Plant Native Hedges and Vines

Hedges and vines can not only provide privacy from neighbors, but also shade, habitat, and food for local and migrating birds. Create an evergreen living fence with colorful flowers, berries, and fall foliage.

Minimally prune native California hedges to create a dense, informal hedge or shear them for a formal look. Train them to grow flat against a wall or fence for narrow spaces.

Blue Glow Agave Agave x `Blue Glow`

Agave 'Blue Glow', (blue glow agave) 1-2 feet tall and 2-3 feet wide, symmetrical rosette of stiff, chalky blue-green leaves narrowly edged in yellow with tiny, red teeth and a terminal spine. Mature plants bear pale yellow flowers on a 10- to 15-foot stalk. Rosette dies after flowering and does not form offsets, but plantlets may form on the flower stalk. Hybrid of A. attenuata, native to the mountains of central Mexico, and A. ocahui, from mid-elevation desert regions of northeastern Mexico. Sun to light shade or afternoon shade, fast drainage. Leaves may yellow in hot sun.

Sunset: 8-9,12-24



Tree Aloe Aloe arborescens

Aloe arborescens (tree aloe), succulent, multiple 18-inch wide rosettes of narrow, softly toothed, gray-green or bluish green leaves on a branching stem, eventually forming a shrubby plant 6-10 feet tall and wide. Unbranched, 2-foot stalks bear red-orange, tubular flowers in fall and winter. Native to rocky soils in southern Africa from east of Cape Town to summer-rainfall Mozambique. Sun to light shade, well-drained soils. Good seaside plant.

Sunset: 8-9,12-24



Nubian Aloe Aloe camperi

Aloe camperi (Nubian aloe), succulent, 1-2 feet tall and wide, loose, long-stemmed rosette of narrow, strap-shaped, green leaves with softly toothed margins. Offsets freely to form a small colony. Branched, 3-foot stalks bear upright spikes of yellow, tubular flowers from bright orange buds in late spring. Native to rocky slopes at mid- to high elevations in northeastern Africa from Eritrea and Sudan to northern Ethiopia and Kenya. Sun to part shade or afternoon shade, excellent drainage. May be offered as A. eru.

Sunset: N/A





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Anacapa Pink Morning Glory Calystegia macrostegia 'Anacapa Pink'

Calystegia macrostegia 'Anacapa Pink' (Anacapa pink morning glory), evergreen vine, fast growing to 15-30 feet, with large, triangular, dark green leaves and white to pale pink, trumpet-shaped flowers from late spring through summer. Climbs by twining. Native to dry, rocky soils on the Channel Islands and mainland California from coastal Monterey County south to Baja California. Cut back annually in winter to control spread. Best along the coast. Cool sun, good drainage. May drop leaves in summer if grown dry.

Sunset: N/A

Toyon Heteromeles arbutifolia

Heteromeles arbutifolia (toyon), evergreen shrub, 8-15 feet tall and 6-12 feet wide, with leathery, dark green leaves and clusters of creamy white flowers at branch ends in summer followed by showy, bright red, winter berries. Native to mountains of coastal California and Sierra Nevada foothills north to southern Oregon and south to Baja California. Sun along the coast, part shade inland, most well-drained soils, good air circulation.

Sunset: 5-9,14-24





California Coffeeberry Frangula (Rhamnus) californica `Leatherleaf`

Frangula californica (coffeeberry) evergreen shrub, 6-10 feet tall and wide, with leathery, dark green leaves, pale green beneath, insignificant and greenish yellow flowers in late spring to early summer followed by showy, red fruits that age to black. Native to dry, sandy or rocky slopes from southwestern Oregon to northern Baja California and east to western New Mexico. Sun to shade, most well-drained soils. May be offered as Rhamnus.

Sunset: 3a-10,14-24



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Lemonade Berry Rhus integrifoila

Rhus integrifolia (lemonade berry), evergreen shrub, 3-12 feet tall and 10-15 feet wide, with leathery, dark green leaves with small, sharp marginal teeth, dense clusters of tiny, pink or white flowers in midwinter to spring, and red, berrylike fruits. Native to dry, open slopes along the coast from Santa Barbara County and the Channel Islands to northern Baja California. Sun to light shade, most well-drained soils.

Sunset: 8-9,14-17,19-24





Roger's Red California Wild Grape Vitis californica 'Roger's Red'

Vitis 'Roger's Red' (Roger's Red California wild grape), deciduous vine, fast-growing to 30 feet or more, with large, soft, slightly lobed and serrated leaves that turn brilliant red-orange in fall and small, purple fruit. Climbs by tendrils that attach tightly to nearby shrubs and trees. Hybrid between V. californica and the wine grape cultivar V. vinifera.'Alicante Bouschet'. Prune at any time to control spread. Sun to part shade, most soils.

Sunset: 4-24

