

Dry Garden Plant List



The Dry Garden

The purpose of the Dry Garden is to investigate a model of sustainable horticulture suitable for a typical Cambridge garden, focusing on reducing the need for irrigation through design, cultivation techniques and the selection of drought-resistant plants. Cambridge is among the driest regions in Western Europe north of the Pyrenees, with an average rainfall of 557 mm per year. Water is therefore a limited resource and too precious to be used liberally for irrigating plants.

The plants in the Dry Garden were selected for their tolerance to the dry Cambridge climate. They were not watered when planted and have received no artificial watering during their life in the Dry Garden. The development of the Dry Garden was kindly sponsored by the Cambridge Water Company.

Horticultural tips for a dry garden:

- Don't worry if your lawn is parched and brown in the summer; resist the urge to water it from the mains supply – it will recover when the rain eventually comes.
- When choosing plants for a dry garden, look for

grey-leaved, waxy-leaved or aromatic plants, which indicate adaptation to drought conditions.

- Mulch a dry garden in spring with bark chips or cocoa shells to conserve moisture in the ground. If you mulch with organic matter, the plants will grow fast and lush, making them more susceptible to drought damage.

Annuals

Eschscholzia californica (California Poppy)

Herbaceous perennials

Amsonia 'Blue Ice' (Blue Star)

Anemone hupehensis var. *japonica* [Red form] (Japanese Anemone)

Armeria maritima 'In the Red' (Sea Thrift)

Ceratostigma plumbaginoides (Leadwort)

Clinopodium nepeta (Lesser Calamint)

Dierama igneum (Angel's Fishing Rod)

Digitalis ferruginea 'Gigantea' (Rusty Foxglove)

Dryopteris filix-mas (Male Fern)

Eryngium bourgatii 'Picos Blue' (Mediterranean Sea Holly)

Euphorbia cyparissias 'Clarice Howard' (Cypress Spurge)

Geranium procurrens × *G. psilostemon* 'Ann Folkard' (Cranesbill)
Hylotelephium 'Herbstfreude' (Autumn Joy Sedum)
Hylotelephium 'Matrona' (Sedum)
Knautia macedonica (Macedonian Scabious)
Kniphofia 'Drummore Apricot' (Red Hot Poker)
Limonium platyphyllum 'Violetta' (Sea Lavender)
Nepeta racemosa 'Walker's Low' (Catmint)
Phlomis russeliana (Turkish Sage)
Phyla nodiflora (Turkey Tangle Frogfruit)
Potentilla 'Gibson's Scarlet' (Cinquefoil)
Salvia × *sylvestris* 'Snowhill' (Wood Sage)
Verbascum 'Helen Johnson' (Mullein)
Veronica teucrium 'Crater Lake Blue' (Speedwell)

Evergreen and semi-evergreen perennials

Bergenia × *smithii* 'Sunningdale' (Bergenia)
Eryngium variifolium (Moroccan Sea Holly)
Euphorbia characias subsp. *wulfenii* (Mediterranean Spurge)
Euphorbia myrsinites (Myrtle Spurge)
Geranium × *cantabrigiense* 'Biokovo' (Cranesbill)

Iberis sempervirens 'Weisser Zwerg' (Evergreen Candytuft)
Iris foetidissima (Stinking Iris)
Osteospermum jucundum (African Daisy)
Santolina rosmarinifolia 'Lemon Fizz' (Santolina)
Sedum album 'Coral Carpet' (White Stonecrop)
Sedum spurium 'Dragon's Blood' (Caucasian Stonecrop)
Sempervivum ciliosum subsp. *ciliosum* (Hen and Chicks)
Stachys byzantina (Lamb's Ear)
Teucrium scorodonia 'Crispum Marginatum' (Wood Sage)
Veronica prostrata 'Lilac Time' (Prostrate Speedwell)

Grasses

Celtica gigantea (Giant Feather Grass)
Nassella tenuissima (Mexican Feather Grass)

Trees, shrubs and woody vines

Aralia elata (Japanese Angelica Tree)
Berberis thunbergii 'Helmond Pillar' (Japanese Barberry)
Campsis radicans (Trumpet Vine)
Carpinus betulus (European Hornbeam)
Caryopteris × *clandonensis* 'Longwood Blue' (Bluebeard)
Ceratostigma willmottianum (Chinese Plumbago)

Cistus × *corbariensis* (Rockrose)
Crataegus laciniata (Cutleaf Hawthorn)
Danae racemosa (Poet's Laurel)
Daphne odora 'Aureo-marginata' (Winter Daphne)
Daphne tangutica (Nepalese Paper Plant)
Fagus sylvatica (European Beech)
Fatsia japonica (Japanese Aralia)
Hedera helix 'Arborescens' (Tree Ivy)
Helichrysum italicum 'Korma' (Curry Plant)
Hibiscus 'Lavender Chiffon' (Rose of Sharon)
Hibiscus 'White Chiffon' (Rose of Sharon)
Hypericum lancasteri (St. John's Wort)
Lavandula angustifolia 'Hidcote' (English Lavender)
Lonicera etrusca (Etruscan Honeysuckle)
Mahonia × *media* 'Winter Sun' (Oregon Grape)
Myrtus communis 'Tarentina' (Common Myrtle)
Perovskia 'Filigran' (Russian Sage)
Potentilla fruticosa 'Daydawn' (Shrubby Cinquefoil)
Potentilla fruticosa 'Primrose Beauty' (Shrubby Cinquefoil)
Potentilla fruticosa 'Snowflake' (Shrubby Cinquefoil)
Pyrus calleryana 'Chanticleer' (Callery Pear)
Rhamnus 'Argentovariegata' (Variegated Buckthorn)
Santolina chamaecyparissus (Cotton Lavender)
Santolina pinnata subsp. *neapolitana* 'Sulphurea' (Lavender Cotton)
Sarcococca hookeriana var. *digyna* [Red-stemmed form] (Sweet Box)
Taxus baccata (English Yew)
Teucrium brevifolium (Balkan Germander)
Thuja plicata 'Atrovirens' (Western Red Cedar)
Vitis vinifera 'Purpurea' (Purple-leaved Grape)
Yucca filamentosa 'Golden Sword' (Adam's Needle)

Geophytes

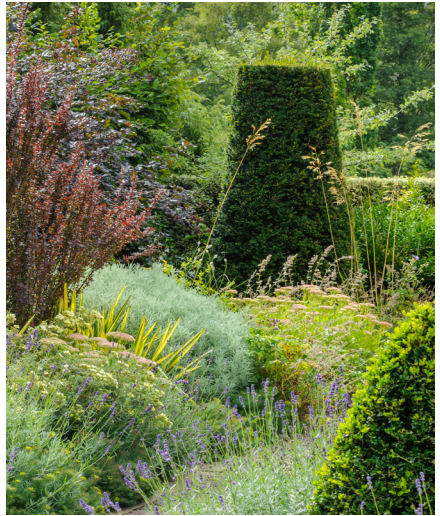
Allium cristophii (Star of Persia)
Iris 'Caliente' (Bearded Iris)
Iris 'Katharine Hodgkin' (Dwarf Iris)
Iris pallida 'Variegata' (Variegated Sweet Iris)
Narcissus 'Jack Snipe' (Daffodil)
Narcissus 'Surfside' (Daffodil)

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Left column: *Berberis thunbergii* 'Helmond Pillar' (background, in front of hedge), *Stachys byzantina*, *Euphorbia characias* subsp. *wulfenii*.
Right column: *Dryopteris filix-mas*, *Taxus baccata* topiary, *Nepeta racemosa* 'Walker's Low'.