



City of Santa Barbara
Public Works Department

PLANTS FOR PARKWAYS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

Below are recommended water-wise plants for parkways. For more plants for the parkway, a searchable water-wise plant directory is available at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/water and click on "Water Conservation." For landscaping design standards, refer to the City's Water Conservation Landscape Design Standards, Municipal Code Section 22.080.020. The City Arborist shall approve City street trees planted in the public right of way.

- **MUEHLENBECKIA AXILLARIS (CREEPING WIRE VINE)**

DESCRIPTION: Evergreen ground-hugging vine 2-12 inches tall. Can be mowed occasionally. Forms a tight mat, spreading by underground stems. Tiny 1/8 inch long, dark glossy green leaves and translucent white fruits. Best in small areas or rock gardens. Needs some summer water.

- **DYMONDIA MARGARETAE (NO COMMON NAME) SOUTH AFRICA**

DESCRIPTION: Evergreen perennial 2-3 inches tall, spreading but not invasive. Forms a tight, weed-resistant mat. Leaves are narrow, gray-green, with edges rolled up. Flowers are small yellow daisies tucked into foliage, in summer. Fast growing.

CULTURAL CONDITIONS: Sun. Drought or regular watering. No fertilizer. Almost any soil. No pests or diseases. No pruning.

SPECIAL REMARKS: A very tough plant. Best-looking when out of bloom.

- **LESSINGIA FILAGINIFOLIA 'SILVER CARPET' (NO COMMON NAME) CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT**

DESCRIPTION: Evergreen perennial 8 inches – 1foot tall, 4-5 feet wide. Leaves are fine-textured, white and woolly. Flowers are lavender-pink daisies to 1 inch wide. Fast growing.

CULTURAL CONDITIONS: Sun. Little or no water. No fertilizer. Grows in almost any well-drained soil. No pests or diseases.

- **TEUCRIUM CHAEMADRYIS (GERMANDER) EUROPE AND S.W. ASIA**

DESCRIPTION: Evergreen subshrub to 4-12 inches tall, spreading to 2-3 feet wide. Leaves are small, toothed, dark green. Flowers are small, reddish-purple, in summer. Fast growing.

CULTURAL CONDITIONS: Sun. Occasional watering. Little or no fertilizer. Most well-drained soils. No pests or diseases. Cut back 1-2 times a year to keep compact.

SPECIAL REMARKS: T.c. 'Prostratum' grows 4-6 inches tall by 3 feet wide.

- **MYOPORUM PARVIFOLIUM**

DESCRIPTION: A very prostrate shrub, 6-8 inches high, spreading 12-15 feet across and more. Foliage is comprised of small, medium green leaves, to ½ inch long, 1/8 inch wide. Numerous white flowers occur in clusters along branches in early spring and intermittently all year.

CULTURAL CONDITIONS: Sun. Minimal to no watering. It tolerates heat and frost.

- **APTENIA 'RED APPLE'**

DESCRIPTION: A low growing succulent perennial, 6-12 inches high, spreading more than 2 feet wide. Fleshy, heart-shaped leaves are light green: showy purple-red flowers being in spring and continue through fall.

LANDSCAPE USES: Groundcover

CULTURAL CONDITIONS: Sun. Minimal watering. It tolerates salt spray. Does best in well drained soils.

- **ARCTOSTAPHYLOS UVA-URSI (MANZANITA, BEARBERRY)**

DESCRIPTION: A prostrate shrub, 6-12 inches high and spreading as much as 10-12 feet. Glossy green leaves attach to dark red-brown branches; flowers are white to light pink in late winter and early spring.

CULTURAL CONDITIONS: Sun. Occasional watering.

SPECIAL REMARKS: Try Arctostaphylos 'Emerald Carpet' grows to 1 foot high, reaching 4-6 feet across. Needs minimal watering and prefers well drained, loam soils.

- **ARCTOTIS ACAULIS 'MAGENTA' (AFRICAN DAISY)**

DESCRIPTION: Spreading stemless, gray-green leaves in clumps with magenta flowers in profusion. Grows 6-8 inches high.

CULTURAL CONDITIONS: Full sun, little water.

SPECIAL REMARKS: Good striking contrast in flower and gray foliage.

- **GAZANIA RIGENS LEUCOLAENA (TRAILING GAZANIA)**

DESCRIPTION: 6-10 inches tall, spreads rapidly by long trailing stems. Gray-green foliage with flowers in varying colors of yellow, white, orange, bronze depending on variety. 'Sunglow' = yellow flowers, 'Mitsuma White' = white flowers.

CULTURAL CONDITIONS: Grows in any soil, fertilize once a year is helpful but not a necessity.

SPECIAL REMARKS: New hybrids have larger flowers & are resistant to die back, bloom longer. Good on banks or level ground.

- **CRASSULA MULTICAVA**

DESCRIPTION: Succulent green circular leaves with delicate light pink flowers that sit several inches above foliage. Blooms late winter-early spring. Rampant, but not invasive.

CULTURAL CONDITIONS: Grows in sun or shade in any soil, little water.

- **LAMPRANTHUS SPECTABILIS (TRAILING ICEPLANT)**

DESCRIPTION: 6-12 inches tall, not invasive, but spreads easily. Comes in red, rose, magenta, light pink floral colors. Covered in flowers giving a "carpet" like color in spring.

CULTURAL CONDITIONS: Grows in full sun in any soil, little water.