

## A SELECTION OF PLANTS OF THE SONORAN DESERT REGION

<u>Botanical Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Blooming Period</u>	<u>Notable Features</u>
<b>SUCCULENTS</b>			
<i>Agave chrysantha</i>	Golden Flowered Agave	Summer	Golden yellow flowers on a very crowded umbel
<i>Agave colorata</i>	Mescal Ceniza	Late Winter - early Spring	Reddish buds followed by yellow flowers
<i>Agave deserti</i>	Desert Agave	Late Spring - Summer	Depending on subspecies, may occur singly or in colonies
• <i>Agave parryi</i> var. <i>huachuensis</i>	Huachuca Agave	Summer	The larger and more robust of the three varieties of the species
<i>Agave palmeri</i>	Palmer's Agave	Summer	Yellow flowers with bright red tip
• <i>Agave pelona</i>	Mescal pelon	Spring - early Summer	Leaves have red to purple tint / flowers are wine-red
<i>Agave schottii</i>	Shindagger	Spring - Summer	Very fragrant yellow flowers
• <i>Carnegiea gigantea</i>	Saguaro	May - June	Iconic plant of the Sonoran Desert - white flowers produce bright red fruit
<i>Cylindropuntia bigelovii</i>	Teddy Bear Cholla	Spring - Summer	Yellow spines become black with age - flowers are greenish-yellow
• <i>Cylindropuntia fulgida</i>	Chain Fruit Cholla	Summer	Pink flowers produce plump green fruits that hang in chains
• <i>Cylindropuntia molesta</i>	Aguilla Cholla	Spring	Very long golden spines
<i>Dasyllirion wheeleri</i>	Desert Spoon, Sotol	May - July	Light yellow flowers held on very tall stalks
<i>Echinocereus bonkeriae</i>	Bonker's Hedgehog	April	Vivid pink flowers on multiple stems
<i>Echinocereus nicholii</i>	Nichol's Hedgehog	April	Many long yellow spines/light pink flowers
<i>Echinocereus triglochidiatus</i>	Claret-cup Hedgehog	April	Orange-red flowers on multiple stems (many varieties occur)
• <i>Euphorbia lomelii</i> (Syn. <i>Pedilanthus macrocarpus</i> )	Slipper Plant	Feb-May & Aug-Oct	Succulent green stems produce red slipper-shaped flower
<i>Ferocactus emoryi</i> ssp. <i>covillei</i>	Coville Barrel Cactus	Summer - early Fall	Beautiful red flowers, does not have fine radial spines
<i>Ferocactus cylindraceus</i>	Compass Barrel	March - April	Spines usually reddish, wide range of flower colors
• <i>Fouquieria columnaris</i>	Boojum	July - September	Stem succulent with unique growth form
• <i>Fouquieria splendens</i>	Ocotillo	Varies by elevation	Dense spikes of brilliant red, tubular flowers / leaves appear with moisture
<i>Nolina bigelovii</i>	Beargrass	May - June	Elongated cluster of white flowers produced on tall stalk
• <i>Opuntia macrocentra</i>	Black-spined Prickly Pear	Spring	Bluish purple pads, long spines and yellow flowers with red center
<i>Pachycereus pringlei</i>	Cardón	Spring	White flowers produced at top of stems / plants are trioecious
<i>Lophocereus schottii</i>	Senita	April - August	Mature stems have long, bristly spines resembling hair
<i>Stenocereus alamosensis</i>	Octopus Cactus	Spring - Summer	Tubular red flowers produced throughout warm season
<i>Stenocereus eruca</i>	Creeping Devil	In response to rain	Very spiny prostrate stems, large white to pink nocturnal flowers
<i>Stenocereus gummosus</i>	Sour pitahaya	Summer	Large white nocturnal flowers followed by a large red fruit
<i>Stenocereus thurberi</i>	Organ Pipe Cactus	April - August	Pink-tinged white tubular flowers produce a red fruit
<i>Yucca elata</i>	Soaptree Yucca	Late Spring	Showy cluster of bell-shaped white flowers produced on a tall stalk
<b>TREES</b>			
• <i>Bursera microphylla</i>	Elephant Tree	Summer	Mature plants have swollen, contorted trunks
<i>Ceiba acuminata</i>	Kapok	May - June	Bark is studded with conical "thorns" which enlarge with age
<i>Celtis reticulata</i>	Netleaf Hackberry	Spring	Gray bark becomes fissured and warty with age
<i>Ipomoea arborescens</i>	Tree Morning Glory	November - March	Semi-succulent stems with large cream-colored flowers
• <i>Olneya tesota</i>	Ironwood	Spring	Pea-shaped lavender flowers
• <i>Parkinsonia microphylla</i>	Foothills palo verde	Spring	Green bark with pale yellow flowers
<i>Parkinsonia florida</i>	Blue palo verde	Spring	Bluish-green bark with bright yellow flowers
<i>Pinus edulis</i>	Two-leaf Piñon Pine	Summer	Large edible seeds form in buff-colored cones
<i>Platanus wrightii</i>	Arizona Sycamore	Spring	Seed heads dangle of long stalks
• <i>Populus fremontii</i>	Fremont Cottonwood	Spring	Deciduous tree with very colorful cordate leaves in the fall / plants are dioecious
• <i>Prosopis glandulosa</i> var. <i>torreyana</i>	Western Honey Mesquite	Spring	Pale yellow catkins producing long seed pods
<i>Quercus oblongifolia</i>	Sonoran Blue Oak	Spring	Male flowers are yellow catkins, female are solitary or paired
<i>Sapindus drummondii</i>	Western Soapberry	Late spring	Flowers in large creamy clusters followed by round persistent fruit
<i>Senegalia greggii</i> (Syn. <i>Acacia greggii</i> )	Catclaw Acacia	Spring	Pale yellow catkins on gray branches with small, curved spines

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<b>SHRUBS</b>			
<i>Ambrosia ambrosioides</i>	Giant Bursage	Late Winter - Spring	Light green flower clusters form fruits resembling cockleburs
<i>Ambrosia deltoidea</i>	Triangle-leaf Bursage	Late Winter - Spring	Small woody shrub with light gray-green leaves, inconspicuous flowers and fruit
<i>Arctostaphylos pungens</i>	Pointleaf Manzanita	Late Winter - Spring	Smooth red bark with shiny leathery leaves / urn-shaped flowers in clusters
<i>Atriplex canescens</i>	Four-wing Saltbush	March-September	Dioecious plants with slender gray-green leaves / flowers inconspicuous
• <i>Calliandra eriophylla</i>	Fairy Duster	Late Winter & with rains	Pink mimosa-like flowers
<i>Erythrina flabelliformis</i>	Coral Bean	Spring	Large dramatic red-orange flower / Produces red beans
<i>Euphorbia misera</i>	Cliff Spurge	January - August	Very interesting flower with red appendages surrounding central nectar disk
<i>Hyptis emoryi</i>	Desert Lavender	January - May	Minute pink to lavender flower clusters
• <i>Jatropha cardiophylla</i>	Limberbush	July - August	Semi-succulent stems remain leafless most of the year, heart-shaped leaves
<i>Pleradenophora bilocularis</i> (Syn. <i>Sapium biloculare</i> )	Jumping Bean	March - November	Small greenish flowers produce capsule which may contain weevil larvae
• <i>Simmondsia chinensis</i>	Jojoba	Winter	Dioecious plants/Small flowers produce acorn-like fruit
<i>Tecoma stans</i>	Yellowbells	March - October	Bright yellow tubular flowers
• <i>Zapoteca formosa</i> var. <i>schottii</i>	Schott's Stickpea	July - September	Interesting pink-yellow flower on 3-4' shrub (Syn. <i>Calliandra schottii</i> )
• <i>Ziziphus obtusifolia</i>	Graythorn	Summer	Waxy gray-green stems with stout thorns/small flowers produce black fruit
<b>ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS</b>			
<i>Allium macropetalum</i>	Desert Onion	Spring	Delicate plant with pinkish striped flowers
<i>Anemone tuberosa</i>	Wind Flower	Spring	Daisy-like flower, white to pink or lavender / seed head a fuzzy cylinder
• <i>Aristolochia watsonii</i>	Dutchman's Pipe	Warm season	Unique pipe-shaped maroon flower / larval food for pipevine swallowtail butterfly
<i>Asclepias albicans</i>	Whitestem Milkweed	Warm season	Similar in appears to <i>A. subulata</i> but stems considerable taller, to 4 meters
<i>Asclepias subulata</i>	Desert Milkweed	Early Summer	Gray-green stems, usually leafless / white flowers in clusters
<i>Cnidoscolus angustidens</i>	Mala Mujer, Stinging Spurge	May - August	Entire plant covered with white stinging hairs / tuberous roots
<i>Cottisia gracilis</i> (Syn. <i>Janusia gracilis</i> )	Slender janusia	April - October	Climbing vine with delicate yellow flowers
<i>Delphinium scaposum</i>	Larkspur	Spring	Purplish-blue flower
• <i>Encelia farinosa</i>	Brittlebush	Late Winter - Spring / with rains	Silvery green leaves and daisy-like yellow flowers / drought deciduous
<i>Ibervillea sonorae</i>	Huereque	Summer	Vining stems grow from a large caudex / tiny yellow flowers
• <i>Justicia californica</i>	Chuparosa	October to May	Gray-green waxy stems and leaves / deep reddish orange tubular flowers
<i>Krameria grayi</i>	White Ratany	April - October	Small reddish-purple flowers, fuzzy barbed fruits
<i>Acmispon wrightii</i> (Syn. <i>Lotus wrightii</i> )	Wright's Deervetch	April - September	Small shrub with tiny leaflets and yellow/red pea-like flowers
<i>Nissolia schottii</i>	Schott's Yellowhood	March	Leguminous vine with pink-purple flowers
<i>Randia echinocarpa</i>	Papache	Summer	Large round green fruit with spined projections turning brown-black / edible
• <i>Sphaeralcea ambigua</i>	Desert Globemallow	Through the year	Wide range of flower color (commonly orange, also white, red, lavender, pink)
<i>Trixis californica</i>	Trixis	Late Winter - Spring	Range mirrors Sonoran Desert

- Completed works or works in progress. See complete list of artworks in progress and media being used.

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