

70 Cottonwood Landscape Plants

History: The landscape design and planting were completed on November 29, 2016 after several work sessions by dedicated master gardeners & family members. The original committee was Mary Yaussy (project lead), Linda Magrum & husband Chuck (landscape designers), Gail Jankowski (advised on plant selection), & Arlen Feldman (irrigation installer). The project was 100% funded by the master gardeners out of the General Fund as a gift to the UCCE office and dedicated to Kent Brittan, MG program director, instructor, and UCCE farm advisor

The landscape was designed to solve three issues: 1. Safety and security, the original tall bushes provided hiding spots for drug exchanges & sleepovers. The goal to keep new plants low, uncomfortable, & tough to discourage unwanted overnight visitors. 2. Flooding issues, during rainy seasons the water would pour out the downspouts into the parking lot. To resolve this tubing was added to the open downspouts, water then was directed into a dry creek rock bed. The rocks were purchased from CL Smith. 3. The old landscape was overgrown pittosporum and privets with broken sprinkler heads and ¼" irrigation tubing. Low water, low maintenance, & colorful plants that would grow in Yolo Co. were selected from Lemuria (in Dixon) and installed. Netafim ½" irrigation tubing was laid along with a soaker hose along the building wall. "Walk on Fir" mulch from CL Smith was finishing touch. The color scheme is orange, purple, & yellow. The irrigation is controlled by Pete Philips, Yolo Co. Irrigation supervisor. It runs 2x week for 1 hour.

No.	Scientific Name	Common Name	Notes
1	<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	Oregon grape	Tolerates shade along side of building; not conducive to sheltering transients; provides winter flower color; birds-attracting berries
2	<i>Leucophyllum langmaniae</i> 'Lynn's Legacy'	Lynn's Legacy Texas ranger	Highly drought-tolerant, long-season flowering
3	<i>Phormium tenax</i> 'Firebird'	Firebird New Zealand flax	Shape, height and color provide accents in the otherwise shrub-filled line of foundation plantings
4	<i>Verbena bonariensis</i>	tall verbena	Very drought-tolerant; tall, airy, flower clusters will complement the nearby grasses
5	<i>Anemanthele lessoniana</i> / <i>Stipa arundinacea</i>	pheasant's tail grass/New Zealand wind grass	Provides year-round contrast and color to a predominantly green landscape
6	<i>Callistemon viminalis</i> 'Little John'	Little John bottlebrush	Flowers over a long season, attracts hummingbirds and bees
7	<i>Aloe striata</i>	coral aloe	Very drought-tolerant; spring color; leaf structure provides bold contrast to other plants
8	<i>Zephyranthes candida</i>	Argentine rain lily, fairy lily	Small-scale plant for front of border, flowers in fall
9	<i>Astericus maritimus</i>	gold coin	Bright yellow flowers over a long season
10	<i>Lavandula dentata</i>	French lavender	Flowers over long season, attracts butterflies
11	<i>Leonotis leonurus</i>	lion's tail	Very drought-tolerant; tall plant for back of border; flowers over long season; attracts, birds, bees and butterflies
12	<i>Sedum</i> 'Autumn Joy'	Autumn Joy stonecrop	Tough, low maintenance plant; flower color persists after flowers dry
13	<i>Leucophyllum zygophyllum</i> 'Cimarron'	Cimarron Texas ranger	Small and compact form of this drought-tolerant shrub; silver foliage provides contrast to the surrounding green foliage
14	<i>Achillea</i> 'Moonshine'	Moonshine yarrow	Long-season color, attracts butterflies
15	<i>Yucca desmetiana</i> 'Blue Boy'	Blue Boy yucca	Very drought-tolerant; low maintenance; architectural form and maroon-tinted foliage
16	<i>Hesperaloe parviflora</i> , red	red yucca	Very drought-tolerant; low maintenance; attracts hummingbirds
17	<i>Erigeron glaucus</i> 'Wayne Roderick'	Wayne Roderick seaside daisy	Tough, low maintenance plant for front of border
18	<i>Zauchneria californica</i> / <i>Epilobium canum</i>	California fuchsia	CA native; blooms from summer through fall; attracts hummingbirds
19	<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i> 'Shasta Sulphur'	Shasta Sulphur buckwheat	Very drought-tolerant; long-season flowering, attracts wide variety of pollinators

20	Caryopteris x ^{1 - narrow} clandonensis	^{blue beard} blue mist	Long season flowering, attracts wide variety of pollinators
21	Penstemon heterophyllus 'Margareta BOP'	beard tongue	CA native, showy blue-purple flowers in spring and fall
22	Teucrium x ^{2 - small} lucidrys	germander	Low maintenance plant for front of border, attracts pollinators
23	Bulbine frutescens 'Hallmark' ^{1 - small}	orange cape balsam	Very drought-tolerant, long flowering season
24	Nandina domestica ^{1 - large}	heavenly bamboo	Grows well in dry shade; will fill a space where one is missing and is needed for symmetry