



Sage Advice from the Roundhouse....

DECIDUOUS SHRUBS

The following is a list of non-evergreen native shrubs. Using deciduous shrubs in your landscape is an excellent way to dramatize the effects of the seasons and add depth and character to your garden. They display a dormant period after flowering to “rest” by shedding some or all of their leaves. It is also a great opportunity to use your creativity and apply some basic design principles. All prefer part to full shade and most lose their leaves in fall and winter and flower in spring and summer. They are excellent for use as medium to tall understory plants, and add a touch of drama to any partly or fully shaded area. A true California landscape is diverse and dynamic; add some deciduous shrubs to your native landscape and watch what happens!

PLANT	COMMON NAME	HABIT (h x w)	NOTES
<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	False Indigobush	6' x 8'	royal purple flowers, butterfly habitat
<i>Calycanthus occidentalis</i>	Western Spicebush	8' x 8'	bright green leaves, dark red flowers
<i>Cornus</i> species	Dogwood	8' x 8'	fall color, attractive, regular water
<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	Ocean Spray, Creambush	8' x 6'	cream-colored flower sprays
<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>	Mock Orange	6' x 4'	fragrant white blossoms
<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	Ninebark	4' x 6'	large white flower clusters
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Chokecherry	12-20' x 14'	white flowers, black berries
<i>Rhododendron occidentale</i>	Western Azalea	6' x 4'	white, fragrant flowers
<i>Rhus trilobata</i>	Squawbush	4' x 4'	creamy flower clusters
<i>Ribes</i> species	Gooseberry, Currant	4-6' x 5'	summer deciduous, attract birds
<i>Spirea douglasii</i>	Western Bridalwreath	6' x 4'	pale pink flower clusters
<i>Styrax officinalis</i>	Snowdrop Bush	8' x 6'	fragrant white flowers

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....dormant twigs and branches are striking in the fall and winter and allow rays to filter through and create new light and shade patterns.

Recommended Reading: The California Landscape Garden; Ecology, Culture and Design, Francis and Reimann, 1999.

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