

The Waterwise Garden

Not just cactus - discover more water-thrifty plants


LOOK FOR:

A variety of forms, from trees and shrubs to perennials and ground covers.

Similar characteristics of these drought-tolerant plants include small, waxy, succulent, or fuzzy leaves, often with gray or silver coloration. In this wild, denser garden setting, supplemental water is provided every 2-4 weeks.

The tallest tree in the garden, a desert willow, is native to the southwestern US and is well-adapted to summer drought.

NOTES:



Dryland plants are used to growing lean and mean. Excess water and fertility tend to produce lanky, floppy growth and can shorten the plant's lifespan. For true drought tolerance in our region, select plants from areas with similarly hot, rainless summers and low humidity.

