

## Balboa Park Plant List



### *Aechmea blanchetiana*



**Family:** Bromeliaceae - Bromeliad

Evergreen Perennial

**Height:** 18-24" **Width:** 24"

The attractive orange foliage with red tips of this easy-care bromeliad is a perfect background for the brilliant, springtime flower stalk, which emerges from the tight center rosette of leaves. The flower stalk is composed of a cluster of red and yellow showy bracts. It is the long-lasting bracts that are most noticeable.



### *Aeonium urbicum*

**'Salad Bowl'**



**Family:** Crassulaceae - Crassula

Evergreen Succulent

**Height:** 1-1.5' **Width:** 1-3'

Hugh green rosettes up to 2 feet across look like giant salad bowls. Cream flowers during the summer.



### *Agave 'Blue Flame'*



**Family:** Agavaceae

Evergreen Succulent

**Height:** 2-3' **Width:** 2-3'

Forms clumps with rosettes. The flexible blue-green leaves have finely serrate margins and terminal spine. The blue cast to the leaves form from a glaucous waxy cuticle that covers the surface of the younger leaves. This feature can be enhanced by promoting new growth and vigor by giving regular irrigation and fertilizer and avoiding overhead water that can wash the leaf surface.



### *Agave 'Blue Glow'*

**Blue Glow Agave**



**Family:** Agavaceae

Evergreen Succulent

**Height:** 1' **Width:** 18"

A beautiful smaller Agave with solitary rosettes with 10 inch long by 1-1 1/2 inch wide blue green leaves that have red margins bearing tiny soft spines and a stout short red terminal spine. Great in containers or in groups - especially nice where back lighting can light up the red margins. This hybrid between *Agave attenuata* (possibly 'Nova') and *A. ocahui* was created by Kelly Griffin.



### *Alcantarea imperialis*



**Family:** Bromeliaceae - Bromeliad

Evergreen Shrub

**Height:** 3-6' **Width:** 3'

Very large bromeliad with wide leaves. Underside of leaves has burgandy cast. (Was formerly named *Viresia imperialis*.)

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### *Aloe cameronii* Red Star Fish Aloe

**Family:** Asphodelaceae - Aloe  
Evergreen Succulent  
**Height:** 18"      **Width:** 3'

Hard to find, but worth seeking. Produces bright scarlet flowers in midwinter. Leaves turn brilliant red in the summer sun. Branches freely to form a low, mounding shrub.



### *Aloe nobilis* Gold Tooth Aloe

**Family:** Asphodelaceae - Aloe  
Evergreen Succulent  
**Height:** 1'      **Width:** 8"

Freely pupping aloe that grows into large masses. Is good as ground cover, as an edging, or in containers. Wide, thick leaves with small, horned teeth grow in rosettes to 1 feet across and about as tall. Flowers appear in late spring early summer after most aloes have finished flowering.



### *Aloe rubroviolacea* Arabian Aloe

**Family:** Asphodelaceae - Aloe  
Evergreen Succulent  
**Height:** 2-3'      **Width:** 4-6'

A beautiful plant with rosettes of thick, blue-green leaves that emerge from heavy stems. Over time these stems elongate while new shoots emerge at their base, forming sprawling clumps. In winter, the foliage takes on pink tones. Flowering commences in late fall with a spike that is unbranched or only has 1 to 2 branches that are topped with 1 inch long waxy orange-red flowers.



### *Aloe saponaria* Coral groundcover aloe

**Family:** Asphodelaceae - Aloe  
Evergreen Succulent  
**Height:** 12-18"      **Width:** 1'

Soap aloe or *Aloe maculata*, has a rosette with lance-shaped leaves that are thick and succulent, armed on the margin by sharp, dark-brown teeth, and pale green with white blotches or spots.



### *Aloe speciosa* Tilt Head Aloe

**Family:** Asphodelaceae - Aloe  
Evergreen Succulent  
**Height:** 4-6'      **Width:** 2-3'

This plant is an absolute star in the garden. It is a 'tree aloe'. It has brilliant, long, tubular non-branching simple flowers and very soft, flat, succulent blue-green-silvery leaves. The flowers are very attractive to hummingbirds.



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### *Beschorneria yuccoides*

#### Mexican Lily

**Family:** Agavaceae

Evergreen Succulent

**Height:** 3-6'      **Width:** 3-6'

A stemless rosette native to Mexico that is related to Yucca and Agave. The tough and pliable leaves are 1 to 2 feet long by 2 inches wide and a gray-green color. In summer, the red flower stalks rise high above the foliage and displays bright green pendulous flowers embraced by red bracts



### *Calocephalus brownii* 'Silver Sand'

**Family:** Asteraceae - Aster

Evergreen Shrub

**Height:** 1-2'      **Width:** 1'2'

A small wide frost hardy perennial evergreen shrub with silvery, slender stems that give it a wiry appearance.



### *Chamelaucium uncinatum* 'Escondido'

#### Geraldton Waxflower

**Family:** Myrtaceae - Myrtle

Evergreen Shrub

**Height:** 4-6'      **Width:** 4-6'

Needlelike bright green leaves, show sprays of five-petaled, dark rosy-pink or rosy, 1/2-in diameter winter flowers. The new growth (leaves and stems) are red.



### *Clivia miniata*

#### Clivia

**Family:** Amaryllidaceae - Amaryllis

Evergreen Perennial

**Height:** 1-1.5'      **Width:** 1.5'

Kaffir's produce a beautiful cluster of tubular orange flowers with yellow throats in spring. Does well in shade. Golden Dragon has yellow flowers (MiraMar)



### *Coprosma* 'Tequila Sunrise'

**Family:** Rubiaceae - Madder

Evergreen Shrub

**Height:** 2-3'      **Width:** 2-3'

New growth starts off emerald green and gold, turns to orange with gold, and finally ends up orange and red. Left unpruned, plants will naturally grow in a pyramidal shape, or can be clipped into shape. Great as an accent shrub in borders or containers.



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### *Cordyline 'Festival Grass'*

#### Festival Grass

**Family:** Dracaenaceae - Dracaena

Evergreen Grass

**Height:** 2-3'      **Width:** 2-3'

This small Cordyline has vivid burgundy red leaves atop a slowly developing 2 to 3 foot tall by 1 1/2 inch wide stem. The 1/2 to 3/4 inch wide leaves emerge upright but become somewhat lax with age, arching over so the tips reach the ground. In summer appear the tiny pale lilac flowers, with a jasmine-like fragrance, held above the foliage on branched stems.



### *Cotyledon tomentosa*

#### Kitten Paws

**Family:** Crassulaceae - Crassula

Evergreen Succulent

**Height:** 6-8"      **Width:** 1-2'

Each lime green leaf is covered with soft little hairs, and held upright with the "toes" up, forming low mounds that grow slowly to 2 feet wide and rarely getting taller than 6-8 inches. In the winter and spring, a few small orange flowers sparkle on the surface of the mound, but never very showy. This plant is all about its foliage! Fantastic in containers, and will even spill over the edge a little bit. Good on regular garden watering as long as



### *Crassula multicava*

#### Fairy crassula

**Family:** Crassulaceae - Crassula

Evergreen Succulent

**Height:** 8"-1'      **Width:** 1'

A moderate to fast-growing, mat-forming, evergreen groundcover. The glossy, oval leaves are formed in opposite pairs. The flowers are petite, charming little white and pink stars hence the common name Fairy crassula, and appear in masses above the attractive leaves. Plants form on the flower stalks after blooming.



### *Crassula ovata 'Variegata'*

#### Sunset Jade

**Family:** Crassulaceae - Crassula

Evergreen Succulent

**Height:** 2-4'      **Width:** 3-4'

Soft green and cream variegations with a blush on the edges.



### *Crinum asiaticum*

#### Spider Lily

**Family:** Amaryllidaceae - Amaryllis

Evergreen Bulb

**Height:** 4-5'      **Width:** 4-5'

A large evergreen bulb with 4 foot long semi-succulent light green strap-shaped leaves that are held semi-erect in a spiraled rosette at the top of the collar of the 6 inch wide bulbous base. Sturdy stalks its fragrant clusters of 20 to 50 white flowers, with long tubular bases and narrow primarily late spring through summer.



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### *Duranta erecta* 'Golden Edge'



**Family:** Verbenaceae - Verbena

Evergreen Shrub

**Height:** 10-16' **Width:** 4-6'

An upright evergreen shrub spreads with slightly arching branches. This cultivar adds a splash of foliage color with bright yellow margins on the leaves. In the summer, cascading clusters of light blue tubular flowers appear followed by wonderfully contrasting orange-yellow berries.



### *Echeveria agavoides* 'lipstick'



**Molded Wax**

**Family:** Crassulaceae - Crassula

Evergreen Succulent

**Height:** 6-8" **Width:** 6"

Clumping, succulent rosettes, up to 8 inches in diameter. Plenty of water in spring and summer, little or none in winter. Needs good drainage. 2 more known cultivars, 'Lipstick' has red leaf edge, and 'Ebony' has dark brown edges.



### *Echeveria pulvinata*



**Plush Plant**

**Family:** Crassulaceae - Crassula

Evergreen Succulent

**Height:** 6-12" **Width:** 1'

Small shrubby plant with rusty brown stems that are tipped with small rosettes holding thick spatulate green leaves with all parts densely covered with silvery white hairs so that the plant looks frosted. In late winter into spring appears the arching one foot tall inflorescence holding racemes of yellow and orange bell-shaped flowers.



### *Euphorbia xanti*



**Baja Spurge**

**Family:** Euphorbiaceae - Euphorbia

Semi-Deciduous Succulent

**Height:** 2-6' **Width:** 2-4'

An interesting fast growing openly-branched deciduous evergreen shrub. From the woody base arise the pencil-thin gray-green stems bearing small ovate-lanceolate green leaves that come out after the plant begins to flower. The white, often blushed-light-to-dark-pink, fragrant flowers appear in terminal clusters from mid-winter to late spring.



### *Furcraea foetida* 'Mediopicta'



**Family:** Agavaceae

Evergreen Succulent

**Height:** 4-5' **Width:** 6-8'

Agave like plant with sword-shaped leaves that lack any spines. A decorative creamy band occurs down the middle of the leaf.

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### *Kalanchoe bracteata*

#### Sliver Teaspoons

**Family:** Crassulaceae - Crassula

Evergreen Succulent

**Height:** 2-4'      **Width:** 1-3'

A small compact shrubby succulen from South Eastern Madagascar. The species can be a bit variable. Plants appear grayish silvery-white because of a pubescence of appressed short stellate hairs and a waxy substance that covers the leaves and the young 4 angled stems. The flowers on this plant are red/oragne on branched terminal inflorescences



### *Kalanchoe orgyalis*

#### Copper Spoons

**Family:** Crassulaceae - Crassula

Evergreen Succulent

**Height:** 3-6'      **Width:** 3-6'

A much branched slow growing shrub that can reach to 3-6 feet tall or taller with support but is more often seen as a smaller plant. It has spatulate ovate leaves that fold upward from the middle and are a bronze to gray color on the underside while the top side is felted with fine cinnamon colored hairs that eventually age to the same color as the lower surface.



### *Leucadendron 'Jester'*

**Family:** Proteaceae - Protea

Evergreen Shrub

**Height:** 4-5'      **Width:** 4-5'

An evergreen shrub with showy, rich red bracts that sit atop branches of variegated foliage in late winter into spring. One look at 'Jester' and one can understand why it is so named as it is definitely a clown in the garden sporting colors of bright pink, cream and green.



### *Leucadendron 'Red Gem'*

**Family:** Proteaceae - Protea

Evergreen Shrub

**Height:** 2-4'      **Width:** 4-5'

Bushy shrub with leaves are green with a small section of red near the rounded tip which is accentuated by fine silvery hairs. During the initiation of bloom in late summer, the plant begins to take on a bronzy appearance - the reddish bracts surround the yellowish female cones.



### *Loropetalum chinense 'Burgundy'*

#### Fringe Flower

**Family:** Hamamelidaceae - Witch Haze

Evergreen Shrub

**Height:** 3-4'      **Width:** 3'

Loropetalums have white, yellow, pink or red flowers. The flowers come mostly in spring. The variety 'burgundy' has purplish foliage and pink or red flowers.

Other cultivars available of different heights, green to purple leaves and flowers of different colors of pink.



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### *Neoregelia 'Fireball'*

**Family:** Bromeliaceae - Bromeliad

Evergreen Ground Cover

**Height:** 6"      **Width:** 1-2'

Dwarf bromeliad with very skinny dark burgundy leaves. In full sun, the leaves remain a bright red.



### *Pedilanthus bracteatus*

#### Tall Slipper plant

**Family:** Euphorbiaceae - Euphorbia

Semi-Dec/Ever Succulent

**Height:** 4-8'      **Width:** 3-4'

This upright succulent branches from the base and has narrow cylindrical green stems with ovate leaves, with a thick prominent mid-vein on the lower surface, that occurs just near the branch tips. All vegetative parts of the plant are often sparsely hairy. In the warmth of late spring and summer through fall appear the curiously shaped red cyathia that are enclosed in rounded reddish-pink bracts near the branch tips.



### *Polygala fruticosa 'Petite Butterfly'*

#### Dwarf Sweet Pea Bush

**Family:** Polygalaceae -

Evergreen Shrub

**Height:** 2-3'      **Width:** 2-3'

Dwarf version of sweet pea bush. One of those shrubs which happily flowers on and on, barely pausing through the year. The rich purple-pink flowers look good with the blue-green foliage and dusky pink stems and leaf tips of the new growths. A tough shrub capable of performing exceptionally in dry, poor soils and windy situations. 'Petite Butterfly' is another dwarf cultivar from Monrovia.



### *Ribes viburnifolium*

#### Catalina Currant

**Family:** Grossulariaceae - Gooseberry

Semi-Deciduous Shrub

**Height:** 3-4'      **Width:** 6'

An open wide spreading evergreen shrub. Dark red stems bearing aromatic leathery dark green leaves arch up and out from the center of the plant. Rose pink flowers bloom in late winter to mid spring.



### *Rosmarinus officinalis 'Collingwood In*

#### Semi-trailing Rosemary

**Family:** Labiatae -

Evergreen Ground Cover

**Height:** 2-3'      **Width:** 3-4'

Semi-trailing rosemary with relatively broad, rich green leaves that smell of pine. Early in the season it produces loads of deep blue flowers.



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### *Salvia 'Waverly'*

#### Waverly Sage

**Family:** Lamiaceae - Mint

Evergreen Perennial

**Height:** 3-4'      **Width:** 3'

A great long blooming salvia with white/pink flowers. More upright than *Salvia leucantha*, but needs similar care.



### *Sarcococca ruscifolia*

#### Sweet Box

**Family:** Buxaceae - Boxwood

Evergreen Shrub

**Height:** 3-5'      **Width:** 3-5'

Beautiful shrub for shady areas! White flowers are small, but very fragrant. Followed by bright red fruit. Forms natural espalier against wall. An outstanding choice for dry shade gardens where other plants won't grow!



### *Teucrium fruticans 'Azureum'*

#### Bush Germander

**Family:** Lamiaceae - Mint

Evergreen Shrub

**Height:** 3-4'      **Width:** 4-5'

A silver mound with leaves that are gray-green above and silver white beneath, which gives the whole plant a silvery appearance. Deep blue flowers bloom at branch tips in the summer-fall.



### *Vitex trifolia 'Purpurea'*

#### Arabian Lilac

**Family:** Verbenaceae - Verbena

Semi-Dec/Ever Shrub

**Height:** 6-8'      **Width:** 6-8'

From Australia comes this bush with velvety leaves distinctively colored light purple on top and reddish purple beneath. Sprays of blue flowers stalks in summer and fall.



### *Westringia fruticosa 'Morning Light'*

#### Coast Rosemary

**Family:** Lamiaceae - Mint

Evergreen Shrub

**Height:** 3-4'      **Width:** 3-4'

A small compact shrub with tightly crowded linear leaves have a cream colored variegation along the margins. The small white flowers are the same as those of *Westringia fruticosa*.

