

Shade: groundcovers
for NO DEER areas

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Plant Name	Height & Spread	Evergreen or Deciduous	Description	Photo
<p>Golden Creeping Jenny <i>Lysimachia nummularia</i> 'Goldilocks'</p> 	<p>2-4 inches tall 1-2 feet wide but can spread indefinitely</p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to minus 30 degrees</p> <p>Somewhat invasive. Can be hard to stop in wet areas.</p>	<p>Low-growing perennial with round to heart-shaped leaves. Golden yellow flowers in mid-summer. Foliage may be green or golden yellow, depending on type.</p>	
<p>Carpet Bugleweed <i>Ajuga reptans</i></p>  	<p>3-6 inches tall 8-12 inches wide</p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p>	<p>Small, creeping groundcover with red-burgundy and/or dark green leaves. Small blue flower spikes above foliage in spring. Leaves turn deep bronze in fall.</p>	
<p>Periwinkle <i>Vinca minor</i></p>  	<p>3-6 inches tall Spreads indefinitely</p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p>	<p>Trailing stems of smooth, green leaves. Blue-purple flowers in spring. Spreads continuously wherever there is water – can be difficult to stop spread.</p>	

<p>Spotted Dead Nettle <i>Lamium</i> 'Beacon Silver'</p> 	<p>6-8 inches tall 1-2 feet wide but can spread indefinitely</p> 	<p>Semi-evergreen Hardy to 0 degrees</p>	<p>Heart-shaped, ivery-white leaves with green edges form a lush groundcover. Small, pale pink flowers starting in mid-spring.</p>	
<p>'Emerald Carpet' Creeping Bramble <i>Rubus calycinoides</i> 'Emerald Carpet'</p> 	<p>6-10 inches tall 5-6 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen Hardy to 5 degrees</p>	<p>Vigorous groundcover with handsome dark green, heavily lobed leaves. Forms durable weed smothering mat. Small white flowers in summer. Produces edible orange berries under leaves.</p>	
<p>'Summer Sunshine' Germander <i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i> 'Summer Sunshine'</p> 	<p>6-12 inches tall 12-18 inches wide</p> 	<p>Evergreen Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p>	<p>Small, glossy golden-green leaves with serrated edges. Purple-rose flower spikes in summer makes nice contrast against foliage.</p>	



→ this symbol indicates plants that can survive drought once established. It typically takes 1-2 years of regular water for a new plant to be established. In general, plants look better with regular water, but drought-tolerant plants can survive times when water is not available.



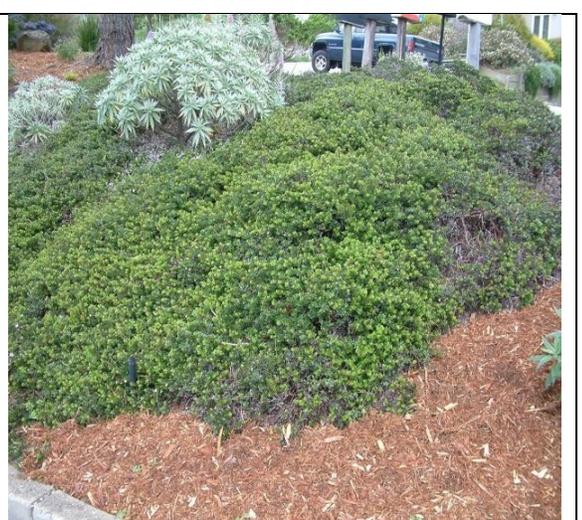
→ this symbol indicates plants that are considered fire-wise, meaning that they are more resistant to wildfire due to their growth habits. Plants with this symbol were found online in lists of 'fire safe' plants.

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Common Lippia <i>Phyla nodiflora</i> 	2-6 inches tall 2-3 feet wide 	Evergreen Hardy to 5 degrees	Vigorous grower that forms a dense mat of green. Small pinkish-white flowers in late spring. Attracts butterflies and bees.	
Yerba Buena <i>Satureja douglasii</i> 	2-6 inches tall 4-6 feet wide 	Evergreen Hardy to 15 degrees	Creeping, flat perennial with green and deliciously minty. Tiny white flowers in spring. Drought-tolerant, looks best with some watering.	
Wild Ginger <i>Asarum caudatum</i> 	4-6 inches tall 1-2 feet wide 	Evergreen Hardy to 15 degrees	Green, heart-shaped leaves release a spicy, ginger-and-citrus fragrance when crushed. Purplish-brown flowers in early summer.	
Silver Carpet Aster <i>Lessingia filaginifolia</i> 'Silver Carpet' 	4-8 inches tall 4-6 feet wide 	Evergreen Hardy to 15 degrees	One of the best native California groundcovers. Beautiful silver foliage, pink flowers summer to fall.	

<p>'Emerald Carpet' Manzanita <i>Arctostaphylos 'Emerald Carpet'</i></p> 	<p>10-16 inches tall 4-6 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 5 degrees</p>	<p>Low, spreading shrub with glossy green leaves. Small pink bell flowers in early spring. Drought-tolerant once established.</p>	
<p>Island Alum Root <i>Heuchera maxima</i></p>  	<p>1-2 feet tall 1-2 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 20 degrees</p>	<p>Large, dark green leaves may turn reddish in winter. Cream and soft pink flower spikes above foliage in spring and summer. <i>Other CA native varieties have tiny leaves and grow smaller.</i></p>	