

Drought – Tolerant Plants for Pacific Northwest Gardens

Once established (planted a minimum of two years with adequate watering and cultural conditions), perennial and woody plants have a above average tolerance to drought conditions:

Key: s = full sun ps = partial shade sh = shade

TREES

Botanical Name	Common Name	Light	Botanical Name	Common Name	Light
Calocedrus decurrens	Incense cedar	s	Juglans species	Walnut	s
Cedrus deodara	Deodar cedar	s	Koelreutaria paniculata	Goldenrain tree	s
Chamaecyparis humilis	Mediterranean fan palm	s / ps	Nyssa sylvatica	Tupelo, Sour gum	s / ps
Corylus colurna	Turkish hazel	s	Pinus species (most)	Pine	s
Elaeagnus angustifolia	Russian olive	s	Quercus species (most)	Oak	s
Eucommia ulmoides	Hardy rubber tree	s	Robinia species	Locust	s
Ficus carica	Edible fig	s	Sequoiadendron giganteum	Giant sequoia	s
Gleditsia triacanthos	Honey locust	s			

SHRUBS and GROUND COVERS

Botanical Name	Common Name	Light	Botanical Name	Common Name	Light
Amelanchier alnifolia	Serviceberry	s / ps	Parrotia persica	Persian parrotia	s / ps
Arbutus unedo	Strawberry tree	s / ps	Philadelphus lewisii	Wild mock orange	s
Arctostaphylos species	Manzanita, Kinnikinnick	s	Philocarpus species	Ninebark	s
Berberis species	Barberry	s / ps	Prunus lusitanica	Portugal laurel	s / ps
Camellia sasanqua	Winter-blooming camellia	ps	Pyracantha species	Firethorn	s
Ceanothus species	Wild lilac	s	Rhus glabra or typhina	Sumac	s
Cistus species	Rock rose	s	Rosa rugosa	Ramanas rose	s
Cotinus coggygria	Smoke tree	s	Rosmarinus officinalis	Rosemary	s
Cotoneaster species	Cotoneaster	s	Senecio greyii	Senecio	s
Delosperma nubigenum	Hardy ice plant	s	Spartium junceum	Spanish broom	s
Gaultheria shallon	Salal	s / sh	Syringa vulgaris	Common lilac	s
Genista species	Broom	s	Tamarix species	Tamarisk	s
Hypericum species	St. Johnswort	s / ps	Taxus species	Yew	s / sh
Juniperus species	Juniper	s	Thymus species	Thyme	s
Kerria japonica	Kerria	s / sh	Vaccinium ovatum	Evergreen huckleberry	ps / sh
Lagerstroemia indica	Crape myrtle	s	Vaccinium parviflorum	Red huckleberry	ps / sh
Mahonia species	Oregon grape	s / sh	Vitex agnus-castus	Chaste tree	s
Microbiota decussata	Russian arborvitae	s / ps	Yucca species	Yucca	s
Myrica californica	Oregon wax myrtle	s / ps			

VINES

Botanical Name	Common Name	Light	Botanical Name	Common Name	Light
Clematis armandii	Evergreen clematis	s / ps	Wisteria species	Wisteria	s / ps
Lonicera species	Honeysuckle	s / ps			

PERENNIALS

Botanical Name	Common Name	Light	Botanical Name	Common Name	Light
Achillea	Yarrow	s	Anthemis	Golden marguerite	s
Anemone pulsatilla	Pasque flower	s / ps	Arabis	Wall rockcress	s
			Aquilegia	Columbine	s / ps

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Armeria	Thrift	s	Hemerocallis	Daylily	s / ps
Artemisia	Wormwood	s	Iberis sempervirens	Candytuft	s
Aurinia saxatilis	Basket of gold, alyssum	s / ps	Inula	Inula	s
Bergenia	Bergenia	s / ps	Kniphofia	Red hot poker	s
Catanache	Cupid's dart	s	Liatris	Blazing star	s
Centaurea	Perennial cornflower	s	Lavandula	Lavender	s
Centranthus	Jupiter's beard	s	Limonium	Perennial statice	s
Cerastium	Snow-in-the-summer	s	Linaria	Toadflax	s
Cheiranthus	Wallflower	s	Linum	Flax	s
Coreopsis	Coreopsis	s	Lychinis	Campion	s
Corydalis	Corydalis	ps	Malva	Mallow	s
Crocsmia	Montbretia	s	Matricaria	Feverfew	s / ps
Dianthus	Pinks	s	Oenothera	Evening primrose	s
Digitalis	Foxglove	s / ps	Perovskia	Russian sage	s / ps
Echinacea	Coneflower	s	Physalis	Chinese lantern	s
Echinops	Globe flower	s	Rudbeckia	Black-eyed Susan	s
Epimedium	Bishop's hat	ps	Salvia	Sage	s
Erigeron	Fleabane	s	Santolina	Lavender cotton	s
Erysimum	Wall flower	s	Sedum	Stoncrop	s
Euphorbia	Spurge	s	Sempervivum tectorum	Hen and chicks	s
Gaillardia	Blanket flower	s	Stokesia	Stoke's aster	s
Gaura	Gaura	s	Stachys	Lamb's ear	s
Geranium	Crane's bill	s	Thymus	Thyme	s
Botanical Name	Common Name	Light	Verbascum	Mullein	s
Gypsophila paniculata	Baby's breath	s	Verbena	Verbena	s
Helianthemum	Sun rose	s			
Helleborus	Hellebore	ps			

ANNUALS (tolerant of dry areas)

Name	Light	Name	Light
African daisy	s	Helichrysum (strawflower)	s
Calendula	s / ps	Helichrysum (immortale)	s
Camation	s	Ice plant	s
Celosia	s	Linaria	s
Chrysanthemum tricolor	s	Livingstone daisy	s
Centaurea	s	Marigold	s
Cleome	s	Nasturtium	s
Cosmos	s	Nicotiana	s / ps
Dahlberg daisy	s	Nigella	s
Dianthus	s	Portulaca	s
Dusty miller	s	Sanvitalia (creeping zinnia)	s
Fellela	s	Snapdragon	s
Gazania	s	Statice	s
Gomphrena	s	Vinca	s
		Zinnia	s

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