

SONORAN DESERT PLANT LIST

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TREES								
<i>Acacia abyssinica</i>	Abyssinican Acacia	25 x 25	E	Spring	Yellow	20	Moderate	thorns, some litter, allergy
<i>Acacia aneura</i>	Mulga	20 x 15	E	Fall	Yellow	10	Slow	
<i>Acacia berlandieri</i>	Guajillo acacia	15 x 10	Semi	Spring	Cream	20	Moderate	some litter, thorns
<i>Acacia farnesiana</i>	Desert Sweet Acacia	20 x 20	E	Winter	Yellow	12	Moderate	thorns, litter, allergy
<i>Acacia schaffneri</i>	Twisted Acacia	18 x 20	D	Spring	Yellow	17	Moderate	thorns, some litter, allergy
<i>Acacia stenophylla</i>	Shoestring Acacia	30 x 20	E	Fall	White	18	Fast	
<i>Caesalpinia cacalaco</i>	Cascalote	15 x 15	D	Spring	Yellow	25	Moderate	some litter, thorns
<i>Cercidium floridum</i>	Blue Palo Verde	34 x 30	D	Spring	Yellow	15	Fast	some litter, thorns
<i>Cercidium microphyllum</i>	Foothill Palo Verde	20 x 20	D	Spring	Yellow	12	Slow	some litter, thorns
<i>Cercidium praecox</i>	Palo Brea	20 x 20	D	Spring	Yellow	22	Moderate	thorns
<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>	Desert Willow	25 x 20	D	Summer	Pink, Lavender	10	Fast	litter
<i>Lysiloma microphylla</i>	Desert Fern	15 x 12	Semi	Spring	White	25	Moderate	some litter
<i>Olneya tesota</i>	Ironwood	30 x 30	D	Spring	lavender	15	Slow	thorns
<i>Pithecellobium flexicaule</i>	Texas Ebony	25 x 20	E	Spring	cream	10	Slow	some litter, thorns
<i>Prosopis alba</i>	Argentine Mesquite	30 x 20	D	Spring	White	18	Fast	some litter, thorns, allergy
<i>Prosopis chilensis</i>	Chilean Mesquite	30 x 20	D	Spring	White	18	Fast	some litter, thorns, allergy
<i>Prosopis glandulosa</i>	Texas Mesquite	20 x 20	D	Spring	White	0	Fast	some litter, thorns, allergy
<i>Prosopis pubescens</i>	Screwbean Mesquite	20 x 20	D	Spring	White	18	Moderate	some litter, thorns, allergy
<i>Prosopis velutina</i>	Arizona Velvet Mesquite	30 x 20	D	Spring	White	10	Fast	some litter, thorns, allergy
<i>Ungnadia speciosa</i>	Mexican Buckeye	30 x 20	D	Spring	Pink	5	Fast	some litter
SHRUBS								
<i>Aloysia lycioides (gratissima)</i>	Bee Bush	5 x 5	D	Spring	White W/ Purple Tinge	15	Moderate	
<i>Anisacanthus thurberi</i>	Desert Honeysuckle	5 x 3	D	Summer	Orange	25		
<i>Asclepias lineria</i>	Pine-leaf Milkweed	1 x 1	E	Spring	White	25	Moderate	
<i>Atriplex l. breweri</i>	Old Man Salt Bush	6 x 9	E	Spring	White	30	Moderate	
<i>Buddleia marrubifolia</i>	Woolly Butterfly Bush	5 x 5	E	Sp & Sum	Orange	15	Moderate	
<i>Caesalpinia gilliesii</i>	Desert Bird of Paradise	5 x 5	D	Sp & Sum	Yellow	5	Slow	

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Caesalpinia mexicana	Mexican Bird of Paradise	10 x 10	E	Summer	Yellow	18	Moderate	
Caesalpinia pucherrima	Red Bird of Paradise	6 x 6	D	Summer	Orange	30	Fast	some litter
Calliandra californica	Baja Fairy Duster	5 x 5	Semi	Sp – F	Red	20	Moderate	
Calliandra eriophylla	Pink Fairy Duster	3 x 4	Semi	Sp – F	Pink	0	Moderate	
Cassia artemisoides	Feathery Cassia	6 x 6	E	Spring	Yellow	15	Fast	some litter
Cassia biflora	Twin Flower Cassia	6 x 5	D	Summer	Yellow	25	Moderate	
Cassia candolleana	Cassia	6 x 6	E	Spring	Yellow	20	Moderate	some litter
Cassia circinnata	Coil Pod Cassia	6 x 6	E	Spring & Winter	Yellow	20		
Cassia nemophilla	Desert Cassia	6 x 6	E	Spring	Yellow	20	Fast	some litter
Cassia phyllodenia	Silver Leaf Cassia	6 x 6	E	Sp & Sum	Yellow	22	Fast	some litter
Cassia wislizenii	Shrubby Cassia	10 x 6	D	Sp – Fall	Yellow	0	Moderate	some litter
Celtis pallida	Desert Hackberry	10 x 10	E	Spring	Greenish	20	Slow	thorns
Cordia boissieri	Anachuita	10 x 10	E	Summer	White	22	Moderate	
Cordia parvifolia	Little Leaf Cordia	4 x 8	D	Sp – Fall	White	18	Moderate	
Dalea pulchra	Pea Bush	5 x 5	E	W – Sp	Violet	5	Fast	
Dodonaea viscosa	Hop Bush	12 x 6	E	insignificant		15	Moderate	(also 'Purpurea')
Encelia farinosa	Brittlebush	3 x 4	E	Spring	Yellow	26	Fast	allergens
Ephedra trifurca	Mormon Tea	2 x 5	E	Spring	Cones	25	Moderate	
Ericameria laricifolia/ Haplopappus laricifolius	Turpentine Bush	2 x 2	E	Fall	Yellow	0	Moderate	
Ergonum fasciculatum	California Buckwheat	1 x 3	E	Spring	White, Pink	15	Moderate	
Euphorbia antisyphilitica	Candellila	1 x 1	D	Spring	Pink & White	15	Slow	
Fouquieria splendens	Ocotillo	20 x 15	D	Spring	Red	0	Slow	thorns
Justica californica	Chuparosa	6 x 6	Semi	F – Sp	Red	25	Moderate	
Hyptis emoryi	Desert Lavender	6 x 5	E	Spring	Blue	22	Moderate	Bees
Justica candidans	Red Justica	3 x 4	E	Spring	Red	25	Fast	
Justica spicigera	Mexican Honeysuckle	3 x 4	E	Sp – Fall	Orange	24	Moderate	
Lantana camera	Bush Lantana	5 x 5	D	Sp – Fall	Varies	30	Fast	
Larrea tridentata	Creosote Bush	8 x 6	E	Sp – Fall	Yellow	0	Slow	
Leucophyllum candidum	Cenzio	5 x 5	E	Sum & Fall	Purple	10	Moderate	
Leucophyllum frutescens	Texas Sage	6 x 6	E	Sum & Fall	Purple	10	Moderate	
Leucophyllum frutescens	'Compacta'	5 x 5	E	Sum & Fall	Purple	10	Moderate	

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<i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i>	'Green Cloud'	6 x 6	E	Sum & Fall	Purple	10	Fast	
<i>Leucophyllum laevigatum</i>	Chihuahuan Sage	6 x 6	E	Sum & Fall	Purple	10	Fast	
<i>Leucophyllum langmanniae</i>	Rio Bravo Sage	3 x 3	E	Summer	Blue	10	Moderate	
<i>Leucophyllum pruinoseum</i>	Sierra Bouquet	4 x 5	E	Summer	Periwinkle	10	Moderate	
<i>Leucophyllum zygophyllum</i>	Blue Ranger	4 x 3	E	Summer	Purple-violet	20	Moderate	
<i>Rhus ovata</i>	Sugar Bush	12 x 12	E	Spring	Pink	10	Slow	
<i>Rhus trilobata</i>	Squaw Bush	10 x 6	E	Spring	White	5	Moderate	
<i>Rhus virens</i>	Evergreen Sumac	10 x 16	E	Spring	White	5	Moderate	
<i>Ruellia peninsularis</i>	Baja Ruellia	4 x 4	E	Sp – Fall	Purple	28	Moderate	
<i>Salvia chamaedryoides</i>	Mexican Blue Sage	2 x 2	E	Sp – Fall	Blue	15	Moderate	
<i>Salvia clevelandii</i>	Chaparral Sage	4 x 6	E	Spring	Blue-Violet	10	Moderate	
<i>Salvia coccinea</i>	Cherry Sage	3 x 2	E	Spring	Red	30	Fast	protect from freezing
<i>Salvia greggii</i>	Autumn Sage	3 x 3	E	Sp – Fall	Varies	0	Moderate	
<i>Salvia leucantha</i>	Mexican Bush Sage	3 x 3	E	Sum & Fall	Lavender	26	Moderate	
<i>Salvia leucophylla</i>	Purple Sage	3 x 3	E	Spring	Lavender	20	Moderate	
<i>Simmondsia Chinensis</i>	Jojoba	6 x 6	E		Yellow-green	18	Slow	
<i>Sophora secundiflora</i>	Texas Mountain Laurel	15 x 10	E	Spring	Purple	0	Slow	
<i>Sphaeralcea ambigua</i>	Globe Mallow	3 x 3	E	Spr & Fall	Bluegreen	5	Moderate	
<i>Tecoma stans v. angustata</i>	Arizona Yellow Bells	10 x 6	Semi	Sp – Fall	Yellow	10	Fast	some litter
<i>Vauquelinia californica</i>	Arizona Rosewood	15 x 10	E	Spring	White	0	Slow	
<i>Zizyphus obtusifolia</i>	Greythorn	10 x 10	D		Inconspicuous	15		thorns, blue-black berries
GROUNDCOVERS								
<i>Baccharis 'Centennial'</i>	Desert Broom Hybrid	2 x 6	E	none	White	15	Fast	
<i>Baileya multiradiata</i>	Desert Marigold	1 x 1	E	Sp – Fall	Yellow	10	Moderate	
<i>Dalea greggii</i>	Trailing Indigo Bush	18" x 6'	E	Spring	Purple	15	Fast	
<i>Dyssodia pentachaeta</i>	Golden Fleece/Dahlberg Daisy	6 x 6	E	Sp – Fall	Yellow	10	Fast	

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<i>Lantana montevidensis</i>	Trailing Lantana	1 x 6	D	Sp – Fall	Purple	25	Fast	
<i>Melampodium leucanthum</i>	Blackfoot Daisy	1 x 2	E	Sp – Fall	White	10	Moderate	
<i>Oenothera berlandieri</i>	Mexican Evening Primrose	1 x 4	D	Sp & Fall	Pink	0	Fast	
<i>Oenothera caespitosa</i>	White Evening Primrose	1 x 2	E	Sp – Fall	White	10	Moderate	
<i>Stachys coccinea</i>	Texas Betony	1 x 2	E	Sp & Fall	Coral	32	Moderate	
<i>Verbena gooddingii</i>	Goodding's Verbena	1 x 3	E	Spring	Lavender	10	Moderate	
<i>Verbena pulchella</i>	Moss Verbena	1 x 2	E	Sp – Fall	Purple	20	Fast	
<i>Verbena rigida</i>	Sandpaper Verbena	2 x 2	E	Sp – Fall	Purple	15	Fast	
<i>Zauschneria californica</i>	California Fuchsia	1 x 4	D	Sp & Fall	Orange	20	Moderate	
<i>Zinnia grandiflora</i>	Prairie Zinna	6" x 1'	E	Sp – Fall	Yellow/ Orange	10	Moderate	
VINES								
<i>Antigonon leptopus</i>	'Baja Red'/Queen's Wreath/Coral Vine	40 x 20	D	Sum & Fall	Red	30	Fast	
<i>Macfadyena unguis-cati</i>	Cat's Claw Vine	20 x 15	E	Spring	Yellow	15	Fast	some litter
<i>Mascagnia lilacaena</i>	Lilac Orchid Vine	10 x 20	E	Summer	Lavender	25	Fast	
<i>Merremia aurea</i>	Yellow Morning Glory Vine	15 x 10	E	Spring	Yellow	26	Fast	
ACCENTS								
<i>Agave colorata</i>	Mescal Ceniza	2 x 2	E	Spr-Fall	Yellow	15	Moderate	thorns
<i>Agave parryi</i>	Perry's Agave	2 x 2	E	Spr-Fall	Yellow	15	Moderate	thorns
<i>Agave vilmoriniana</i>	Octopus Agave	4 x 4	E	Spr-Fall	Yellow	25	Fast	
<i>Aloe barbadensis</i>	Medicinal Aloe	2 x 2	E	Spring	Yellow	24	Fast	thorns
<i>Aloe ferox</i>	Tree Aloe	10 x 2	E	Win & Sp	Orange	24	Fast	thorns
<i>Aquilegia chrysantha</i>	Golden Columbine	3 x 3	E	Sp – Fall	Yellow	18	Moderate	
<i>Asclepias subulata</i>	Desert Milkweed	3 x 3	E	Sp – Fall	White	20	Moderate	
<i>Cereus hildmannianus</i>	Hildmann's Cereus	15 x 10	E	Sp & Sum	White	15	Moderate	thorns
<i>Dasyilirion wheeleri</i>	Desert Spoon / Sotol	4 x 4	E	Spring	White	0	Slow	thorns
<i>Echinocactus grusonii</i>	Golden Barrel	2 x 3	E	Spring	Yellow	10	Slow	thorns
<i>Echinocereus engelmannii</i>	Hedgehog Cactus	10" x 3'	E	Spring	Purple	10	Slow	thorns

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<i>Echinopsis multiplex</i>	Easter Lily Cactus	1 x 2	E	Sp & Sum	Varies	15	Moderate	thorns
<i>Ferocactus acanthodes</i>	Compass Barrel	4 x 2	E	Spring	Yellow/ Orange	10	Slow	thorns
<i>Hesperaloe parviflora</i>	Red Yucca / Hesperaloe	3 x 3	E	Sp – Fall	Coral	0	Moderate	
<i>Lophocereus schottii</i>	Forma monstrosus/Totem Pole Cactus	10 x 4	E	Spring	Pink	15	Slow	
<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	Deer Grass	4 X 4	Semi	Fall	Tan	10	Fast	
<i>Opuntia acanthocarpa</i>	Buckhorn Cholla	5 x 5	E	Spring	Varies	10	Moderate	thorns
<i>Opuntia basilaris</i>	Beavertail Prickly Pear	1 x 4	E	Spring	Fuchsia	0	Slow	thorns
<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i>	Indian Fig	10 x 10	E	Spring	Yellow	15	Moderate	thorns
<i>Opuntia phaeacantha</i>	Engelmann's Prickly Pear	3 x 4	E	Spring	Yellow	0	Moderate	thorns
<i>Opuntia violacea</i> v. 'Santa Rita'	Purple Prickly Pear	3 x 4	E	Spring	Yellow	0	Moderate	thorns
<i>Penstemon eatonii</i>	Firecracker Penstemon	2 x 2	E	Spring	Red	18	Moderate	
<i>Penstemon parryi</i>	Parry's Penstemon	3 x 2	E	Spring	Hot Pink	18	Moderate	
<i>Penstemon pseudospectabilis</i>	Canyon Penstemon	3 x 2	E	Spring	Fuchsia	10	Moderate	thorns
<i>Penstemon superbus</i>	Superb Penstemon	3 x 3	E	Spring	Coral	5	Moderate	thorns
<i>Stenocereus marginatus</i>	Mexican Organ Pipe	10 x 10	E	Spring	Pink	20	Fast	thorns
<i>Yucca aloifolia</i>	Spanish Bayonet	10 x 10	E	Spring	White	15	Moderate	thorns
<i>Yucca baccata</i>	Banana Yucca	3 x 6	E	Spring	White	5	Slow	thorns
<i>Yucca brevifolia</i>	Joshua Tree	30 x 15	E	Spring	White	0	Slow	thorns
<i>Yucca elata</i>	Soaptree Yucca	20 x 10	E	Spring	White	0	Slow	
<i>Yucca rigida</i>	Blue Yucca	8 x 3	E	Spring	White	10	Slow	thorns