

SCOTTS VALLEY NATIVE PLANTS - AVAILABLE AT SELECTIVE NURSERIES IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

California Buckeye

The California Buckeye is a plant adapted to a dry climate; it starts dropping its leaves as soon as summer arrives to help it conserve water. The tree acts as a soil binder, which prevents erosion in hilly regions.



Coast Live Oak

Coast Live Oak has also become a common addition to landscaping. It is important to respect the root crown level and avoid adding soil near the trunk when construction or landscaping occurs. Also, if incorporating it into a landscaping scheme with artificial irrigation, it is important not to water within the oak's rooting area, as wet soil in the summer increases infection rates.



Coffeeberry

It is an evergreen shrub growing to 2-5 m tall. Coffeeberry plants that grow in windy or exposed areas usually do not exceed a meter or two in height or width, but individuals growing in inland areas or sheltered canyons can spread to 8 m wide.



Common Rush

It grows in large clumps about 1.5 meters (5 feet) tall at the water's edge along streams and ditches, but can be invasive anywhere with moist soil.



Coyote Brush

This shrub is generally smaller than 3 meters in height. It requires good drainage and moderate summer watering. Coyote brush is also drought tolerant, very useful for hedges or fence lines and for ground cover. It is rather deer-proof. It requires watering once a week until established and then about once per month during the first summer. It can mature in one to two years.



Western Honeysuckle

This drought-tolerant plant is grown as an ornamental in arid regions of California. The flowers attract hummingbirds; other birds eat the fruits.

