

List of Native Species That Can be Used in Landscaping

The following list of plants are native species that have been recorded and verified as being native of the Lake Mead NRA region and are found in all areas of the park. These plants may be obtained from Lake Mead NRA Native Plant Nursery. Contact Edmund Redfield, Mon.-Thurs. 7am-4pm Phone (702) 293-8776.

Trees:

- **Fremonts cottonwood** (*Populus fremontii*) Large, beautiful shade tree up to 50 feet, fast growing, deciduous. Can be grown from cuttings and seed. Colorado River Native
- **Gooddings willow** (*Salix gooddingii*) Large tree, slow growing, up to 60 feet. Can be grown from cuttings. Colorado River Native
- **Sandbar willow** (*Salix exigua*) Large shrub or small tree to 20 feet. Colorado River Native
- **Desert willow** (*Chilopsis linearis*) Small tree or large shrub up to 20 feet, beautiful orchid-like pink flowers, fast growing, drought tolerant, can be grown from cuttings.
- **Honey Mesquite** (*Prosopis glandulosa var. torreyana*) Grows up to 30 feet in height, spiny, fast growing. A good replacement for Mexican paloverde.
- **Screwbean Mesquite** (*Prosopis pubescens*) Grows up to 20 feet, spiny, fast, growing.
- **Catclaw acacia** (*Acacia greggii*) Tree up to 20 feet, drought tolerant, can be grown from cuttings, thorny, fragrant white or cream flowers in spring.

Accents:

- **Desert marigold** (*Bailey multiradiata*) Herbaceous perennial up to 1 foot, beautiful yellow flowers, easy to grow from seed.
- **Desert aster** (*Xylorhiza tortifolia*) Large tree, slow growing, up to 60 feet. Can be grown from cuttings. Colorado River Native

- **Desert mallow** (*Sphaeralcea ambigua*) Herbaceous perennial, beautiful salmon-colored flowers in spring.
- **Beavertail cactus** (*Opuntia basilaris*) Magenta flowers in late spring, grow from cuttings.
- **Buckhorn cholla** (*Opuntia acanthocarpa*) Tall cholla, orange flowers in late spring, grows from cuttings.
- **Silver cholla** (*Opuntia echinocarpa*) Small cholla, chartreuse flowers in late spring, grow from cuttings.
- **Mojave yucca** (*Yucca schidigera*) Large yucca, easy to grow from transplants.
- **Ricegrass** (*Achnatherum hymenoides*) Perennial bunchgrass with lovely wispy flower spikes.
- **Purple threeawn** (*Aristida purpurea*) Perennial bunchgrass, purple flower spikes. A good substitute for fountaingrass.
- **Neddlegrass** (*Hesperositpa comate*) Perennial bunchgrass, drought tolerant.
- **Big galleta grass** (*Pleuraphis rigida*) Perennial bunchgrass, drought tolerant.
- **Alkali sacaton** (*Sporobolus airoides*) Perennial bunchgrass, with wispy flower spikes.
- **Common reed** (*Phragmites australis*) Up to 3 feet, can be used as a screen in wet places. Colorado River native.
- **Southern cattail** (*Typha domingensis*) Wet places or ponds. Colorado River native.

Shrubs:

- **White bursage** (*Ambrosia dumosa*) Small shrub up to 1 foot, can be grown from seed, silver foliage, drought tolerant, deciduous. A Mojave Desert dominant.
- **Paperflower** (*Psilostrophe cooperi*) Small shrub up to 1.5 feet, beautiful yellow flowers in late spring, drought tolerant.

- **Desert holly** (*Atriplex hymenelytra*) Small shrub up to 2 feet, beautiful silvery foliage, drought and salt tolerant.
- **Desert alyssum** (*Lepidium fremontii*) Small shrub up to 2 feet, beautiful masses of white flowers in early spring.
- **California buckwheat** (*Eriogonum fasciculatum* var. *polifolium*) Small shrub up to 2 feet, pink or white flowers in late spring, drought tolerant.
- **Brittlebush** (*Encelia farinose*) Medium shrub up to 3 feet, fruits tinged rose, drought tolerant.
- **Sweetbush** (*Bebbia juncea*) Medium shrub up to 3 feet, yellow, very fragrant flowers.
- **Cheesebush** (*Amphipappus fremontii*) Medium shrub up to 3 feet, fruits tinged rose, drought tolerant.
- **Mojave rabbitbrush** (*Chrysothamnus paniculatus*) Medium shrub up to 3 feet, masses of yellow flowers in fall.
- **Chaffbush** (*Amphipappus fremontii*) Medium shrub up to 3 feet, yellow flowers, drought tolerant.
- **Virgin encelia** (*Encelia virginensis*) Medium shrub up to 3 feet, yellow flowers in late spring.
- **Spiny senna** (*Senna armata*) Medium shrub up to 3 feet, deciduous, beautiful yellow flowers in spring and wet falls, spiny.
- **Indigobush** (*Psoralea fremontii*) Medium shrub up to 3 feet, deciduous, beautiful deep blue flowers in spring.
- **Mohave sage** (*Salvia mohavensis*) Medium shrub to 3 feet, blue flowers.
- **Creosotebush** (*Larrea tridentata*) Large shrub up to 6 feet, yellow flowers, drought tolerant, evergreen, can be grown from seed or cuttings. Mojave Desert dominant.
- **Sticky seepwillow** (*Baccharis salicifolia*) Large shrub up to 12 feet, white flowers. Colorado River native.
- **Desert baccharis** (*Baccharis sergiloides*) Large shrub up to 6 feet, white flower. Colorado River native.

- **Arrowweed** (*Pluchea sericea*) Large shrub up to 15 feet, pink flowers, can be grown as a screen, fast growing, a good replacement for oleander. Colorado River native.
- **Pygmy cedar** (*Peucephyllum schottii*) Large shrub up to 6 feet, yellow flowers drought tolerant.
- **Lenscale** (*Atriplex lentiformis*) Large shrub up to 9 feet, may make a good screen, salt tolerant.