

California Dream



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Here the home's architecture and beautiful river friendly landscape combine to create a California dream! Staggered concrete steps gradually move you through the landscape to the brick entry covered by a framework of custom fabricated iron. The garden of moss rock, gentle mounds, California natives and other Mediterranean plants and dry stream bed give you reason to stop and admire.

The planting design allows ample space for all species. There is no need to prune, shear or shape these plants. The right plant has been planted in the right place to prevent the need for constant 'control'. Seasonal dead-heading and clean-up of annual foliage is all that is needed.

Varieties of ornamental grass are interspersed throughout and soften the landscape with their fine texture and golden hues. Wildflowers from seed are in bloom near the sidewalk. A variety of blues are provided by Rosemary, Lavender, Lavandin, Iris, Mountain Lilac, Rosemary and Dwarf Lily of the Nile. In the spring, clumps of Iris, Daffodils and Freesia provide color here and there.

The homeowner's love of plants is evident and the combinations are reminiscent of Sunset Magazine. All in all, the result is an eco-friendly and water-wise California dream.



Showcasing water-wise and eco-friendly landscapes

Plant list

- 1 Crape Myrtle, *Lagerstroemia indica*
2. Japanese Maple, *Acer palmatum*
3. Thornless Honeylocust, *Gleditsia triacanthos inermis*
4. Pink Muhly, *Muhlenbergia capillaris 'Regal Mist'*
5. Keller's Yarrow, *Achillea x Kellereri*
6. Moonbeam Coreopsis, *Coreopsis verticillata 'Moonbeam'*
7. Blue Fescue, *Festuca ovina 'Elijah Blue'*
8. Society Garlic, *Tulbaghia violacea*
9. Pacific Coast Iris, *Iris 'Pacific Coast Hybrid'*
10. Dwarf Japanese Barberry, *Berberis thunbergii 'Crimson Pygmy'*
11. Golden Breath of Heaven, *Coleonema pulchrum 'Sunset Gold'*
12. Mexican Bush Sage, *Salvia leucantha*
13. Oregano, *Origanum vulgare*
14. Blue Rug Juniper, *Juniperus horizontalis 'Wiltonii'*
15. Yellow Calendula, *Calendula officinalis*
16. Orange Clumping Gazania, *Gazania krebsiana*
17. Dwarf Lily-of-the-Nile, *Agapanthus africanus 'Peter Pan'*
18. Bearberry, *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*
19. Mugo Pine, *Pinus mugo*
20. New Zealand Hair Sedge, *Carex comans 'Bronze'*
21. Mexican Feather Grass, *Nasella tenuissima*
22. Mexican Sage, *Salvia leucantha*
23. Indian Hawthorne, *Rhaphiolepis indica*
24. Limemound Spiraea, *Spiraea x bumalda 'Limemound'*
25. Munstead's Lavender, *Lavandula angustifolia 'Munstead'*
26. Otto Quast Spanish Lavender, *Lavandula stoechas 'Otto Quast'*
27. Purple Lantana, *Lantana montevidensis 'Purple'*
28. Snowgrass, *Poa costiniana*
29. Muhlenbergia rigens, *Deer Grass*
30. Rosemary, *Rosmarinus officinalis*
31. Rose of Sharon, *Hibiscus syriacus*
32. Yellow Lantana, *Lantana montevidensis 'New Gold'*
33. Heart's Desire Mountain Lilac, *Ceanothus gloriosus 'Heart's Desire'*
34. Crimson Spot Rockrose, *Cistus ladanifer*
35. Mexican Evening Primrose, *Oenothera berlandieri*

To assist you, all plants listed above on the right have been labeled by number in the landscape. Check them out!

