

The Gardens

Approved Plant List (October 2026)

Aloe & Agaves (Succulents)

Aleo – Blue Elf
Agave – Parry's
Agave – Red

Grasses & Grass-like Plants

Coral Fountain Grass
Fortnight Lily (Perennial herb/lily-like)
Fountain Grass
Muhlenbergia Capillaris & Pink Flamingo (Ornamental grasses)

Perennials

Bird of Paradise (Strelitzia - herbaceous perennial)
Heavenly Bamboo (Nandina domestica - woody cane-like perennial, often grouped with shrubs)
Penstemons: Firecracker Penstemon, Parry Penstemon, Superb/Coral Penstemon (Herbaceous perennials)
Ruellia Brittoniana / Mexican Petunia (Herbaceous perennial)

Shrubs & Bushes

Lesser Bougainvillea or Paper Flower (bushy variety of Bougainvillea)
Cape Honeysuckle (Semi-woody vine)
Duranta repens / Duranta Skyflower (Large woody shrub)
Firebush (Soft-wooded perennial shrub)
Hibiscus Butterball (Flowering woody shrub)
Lantana (Low-growing woody perennial/shrub)
Little Ollie (dwarf olive) (Compact evergreen shrub)
Mexican Bird of Paradise (Flowering shrub)
Myrtle communis & Myrtle dwarf (Dense evergreen shrubs)
Natal Plum (Boxwood Beauty) (Dense, thorny evergreen shrub)
Oleander (Large flowering evergreen bush/shrub)
Rosemary (upright) (Woody evergreen shrub)
Silver Cloud (Purple) Sage (Woody perennial shrub)
Texas Sage (Leucophyllum Frutescens) (Woody evergreen shrub)
Viburnum (Sweet or Coppertop Sweet) (Large structural evergreen shrub)

Succulents / Cacti-like

Slipper Plant (large with leaves) (Pedilanthus)
Slipper Plant (small no leaves) (Euphorbia)

Trees

Anacacho Orchid (small tree, best in sheltered location)
Australian Bottle Tree (Brachychiton populneus)(medium size)
Cascalote (Caesalpinia cacalaco)(small flowering tree with thorns)
Cascalote 'Smoothie' (small thornless flowing tree)
Chinese Elm
Crepe Myrtle (small to medium sized flowering tree)

Desert Museum Palo Verde (medium sized tree)
Desert Willow (small to medium size tree)
Fruitless Flowering Plum (medium sized tree)
Hardenbergia violacea 'Happy Wanderer' (purple vine lilac)
Hong Kong Orchid (medium size flowering tree)
Kumquat Tree (small tree with fruit)
Mexican Buckeye (medium flowing tree)
Oleander Tree
Red Push Pistache (medium sized tree)
Swan Hill Olive (non-fruiting medium sized tree)

Trees appropriate for small space such as the front of a unit's sidewalks:

Crepe Myrtle (non-white flowering varieties are smaller and best suited for this location)
Dwarf Fruitless Flowering Plum (small sized tree)
Swan Hill Olive

Vines

Bougainvillea
Creeping Fig
Star Jasmine