

Shrubs & Ground Covers



KEY TO NOTABLE CHARACTERISTICS

R = Known to reseed N = No shearing E = Evergreen X = Xeric S = Needs shade F = Fast Growth
 H = Suitable for a hedge A = Aromatic D = Deciduous B = Barrier (Sharps) P = Poisonous L = Slow Growth

Up to 2 feet tall

COMMON NAME (BOTANICAL NAME)	-MATURE SIZE H X W (FT)	NOTABLE CHARACTERISTICS
Golden Dyssodia	1 x 1	R N A E X F
<i>Thymophylla pentachaeta</i>		
Society Garlic	1 x 1	N A E S
<i>Tulbaghia violacea</i>		
Mvoporum	1 x 10	N E F
<i>Mvoporum parvifolium</i>		
Angelita Daisy	1 x 2	R E
<i>Tetranneuris acaulis</i>		
Chocolate Flower	1 x 2	R N A E S
<i>Berlandiera lyrata</i>		
Firecracker Penstemon	1 x 2	R N E S F
<i>Penstemon eatonii</i>		
Rain Lilly	1 x 2	R N E S F
<i>Zephyranthes cv.</i>		
Tufted Evening Primrose	1 x 2	R N A E X F
<i>Oenothera caespitosa</i>		
Blackfoot Daisy	1 x 3	R N E X
<i>Melampodium leucanthum</i>		
Lemon Dalea	1 x 3	A E X F
<i>Dalea capitata 'Sierra Gold'</i>		
Rocky Point Ice Plant	1 x 3	R N E X S F
<i>Malephora luteola</i>		
Dwarf Elephant Food	1 x 4	N E X
<i>Portulacaria afra minima</i>		
Mexican Evening Primrose	1 x 4	R N E X F
<i>Oenothera speciosa</i>		
Trailing Indigo Bush	1 x 6	N E X F
<i>Dalea greggii</i>		
Blue Lily Turf	2 x 2	N E S
<i>Liriope muscari cv.</i>		
Damianita Daisy	2 x 2	H A E X
<i>Chrysactinia mexicana</i>		
Desert Marigold	2 x 2	R N E X F
<i>Baileya multiradiata</i>		
Dwarf Ruellia	2 x 2	R N E F
<i>Ruellia brittoniana 'Katie'</i>		
Parry's Penstemon	2 x 2	R N E X F
<i>Penstemon parryi</i>		
Variegated Flax Lily	2 x 2	N E S F
<i>Dianella tasmanica 'Variegata'</i>		
Lady Finger Cactus	2 x 6	N E X B
<i>Echinocereus pentagonus</i>		
Purple Hearts	2 x 6	N E S F
<i>Tradescantia pallida</i>		
Sanpaper Verbena	2 x 6	E F
<i>Verbena rigida</i>		
Yellow Dot	2 x 8	E F
<i>Sphagnetocola trilobata</i>		

2 to 3 feet tall

COMMON NAME (BOTANICAL NAME)	-MATURE SIZE H X W (FT)	NOTABLE CHARACTERISTICS
Outback Sunrise Emu	2 x 10	N E X F
<i>Eremophila 'Mingenew Gold'</i>		
Flattop Buckwheat	2 x 3	R H N E X F
<i>Eriogonum polyfolium</i>		
Mexican Blue Sage	2 x 3	R H N A E S F
<i>Salvia chamaedroides</i>		
Mexican Heather	2 x 3	H N E S
<i>Cuphea hyssopifolia</i>		
Green Carpet Natal Plum	2 x 6	H E B
<i>Carissa 'Green Carpet'</i>		
Trailing Germander	2 x 6	H E S F
<i>Teucrium chamaedrvis</i>		
Autumn Sage	3 x 3	H N A E S F
<i>Salvia greggii</i>		
Boxwood Beauty Natal Plum	3 x 3	H E L
<i>Carissa 'Boxwood Beauty'</i>		
Dwarf Myrtle	3 x 3	H A E L
<i>Myrtus communis 'Compacta'</i>		
Japanese Boxwood	3 x 3	H E S L
<i>Buxus japonica</i>		
Turpentine Bush	3 x 3	R H N A E X
<i>Ericameria laricifolia</i>		
Butterfly Flower	3 x 4	H E S F
<i>Gaura lindheimeri</i>		
Coral Fountain	3 x 4	N E
<i>Russelia equisetiformis</i>		
Dwarf Bottlebrush	3 x 4	H N E L
<i>Callistemon 'Little John'</i>		
Dwarf Yaupon Holly	3 x 4	H E L
<i>Ilex vomitoria 'Stoke's Dwarf'</i>		
Blue Emu	3 x 5	H N E X
<i>Eremophila hygrophana</i>		
Bush Morning Glory	3 x 5	H N E X
<i>Convolvulus cneorum</i>		
Dwarf Mock Orange	3 x 5	H A E S L
<i>Pittosporum tobira 'Wheeler'</i>		

4 to 5 feet tall

COMMON NAME (BOTANICAL NAME)	-MATURE SIZE H X W (FT)	NOTABLE CHARACTERISTICS
Baja Ruellia	4 x 4	H N E X
<i>Ruellia peninsularis</i>		
Indigo Bush	4 x 4	N E X
<i>Dalea pulchra</i>		
Pink Fairy Duster	4 x 4	R H N E X F
<i>Calliandra eriophylla</i>		
Mexican Bush Sage	4 x 5	H A E S F
<i>Salvia leucantha</i>		
Mexican Honeysuckle	4 x 5	N E S F
<i>Justicia spicigera</i>		
Tuscan Blue Rosemary	4 x 5	H A E L
<i>Rosmarinus 'Tuscan Blue'</i>		
Weeping Dalea	4 x 5	H N E X
<i>Dalea versicolor v. sessilis</i>		
Winter Blaze Emu	4 x 5	H N E X
<i>Eremophila 'Winter Blaze'</i>		
San Marcos Hibiscus	4 x 6	H N A E X
<i>Gossypium harknessii</i>		
Red Justicia	5 x 4	H N E X F
<i>Justicia candidans</i>		
Baja Fairy Duster	5 x 5	R H N E X F
<i>Calliandra californica</i>		
Black Indigo Bush	5 x 5	H N E X F
<i>Dalea frutescens</i>		
Brittlebush	5 x 5	R H N A E X F
<i>Encelia farinosa</i>		
Firebush	5 x 5	H E S
<i>Hamelia patens</i>		
Flame Acanthus	5 x 5	N D X F
<i>Anisacanthus quadrifidus</i>		
Shrimp Plant	5 x 5	R N E S
<i>Justicia brandegeana</i>		
Valentine Emu	5 x 5	H N A E
<i>Eremophila 'Valentine'</i>		
Woolly Butterfly Bush	5 x 5	H N E X
<i>Buddleia marrubifolia</i>		

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

- Hedges may be either formal (sheared with hedge trimmers) or informal (mostly allowed natural growth), as some shrubby plants respond well to formal hedging while others do not.
- Deciduous species should ideally be pruned while dormant in the Winter, while Evergreens ought to be pruned as each is appropriate during the warm season (Spring & Summer).
- Barrier plants produce thorns or spiny branch ends, which help to restrict access to pedestrians.
- This list is not all inclusive nor exhaustive, but should serve as a series of easier options in lieu of planting counter productive plants, like large tree species for smaller hedges, such as Indian Laurel Fig (*Ficus nitida*).
- Unless otherwise noted, growth rate characteristics of listed plant life is relatively moderate.
- Use approximate mature sizes & notable characteristics to your advantage, so that trimming for space is unnecessary.
- Plants not ideal for shearing should be pruned, except back to central trunks & branches using hand pruners.