white (white grows fastest and largest). Toxic when ingested. Deer rating: 10/10</p>	
<p>Chaste Tree <i>Vitex agnus-castus</i></p> 	<p>10-15 feet tall 10-15 feet spread</p> 	<p>Deciduous Hardy to minus 10 degrees</p>	<p>Green, five-fingered leaves & beautiful flower spikes in summer. Flowers can be purple or white <i>Dwarf varieties around 6 feet tall.</i> Deer rating: 7/10</p>	
<p>Pineapple Guava <i>Feijoa sellowiana</i></p> 	<p>12-15 feet tall 12-15 feet spread</p> 	<p>Evergreen Hardy to 15 degrees</p>	<p>Grey-green leaves similar to olive leaf. Red and white (edible) flowers in early summer. Edible fruit in December. Deer rating: 8/10</p>	



→ this symbol indicates plants that can survive drought once established. It typically takes 1-2 years of regular water for a new plant to be established. In general, plants look better with regular water, but drought-tolerant plants can survive times when water is not available.




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California Native Options ↓

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Mountain Spirea <i>Spiraea densiflora</i> 	2-3 feet tall 2-3 feet wide 	Deciduous Hardy to minus 10 degrees	Green leaves on reddish stems. Fragrant, bright, rosy pink pompom flowers in summer. Fall color is a mix of reds & oranges. Deer rating: 9/10	
California Sagebrush <i>Artemisia californica</i> 	3-4 feet tall 3-4 feet wide 	Evergreen	Aromatic, grey-green, wispy foliage. Small, white, inconspicuous flowers in late summer. Deer rating: 9/10	
Pozo Blue Sage <i>Salvia x 'Pozo Blue'</i> 	3-4 feet tall 3-4 feet wide 	Evergreen Hardy to 15 degrees	Grey-green fragrant foliage. Tall, showy spikes of violet-blue flowers in summer. Loved by hummingbirds. Deer rating: 9/10	
California Buckwheat <i>Eriogonum fasciculatum foliosum</i> 	3-5 feet tall 3-5 feet wide 	Evergreen	Wispy green foliage. Showy flowers above foliage in late spring may be white or slightly pink. Flowers age to a rust color. Deer rating: 8/10	

<p>Oregon Grape <i>Mahonia aquifolium</i></p> 	<p>3-6 feet tall 2-5 feet wide</p> 	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to minus 10 degrees</p>	<p>Glossy, leathery, holly-like green leaves turn reddish in the fall. Bright yellow flower clusters in spring. Blue-black berry in summer. Drought-tolerant once established, but looks best with moderate water.</p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	
<p>Coffeeberry <i>Rhamnus</i></p> 	<p>4-6 feet tall 4-6 feet wide</p> 	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 5 degrees</p>	<p>Leathery, dark green leaves. Small yellow-green flowers attract pollinators. Showy berries start green and mature to red-black. Berries are loved by birds.</p> <p>Deer rating: 8/10</p>	
<p>Pacific Wax Myrtle <i>Myrica californica</i></p> 	<p>10-20 feet tall 10-12 feet wide</p> 	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 15 degrees</p>	<p>Dense upright habit, glossy green leaves. Leaves have spicy aroma. Tiny reddish-yellow flowers are not very noticeable. Flowers ripen to brownish-purple berries in fall.</p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	