

## *Kniphofia uvaria*



Photo by: Br. Alfred Brousseau © St. Mary's College

Common Name: Red-Hot Poker

Family: Liliaceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: A clumping plant with green foliage to 3' high and spikes of bright red flowers.

Water needs: Low supplemental water once established in medium to high quality soil.

Special Features: Heat, frost and drought tolerant. Used in perennial gardens and in containers.

## *Lavandula sp.*



Photo by: unknown

Common Name: Lavender

Family: Lamiaceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: A variety of sizes are available, most of which are 1'-3' high and across, with purple flowers and grey-green foliage.

Water needs: Low supplemental water once established.

Special Features: Excellent in herb gardens, in containers and in dried flower arrangements. Tolerant of heat and light frost.

## *Mimulus aurantiacus*



Photo by: Charles E. Jones

Common Name: Monkey Flower  
 Family: Scrophulariaceae  
 Light: Full sun to partial shade.  
 Characteristics of plant: A small evergreen shrub 2'-3' high with showy, tubular flowers in a variety of colors from spring through summer.  
 Water needs: Very little supplemental water, avoid over watering.  
 Special Features: Often used on banks, and for striking color. Cut back hard in late fall for increased flowering.

## *Nepeta faassenii*



Photo by: unknown

Common Name: Catmint  
 Family: Lamiaceae  
 Light: Full to partial sun.  
 Characteristics of plant: A perennial growing 12"-36" high by 15"-18" across, with grey-green foliage and delicate lavender-blue flowers in summer.  
 Water needs: Low supplemental water.  
 Special Features: Cut back for repeat bloom spring-fall. Many varieties available.

## *Oenothera berlandieri*



Photo by: Bob Perry

Common Name: Mexican Evening Primrose

Family: Onagraceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: A spreading perennial, 15"-18" high and up to 3' across. Numerous pink flowers occur from early spring through fall.

Water needs: Low supplemental water.

Special Features: Can become invasive, spreads by underground stems.

Variety 'Siskiyou' is more compact.

## *Penstemon heterophyllus purdyi*



Photo by: Dean WM. Taylor

Common Name: Blue Bedder Penstemon

Family: Scrophulariaceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: 1'-2' high with blue or lavender flowers in spring.

Water needs: Low to very low supplemental water once established.

Special Features: Will become dormant under summer drought stress.

# *Perovskia atriplicifolia*

Perennials



Photo by: Bob Perry

Common Name: Russian Sage  
Family: Lamiaceae  
Light: Full sun.  
Characteristics of plant: Grows 3'-4' high with many branches of fine grey-green leaves and small lavender-blue flowers throughout the summer.  
Water needs: Moderate supplemental water.  
Special Features: Should be cut back in late fall to rejuvenate plant.

# *Rudbeckia hirta*



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Common Name: Gloriosa Daisy/Black-Eyed Susan  
Family: Asteraceae  
Light: Full to partial sun.  
Characteristics of plant: A perennial which grows 18"-36" high and 12"-15" across, with bright yellow flowers from mid-summer through fall.  
Water needs: Low supplemental water.  
Special Features: Attracts bees, butterflies and birds. Most varieties are short-lived and best treated as annuals. Variety *R. fulgida* 'Goldsturm' is best for coming back each year.