

Vistoso Ridge Community Association

PLANT GUIDE

The desert is a difficult place for vegetation, because the air is hot and dry. These plant guidelines are intended to protect the desert environment, minimize water use, and limit allergens. The permitted plant list is not exhaustive. Nurseries are constantly developing new plant varieties that are well suited to the desert. Homeowners wishing to use plants not on the approved list may provide information regarding the plant characteristics to the board which shall then decide whether to permit the plants.

PROHIBITED PLANTS

1. Any species of tree or shrub whose mature height may reasonably be expected to exceed 25 feet, with the exception of those indigenous plants which may naturally exceed 25 feet.
2. Palm Trees Not Meeting These Guidelines - Palms are restricted to the areas within the privacy walls and may not, be located within 3 feet of property lines nor permitted to overhang privacy walls. Palm trees will be planted no more than five per thousand square feet or rear yard. In the event that palm trees require measurement, they will be measured from the base of the trunk at the ground to the base of the fronds to a height of 25 feet. This method will vastly simplify the accurate measurement for the height of all palm trees. Approved palm trees will be as noted on the "species" approved plant list. If a palm tree exceeds 25 feet and is on the approved plant list, it will be allowed to grow as it might. Brown, dead palm fronds must be removed as a requirement for proper palm tree maintenance.
3. Large Oleanders/Thevetia or excessive use of Oleander/Thevetia (Nerium oleander/Thevetia species). For the purpose of this section, large shall be defined as taller than 8 feet or wider than 5 feet per plant tree. For the purpose of this section, excessive shall be defined as any hedge of plants longer than 6 feet, and bulk of plants larger than 10 square feet, or any use of this species as to dominate the landscaping of a particular lot. All Oleander/Thevetia plants must be located no closer than 4 feet from any sidewalk and 2 feet from any property line and must be trimmed to avoid any overhang of the plant onto neighboring property. Use of Oleander/Thevetia is not recommended for aesthetic reasons, as well as for their profuse production of pollen.
4. All large Citrus trees. For the purpose of this section, large is defined as taller than 8 feet or wider than 8 feet. All citrus trees are restricted to rear yard areas and must be maintained so as to grow no closer than 3 feet to the privacy walls. Use of citrus trees is not recommended due to their pollen producing and high water use characteristic.
5. All Pines (Pinus), Cypress (Cupressus), False Cypress (Chamaecyparis), Juniper or Cedar (Juniperus) taller than, or expected to get taller than 15 feet in height will be prohibited for aesthetics and high water use.
6. Olive tree (Olea Europaea) other than those on the approved plant list will be prohibited for reasons of their profuse production of allergy-producing pollen, as well as for aesthetic reasons. Approved olive trees will be as noted on the species approved plant list.
7. Fountain Grass (Pennisetum Setaceum) will be prohibited as a defined weed with the potential '

to spread throughout the development and also as a fire hazard.

8. Common Bermuda Grass (*Cynodon Dactylon*) will be prohibited as a defined weed and for its profuse production of allergy-producing pollen.
9. Mexican Palo Verde (*Parkinsonia Aculeata*) will be prohibited as harbinger of pests and because of its ability to spread throughout the development, thereby altering the present natural desert.
10. Eucalyptus will be prohibited for aesthetic reasons and general inappropriateness within the desert environment.
11. Mulberry (*Morus*) will be prohibited as a noxious pollen producer.

MINERAL LANDSCAPE FEATURES

Mineral ground covers and boulders will be limited to materials indigenous to the Rancho Vistoso area or materials similar in color and appearance to these materials

APPROVED TREE LIST

Common Name

Acacia Abyssinica...	Abyssinian Acacia
Acacia Aneuria...	Mulga Acacia
Acacia Cavenia...	Cavenia Acacia
Acacia constricta...	Whitethorn Acacia
Acacia eburnia...	Needle Acacia
Acacia farnesiana...	Sweet Acacia
Acacia greggii...	Catclaw Acacia
Acacia millefolia...	Santa Rita Acacia
Acacia occidentalis...	Teso Acacia
Acacia pennatula...	Pennatula Acacia
Acacia salicina...	Weeping Wattle
Acacia schaffneri...	Schaffner Acacia
Acacia smallii...	Sweet Acacia
Acacia stenophylla...	Shoestring Acacia
Acacia willardina...	White Bark Acacia
Caesalpinia mexicana...	Mexican Poinciana
Caesalpinia platyloba...	Bird of Paradise
Celtis pallida...	Desert Hackberry
Celtis reticulata...	Western Hackberry
Cercidium floridum...	Blue Palo Verde
Cercidium microphyllum...	Foothills Palo Verde
Cercidium praecox...	Palo Brea
Cercidium sonora...	Sonoran Palo Verde
Chilopsis linearis...	Desert Willow
Lysiloma candida...	Palo Blanco
Lysiloma thornberi...	Fern of the Desert
Olneya tesote...	Ironwood
Pithecellobium brevifolium...	Apes Earring
Pithecellobium flexicaule...	Texas Ebony

Pithecellobium phylliraeoides.....	Willow Pittosporum
Prosopis alba.....	Argentine Mesquite
Prosopis chilensis.....	Chilean Mesquite
Prosopis glandulosa.....	Honey Mesequite
Prosopis pubescens.....	Fremont Screwbean
Rhus larcea	African Sumac

APPROVED OLIVE TREES

Olea Europea Wilson (Fruitless Olive)
Swan Hill Olive (Fruitless Olive)

APPROVED PALM TREES

	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Mature Height</u>
Arecastrum Romanzoffianum (Syagrus)	Queen Palm	25
Brahea Amrata Eryhea	Hesper Palm	20
Butia Capitata (Cocos Capitata)	Butia Palm, Pindo Palm, Brazil Palm	20
Chamaerops Humilis	Mediterranean Fan Palm European Fan	12
Cycas Circanalis		
Sago Palm, Fern Palm		15
Dioon Edule	Japanese Sago Palm	10
Encephalartos Natalensis	Natal Cycad Palm, Thousand Hills Palm	12
Encephalartos Transvenosus	Modjadji Cycad Palm	25
Microzamia Miquelli	Zamia Palm	2
Phoenix Roebelenii	Dwarf Date Palm	10
Rhapis Excelsa	Miniature Fan Palm	15
Sabal Minor	Dwarf Palmetto Palm	6
Trachycarpus Fortunei	Windmill Palm	15

APPROVED SHRUBS**Common Name**

Acacia Angustissima.....	Fern Acacia
Acacia craspedocarpa.....	Leatherleaf Acacia
Acacia redolens.....	Ongerup Acacia
Aloysia Lycloides.....	White Brush
Agave americana.....	Century Plant
Agave huachucensis.....	Huchua Agave
Agave vilmariniana.....	Octopus Agave
Asclepias sublata.....	Desert Milkweed
Asrtuplex canoscens.....	Four Wing Salt Bush
Astruplex hymenetitra.....	Desert Holly
Astruplex lentiformis.....	Quail Bush
Berberis Haematocarpa.....	Red Barberry
Buddleja mambifolia.....	Wooley Butterfly Bush
Bursera microphylla.....	Elephant Tree
Caesalpinia gillesil.....	Yellow Bird of Paradise
Caesalpinia pulcherima.....	Mexican Bird of Paradise
Caesaipinia pumila.....	Copper Bird of Paradise
Calliandra Californica.....	Fairy Duster
Calliandra eriophylla.....	False Mesquite
Calliandra citrinus.....	Lemon Bottlebrush
Cassia artemesioides.....	Feathery Cassia
Cassia biffora.....	Texas Cassia
Cassia nemphylla.....	Green Feathery Cassia
Cassia wilizenil.....	Shrubby Cassia
Cassia emoryl.....	Crucifixion Thorn
Cercocarpus montenus.....	Mountain Mahogany
Dalea Bicclor.....	Indigo Bush
Dalea formosa.....	Feather Dalea
Dalea spinosa.....	Smoke Tree
Dodonea viscosa.....	Hop Bush
Encelia farinosa.....	Brittle Bush
Ephedra trifurca.....	Mormon Tea
Euphorbia.....	Spurge
Fallugia paradoxa.....	Apache Plume
Forestiera neomexlcana.....	Desert Olive
Fouquieria spendens.....	Ocotillo
Haplopapus laricifolius.....	Turpentine Bush
Hesperaloe parvillora.....	Coral Yucca
Hyptis emoryi.....	Desert Lavender
Justicia cadicans.....	Firecracker Bush
Justicia califomica.....	California Beloperone
Justicia spicigra.....	Desert Honeysuckle
Larrea Tridentata.....	Creosote Bush
Leucophyllum frutescens.....	Texas Sage / Ranger
Lsucophyllum laevigatum.....	Chiluhuan Sage
Lycium andersonil.....	Anderson Thombush
Mimosa biumcifera.....	Catclaw
Mimosa dysocarpa.....	Velvet Pod Mimosa
Nolina microcarpa.....	Bear Grass, Sacahuista
Nolina bigeloui.....	Begelow Nolina
Penstemon species.....	Beard Tongue

Rhamus califomlca.....	Coffee Berry
Rhamus crocea.....	Redberry
Rhus microphylla... ..	Little Leaf Desert Sumac
Rhus ouata... ..	Sugar Bush
Rhus virens.....	Evergreen Sumac
Rosmarinus officinalis... ..	Bush Rosemary
Rosmarinus prostratus.....	Dwarf Rosemary
Salvia Chamyorioides.....	Blue Sage
Salvia Farinacea... ..	Mealy Cup Sage
Salvia Greggii.....	Texas Red Salvia
Salvia leucantha... ..	Mexican Bush Sage
Salvia splendens.....	Scarlet Sage
Simmondsia chinensis... ..	Jojoba
Sophora arizonica... ..	Arizona Sophora
Sophora secundiflora... ..	Texas Mountain Laurel
Tamarix parvifolia.....	Flowering Salt Cedar
Tecoma Stans.....	Arizona Yellow Bells
Teucrium fruiticans.....	Bush Germander
Tetracoccus hallii.....	Spurge
Vauquelinia californica... ..	Arizona Rosewood
Viguiera Tomentosa.....	Golden Eye
Yucca aloifolia.....	Spanish Bayonet
Yucca baccata.....	Banana Yucca
Yucca brevifolia... ..	Joshua Tree
Yucca elata... ..	Soaptree Yucca
Zauschneria lotifolia... ..	Hummingbird Flower
Zizyphus obtusifolia.....	White Cruciflora, Greythorne
Zizyphus jujuba.....	Chinese Jujube

APPROVED VINES AND GROUND COVER

Common Name

Acacia redolens.....	Prostrate Acacia
Atriplex semibaccata.....	Australian Saltbush
Baileya multiradiata.....	Desert Marigold
Dalea greggii.....	Trailing Indigo Bush
Dimorphotheca sinuata.....	Cape Marigold
Dyssodia pentachaeta... ..	Dyssodia
Ganzia rigens... ..	Treasure Flower
Lantana montevidensis... ..	Trailing Lantana
Melampodium leucanthum... ..	Blackfoot Daisy
Oenothera biennis.....	Mexican Evening Primrose
Osteospermum fruticosum.....	Trailing African Daisy
Phyla nodiflora.....	Lippia
Rosmarinus prostratus.....	Trailing Rosemary
Santolina chamaecyparissus.....	Lavender Cotton
Santolina virens.....	Green Santoline
Verbena.....	Verbena
Desert seed mix	