Selecting Russian River-Friendly Plants

Choosing Russian River-Friendly plants will add beauty to your yard and enhance the ecological health of lands and creeks in the Russian River watershed. The River-Friendly plants shown below are examples of non-invasive plants that naturally grow in California and similar climates. These plants are well-suited to the temperature, rainfall, and soil conditions of the Russian River watershed. They require little water, fertilizers, and pesticides to thrive. Plants marked with a 🌿 are native to California.

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GROUND COVERS

Dwarf Coyote Brush
Baccharis pilularis (dwarf cultivars)

Prostrate California Lilac
Ceanothus gloriosus, C. maritimus

California Fuchsia
Epilobium spp.

Groundcover Manzanita
Arctostaphylos uva-ursi, A. edmundsii

SMALL TREES

Strawberry Tree
Arbutus unedo

Pineapple Guava
Feijoa sellowiana

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

Blue Fescue
Festuca glauca

Lindheimer’s Muhly Grass
Muhlenbergia lindheimeri

SHRUBS

California Coffeeberry
Rhamnus californica

Flannelbush
Fremontodendron californicum

Red Flowering Currant
Ribes sanguineum

Heavenly Bamboo
Nandina domestica

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