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|---|-----------------------------|-------|------------------|-----|---|---|
| <i>Adenophyllum cooperi</i> | Cooper's Dogweed | S | Asteraceae | | X | |
| <i>Allionia incanata</i> | Trailing Four O'Clock | PH | Nyctaginaceae | X | | |
| <i>Ambrosia dumosa</i> | Burro Bush | S | Asteraceae | X | X | |
| <i>Amsinckia menziesii</i> var. <i>intermedia</i> | Rancher's Fire | AH | Boraginaceae | | | X |
| <i>Amsinckia tessellata</i> var. <i>tessellata</i> | Bristly Fiddleneck | AH | Boraginaceae | X | X | |
| <i>Antirrhinum filipes</i> | Twining Snapdragon | AV | Scrophulariaceae | | | X |
| <i>Aristida purpurea</i> | Purple Three-awned Grass | PG | Poaceae | | X | |
| <i>Bebbia juncea</i> | Sweet Bush | S | Asteraceae | X | | |
| <i>Brassica tournifortia</i> * | Sahara Mustard | AH | Brassicaceae | X | | |
| <i>Bromus madritensis</i> ssp. <i>rubens</i> * | Red Brome | AG | Poaceae | | | X |
| <i>Camissonia brevipes</i> | Golden Suncup | AH | Onagraceae | X | | |
| <i>Camissonia claviformis</i> ssp. <i>claviformis</i> | Browneyes | AH | Onagraceae | X | X | |
| <i>Camissonia refracta</i> ? | Narrowleaf Suncup | AH | Onagraceae | X | X | |
| <i>Chamaesyce polycarpa</i> ? | Many-seeded Spurge | PH | Euphorbiaceae | X | | |
| <i>Chilopsis linearis</i> ssp. <i>arcuata</i> | Desert Willow | T | Bignoniaceae | | | X |
| <i>Chorizanthe brevicornu</i> | Short-horned Spineflower | AH | Boraginaceae | X | | |
| <i>Chorizanthe rigida</i> | Rigid Spineflower | AH | Polygonaceae | | X | |
| <i>Chrysothamnus paniculatus</i> | Black-stemmed Rabbitbrush | S | Asteraceae | | | X |
| <i>Cryptantha angustifolia</i> | Panamint Cryptantha | AH | Boraginaceae | X | X | |
| <i>Cryptantha barbiger</i> | Bearded Forget-Me-Not | AH | Boraginaceae | | | X |
| <i>Cryptantha maritima</i> | Guadalupe Forget-Me-Not | AH | Boraginaceae | | X | |
| <i>Cryptantha nevadensis</i> | Nevada Forget-Me-Not | AH | Boraginaceae | | X | |
| <i>Cryptantha pterocarya</i> | Wingnut Forget-Me-Not | AH | Boraginaceae | X | X | |
| <i>Dalea mollissima</i> | Soft Prairie Clover | PH | Fabaceae | | X | |
| <i>Dasyochloa pulchella</i> | Low Woollygrass | PG | Poaceae | | X | |
| <i>Descurainia pinnata</i> | Tansy Mustard | AH | Brassicaceae | | | X |
| <i>Ditaxis serrata</i> | Yuma Silverbush | PH | Euphorbiaceae | | X | |
| <i>Draba cuneifolia</i> var. <i>cuneifolia</i> | Wedgeleaf Draba | AH | Brassicaceae | X | | |
| <i>Echinocereus engelmannii</i> | Engelmann Hedgehog Cactus | S | Cactaceae | X | | |
| <i>Encelia farinosa</i> | Desert Brittlebush | S | Asteraceae | X | X | |
| <i>Encelia frutescens</i> | Button Brittlebush | S | Asteraceae | | | X |
| <i>Ephedra nevadensis</i> | Nevada Mormon-tea | S | Ephedraceae | | X | |
| <i>Eriogonum davidsonii</i> | Davidson's Buckwheat | AH | Polygonaceae | | X | |
| <i>Eriogonum deflexum</i> | Flatcrown Buckwheat | AH | Polygonaceae | | | |
| <i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i> var. <i>polifolium</i> | Desert California Buckwheat | S | Polygonaceae | | X | |
| <i>Eriogonum inflatum</i> | Desert Trumpet | AH | Polygonaceae | | X | |
| <i>Eriophyllum lanosum</i> | White Easterbonnets | AH | Asteraceae | X | X | |
| <i>Erodium cicutarium</i> * | Redstem Filaree | AH | Geraniaceae | X | | |
| <i>Eschscholzia glyptosperma</i> | Desert Poppy | AH | Papaveraceae | X | X | |
| <i>Eucnide urens</i> | Desert Stingbush | S | Loasaceae | | X | |
| <i>Ferocactus cylindraceus</i> var. <i>cylindraceus</i> | California Barrel Cactus | S | Cactaceae | | X | |
| <i>Galium stellatum</i> ssp. <i>eremicum</i> | Starry Bedstraw | S | Rubiaceae | | | X |

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| <i>Gilia</i> | | AH | Polemoniaceae | | X | |
| <i>Hymenoclea salsola</i> | Cheesebush | S | Asteraceae | X | X | |
| <i>Hyptis emoryi</i> | Desert Lavender | S | Lamiaceae | X | | |
| <i>Langloisia setosissima</i> var. <i>setosissima</i> | Lilac Bluebonnet | AH | Polemoniaceae | | X | |
| <i>Larrea tridentata</i> | Creosote Bush | S | Zygophyllaceae | X | X | |
| <i>Lepidium lasiocarpum</i> | Hairy-pod Peppergrass | AH | Brassicaceae | X | | |
| <i>Lepidium lasiophyllum</i> * | Whitetop | PH | Brassicaceae | | X | |
| <i>Linanthus demissus</i> | Desert Linanthus | AH | Polemoniaceae | X | X | |
| <i>Linanthus jonesii</i> | Jones' Linanthus | AH | Polemoniaceae | X | | |
| <i>Logfia depressa</i> | Dwarf Cottonrose | AH | Asteraceae | X | X | |
| <i>Lotus salsuginosus</i> var. <i>brevivexillus</i> | Coastal Bird's-foot Trefoil | AH | Fabaceae | X | | |
| <i>Lotus strigosus</i> | Strigose Bird's-foot Trefoil | AH | Fabaceae | X | | |
| <i>Lupinus arizonicus</i> | Arizona Lupine | AH | Fabaceae | X | X | |
| <i>Malacothrix glabrata</i> | Desert Dandelion | AH | Asteraceae | | X | |
| <i>Mammillaria tetrancistra</i> | Common Fishhook Cactus | S | Cactaceae | | X | |
| <i>Marina parryi</i> | Parry's False Prairie-clover | PH | Fabaceae | X | | |
| <i>Mentzelia albicaulis</i> | Whitestem Blazingstar | PH | Loasaceae | | X | |
| <i>Mimulus bigelovii</i> | Bigelow Monkeyflower | AH | Phrymaceae | | X | |
| <i>Mirabilis laevis</i> var. <i>villosa</i> [<i>M. bigelovii</i>] | Wishbone Bush | PH | Nyctaginaceae | | X | |
| <i>Mohavea confertiflora</i> | Ghost Plant | AH | Scrophulariaceae | | X | |
| <i>Nama demissum</i> var. <i>demissum</i> | Purplemat | AH | Boraginaceae | X | X | |
| <i>Nicotiana obtusifolia</i> | Desert Tobacco | AH | Solanaceae | | | X |
| <i>Opuntia basilaris</i> var. <i>basilaris</i> | Beavertail Cactus | S | Cactaceae | X | | |
| <i>Opuntia echinocarpa</i> | Staghorn Cholla | S | Cactaceae | | X | |
| <i>Opuntia ramosissima</i> | Pencil Cholla | S | Cactaceae | X | X | |
| <i>Palafoxia arida</i> var. <i>arida</i> | Desert Palafox | S | Asteraceae | X | | |
| <i>Parietaria hespera</i> var. <i>hespera</i> | Rillita Pellitory | AH | Urticaceae | | X | |
| <i>Pectocarya heterocarpa</i> | Chuckwalla Combseed | AH | Boraginaceae | | X | |
| <i>Pectocarya platycarpa</i> | Broad-fruited Pectocarya | AH | Boraginaceae | X | X | |
| <i>Pectocarya recurvata</i> | Shark's Tooth | AH | Boraginaceae | | X | |
| <i>Perityle emoryi</i> | Parry's Rockdaisy | PH | Asteraceae | | | X |
| <i>Phacelia crenulata</i> | Cleftleaf Wildheliotrope | AH | Boraginaceae | X | X | |
| <i>Phacelia distans</i> | Desert Phacelia | PH | Boraginaceae | X | | |
| <i>Phacelia ivesiana?</i> var. | Ive's Phacelia | AH | Boraginaceae | | | X |
| <i>Phoradendron californicum</i> | California Mistletoe | S | Viscaceae | | | X |
| <i>Physalis ancifolia</i> * | Ground Cherry | AH | Solanaceae | | | X |
| <i>Plantago ovata</i> | Desert Indianwheat | AH | Plantaginaceae | X | X | |
| <i>Pleuraphis rigida</i> [<i>Hilaria rigida</i>] | Big Galleta | PG | Poaceae | | | X |
| <i>Pleurocoronis pluriseta</i> | Bush Arrowleaf | S | Asteraceae | | | X |
| <i>Psoralea spinosa</i> | Smoke Tree | S | Fabaceae | | | X |
| <i>Pterostegia drymarioides</i> | Fairy Mist | AH | Polygonaceae | | X | |
| <i>Rafinesquia neomexicana</i> | Desert Chicory | PH | Asteraceae | X | | |

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| <i>Salvia columbariae</i> | Chia | AH | Lamiaceae | X | X | |
| <i>Sarcostemma cynanchoides</i> var. <i>hartwegii</i> | Hartweg's Twinvine | PV | Asclepidaceae | X | | |
| <i>Schismus arabicus/barbatis</i> * | Abu Mashi/Arabian Grass | AG | Poaceae | X | X | |
| <i>Senecio mojavensis</i> | Mojave Ragwort | PH | Asteraceae | | | X |
| <i>Sisymbrium irio</i> * | London Rocket | AH | Brassicaceae | | | X |
| <i>Sisymbrium orientale</i> * | Eastern Mustard | AH | Brassicaceae | | | X |
| <i>Sonchus oleraceus</i> * | Common Sow-thistle | AH | Asteraceae | | X | |
| <i>Sphaeralcea ambigua</i> | Desert Globemallow | S | Malvaceae | | X | |
| <i>Stephanomeria pauciflora</i> | Few-flowered Chicory | PH | Asteraceae | | X | |
| <i>Stillingia linearifolia</i> | Queen's-root | AV | Euphorbiaceae | | | X |
| <i>Stylocline micropoides</i> | Woollyhead Neststraw | AH | Asteraceae | | X | |
| <i>Viguiera parishii</i> | Parish's Viguiera | S | Asteraceae | | X | |
| <i>Vulpia octiflora</i> | Eight-weeks Fescue | AG | Poaceae | X | X | |
| <i>Xylorhiza torifolia</i> var. <i>torifolia</i> | Mojave Woodyaster | PH | Asteraceae | | | X |

Notes: CSW = Cherry Stem Wash (on east side); M = Mine site on E side; W = West side

Scientific nomenclature follows Flora of North America Committee (1993-2010), Bailey and Bailey (1976) for ornamentals, and CNPS (2010) for special-status species (**bold typeface**).

An * indicates non-native taxa that have become naturalized or persist without cultivation.

Common names follow Abrams and Ferris (1960), Bailey and Bailey (1976) for ornamentals, and Hickman (1993), Niehaus and Ripper (1976), DeGarmo (1980), and Weeden (1986) for natives; some are devised by the author.

Growth habit definitions:

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| AF = annual fern or fern ally. | PF = perennial fern or fern ally. |
| AG = annual grass or graminoid. | PG = perennial grass or graminoid. |
| AH = annual herb. | PH = perennial herb. |
| AV = annual vine. | PV = perennial vine. |
| BH = biennial herb. | S = shrub. |
| | T = tree. |