

Plants in front of units' walls.

1. Texas Sage

heat and drought-tolerant

5-8 feet tall and 4-6 feet wide, though compact varieties stay smaller (around 3-5 ft)

2. Yellow Bird of Paradise (shrub)

fast-growing, drought-tolerant shrub, full sun

6-10 feet tall and 4-8 feet wide.

3. Firethorne – Pyracantha

tough, drought-tolerant thorny evergreen

grows 6-10 ft tall

4. Myrtle (twisted myrtle)

moderately drought/heat tolerant but irrigation is required

can grow to 6-12 feet tall and wide

5. Silver Senna

drought tolerant flourishes in full sun

4 to 6 feet tall and wide

6. Cape Honeysuckle

Cape honeysuckle (Tecoma capensis) fast-growing, drought-tolerant shrub for hedges or walls, orange-red, trumpet-shaped flowers

3 to 10 feet tall and 4 to 10 feet wide

7. Japanese Cheesewood

drought-tolerant and fairly hardy, evergreen, full sun to partial shade

can reach 33 ft tall by 10 ft wide and can become treelike. It can also be trimmed into a hedge.

8. Waxleaf Ligustrum (Ligustrum japonicum 'Texanum')

young Waxleaf Ligustrum needs deep, regular watering (weekly/bi-weekly) for the first year. Once established, it's drought-tolerant

6 to 12 feet tall and 4 to 8 feet wide, fast grower, can trim as hedge

9. Fairyduster

is a low spreading shrub which is native to deserts

2 to 4 feet wide and 1 to 3 feet tall

drought tolerant

10. Ornamental sour orange (trim as a hedge)

requires regular watering

Can reach 30 feet but often kept smaller, (dwarf varieties available); has sharp thorns

11. Bougainvillea

thorny, drought-tolerant, tolerates full sun

can grow out of control if not pruned regularly

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✓ 12. Lantana / verbena

lantana can be toxic

verbena is non-toxic, drought-resistant – purple flowers

low spreading 1 foot or less in height, spreading 2 to 5 feet wide.

13. Oleander – hardy pink

drought tolerant – full sun

4-6 ft tall

toxic if ingested – may irritate skin