



Landscape Plants for the Arizona Desert

Poolside Plants

Your pool will be even more inviting when you surround it with colorful desert plants. But selecting plants for your poolside landscape requires some consideration. Typically, you want to choose plants that produce a minimum of litter and have no spines or thorns. Use low-growing plants (6 inches to 4 feet in height) within 6 to 8 feet from the pool to maximize sun exposure and minimize litter problems. Avoid turf grass or other high-water-use plants that require heavy irrigation, which can cause damage to your pool decking or equipment.

Trees

Acacia salicina, WILLOW ACACIA
Acacia craspedocarpa, LEATHER-LEAF ACACIA
Acacia stenophylla, SHOESTRING ACACIA
Brahea armata, MEXICAN BLUE PALM
Caesalpinia cacalaco, CASCALOTE
Chamaerops humilis, MEDITERRANEAN FAN PALM
Chorisia speciosa, SILK FLOSS TREE
Eucalyptus erythrocorys, RED-CAP GUM
Olea europea, FRUITLESS OLIVE
Olneya tesota, IRONWOOD
Pistacia lentiscus, MASTIC TREE
Pithecellobium flexicaule, TEXAS EBONY
Quercus virginiana, SOUTHERN LIVE OAK

Shrubs

Abutilon palmeri, INDIAN MALLOW
Buddleia marrubifolia, WOOLLY BUTTERFLY BUSH
Caesalpinia gilliesii, DESERT BIRD OF PARADISE
Calliandra californica, BAJA RED FAIRY DUSTER
Calliandra eriophylla, PINK FAIRY DUSTER
Cordia parvifolia, LITTLELEAF CORDIA
Dalea species, DALEA
Dodonaea viscosa, HOP BUSH
Encelia farinosa, BRITTLEBUSH
Eremophila maculata v. brevifolia, RED EREMOPHILA
Ericameria laricifolia, TURPENTINE BUSH
Hyptis emoryii, DESERT LAVENDER
Justicia californica, CHUPAROSA

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Justicia candicans, RED JUSTICIA
Larrea tridentata, CREOSOTE BUSH
Leucophyllum species, TEXAS SAGE, CLOUD SERIES
Lycium fremontii, WOLFBERRY
Maytenus phyllanthoides, MANGLE DULCE
Rhus ovata, SUGAR BUSH
Ruellia peninsularis, BAJA RUELLIA
Simmondsia chinensis, JOJOBA
Sophora secundiflora, TEXAS MOUNTAIN LAUREL
Tecomaria capensis, CAPE HONEYSUCKLE
Vauquelinia californica, ARIZONA ROSEWOOD

Groundcovers

Baccharis hybrid, TRAILING DESERT BROOM
Cephalophyllum 'Red Spike', RED SPIKE ICE PLANT
Chrysactinia mexicana, DAMIANITA
Convolvulus cneorum, BUSH MORNING GLORY
Euphorbia rigida, BLUE EUPHORBIA
Gazania rigens, TRAILING GAZANIA
Lantana hybrids, LANTANA
Myoporum parvifolium, MYOPORUM
Oenothera caespitosa, TUFTED EVENING PRIMROSE
Rosmarinus officinalis 'Prostratus', TRAILING ROSEMARY
Ruellia brittoniana 'Katie', KATIE RUELLIA
Teucrium chamaedrys 'Prostratum', GERMANDER
Wedelia trilobata, YELLOW DOT

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Vines

Antigonon leptopus, QUEEN'S WREATH
Cissus trifoliata, GRAPE IVY
Mascagnia macroptera, YELLOW ORCHID VINE
Merremia aurea, YUCA VINE
Podranea ricasoliana, PINK TRUMPET VINE
Solanum jasminoides, POTATO VINE

Cacti

Echinocactus grusonii, GOLDEN BARREL
Lophocereus schottii f. *monstrosus*, TOTEM POLE
Opuntia ficus-indica, INDIAN FIG
Tephrocactus articulatus f. *inermis*, SPRUCE CONES

Succulents/Accents

Agave desmettiana, SMOOTH AGAVE
Agave vilmoriniana, OCTOPUS AGAVE
Agave weberi, WEBER'S AGAVE
Aloe species, ALOE
Asclepias subulata, DESERT MILKWEED
Bulbine frutescens, YELLOW BULBINE
Cycas revoluta, SAGO PALM
Dasyliirion wheeleri, SOTOL
Euphorbia antisyphilitica, CANDELILLA
Fouquieria splendens, OCOTILLO
Hesperaloe funifera, GIANT HESPERALOE
Hesperaloe parviflora, RED YUCCA,
HESPERALOE
Nolina microcarpa, BEARGRASS
Pedilanthus macrocarpus, SLIPPER FLOWER
Portulacaria afra, ELEPHANT BUSH
Yucca pallida, PALELEAF YUCCA

Perennial Flowers/Wildflowers

Baileya multiradiata, DESERT MARIGOLD
Berlandiera lyrata, CHOCOLATE FLOWER
Gaura lindheimeri, GAURA
Hymenoxys acaulis, ANGELITA DAISY
Melampodium leucanthum, BLACKFOOT DAISY
Penstemon species, PENSTEMON
Salvia clevelandii, CHAPARRAL SAGE
Sphaeralcea ambigua, GLOBE MALLOW
Verbena pulchella, MOSS VERBENA
Zephyranthes candida, RAIN LILLY
Zinnia acerosa, DESERT ZINNIA

Ornamental Grasses

Muhlenbergia capillaris, GULF MUHLY
Muhlenbergia rigins, DEER GRASS