

PLANTING UNDER REDWOODS

The foggy Pacific Coast is home to California's state tree, the Coast Redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*). For the landscaper, gardening under these majestic giants presents some significant challenges. Whatever you choose to plant beneath a redwood will face tough competition for water, light, and root space. Additionally, acidic soil is created by the decomposition of year-round redwood leaf litter. The best bet for success is to select plants that naturally occur in the redwood forest. Devil Mountain has assembled the following list of understory plants that can succeed in a redwood-based garden design.



GROUNDCOVERS

Groundcover plants stay below 12 inches tall and have a spreading habit that covers a wide area.

Ophiopogon planiscapus
'nigrescens'
Oxalis oregana

Polypodium californicum
'Sarah Lyman'
Satureja douglasii

PERENNIALS

Perennials are soft-stemmed plants that do not form woody branches. This category includes many flowering plants, grasses, ferns, and succulents.

Acanthus mollis
Acorus gramineus 'Ogon'
Blechnum spicant
Dicentra formosa hybrids
Dicksonia antarctica
Dryopteris erythrosora
Hakonechloa macra 'Aureola'

Helleborus argutifolius
Helleborus hybrids
Iris douglasiana
Polystichum munitum
Polystichum polyblepharum
Sisyrinchium bellum
Woodwardia fimbriata

SHRUBS

Shrubs are woody plants that stay below 20 feet high.

Acer circinatum
Gaultheria shallon
Mahonia aquifolium
Myrica californica

Rhamnus californica 'Eve Case'
Rhododendron occidentale
Vaccinium ovatum

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