Beautiful, unique and fascinating plants to delight your senses and complete your Central Valley-loving landscape!
Where can I find “Garden Gems” for my landscape?

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Agave × romani ‘Shadow Dancer’
dwarf hybrid agave

An intriguing new plant on the garden scene ‘Shadow Dancer’ is a small spikey plant with unusual pale leaves edged in dark red and attractive for accent in the front of a planting or in containers.

- **Size:** One foot tall and wide
- **Sun/Shade:** Partial sun or speckled shade
- **Pruning:** None
- **Water:** Low water

Artemisia californica ‘Canyon Gray’
dwarf coastal sagebrush

A low-growing, wide-spreading California native perennial with silky, delicate, thread-like gray foliage that grows to up to ten feet wide especially useful on slopes. Foliage is very aromatic when crushed.

- **Size:** One to two feet tall by ten feet wide
- **Bloom:** Flowers are inconspicuous and hidden in the foliage which is aromatic
- **Sun/Shade:** Full sun to small amount of shade
- **Pruning:** Tip prune when young to induce a well-branched plant
- **Water:** Low water

Bletilla × yokohama ‘Kate’
Kate hybrid hardy orchid

A perennial clumping orchid with pleated green leaves sporting loads of interesting lavender pink sprays of orchid flowers in spring. Foliage deciduous in winter.

- **Size:** To three and a half feet tall
- **Bloom:** Clusters of medium lavender orchid flowers that are highlighted by a dark purple stripe on back and a purple lip surrounding the yellow throat
- **Sun/Shade:** Morning sun or part shade
- **Pruning:** Remove leaves and spent flower stalks in winter.
- **Water:** Medium water

Buddleia davidii Buzz™ Series
dwarf butterfly bush

A new form of butterfly bush only one third the size of older varieties that provide large and showy clusters of flowers that are magnets for a variety of butterflies.

- **Size:** Grow to five or six feet tall.
- **Bloom:** Come in a variety of colors including purple, lavender, sky blue and white
- **Sun/Shade:** Full sun for good bloom
- **Pruning:** Prune to increase branching in early season and cut back hard in winter.
- **Water:** Medium to low water use

Calandrinia grandiflora
Chilean rock purslane

Plant forms a low mound of smooth, succulent, gray-green leaves that produce brilliant sparkling flowers for a long season. Useful for color along paths and entryways.

- **Size:** Basal clump grows one to three feet high and two to three feet wide.
- **Bloom:** Tall spikes of electric pink-magenta flowers form on tall, slender three-foot stems that float above the leaves
- **Sun/Shade:** Full sun
- **Pruning:** Remove old stems after bloom and may need leaves removed in coldest winters.
- **Water:** Low to medium water

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**Carex testacea**  
orange New Zealand sedge

A fluffy mass of long, narrow leaves that turn orange in cool weather and create a soft-textured orange puff especially when back lit by morning or afternoon sun.

- **Size:** Two feet tall and three feet wide  
- **Bloom:** Flowers are insignificant. Grown for interesting color of foliage  
- **Sun/Shade:** Part to full shade  
- **Pruning:** can be pruned in late winter to make a more compact shape  
- **Water:** Low to medium water

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**Carpenteria californica ‘Elizabeth’**  
Elizabeth’s bush anemone

A medium sized, rounded, California native shrub with thick, dark green leaves and beautiful summer flowers. ‘Elizabeth’ is a compact form with a greater number of flowers per cluster.

- **Size:** Slow growing to four to eight feet tall  
- **Bloom:** White anemone-like flowers with a puffy yellow center are produced in late spring and summer  
- **Sun/Shade:** Partial sun to speckled shade  
- **Pruning:** Prune when young to encourage branching  
- **Water:** Low to medium water

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**Ceratostigma willmottianum ‘Palmgold’**  
Palmgold Chinese plumbago

An unusual winter-deciduous, shrubby perennial with golden foliage and soft blue jewel-like flowers from late summer until frost. Plant forms a rounded cloud shape of wiry stems.

- **Size:** Two to three feet tall and wide  
- **Bloom:** Starry-blue flowers summer into fall attractive to small butterflies  
- **Sun/Shade:** Part sun, part shade, protect from hot western sun  
- **Pruning:** Shape in spring when new growth appears  
- **Water:** Low to medium water

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**Coprosma × kirkii ‘Variegata’**  
variegated mirror plant

A low-growing evergreen plant with shiny white and green striped leaves useful to brighten up dry shady areas.

- **Size:** Plant grows one and a half to two feet tall by five feet wide  
- **Bloom:** Flowers are insignificant although it may produce some translucent white berries  
- **Sun/Shade:** Shade to partial shade  
- **Pruning:** none  
- **Water:** Low water in shade

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**Correa pulchella ‘Pink Flamingo’**  
pink Australian fuchsia

A medium, compact, evergreen shrub with dark green leaves and attractive, bell shaped pendant flowers in winter and early spring that provide winter nectar for native Anna’s hummingbirds.

- **Size:** To three feet tall and six feet wide.  
- **Bloom:** Three quarter inch pink bells are produced November to March.  
- **Sun/Shade:** Sun or light shade.  
- **Pruning:** Prune to increase branching and create a good structure when young.  
- **Water:** Low to medium water, best with well drained soil

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**Correa reflexa ‘Carpenter Rocks’**  
Carpenter Rocks Australian fuchsia

An evergreen shrub with heart-shaped, green leaves that produce attractive two color, bell-shaped blooms in winter. Good for hummingbirds.

- **Size:** Grows three to four feet tall and wide  
- **Bloom:** Bell shaped flowers are vermillion red and tipped with green from fall to spring  
- **Sun/Shade:** Sun or part shade  
- **Pruning:** Shape when young to encourage branching  
- **Water:** Low, best with well drained soil

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**Cotinus coggygria 'Old Fashioned'**

Old fashioned smoke bush

A deciduous medium to large shrub with blue-grey leaves at maturity that contrast beautifully with grey-purple young foliage in spring and turn shimmering orange in fall.

**Size:** Ten to twelve feet if left unpruned but usually best pollarded to encourage colorful and compact foliage display

**Bloom:** Tiny greenish blooms elongate into stalks covered with fuzzy lavender pink hairs that look like puffs of smoke

**Sun/Shade:** Full sun

**Pruning:** Prune when young to encourage branching and prune back every year in winter or very early spring to keep a rounded shrub.

**Water:** Low to medium water

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**Dianthus 'Early Bird'™ fizzy**

Early Bird fizzy pink

A small evergreen perennial that forms a low grassy, blue-green cushion, with beautiful puffy shaggy-petalled flowers from spring into summer.

**Size:** One foot tall and wide

**Bloom:** Upright pink “double” flowers with a maroon eye from early spring to summer

**Sun/Shade:** Full sun

**Pruning:** Shear flower stalks after bloom if desired

**Water:** Low to medium water

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**Dianthus 'Fire Star'**

Fire star maiden pink

Narrow evergreen leaves form a compact mound and produce ruby-colored blooms just above the foliage in spring and early summer.

**Size:** Foliage five to seven inches tall with flower just above to around an eight inch height

**Bloom:** Fragrant red flowers with a deeper crimson eye that bloom three to five per stem

**Sun/Shade:** Full sun

**Pruning:** Can remove spent flowers if desired

**Water:** Medium water and prefers well-drained soil

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**Eremophila glabra ‘Kalgoorlie’**

Fuchsia emu bush

A low-growing, silvery gray evergreen shrub that is useful as a ground cover with its shining, golden winter flowers attractive to hummingbirds.

**Size:** To three feet tall and eight feet wide

**Bloom:** Golden flowers with an orange tint in winter

**Sun/Shade:** Full sun

**Pruning:** Shape as needed

**Water:** Low water

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**Garrya elliptica ‘Evie’**

Evie silk tassel

A large drought-adapted evergreen California native shrub, with grey-green foliage, and silvery chains of flowers, useful as a background and screening shrub and in hedgerows for wildlife.

**Size:** Eight to fifteen feet tall and wide

**Bloom:** Beautiful, silvery weeping tassels of silky flowers in winter

**Sun/Shade:** Full sun

**Pruning:** Little or none, shape as needed

**Water:** Low water

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**Helleborus × ballardii ‘Coseh 710’**

Pink Frost® lenten rose

Attractive winter blooming perennial with dark divided leaves that brighten dry shade gardens.

**Size:** One and a half feet tall and wide

**Bloom:** Upward facing creamy-colored flowers with pink edges in winter and an attractive cluster of yellow stamens in center

**Sun/Shade:** Shade or partial sun

**Pruning:** Remove any unattractive spent leaves in summer

**Water:** Low to medium water

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**Heuchera ‘Blondie in Lime’**
lime leaf Little Cutie™ coral bells

A small and colorful evergreen perennial that is long blooming with lime-green leaves very useful for accent and color in the front of a shady border. Also good in containers.

- **Size:** To eight inches
- **Bloom:** Long bloom of green-yellow flowers beautiful in contrast to other plants with purple or dark green foliage.
- **Sun/Shade:** Shade or partial sun
- **Pruning:** None, remove spent flowers if desired
- **Water:** Medium water

**Malacothamnus fremontii**
Fremont’s bush mallow

Tough evergreen native shrub with fuzzy foliage for challenging areas like steep banks with little or no irrigation. Forms a thicket over time.

- **Size:** Four to six feet tall and wide, spreading with age.
- **Bloom:** Delicate pink flowers on terminal growth.
- **Sun/Shade:** Sun or part shade
- **Pruning:** Pinch growth when young to induce branching
- **Water:** Low water

**Horkelia californica** ssp. californica
coastal California honeydew

A little known, low-growing California native perennial with divided leaves that give a fern-like appearance great for the native wildlife garden.

- **Size:** To ten to twelve inches tall and wide. Spreads slowly over time
- **Bloom:** Small inconspicuous white flowers extremely popular with fascinating native bumblebees
- **Sun/Shade:** Shade or partial sun
- **Pruning:** Cut back spent flower spikes after bloom
- **Water:** Low to medium water

**Marrubium cylleneum**
Albanian horehound

A low perennial with beautiful, silky-silvery evergreen foliage perfect for along paths and at the front of plantings where you can appreciate the soft leaves.

- **Size:** Six to twelve inches tall and up to two feet wide
- **Bloom:** Delicate lavender blooms in whorls.
- **Sun/Shade:** Sun
- **Pruning:** Deadhead flowers after bloom
- **Water:** Low water

**Iris ‘Golden Immortal’**
Re-blooming golden tall bearded iris

Tough perennial iris that blooms twice a year with spiky gray-green leaves topped with three foot tall branched arrangements of large showy flowers when little else is in bloom.

- **Size:** Foliage one to one and a half feet tall and three foot flowers in both spring and fall
- **Bloom:** Large golden yellow flowers for a long season of color
- **Sun/Shade:** Full sun
- **Pruning:** Remove old foliage in fall winter and divide every few years
- **Water:** Low water

**Muhlenbergia reverchonii Undaunted™**
hardy pink muhly

A cold hardy species for higher elevation gardens this is a fine textured grass that produces gorgeous pink clouds of tiny blooms in summer and fall. Excellent for mass plantings.

- **Size:** Foliage and flowers to three feet tall and two feet wide
- **Bloom:** Showy, tiny pink flowers produced en masse.
- **Sun/Shade:** Sun
- **Pruning:** If plants appear unkempt cut to ground in early spring
- **Water:** Low water

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**Origanum 'Amethyst Falls'**

Amethyst falls oregano

A tough ornamental oregano that produces masses of flowers with interesting “hop-like” pale-green bracts that contrast with the flowers. Good in a container, as a small scale ground cover or spilling over a wall.

**Size:** One and a half feet tall and wide

**Bloom:** Lavender-pink flowers and chartreuse bracts that cascade out and down for a month or more in mid-summer.

**Sun/Shade:** Sun or light shade

**Pruning:** Dead head flower stalks after bloom if desired and cut back in winter

**Water:** Low water

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**Othonna cheirifolia** (syn. *Hertia cheirifolia*)

*Barbary Ragwort*

An unusual evergreen spreading plant with interesting, vertical, smooth edged, gray-blue paddle-like leaves and daisy flowers.

**Size:** To one to two feet tall and three feet wide

**Bloom:** Yellow daisies above the upright foliage in summer

**Sun/Shade:** Sun

**Pruning:** None

**Water:** Low water

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**Oxalis triangularis ssp. papilionacea**

*Atropurpurea*

Purple leaf false shamrock

This low, clumping herbaceous perennial forms a rounded, dark amethyst-purple leaves in summer. This is a great plant for adding unusual foliage color to a shade garden.

**Size:** Grows one foot tall and two feet wide

**Bloom:** Pale pink flowers in late summer

**Sun/Shade:** Shade or morning sun

**Pruning:** None

**Water:** Medium to low water, will go drought deciduous without irrigation

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**Penstemon ‘Pensham Laura’**

Laura beard tongue

Herbaceous perennial with shiny green leaves and large trumpet-shaped flowers with an upright habit that does not flop like some other *Penstemons*.

**Size:** To two feet by two feet.

**Bloom:** Large showy white flowers with dark pink picotee edging in spring and summer

**Sun/Shade:** Sun or part sun with afternoon shade best

**Pruning:** Pinch early growth to induce branching and deadhead flowers to keep new bloom coming

**Water:** Low to medium water

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**Punica granatum ‘Wonderful’**

Wonderful edible pomegranate

A large rounded deciduous shrub with showy pendulous flowers followed by edible fruits, this is the best known variety of edible pomegranate.

**Size:** Fifteen to twenty feet tall

**Bloom:** Showy orange flowers with fleshy bracts in summer ripen into five inch red fruits

**Sun/Shade:** Full sun

**Pruning:** Prune to shape and occasionally remove older stems to encourage new growth

**Water:** Low water

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**Ribes malvaceum ‘Dancing Tassels’**

Large flowered chaparral currant

A California native shrub species from the coastal foothills with rounded dark green leaves that produce long pendulous clusters of flowers in fall and winter — a great nectar source for native hummingbirds.

**Size:** Six feet tall and wide

**Bloom:** Large clusters of pendulous pink and white flowers in winter

**Sun/Shade:** Sun or partial shade

**Pruning:** Prune to increase branching and shape when young

**Water:** Low water, best with well-drained soil

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**Salvia ‘Dark Dancer’**
red-violet autumn sage

A tough small to medium-sized evergreen sub-shrub that produces many showy and colorful wide-lipped flowers attractive to hummingbirds.

**Size:** Two to three foot tall and wide

**Bloom:** Heavily produces violet-red flowers with extra wide bottom lip that adds to color shows in spring and fall.

**Sun/Shade:** Sun or light shade

**Pruning:** Prune to increase branching when young and in late winter just before spring growth

**Water:** Low water, performs better with good drainage

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**Salvia greggii ‘Furman’s Red’**
Furman’s red autumn sage

A small shrubby perennial with spoon-shaped leaves that produces prodigious amounts of ruby red and showy bloom in spring and fall and is very attractive to hummingbirds.

**Size:** To two to three feet tall and two feet wide

**Bloom:** Bright red two-lipped flowers cover the plant, especially in fall

**Sun/Shade:** Sun or part shade, but blooms better in sun

**Pruning:** Prune heavily to shape in late winter and again after initial spring bloom to induce good branching

**Water:** Low to medium water

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**Salvia leucophylla ‘Point Sal’**
spreading purple sage

A spreading California native shrub with gray to white foliage that is useful for banks and large areas with little irrigation. Good for hummingbirds and butterflies.

**Size:** To three feet tall by eight feet wide

**Bloom:** Lavender pink whorls of “shish-ka-bob’ flower spikes in spring and summer dry to interesting copper brown color useful in dried arrangements.

**Sun/Shade:** Full sun

**Pruning:** Cut back by one third after flowering

**Water:** Low to very low water

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**Salvia mellifera**
black sage

A very tough California native evergreen ground cover with dark emerald green leaves great for low or no irrigation areas like tough banks and wildlife areas. Can be used as a ground cover.

**Size:** Varies with clone but up to five feet tall and wide but dwarf forms are available

**Bloom:** Pale blue flowers in tightly packed “shish-ka-bob” like whorls much beloved by native bumble bees and butterflies

**Sun/Shade:** Full sun

**Pruning:** No pruning needed

**Water:** Low to very low water

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**Salvia microphylla ‘San Carlos Festival’**
San Carlos Festival sage

Attractive to hummingbirds, this tough and compact shrubby perennial with scalloped leaves covers with flowers in spring and summer.

**Size:** To two feet tall and three feet wide.

**Bloom:** Red-violet flowers are prolific and showy

**Sun/Shade:** Sun or part shade, can take hot afternoon sun in the Valley

**Pruning:** Cut back by a third annually in late winter to encourage branching and compact shape.

**Water:** Low water

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**Sarcococca hookeriana var. humilis ‘Sarsid 2’**
Fragrant Mountain™ sweet box

A compact, evergreen shrub great for dry shade with shiny deep green leaves and fragrant flowers.

**Size:** Two feet tall and three to four feet wide

**Bloom:** Small, fragrant white blossoms in late winter, early spring

**Sun/Shade:** Shade or early morning sun

**Pruning:** None

**Water:** Low water

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**Scabiosa farinosa**
**dwarf pincushion flower**
An evergreen perennial that makes a mound of shiny scalloped leaves with pale flowers attractive to butterflies.

- **Size:** Two feet tall and wide
- **Bloom:** Pale lavender button-shaped flower heads in spring and summer
- **Sun/Shade:** Sun to part shade
- **Pruning:** Deadhead flowers if desired
- **Water:** Medium water

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**Sedum rubrotinctum**
**jelly bean plant**
A sprawling succulent with shiny, bright green leaves that resemble jelly beans and turn an attractive reddish color in full sun.

- **Size:** Six to eight inches tall and wide. Plant spreads when ends will break off and form roots
- **Bloom:** Sprays of yellow starry flowers in the spring
- **Sun/Shade:** Sun or part shade
- **Pruning:** Tip prune to increase branching from the base
- **Water:** Low to medium water

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**Sideritis cypria**
**Cyprian woundwort**
A medium sized perennial with furry white foliage topped with bizarre and interesting bloom stalks for sunny and well drained areas.

- **Size:** Compact foliage to one foot tall and one and a half feet wide.
- **Bloom:** Crazy chains of bright green cupped bracts line the tall stems with small yellow flowers that peep out
- **Sun/Shade:** Sun
- **Pruning:** Tip pinch when young to get good branching
- **Water:** Low water

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**Verbascum bombyciferum**
**cottony mullein**
A beautiful biennial with large white furry leaves that make a statement when they shoot up three foot tall white stalk that reseeds around the garden.

- **Size:** Low mound of large leaves one foot tall and two to three feet wide
- **Bloom:** Narrow vertical wands of white and yellow flowers reach three or four feet tall
- **Sun/Shade:** Full sun
- **Pruning:** None
- **Water:** Low to medium water

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**Glandularia lilacina** ‘De la Mina’ (syn. Verbena)
**Cedros Island verbena**
An airy mounding perennial with apple green fine textured deeply lobed leaves and flowers over a long season in spring summer and fall.

- **Size:** Makes a mound three feet tall and wide.
- **Bloom:** Lavender-purple flowers constant during spring through fall
- **Sun/Shade:** Sun
- **Pruning:** Tip prune when young to increase branching and cut back late winter to encourage dense growth in spring and summer
- **Water:** Low to medium water

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**Veronica ‘Waterperry Blue’**
**creeping speedwell**
A trailing plant with attractive shiny bronze-tinted leaves and delicate flowers useful for ground cover in front of and around taller plants.

- **Size:** To six inches tall and one to two feet wide.
- **Bloom:** Loose clusters of soft blue flowers with a white eye heavy in spring and sporadic in summer
- **Sun/Shade:** Sun or partial shade
- **Pruning:** None
- **Water:** Medium water

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× Mangave ‘Pineapple Express’
hybrid spotted agave

A plant brand new to horticulture this sculptural succulent has olive green leaves with many purple spots and makes a beautiful spikey accent plant reminiscent of the top of a pineapple.

Size: Grows to one and a half feet tall and two feet wide.
Sun/Shade: Sun or partial shade
Pruning: None
Water: Low to medium water

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