

Drought Tolerant Plants

for San Francisco Gardens

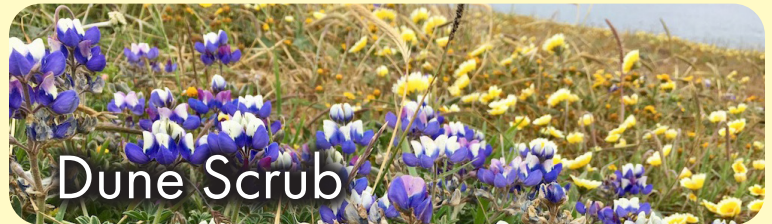


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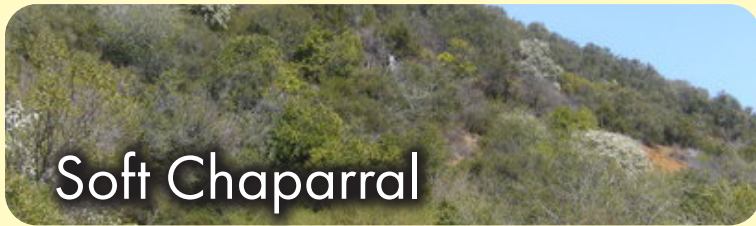
For its small size, San Francisco contains a high diversity of soil types, weather (including wind and fog), and water sources. Native plants species here evolved within distinct **plant communities** associated with those varying conditions. Some of these plant communities contain drought tolerant species adapted to limited water:



Dune



Dune Scrub

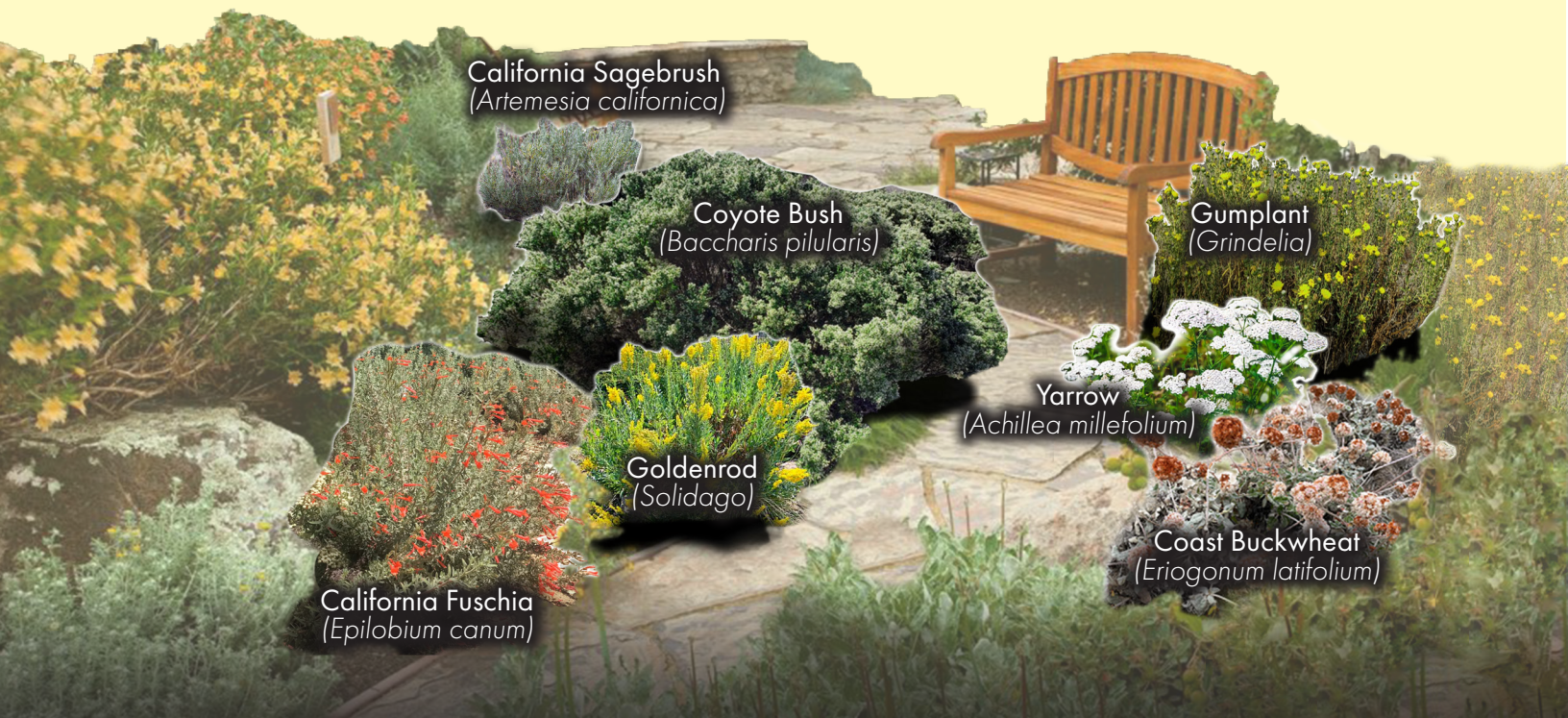


Soft Chaparral



Oak Woodland

Example species: (See reverse side for full list of species with water use information.)



Note: It is advised to water drought tolerant plants after they are first planted to get them established. For some plants, this may take up to two years.

Shorter Plants

- 💧 Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*)
- 💧 Pearly Everlasting (*Anaphalis margaritacea*)
- 💧 Seascale (*Atriplex leucophylla*)
- 💧 Beach Evening Primrose (*Camissoniopsis cheiranthifolia*)
- 💧 Soap Plant (*Chlorogalum pomeridianum*)
- 💧 Bluff Lettuce (*Dudleya farinosa*)
- 💧 Seaside Daisy (*Eriogonum glaucus*)
- 💧 Coast Buckwheat (*Eriogonum latifolium*)
- 💧 Nude Buckwheat (*Eriogonum nudum*)
- 💧 Checker Lily (*Fritillaria affinis*)
- 💧 Gumweed (*Grindelia stricta* var. *platyphylla*)
- 💧 Douglas Iris (*Iris douglasiana*)
- 💧 California Phacelia (*Phacelia californica*)
- 💧 Branching Phacelia (*Phacelia ramosissima*)
- 💧 Cudweed (*Pseudognaphalium californicum*)
- 💧 Bee Plant (*Scrophularia californica*)
- 💧 Yellow Stonecrop (*Sedum spathulifolium*)
- 💧 Coast Goldenrod (*Solidago spathulata*)
- 💧 California Aster (*Symphotrichum chilense*)
- 💧 Blue Dips (*Dipterostemon capitatus*)
- 💧 Ookow (*Dichelostemma congestum*)
- 💧 Ithuriel's spear (*Triteleia laxa*)

Grasses

- 💧 Giant Wildrye (*Elymus condensatus*)
- 💧 Blue bunchgrass (*Festuca idahoensis*)
- 💧 Melica (*Melica imperfecta*)
- 💧 Purple Needlegrass (*Stipa pulchra*)
- 💧 Nodding Needle Grass (*Stipa cernua*)
- 💧 Foothill Needlegrass (*Stipa lepida*)

Vines

- 💧 Morning Glory (*Calystegia purpurata* ssp. *purpurata*)
- 💧 Yerba Buena (*Clinopodium douglasii*)
- 💧 Pacific Pea (*Lathyrus vestitus*)
- 💧 Pink Honeysuckle (*Lonicera hispidula*)

Annual Wildflowers

- 💧 Ruby Chalice Clarkia (*Clarkia rubicunda*)
- 💧 California Poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*)
- 💧 Dune Gilia (*Gilia capitata* ssp. *chamissonis*)
- 💧 California goldfields (*Lasthenia californica* ssp. *californica*)
- 💧 Baby Blue Eyes (*Nemophila menziesii*)
- 💧 Wild Heliotrope (*Phacelia distans*)
- 💧 Dotseed Plantain (*Plantago erecta*)

Shrubs

- 💧 Sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*)
- 💧 Mugwort (*Artemisia douglasiana*)
- 💧 Dune Sagewort (*Artemisia pycnocephala*)
- 💧 Coyote Bush (*Baccharis pilularis*)
- 💧 California Fuchsia (*Epilobium canum*)
- 💧 Mock Heather (*Ericameria ericoides*)
- 💧 Golden Yarrow (*Eriophyllum confertiflorum*)
- 💧 Common Woolly Sunflower (*Eriophyllum lanatum*)
- 💧 Lizard Tail (*Eriophyllum staechadifolium*)
- 💧 Coffeeberry (*Frangula californica*)
- 💧 Hairy Gumplant (*Grindelia hirsutula*)
- 💧 Ocean Spray (*Holodiscus discolor*)
- 💧 Coastal Bush Lupine (*Lupinus arboreus*)
- 💧 Dune Bush Lupine (*Lupinus chamissonis*)
- 💧 Coyote Mint (*Monardella villosa*)
- 💧 Beach Knotweed (*Polygonum paronychia*)
- 💧 Chaparral Currant (*Ribes malvaceum*)
- 💧 Canyon Gooseberry (*Ribes menziesii*)
- 💧 Dune Tansy (*Tanacetum bipinnatum*)

Trees

- 💧 Coast Silk Tassel (*Garrya elliptica*)
- 💧 Toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*)
- 💧 Coast Live Oak (*Quercus agrifolia*)
- 💧 Blue Elderberry (*Sambucus nigra* ssp. *caerulea*)

💧 = Low water use

💧 = Very low water use



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