

# Invasive Horticultural Plants of the DESERT

Below are recommended alternatives to the invaders in Sunset Zones 10-13 that are beautiful and appropriate for your climate. These ideas are suggestions to get you started – ask your local nursery professional about what plants will thrive in your garden with and without irrigation. Choose non-invasive alternatives to protect California's wildlands and wildlife.



## INVASIVE PLANT

## RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVES

<b>arundo / giant reed</b> <i>Arundo donax</i>	clumping bamboos (e.g., <i>Bambusa multiplex</i> 'Golden Goddess,' <i>B. oldhamii</i> ) New Zealand flax ( <i>Phormium tenax</i> )
<b>green fountain grass</b> <i>Pennisetum setaceum</i>	blue oat grass ( <i>Helictotrichon sempervirens</i> ) deer grass ( <i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i> ) sedge ( <i>Carex</i> spp.)
<b>Russian olive</b> <i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>	Arizona cypress ( <i>Cupressus arizonica</i> ) desert willow / desert catalpa ( <i>Chilopsis linearis</i> ) fruitless olive ( <i>Olea europaea</i> 'Swan Hill', 'Majestic Beauty') - for Sunset Zones 11-13
<b>saltcedar</b> <i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>	Australian willow / geijera ( <i>Geijera parviflora</i> ) - for Sunset Zones 12-13 desert willow / desert catalpa ( <i>Chilopsis linearis</i> ) Western redbud ( <i>Cercis occidentalis</i> )

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