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Name	Spread	Deciduous		
Non-Dwarf Boxwood Buxus DROUGHT TOLERANT once established	4-6 feet tall 4-5 feet spread	Evergreen Hardy to minus 10 degrees	Slow-growing, very shapeable shrub with dense dark green or variegated foliage. Insignificant yellow flowers in spring. Many varieties to choose from.	
Evergreen Barberry Berberis 'Ace Wilsonii' & 'William Penn' DROUGHT TOLERANT once established	3-5 feet tall 3-5 feet spread	Evergreen Hardy to 0 degrees	Thorny branches. May change colors throughout the year. Bright yellow flowers in spring.	
Fruitland Silverberry Elaeagnus pungens 'Fruitlandii' DROUGHT TOLERANT once established	6-10 feet tall 6-10 feet wide *'Gilt Edge' variety grows slightly smaller and has yellow variegation	Evergreen Hardy to 10 degrees	Fast-growing, big and beautiful shrub. Silvery- green foliage and small, fragrant, creamy-white flowers in fall.	

Holly Osmanthus Osmanthus heterophyllus (Moderately drought- tolerant once established)	8-10 feet tall 6-8 feet spread	Evergreen Hardy to 0 degrees	Small, white, fragrant flowers in fall. Holly-like green leaves. Not super dense, may be able to see through a little bit.	
Pampas Grass Cortaderia selloana DROUGHT TOLERANT once established	8-10 feet tall 6-8 feet spread *dwarf variety grows to 5-6 feet tall and spread	Evergreen Hardy to 15-20 degrees	Clumping green grass grows very large. Graceful, fluffy white plumes begin in summer. This grass is very invasive on the CA coast, but not in our colder climate.	
Oleander Nerium DROUGHT TOLERANT once established	8-12 feet tall 8-10 feet spread	Evergreen Hardy to 15-20 degrees	Red, white, or pink flowers all summer. Drought-tolerant once established. Toxic if ingested. White variety generally grows largest and fastest.	
Upright Juniper Juniperus 'Wichita Blue', 'Blue Point', or 'Spartan' DROUGHT TOLERANT once established	10-15 feet tall 4-6 feet spread	Hardy to minus 25 degrees	Broadly pyramidal coniferous shrub/tree with green or silverblue foliage (depending on variety). Little maintenance – doesn't require pruning but may grow denser if pruned.	

Red Tip Photinia Photinia fraseri DROUGHT TOLERANT once established	10-15 feet tall 10-15 feet wide	Evergreen Hardy to 10 degrees	Large shrub with year-round interest. New growth emerges bright red, matures to dark green. Puffs of white flowers in spring.	
Pineapple Guava Feijoa sellowiana DROUGHT TOLERANT once established	12-15 feet tall 12-15 feet spread	Evergreen Hardy to 15-20 degrees	Grey-green leaves similar to olive leaf. Red and white (edible) flowers in early summer. Edible fruit in December.	
'John Edwards' Buckthorn Rhamnus 'John Edwards' DROUGHT TOLERANT once established	12-20 feet tall 10-12 feet wide	Evergreen Hardy to 5 degrees	Very fast growing, good height for screening. Dark green leaves yearround, no significant flowers. *Planted behind Sonora Lowe's parking lot.	

Bamboo Phyllostachys	15-20 feet tall Spreads continuously if given the chance *Clumping bamboos do not invade	Evergreen Hardy to minus 10 degrees	Invasive grass with many varieties to choose from (black, golden, variegated). Best kept in pots to avoid takeover. If planted, will spread indefinitely with underground runners.	
Olive Bush Olea DROUGHT TOLERANT once established	15-20 feet tall 10-15 feet wide	Evergreen Hardy to 15 degrees	Slow-growing bush with dense grey-green foliage. Can be fruitless or fruiting. Fruiting varieties produce creamy white flowers followed by green fruits that mature to black.	
Holly Leaf Cherry Prunus ilicifolia DROUGHT TOLERANT once established	15-20 feet tall 10-15 feet wide	Evergreen Hardy to 15 degrees	Dense, green leaves. Small, white flower clusters in spring. Black berries in fall, attract birds. Low water needs.	
'Little Gem' Magnolia Magnolia 'Little Gem' (Moderately drought- tolerant once established)	20-25 feet tall 10-15 feet spread	Evergreen Hardy to 15 degrees	Tropical-looking tree with dark green, glossy foliage and compact, narrow form. Very attractive, large, white, fragrant flowers in early summer.	

English Laurel Prunus laurocerasus DROUGHT TOLERANT once established	20-30 feet tall 12-20 feet wide	Evergreen Hardy to 0 degrees	Makes good hedge. Dense, green leaves and bushy habit. Small, white flowers in spring. Small, black berries in fall.	
'Green Giant' Arborvitae Thuja 'Green Giant' (Moderately drought- tolerant once established)	30-40 feet tall 12-20 feet spread	Evergreen Hardy to minus 15 degrees	Dense, cedar-like tree with pyramidal shape. Green foliage has gold tinge in winter. Can be left natural or pruned for tighter growth.	
Colorado Blue Spruce Picea pungens (Moderately drought- tolerant once established)	50-60 feet tall 15-25 feet spread *dwarf varieties like 'Fat Albert' grow to 15-20 feet tall/wide	Evergreen Hardy to minus 35 degrees	Slow-growing, natural Christmas- tree shape. Attractive silvery- blue foliage. *some Spruce can actually be green. Green ones never becomes blue and blue ones never becomes green.	



→ 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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Eve Case Coffeeberry Rhamnus californica 'Eve Case' DROUGHT TOLERANT once established	4-6 feet tall 4-6 feet wide [Parts of this plant are toxic]	Evergreen Hardy to 10 degrees	Dark green leaves are shiny on top side. Small, greenish flower clusters in summer. Large, red berries in fall. Low water needs once established.	
Christmas Berry or Toyon Heteromeles arbutifolia DROUGHT TOLERANT once established	6-8 feet tall 4-5 feet wide *can grow to 15+ feet tall with time	Evergreen Hardy to minus 5 degrees	Leathery, oval, toothed green leaves. White flowers in summer. Bright red berries in winter. Drought-tolerant once established.	
Catalina Cherry Prunus lyonia DROUGHT TOLERANT once established	30-50 feet tall 15-20 feet wide	Evergreen Hardy to 15 degrees	Dense, green foliage. Small, white flower clusters in spring. Small, black berries in fall, attract birds. Low water needs once established. Native to Catalina Island.	

Incense Cedar Calocedrus decurrens DROUGHT TOLERANT once established	40-60 feet tall 10-20 feet spread	Evergreen Hardy to minus 5 degrees	Green foliage is aromatic when crushed. Drought-tolerant once established. Needs full sun to keep foliage all the way down to base.	
Giant Sequoia Sequoiadendron gigantea (Moderately drought- tolerant once established)	70-80 feet tall 20-50 feet spread	Evergreen Hardy to minus 5 degrees	Largest tree in the world by mass. Drought-tolerant once established. Does best at higher elevations. Needs full sun to keep foliage all the way down to the base.	
Douglas Fir Pseudotsuga menziesii (Moderately drought- tolerant once established)	70-150 feet tall 20-30 feet spread	Evergreen Hardy to minus 5 degrees	Second-tallest conifer in the world. Soft green foliage, new growth may be lime green. Low water needs once established. Popular cut Christmas tree.	

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Coastal	70-200 feet	Evergreen	Fast-growing.	
Redwood	tall		Tallest tree in the	
Sequoia	25-80 feet	Hardy to 15	world. Native to	
sempervirens	wide	degrees	Santa Cruz area.	
			Keeps foliage all	
(Moderately			the way to the	
drought-			base regardless of	
tolerant once			sun exposure.	
established)			Happiest with	
			regular water.	