

# Invasive Horticultural Plants of the NORTH AND CENTRAL COAST



Below are recommended alternatives to the invaders in Sunset Zones 14-17 that are beautiful, vigorous, 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! 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>blue gum eucalyptus</b> <i>Eucalyptus globulus</i>	bald cypress ( <i>Taxodium distichum</i> ) fernleaf Catalina ironwood ( <i>Lyonothamnus floribundus asplenifolius</i> ) non-invasive eucalyptus ( <i>Eucalyptus</i> spp.)
<b>brooms</b> <i>Cytisus scoparius</i> , <i>Cytisus striatus</i> , <i>Genista monspessulana</i> , <i>Retama monosperma</i> , <i>Spartium junceum</i>	forsythia ( <i>Forsythia x intermedia</i> ) - for Sunset Zones 14-16 shrubby cinquefoil ( <i>Potentilla fruticosa</i> ) yellow bush daisy ( <i>Euryops pectinatus</i> )
<b>capeweed</b> fertile and infertile <i>Arctotheca calendula</i>	African daisy ( <i>Arctotis hybrids</i> ) dymondia ( <i>Dymondia margaretae</i> ) manzanita groundcovers ( <i>Arctostaphylos edmundsii</i> , <i>A.</i> 'Emerald Carpet')
<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>iceplants</b> highway and crystalline <i>Carpobrotus edulis</i> , <i>Mesembryanthemum crystallinum</i>	beach strawberry / woody strawberry ( <i>Fragaria chiloensis</i> or <i>F. vesca</i> ) myoporum groundcover ( <i>Myoporum parvifolium</i> 'Prostratum') non-invasive iceplant ( <i>Delosperma cooperi</i> )
<b>myoporum</b> <i>Myoporum laetum</i>	griselinia ( <i>Griselinia littoralis</i> ) sweet bay ( <i>Laurus nobilis</i> ) toyon / Christmas berry / California holly ( <i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i> )
<b>pampas grass</b> unnamed cultivars <i>Cortaderia jubata</i> and <i>C. selloana</i>	deer grass ( <i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i> ) giant rye ( <i>Leymus condensatus</i> 'Canyon Prince') pink muhly grass ( <i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i> )
<b>periwinkle</b> <i>Vinca major</i>	hardy geranium ( <i>Geranium Rozanne</i> ®) star jasmine ( <i>Trachelospermum asiaticum</i> ) sweet box groundcover ( <i>Sarcococca hookerana humilis</i> )
<b>Russian olive</b> <i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>	Arizona cypress ( <i>Cupressus arizonica</i> ) fruitless olive ( <i>Olea europaea</i> 'Swan Hill', 'Majestic Beauty', 'Little Ollie')
<b>saltcedar</b> <i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>	Australian willow / geijera ( <i>Geijera parviflora</i> ) Western redbud ( <i>Cercis occidentalis</i> )
<b>scarlet wisteria</b> <i>Sesbania punicea</i>	Brazilian flame bush ( <i>Calliandra tweedii</i> ) - for Sunset Zones 15-17 crape myrtle ( <i>Lagerstroemia</i> spp.) - for Sunset Zone 14 gold medallion tree ( <i>Cassia leptophylla</i> ) - for Sunset Zones 15-16

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