



DROUGHT-TOLERANT PLANT COLOR REFERENCE GUIDE

This reference guide provides color photographs and reference links for suggested drought-tolerant plant material for residential front yards in Cerritos. This document complements and is intended for use together with the City of Cerritos Residential Drought-Tolerant Front Yard Landscape Design Manual, which provides sample landscape planting plans for use by Cerritos homeowners.

Trees

Botanical name:
Cercis occidentalis

Common name:
Western Redbud

Height x spread:
25' x 25'

Exposure:
Full sun to full shade

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: <http://selectree.calpoly.edu/photos.lasso?nid=321>
http://selectree.calpoly.edu/Photos/Cercis_occidentalis/images/tree2.jpg



Image reference: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cercis_occidentalis
http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/1/17/Cercis_occidentalis_branch.jpg

Botanical name:
Parkinsonia aculeata

Common name:
Mexican Palo Verde

Height x spread:
15' x 30'

Exposure:
Full sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: <http://selectree.calpoly.edu/photos.lasso?nid=996>
http://selectree.calpoly.edu/photos/parkinsonia_aculeata/images/tree5.jpg



Image reference: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parkinsonia_aculeata
http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/c/cd/Parkinsonia_aculeata_4.jpg

Trees (continued)

Botanical name:
Lagerstroemia indica

Common name:
Crape Myrtle

Height x spread:
20' x 20'

Exposure:
Full sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: <http://selectree.calpoly.edu/photos/lasso?rid=790>
http://selectree.calpoly.edu/photos/lagerstroemia_indica/images/tree%28flowering%29.jpg



Image reference: <http://selectree.calpoly.edu/photos/lasso?rid=790>
http://selectree.calpoly.edu/photos/lagerstroemia_indica/images/flowers%28pink%29.jpg

Botanical name:
Platanus racemosa

Common name:
Western Sycamore

Height x spread:
40' x 40'

Exposure:
Full sun to partial
shade

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: <http://selectree.calpoly.edu/photos/lasso?rid=1107>
http://selectree.calpoly.edu/photos/platanus_racemosa/images/tree%28canopy%29.jpg



Image reference: <http://selectree.calpoly.edu/photos/lasso?rid=1107>
http://selectree.calpoly.edu/photos/platanus_racemosa/images/leaves-and-fruit.jpg

Shrubs

Botanical name:
Arbutus unedo

Common name:
Strawberry Tree

Height x spread:
8'-25' x 25'

Exposure:
Full sun to full shade

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arbutus_unedo
http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/8/8c/Gardenology.org-IMG_0227_hunt07mar.jpg



Image reference: <http://selectree.calpoly.edu/photos/lasso?rid=177>
http://selectree.calpoly.edu/photos/Arbutus_unedo/images/fruit.jpg

Shrubs (continued)

Botanical name:
Callistemon citrinus
'Little John'

Common name:
Dwarf Bottlebrush

Height x spread:
3' x 3'

Exposure:
Full sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: <http://www.public.asu.edu/~camartin/plants/Plant%20htm%20files/melaleucaviminalis.html>
<http://www.public.asu.edu/~camartin/plants/Plant%20htm%20files/Callistemon%20viminalis%20Little%20John.JPG>



Image reference: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Callistemon_citrinus
http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/7/7a/Callistemon_citrinus_3.jpg

Botanical name:
Ceanothus griseus
'Horizontalis'

Common name:
Ceanothus

Height x spread:
2' x 5'-10'

Exposure:
Full sun to partial
shade

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/dplants/cegrh1.htm>
<http://oregonstate.edu/dept/dplants/images/cegrh13.jpg>



Image reference: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ceanothus_griseus
http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/b/ba/Ceanothus_griseus_var_horizontalis_2.jpg

Botanical name:
Cistus purpureus

Common name:
Orchid Rockrose

Height x spread:
4' x 4'

Exposure:
Full sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/dplants/cipu5.htm>
<http://oregonstate.edu/dept/dplants/images/cipu36.jpg>



Image reference: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cistus_%C3%97_purpureus
http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/2/21/Unidentified_Flower_3014_1.jpg

Shrubs (continued)

Botanical name:
Grevillea 'Noellii'

Common name:
Noel's Grevillea

Height x spread:
4' x 5'

Exposure:
Full sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: <http://www.rwa.watersavingplants.com/Plant.php?plantnum=287&letter=c&return=http://www.rwa.watersavingplants.com/PlantMaster/Photos/287c.jpg>



Image reference: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Grevillea_cultivars
http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/7/7a/Callistemon_citrinus_3.jpg

Botanical name:
Hemerocallis hybrids

Common name:
Daylily

Height x spread:
2' x 3'

Exposure:
Full sun to partial
shade

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: <https://extension.umass.edu/floriculture/plant-identification/daylily>
<https://extension.umass.edu/floriculture/sites/floriculture/files/plant/images/growth/Hemerocallis%201%20plant.jpg>



Image reference: http://biology.missouristate.edu/herbarium/plants%20of%20the%20interior%20highlands/photographs_of_flowering_plants_h.htm
<http://biology.missouristate.edu/herbarium/plants%20of%20the%20interior%20highlands/Flowers/Hemerocaulis%20Stella%20d%27Crc%20-%20-%20N.jpg>

Botanical name:
Lantana montevidensis

Common name:
Trailing Lantana

Height x spread:
3' x 8'

Exposure:
Full sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lantana_montevidensis
http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/a/ae/Starr_070221-4728_Lantana_montevidensis.jpg

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http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/9/9b/Starr_070221-4724_Lantana_montevidensis.jpg

Shrubs (continued)

Botanical name:
Lantana sellowiana
'Lemon Swirl'

Common name:
Trailing Lantana

Height x spread:
3' x 4'

Exposure:
Full sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: <http://www.hort.cornell.edu/bg/annuals/2009/Lantana%20Bandana%20Lemon%20Zest.htm>
http://www.hort.cornell.edu/bg/annuals/2009/images_2009/large/July%2015%20pictures%20LARGE/Lan%20B%20Lemon%20Zest.jpg



Image reference: <http://gardens.missouri.edu/about/descriptions/jesse-container-garden-sum11.php>
<http://gardens.missouri.edu/about/descriptions/Websummer11/Lantana-camara-%E2%80%98Lantana-camara-%E2%80%98Yellow%20%80%99-ig.jpg>

Botanical name:
Lavandula angustifolia

Common name:
English Lavender

Height x spread:
3' x 4'

Exposure:
Full sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: <http://www.personal.psu.edu/rdb4/hort131/weekly-lessons/week-1/week-1-plants/lavandula/>
http://www.personal.psu.edu/rdb4/hort131/_Media/dsc_0167_2508.jpeg



Image reference: <http://www.personal.psu.edu/rdb4/hort131/weekly-lessons/week-1/week-1-plants/lavandula/>
http://www.personal.psu.edu/rdb4/hort131/_Media/dsc_0239_2508.jpeg

Botanical name:
Osmanthus fragrans

Common name:
Sweet Olive

Height x spread:
8' x 10'

Exposure:
Full to partial sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Osmanthus_fragrans
http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/e/ea/Osmanthus_fragrans_%28orange_flowers%29.jpg

Image reference: http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/treesandpowerlines/osmanthus_fragrans_pics.shtml
http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/treesandpowerlines/images/osmanthus_fragrans_spring_big.jpg

Shrubs (continued)

Botanical name:
Salvia leucantha

Common name:
Mexican Bush Sage

Height x spread:
4' x 4'

Exposure:
Full to partial sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: <http://www.public.asu.edu/~camartin/plants/Plant%20htm%20files/salviaeucantha.html>
<http://www.public.asu.edu/~camartin/plants/Plant%20htm%20files/Salvia%20leucantha.jpg>



Image reference: http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salvia_leucantha
http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/0/04/Salvia_leucantha2.jpg

Botanical name:
Santolina virens

Common name:
Santolina

Height x spread:
2' x 3'

Exposure:
Full sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: http://www.ag.auburn.edu/hort/landscape/PERENNIAL_Santolina.html
http://www.ag.auburn.edu/hort/landscape/images/Santolina_virens.jpg



Image reference: http://desertblooms.nmsu.edu/plantadvisor/detail.php?plant_id=353
<http://desertblooms.nmsu.edu/plantadvisor/images/jw20052.png>

Botanical name:
Strelitzia juncea

Common name:
Narrow Leaf Bird of
Paradise

Height x spread:
4' x 6'

Exposure:
Full to partial sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Strelitzia_juncea.JPG
http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/4/42/Strelitzia_juncea.JPG



Image reference: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Strelitzia_juncea
http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/3/3c/Strelitzia_juncea_flower.jpg

Shrubs (continued)

Botanical name:
Tagetes lemmonii

Common name:
Mountain Marigold

Height x spread:
3' x 6'

Exposure:
Full to partial sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



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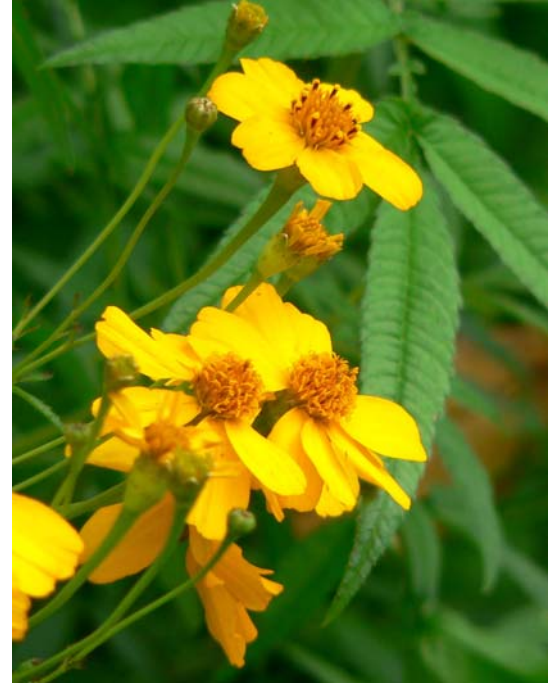


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Botanical name:
Viburnum tinus
'Spring Bouquet'

Common name:
Viburnum

Height x spread:
6' x 6'

Exposure:
Full to partial sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Viburnum_tinus
http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/6/6c/Viburnum_tinus_DT1.JPG



Image reference: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Viburnum_tinus
http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/c/c7/Viburnum_February_2008-1.jpg

Succulent Shrubs

Botanical name:
Agave attenuata

Common name:
Foxtail Agave

Height x spread:
5' x 5'

Exposure:
Full to partial sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: http://commons.m.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Agave_attenuata
http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/b/ba/Agave_attenuata1017032.jpg



Image reference: http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agave_attenuata
http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/3/34/Agave_attenuata.jpg

Botanical name:
Calandrinia spectabilis

Common name:
Shinny Pink

Height x spread:
1' x 4'

Exposure:
Full sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: http://commons.m.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Calandrinia_spectabilis_-_Leaning_Pine_Arboretum_-_DSC05594.JPG
http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/b/bf/Calandrinia_spectabilis_-_Leaning_Pine_Arboretum_-_DSC05594.JPG



Image reference: http://calphotos.berkeley.edu/cgi/img_query?enlarge=0000+0000+0712+0114
http://calphotos.berkeley.edu/imgs/512x768/0000_0000/0712/0114.jpeg

Botanical name:
Hesperaloe parviflora

Common name:
Red Yucca

Height x spread:
3' x 4'

Exposure:
Full sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hesperaloe_parviflora
http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/0/0a/Hesperaloe_parviflora.JPG



Image reference: http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hesperaloe_parviflora
<http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/9/9e/Hesperaloe-parviflora-flowers.jpeg>

Succulent Shrubs (continued)

Botanical name:
Kniphofia uvaria

Common name:
Redhot Poker

Height x spread:
3' x 6'

Exposure:
Full sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: <http://extension.umass.edu/floriculture/plant-identification/red-hot-poker>
http://extension.umass.edu/floriculture/sites/floriculture/files/plant/images/growth/Kniphofia%201%20plant_0.jpg



Image reference: <http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kniphofia>
<http://commons.m.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Kniphofia02.jpg>

Botanical name:
Sedum spurium

Common name:
Dragons Blood

Height x spread:
1.5' x 2'

Exposure:
Full sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Sedum_spurium_-_Botanischer_Garten_M%C3%BCnchen-Nymphenburg_-_DSC07633.JPG
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Botanical name:
Senecio serpens

Common name:
Blue Chalksticks

Height x spread:
1' x 1'

Exposure:
Full sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Senecio_serpens_-_South_Africa_groundcover_5.JPG
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http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/9/97/Senecio_mandraliscae_rbgzyd.jpg

Grasses

Botanical name:
Muhlenbergia
capillaris 'Regal
Mist'

Common name:
Pink Mist

Height x spread:
3' x 3'

Exposure:
Full to partial sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Muhlenbergia_capillaris_001.jpg
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Image reference: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/jevansscc/5349511816/>
https://farm6.staticflickr.com/5161/5349511816_b263e65db6_o.jpg

Botanical name:
Pennisetum
setaceum 'Rubrum'

Common name:
Purple Fountain
Grass

Height x spread:
4' x 4'

Exposure:
Full to partial sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Purple_Fountain_Grass_%28Pennisetum_advena_%27Rubrum%27%29.jpg
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Image reference: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Purple_Fountain_Grass_%28Pennisetum_setaceum%29_in_Hyderabad,_AP_W_IMG_7797.jpg
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Botanical name:
Stipa tenuissima

Common name:
Mexican Feather
Grass

Height x spread:
3' x 3'

Exposure:
Full sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Stipa_tenuissima.jpg
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Ground Covers

Botanical name:
Myoporum
parvifolium
'Putah Creek'

Common name:
Myoporum

Height x spread:
2' x 8'

Exposure:
Full sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



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Image reference: <http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Myoporumparvifolium.JPG>
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Botanical name:
Scaevola 'Mauve
Clusters'

Common name:
Scaevola

Height x spread:
0.5' x 5'

Exposure:
Full to partial sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil



Image reference: <http://ucanr.edu/blogs/USS/index.cfm?tagname=Scaevola>
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Image reference: <http://ucanr.edu/blogs/USS/index.cfm?tagname=Scaevola>
http://ucanr.edu/blogs/USS/blogfiles/16512_original.jpg

Botanical name:
Verbena *peruviana*

Common name:
Verbena

Height x spread:
2' x 2'

Exposure:
Partial sun

Water needs:
Moist to dry soil

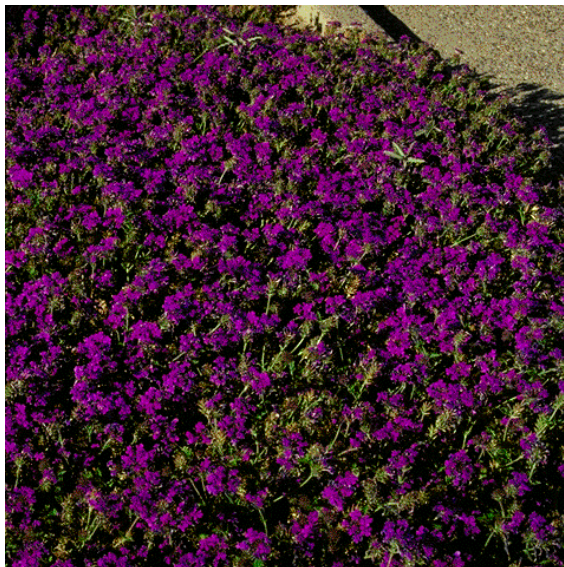


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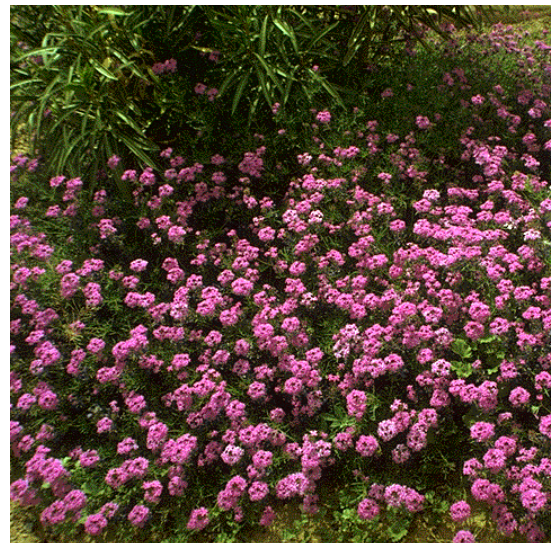


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