# SoCal Heat Hub Plant Recommendations DRAFT

## Trees and Shrubs for Cooler Communities

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### Native Trees / Large Shrubs

California Laurel*
California Wild Grape*
Catalina Cherry*
Catalina Ironwood
Coast Live Oak*
Desert willow
Laurel Sumac
Lemonadeberry
Manzanita*
Mesquite*
Mexican Elderberry*
Sugarbush
Torrey Pine*
Toyon

*Native plants that produce food

### Native sagescrub species

Artemisia California Sagebrush
Black Sage
Buckwheat(s)
California Fuchsia (hummingbird flower)
Coast Sunflower

### Medicinal

White Sage
Creosote
Meloleuca (non-native, Australia)

### Food Trees and Vines*

Mulberry (non-native, Asia)
Passion Fruit (non-native, subtropical South America), grow vine on trellis for shade, resilient/drought tolerant)
Pineapple Guava (non-native, South America)
Strawberry Guava (non-native, Brazil)

Consider unique site requirements and maintenance needs for each.

Also see San Diego County Water Authority Top 100 Plant List for water-limited environments.