

# Water Conscious Landscaping for the Cow Creek GCD

## Part 3-Vines, Groundcovers, and Shrubs

The following list is divided into groundcovers, vines, and small, medium, and large shrubs. The mature size a plant attains is dependent to a degree on the quality and quantity of soil it is growing in, so individual variation is common. When choosing plants it is important to keep in mind not only size, but light requirements of the plants, so that you can place them appropriately. Also remember that while the plants are drought tolerant once established, for the first few months after they are planted, they will need regular watering to develop the widespread root system that gives them this ability.

Plants with a single \* after the name are somewhat deer resistant, plants with a double \*\* are highly deer resistant, although in a severe drought or in highly crowded conditions deer will eat almost anything. Axis deer may eat plants that whitetails avoid. Plants fed with chemical fertilizers rather than organic tend to develop succulent growth which is favored by all deer.

This does not represent a complete list of appropriate plants, rather it reflects the varieties that are usually available in local nurseries.

### Vines and Groundcovers

*Asiatic Jasmine* - come in standard, dwarf, and variegated forms

*Clockvine*\*

*Coral honeysuckle*\* - far better than invasive Japanese types

*Crossvine*\*

*English ivy*

*Liriope*

*Monkey Grass*

*Passion Vine*\*

*Prostrate Rosemary*\*\*

*Queen's Crown*\*

*Santolina*\*\* - green and gray leaved forms

*Texas Wisteria*\*

*Trailing Lantana*\*

*Virginia Creeper*\*

## Small Shrubs

*Aspidistra*

*Compact Abelia\**

*Dwarf Barberry\**

*Dwarf Yaupon Holly\*\**

*Harbor Dwarf Nandina\** (avoid curly leaved nandinas)

*Ornamental Grasses\**

*Red Yucca\**

*Upright Rosemary\*\**

## Medium Shrubs

*Agarita\*\**

*Agave* (Century Plant)

*Boxwood\*\**

*Ceniza\*\** (Purple Sage)

*Compact Nandina\**

*Evergreen Sumac\*\**

*Flowering Quince\**

*Glossy Abelia\**

*Indian Hawthorne*

*Oleander\*\** (Susceptible to a new fatal disease)

*Pittosporum*

*Primrose Jasmine\**

*Pyracantha\**

*Sandankwa Viburnum\**

*Sotol*

*Southern Wax Myrtle\**

*Spirea*

**Large Shrubs**

*Anacho Orchid Tree\**

*Crape Myrtle*

*Eleagnus*

*Flameleaf Sumac\**

*Lady Banksia Rose\**

*Mexican Redbud\**

*Mutabilis Rose*

*Pomegranite\**

*Possumhaw Holly\*\**

*Rusty Blackhaw Viburnum\**

*Texas Pistache*

*Vitex\*\**