Copy & Paste: Transferring Arboretum Style to Your Home Landscape

Have you ever seen a landscape in the Arboretum and thought to yourself, “I want my yard to look like that?” If so, you have come to the right plant sale!

At this sale we are not only going to provide you with sample planting plans (See attached.), we also want to help educate you about the landscape “design building blocks” used to create these plans. Our hope is that you’ll be better able to confidently create a landscape design with plants that fit your unique needs.

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Why did we categorize the plants on these plans?

1) You may like a layout, but your landscape may not be well suited for the same sun exposure conditions. Now you can shop our “design building blocks” and limit your search to plants that will succeed in your yard.

2) You are interested in a plant which we no longer have in our inventory. Now you can find a suitable alternative based on the type of “design building block” it fell into.

3) You want to start from scratch and design your own landscape. Use these building blocks as your foundation to creating a yard unique to you!

Don’t be afraid to experiment with new combinations; the possibilities are endless! Enjoy!

Need a plant substitution? Try one of these!

IMPORTANT: These selections do well in sunny conditions.

Plant substitution list as of 10/10/12.
The first letter and number represents the location where you can find this plant in the nursery, it is followed by the plant’s common name and then its botanical name.

TALL
Height & backdrop

B13 pineapple guava
Acca sellowiana (Feijoa sellowiana)

B13 hybrid madrone
Arbutus ‘Marina’

B15 western redbud
Cercis occidentalis

B16 island mountain mahogany
Cercocarpus betuloides var. blancheae

B15 Elizabeth’s bush anemone
Carpenteria californica ‘Elizabeth’

FOLIAGE COLOR
Leaf color contrast

C14 California white sage
Salvia apiana

B11 azure bush germander
Teucrium fruticans ‘Azureum’

A12 compact cenizo
Leucophyllum frutescens ‘Compactum’

C10 blue germander salvia
Salvia chamaedryoides

B11 gray leaf coast rosemary
Westringia fruticosa ‘Smokie’

LOW
Ground covers

C12 dwarf germander
Teucrium chamaedrys ‘Nanum’

C9 stinking madder
Putoria calabrica

BLOOM COLOR
Seasonal flowers

B10 red autumn sage (Blooms in fall.)
Salvia greggi ‘Flame’

B7 Texas primrose (Blooms in summer.)
Calylophus drummondii

B7 fern leaf yarrow (Blooms in spring.)
Achillea ‘Coronation Gold’

C11 monch aster (Blooms in spring.)
Aster x frikartii ‘Monch’

B10 wild watermelon mint salvia (Blooms in fall.)
Salvia microphylla ‘Wild Watermelon’

ACCENT
Spikey forms

A15 blue grama grass
Bouteloua gracillia

B5 Foerster’s feather reed grass
Calamagrostis x acutiflora ‘Karl Foerster’

B1 yellow Pacific Coast Hybrid iris
Iris Pacific Coast Hybrids, yellow

A16 deergrass
Muhlenbergia rigens

C11 dwarf red-hot poker
Kniphofia ‘Nancy’s Red’

B7 Mexican wall daisy
Erigeron karvinskianus

A16 island pink yarrow
Achillea millefolium ‘Island Pink’

C10 dwarf oregano
Origanum ‘Betty Rollins’
Plan and photos from UC Davis Arboretum All-Star planting plan for CALIFORNIA NATIVES. Potential substitutions for these plants may not be California natives.
**WILDLIFE ATTRACTING PLAN**

- **Hesperaloe parviflora** coral yucca
- **Ceanothus × pallidus 'Marie Simon'** Marie Simon ceanothus
- **Salvia × jamensis 'Scott’s Red'** red autumn sage
- **Erigeron karvinskianus** Santa Barbara daisy
- **Origanum vulgare 'Betty Rollins'** dwarf oregano
- **Lavandula × ginginsii 'Goodwin Creek Grey'** Goodwin Creek lavender

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**LOW-MAINTENANCE PLAN**

- **Teucrium fruticans** bush germander
- **Callistemon 'Violaceus'** purple bottlebrush
- **Muhlenbergia dubia** pine muhly
- **Epilobium canum** California fuchsia
- **Nepeta × faassenii** hybrid catmint
- **Muhlenbergia dubia** pine muhly

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  - **BLOOM COLOR**

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**NOTE:**

Plans and photos from UC Davis Arboretum All-Star planting plans for LOW MAINTENANCE (left) and WILDLIFE ATTRACTING (right) gardens.

Potential substitutions for these plants may not necessarily fit those categories.