Garden-Worthy Native Trees and Shrubs

Sunny, Dry Valleys, Foothills

Evergreen

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Common Name	Botanical Name	Type	Height	Comment;		
Blue Blossom	Ceanothus thyrsiflorus	Shrub	12'-20'	One of the largest, hardiest ceanothus.		
California wax myrtle	Myrica californica	Shrub	10'-30'	Waxy berries. Clay tolerant.		
Canyon Live Oak	Quercus chrysolepis	Tree	30'-80'	Holly like and smooth leaves on same tree.		
Coastal silktassel	Garrya elliptical	Shrub	8'-20'	Select male plant for longest tassles. Can be trained as small tree.		
Coffeeberry	Rhamnus californica	Shrub	4'-8'			
Douglas Fir	Pseudotsuga menziesii	Tree	80'-160'	Oregon's state tree. Unusual cones.		
Fremont silktassel	Garrya fremontii	Shrub	to 10'	Takes heat better than coastal species.		
Gray rabbitbrush	Chrysothamnus nauseous	Shrub	to 7'	Common roadside shrub. Yellow blooms.		
Greenleaf manzanita	Arctostaphylos patula	Shrub	to 6'	In wild, best above 2500'.		
Incense cedar	Calocedrus decurrens	Tree	70'-100'			
Pacific Madrone	Arbutus menziesii	Tree	60'-100'	Red berries attract birds.		
Ponderosa Pine	Pinus ponderosa	Tree	60'-100'	Prickly cones. Not for small sites.		
Snowbrush	Ceanothus velutinus	Shrub	2'-10'	Leaves have spicy odor.		
Tanbark oak	Lithocarpus densiflorus	Tree	40'-80'	Bristly caps on acorns.		
Whiteleaf manzanita	Arctostaphylos viscida	Shrub	to 9'	Can be trained as small tree. Clay tolerant.		
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Birchleaf mountain mahogany	Cerocarpus betuloides	Shrubby tree	e 15'-30'	Needs careful pruning in garden setting.		
California black oak	Quercus kelloggii	Tree	40'-80'	Tolerant of some moisture; huge acorns.		
California buckeye	Aesculus californica	Tree/Shrub	10'-30'	Toxic seeds.		
Deerbrush	Ceanothus integerrimus	Shrub	4'-12'			
Oregon white oak	Quercus garryana	Tree	40'-80'	Prefers open, dry habitat.		
Western redbud	Cercis occidentalis	Shrub	10'-18'	Purplish flowers on bare wood.		
Western serviceberry	Amelanchier alnifolia	Shrub	to 30'	Flowers, edible fruit.		
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Moist Riparian and Understory

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Common Name	Botanical Name	Type	Height	Comment;		
Evergreen huckleberry	Vaccinium ovatum	Shrub	to 10'	Acid soil; edible berries.		
Myrtlewood, California bay	Umbellularia californica	Tree	60'-100'	Leaves have camphor-like smell.		
Oregon boxwood	Paxistima myrsinites	Shrub	1'-2'	Resembles huckleberry except has opposite leaves.		
Oregon Grape	Mahonia aquifolium	Shrub	1'-4'	Oregon's state flower. Needs wet soil through summer.		
Rhododendron	Rhododendron macrophyllum	Shrub	to 12'	Needs moist, acid soil; part shade.		
Salal	Gaultheria shallon	Shrub	1'-10'	Acid soil; understory shrub.		
Toyon	Heteromeles arbutifolia	Shrub	6'-10'	Large red berries.		
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Common Name	Botanical Name	Туре	Height	Comment;		
Blue elderberry	Sambucus mexicana	Shrub	10'-20'	Sometimes sold as S. cerulea. Should be cooked before human consumption. Flowers resembel fuchsias. Plant is spiny.		
Gummy (Lobb's) gooseber	r Ribes lobbii	Shrub	to 3'	sticky.		
Indian plum, osoberry	Oemleria cerasiformis	Shrub	to 15'			
Ocean Spray	Holodiscus discolor	Shrub	to 15'	Creamy flowers in dense terminal cluster. Needs wet soil through summer.		
Oregon Ash	Fraxinus latifolia	Tree	40'-80'	Needs wet soil through summer.		
Pacific dogwood	Cornus nuttalli	Tree	20'-50'	Beautiful in all seasons.		
Redflowering currant	Ribes samguineum	Shrub	to 10'	Scarlet flowers in racemes.		
Redtwig dogwood	Cornus stolonifera	Shrub	to 15'	Prune out old canes; new growth has best red color.		
Snowberry	Symphoricarpos alba	Shrub	to 6'	White berries. Needs wet soil through summer.		
Vine maple	Acer ciricinatum	Tree	20'-30'	Many-trunked; rich fall color.		
Western azalea	Rhododendron occidentale	Shrub	to 10'	Does best in acid soil, part shade.		
Western ninebark	Physocarpus capitatus	Shrub	to 12'	Grow for maple-like leaves and shreddy bark. Needs wet soil through summer.		
Western spicebush	Calycanthus occidentalis	Shrub	4'-12'	Spicy fragrant flowers, leaves.		
Western spirea	Spiraea douglasii	Shrub	2'-4'	Pink flower heads in summer.		
Wild mock orange	Philadelphus lewisii	Shrub	to 12'	Fragrant white blooms; tolerates drought.		
Wood rose	Rosa gymnocarpa	Shrub	to 6'	Sometimes called "Baldhip" because sepals drop off hips when ripe.		
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