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.

For more information, visit www.rrwatershed.org

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**
  
  *Acca sellowiana*

- **Blue Fescue**
  
  *Festuca glauca*

- **Lindheimer’s Muhly Grass**
  
  *Muhlenbergia lindheimeri*

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

SHRUBS

- **California Coffeeberry**
  
  *Rhamnus californica*

- **Flannelbush**
  
  *Fremontodendron californicum*

- **Red Flowering Currant**
  
  *Ribes sanguineum*

- **Heavenly Bamboo**
  
  *Nandina domestica*


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