

Plant Species with Very Low (VL) Water Needs – Regions 1 & 2

Per *WUCOLS (Water Use Classifications of Landscape Species)



Region 1 = N. Central Coastal
Region 2 = Central Valley

Key to Symbols: L = Low VL = Very Low
 ? = Unknown / = Inappropriate

Botanical Name	Reg. 1	Reg. 2
Acacia podalyriifolia	VL	VL
Acacia redolens	VL	VL
Acacia stenophyla	VL	L
Adenostoma fasciculatum	VL	VL
Adenostoma sparsifolium	VL	?
Aesculus californica	VL	VL
Amaryllis belladonna	VL	VL
Arctostaphylos diversiloba	VL	L
Arctostaphylos spp.	VL	L
Artemisia spp. (shrubby)	VL	L
Arum italicum	VL	L
Baccharis sarothroides	VL	L
Baccharis 'Centennial'	VL	L
Ballota pseudodictamnus	VL	VL
Bidens triplinervia	VL	?
Bouteloua curtipendula	VL	L
Brodiaea spp.	VL	VL
Ceanothus spp.	VL	L
Cephalocereus spp.	VL	/
Cercidium microphyllum	/	VL
Cercis occidentalis	VL	VL
Cercocarpus betuloides	VL	VL
Chilopsis linearis	VL	VL
Cleome isomeris	VL	VL
Colchicum agrippium	VL	VL
Cupressus arizonica spp. Arizonica	VL	VL
Cupressus arizonica var. glabra	VL	VL
Dasyliirion spp.	VL	/
Dendromecon spp.	VL	L
Echinocactus spp.	VL	VL
Eschscholzia californica	VL	VL
Ferocactus spp.	VL	VL
Festuca idahoensis	VL	L
Fremontodendron spp.	VL	VL
Graptopetalum spp.	VL	L
Heteromeles arbutifolia	VL	VL
Iva hayesiana	VL	VL
Larrea tridentata	VL	VL
Leymus spp.	VL	VL
Linum spp.	VL	VL
Lotus scoparius	VL	VL
Lupinus albifrons	VL	L
Lupinus excubitus	VL	VL
Mahonia nevinii	VL	L
Malacothamnus fasciculatus	VL	L
Malacothamnus fremontii	VL	L
Malosma laurina	VL	L
Melaleuca armillaris	VL	/

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Melaleuca decussate	VL	/
Melaleuca elliptica	VL	/
Melia azedarach	VL	L
Mirabilis jalapa	VL	L
Monardella villosa	VL	VL
Moraea spp. (winter growing)	VL	VL
Muscari macrocarpum	VL	VL
Narcissus spp.	VL	VL
Nassella cernua	VL	L
Nassella lepida	VL	L
Nassella pulchra	VL	L
Nolina spp.	VL	VL
Opuntia spp.	VL	VL
Parkinsonia aculeate	VL	VL
Parkinsonia florida	VL	VL
Pinus sabiniana	VL	VL
Pistacia lentiscus	VL	?
Polypodium (native spp.)	VL	?
Puya spp.	VL	?
Quercus agrifolia	VL	VL
Quercus berberidifolia	VL	VL
Quercus chrysolepis	VL	L
Quercus douglasii	VL	VL
Quercus dumosa	VL	VL
Quercus wislizenii	VL	VL
Quillaja saponaria	VL	L
Ranunculus californicus	VL	VL
Ribes malvaceum	VL	VL
Romneya coulteri	VL	VL
Salvia apiana	VL	L
Schinus polygamous	VL	L
Scilla hughii	VL	VL
Scilla peruviana	VL	VL
Senecio flaccidus var. douglasii	VL	?
Senna multiglandulosa	VL	/
Simmondsia chinensis	VL	VL
Sisyrinchium bellum	VL	VL
Stipa cernua	VL	?
Stipa lepida	VL	VL
Stipa pulchra	VL	L
Teucrium cossonii	VL	L
Trichostema lanatum	VL	VL
Tritonia laxa	VL	VL
Verbena bonariensis	VL	M

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