

## Blooming Season and Pruning Recommendations of Some Common Shrubs for Low and Medium Elevations in Arizona

Scientific Name	Common Name	Blooming Season	Pruning
<i>Bougainvillea sp.</i>	Bougainvillea	Spring to fall flowering.	Prune dead wood or frost damage in early spring. Remove offshoots or too vigorous growth as needed.
<i>Caesalpinia pulcherrima</i> <i>C. gilliesii</i> <i>C. mexicana</i>	Red Bird of Paradise Desert Bird of Paradise Mexican Bird of Paradise	Flowers from late spring to fall.	Major pruning in late winter, early spring. If stems are twiggy, cut <i>C. pulcherrima</i> to 6-12" above ground. Light midsummer pruning to control size.
<i>Calliandra californica</i> <i>C. eriophylla</i>	Baja Red Fairy Duster Pink Fairy Duster	Spring to fall flowering.	Light, natural pruning in later spring after first flowering.
<i>Carissa grandiflora</i>	Natal Plum	Flowers on new growth in early summer.	Remove damaged wood after frost, vertical sprouts as needed. <b>Avoid shearing.</b>
<i>Cassia artemisioides</i> <i>C. nemophila</i> <i>C. phyllodenia</i>	Feathery Cassia Green Cassia Silvery Cassia	Flowers late winter to spring.	Don't prune unless size needs to be controlled. If necessary, prune after flowering while temperatures are still cool.
<i>Dalea bicolor</i> <i>D. dorycnoides</i> <i>D. frutescens</i> <i>D. lutea</i>	Silver dalea  Black Dalea Yellow Bush Dalea	Fall blooming Fall to winter and spring Late summer and fall Late fall	Prune vigorous species by one third to one half during winter dormant period.
<i>Dodonea viscosa</i>	Hop Bush	Flowers insignificant, decorative pink, papery winged seed in late spring, sometimes late summer.	No pruning necessary unless size control desired. Can be pruned any time.
<i>Encelia farinosa</i>	Brittle Bush	Spring flowering	From second year on, cut back to 6" after flowering.
<i>Jasminum mesnyi</i>	Primrose Jasmin	Flowers on previous season's growth in winter or early spring.	Prune lightly as needed.
<i>Justicia californica</i> <i>J. spicigera</i>	Chuparosa Mexican honeysuckle	Spring blooming and intermittent during summer and fall.	No or little pruning needed. Remove old woody stems to rejuvenate. Light pruning after spring if desired.
<i>Lantana sp.</i>	Lantana	Spring through fall flowering.	Cut to ground in March to remove frost damaged wood. Prune during growing season to control shape if necessary.

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Leucophyllum candidum L. frutescens L. laevigatum	'Silver Cloud' and 'Thunder Cloud' Texas Ranger Chihuahuan Sage	Summer and fall flowering	No pruning required if selected for the appropriate space. Selected pruning can be done in early spring. <b>Don't shear.</b>
Nandina domestica	Heavenly Bamboo	Spring flowering.	Little pruning required. Rejuvenate older plants by selective thinning at the base.
Nerium oleander	Oleander	Flowers late spring to fall.	Thin in spring/early summer or after bloom, remove old wood. <b>Don't shear.</b>
<i>Pittosporum tobira</i> 'Wheeler's Dwarf'	Pittosporum	Spring flowering.	No pruning necessary. Offshoots may be removed.
Pyracantha sp.	Firethorn	Spring flowering on previous season's growth.	Prune late fall, after flowering in spring, and during the growing season.
Raphiolepis indica	Indian Hawthorn	Spring flowering.	Light pruning after flowering.
Rosemarinus officinalis 'Prostrata'	Creeping Rosemary	Early spring flowering.	Prune after flowering in spring to control shape or cut back to woody stems to rejuvenate.
Salvia chamaedryoides S. clevelandii S. greggii	Blue Sage Chaparral Sage Autumn Sage	Spring, or spring through summer.	Cut back old stems in winter or early spring. Deadhead spent flower stems.
Tecoma stans	Yellow Trumpet Flower	Spring to fall flowering.	Prune dead wood in early spring, otherwise light pruning as needed.

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