

Invasive Horticultural Plants of the SOUTH COAST



Below are recommended alternatives to the invaders in Sunset Zones 18-24 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
arundo / giant reed <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>)
blue gum eucalyptus <i>Eucalyptus globulus</i>	bald cypress (<i>Taxodium distichum</i>) fernleaf Catalina ironwood (<i>Lyonothamnus floribundus asplenifolius</i>) - for Sunset Zones 19-24 non-invasive eucalyptus (<i>Eucalyptus</i> spp.)
brooms <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 18-19 shrubby cinquefoil (<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>) - for Sunset Zones 18-21 yellow bush daisy (<i>Euryops pectinatus</i>)
green fountain grass <i>Pennisetum setaceum</i>	blue oat grass (<i>Helictotrichon sempervirens</i>) deer grass (<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>) sedge (<i>Carex</i> spp.)
iceplants 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>)
myoporum <i>Myoporum laetum</i>	griselinia (<i>Griselinia littoralis</i>) - for Sunset Zones 20-24 sweet bay (<i>Laurus nobilis</i>) toyon (<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>)
pampas grass 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>)
periwinkle <i>Vinca major</i>	hardy geranium (<i>Geranium Rozanne</i> ®) Serbian bellflower (<i>Campanula poscharskyana</i>) star jasmine (<i>Trachelospermum asiaticum</i>) sweet box groundcover (<i>Sarcococca hookerana humilis</i>)
saltcedar <i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>	Australian willow / geijera (<i>Geijera parviflora</i>) desert willow / desert catalpa (<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>) - for Sunset Zones 18-23 Western redbud (<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>)

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