



PLANTS FOR EROSION CONTROL & HABITAT: Non-Natives

Desirable characteristics:

- Non-invasive ornamental species
- Commonly available at local nurseries
- Moderately sized
- Strong root systems to anchor soil in place
- Low-maintenance and/or drought-tolerant
- Provide wildlife benefits
- Evergreen plants recommended for greatest year-round benefit.
- Also consider: cultivars of Western red cedar and other conifers -some remain under 10 ft. in height.



EVERGREEN PLANTS (retain leaves in the winter)



Japanese Pieris

(*Pieris japonica*)

Broadleaf evergreen / Size: 4-12 ft. / Sun to part shade / Moist, well-drained acid soils / Quite drought tolerant when established.

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Strawberry tree

(*Arbutus unedo*)

Evergreen large shrub to small tree. Size: 8-30 ft. / Full sun / Moist to dry, well-drained soils / Drought tolerant once established / Blooms and fruit feed wildlife / Related to iconic native tree -Pacific Madrone.



Rhododendron

(*Rhododendron* sp.)

Evergreen with showy, pollinator-friendly blooms. Size: 5-20 ft. depending on species / Typ. part sun to shade/ Moderately dry to moist soils. Native Pacific Rhododendron is lovely. Image: © Creative commons License - Michael Garlick

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Manzanita

(*Arctostaphylos* sp.)

Very tough evergreen shrubs of various sizes and shapes. Prefer minimal care.

*Difficult to find. Size: ~3-15 ft. / Full Sun / Dry, well-drained soils / Typically extremely drought tolerant.



Rosemary

(*Rosmarinus officinalis*)

Evergreen Mediterranean shrub, edible, cold tolerance varies based on cultivar. Pollinators love the blooms. Size: ~2-6 ft. / Full sun preferred/ Moist to dry soils / Drought tolerant once established.

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CA lilac

(*Ceanothus* sp., wide variety)

Broadleaf evergreen shrubs of various sizes with lovely blue blooms and excellent pollinator benefits. Size: <2 to 15 ft. / Sun / Well-drained, dry to moderately dry soil / Very drought tolerant.

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Rock rose

(*Cistus* sp., wide variety)

Evergreen shrub, white and pink pollinator friendly blooms. Many varieties. Size: typ. 2-5 ft. / Full sun / Well-drained soils / Drought tolerant.

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Spiraea

(*Spiraea* sp., wide variety)

Deciduous shrub with showy flowers. Size: 2-5 ft. depending on cultivar / Full sun to part shade/ Moderately dry to moist soils. Pollinator-friendly blooms. Native Douglas spirea is lovely and forms thickets.

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Dwarf Alaska blue willow

(*Salix purpurea* 'Nana')

Deciduous willow shrub with delicate leaves that wave in the wind. Size: ~5 ft. / Full sun to part shade/ Moist to well-drained soils / Fairly drought tolerant once established.