













Shade: groundcovers
for NO DEER areas

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Plant Name	Height & Spread	Evergreen or Deciduous	Description	Photo
<p>Golden Creeping Jenny <i>Lysimachia nummularia</i> 'Goldilocks'</p> 	<p>2-4 inches tall 1-2 feet wide but can spread indefinitely</p>	<p>Evergreen Hardy to minus 30 degrees</p>	<p>Low-growing perennial with round to heart-shaped leaves. Foliage may be green or golden yellow, depending on type. Golden yellow flowers in mid-summer. <i>Somewhat invasive. Can be hard to stop in wet areas.</i></p>	
<p>Carpet Bugleweed <i>Ajuga reptans</i></p> 	<p>3-6 inches tall 8-12 inches wide</p>	<p>Evergreen Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p>	<p>Small, creeping groundcover with red-burgundy and/or dark green leaves. Small blue flower spikes above foliage in spring. Leaves turn deep bronze in fall.</p>	
<p>Periwinkle <i>Vinca minor</i></p> 	<p>3-6 inches tall Spreads indefinitely</p>	<p>Evergreen Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p>	<p>Trailing stems of smooth, dark green leaves. Blue-lavender flowers in spring and early summer. <i>Considered invasive. Spreads wherever there is water. Can be hard to stop.</i></p>	

<p>Spotted Dead Nettle <i>Lamium 'Beacon Silver'</i></p> 	<p>6-8 inches tall 1-2 feet wide but can spread indefinitely</p>	<p>Semi-evergreen Hardy to 0 degrees</p>	<p>Heart-shaped, ivory-white leaves with green edges form a lush groundcover. Small, pale pink flowers starting in mid-spring.</p>	
<p>'Emerald Carpet' Creeping Bramble <i>Rubus calycinoides 'Emerald Carpet'</i></p> 	<p>6-10 inches tall 5-6 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen Hardy to 5 degrees</p>	<p>Vigorous groundcover with handsome dark green, heavily lobed leaves. Forms durable weed smothering mat. Small white flowers in summer. Produces edible orange berries under leaves.</p>	
<p>'Summer Sunshine' Germander <i>Teucrium chamaedrys 'Summer Sunshine'</i></p> 	<p>6-12 inches tall 12-18 inches wide</p>	<p>Evergreen Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p>	<p>Small, glossy golden-green leaves with serrated edges. Purple-rose flower spikes in summer makes nice contrast against foliage.</p>	



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

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<p>Common Lippia <i>Phyla nodiflora</i></p> 	<p>2-6 inches tall 2-3 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen Hardy to 5 degrees</p>	<p>Vigorous grower that forms a dense mat of green. Small pinkish-white flowers in late spring. Attracts butterflies and bees.</p>	
<p>Yerba Buena <i>Satureja douglasii</i></p> 	<p>2-6 inches tall 4-6 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen Hardy to 15 degrees</p>	<p>Creeping, flat perennial with green and deliciously minty. Tiny white flowers in spring. Drought-tolerant, looks best with some watering.</p>	
<p>Wild Ginger <i>Asarum caudatum</i></p>	<p>4-6 inches tall 1-2 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen Hardy to 15 degrees</p>	<p>Green, heart-shaped leaves release a spicy, ginger-and-citrus fragrance when crushed. Purplish-brown flowers in early summer.</p>	
<p>'Emerald Carpet' Manzanita <i>Arctostaphylos 'Emerald Carpet'</i></p> 	<p>10-16 inches tall 4-6 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen Hardy to 5 degrees</p>	<p>Low, spreading shrub with glossy green leaves. Small pink bell flowers in early spring. Drought-tolerant once established.</p>	

**Island Alum
Root**
*Heuchera
maxima*



1-2 feet tall
1-2 feet wide

Evergreen

Hardy to 20
degrees

Large, dark green
leaves may turn
reddish in winter.
Cream and soft
pink flower spikes
above foliage in
spring and
summer.
*Other CA native
varieties have tiny
leaves and grow
smaller.*

