

GROUND COVER	Height	Spread	Growth	Flowers	Fruit	Soil	Remarks
Ceanothus, Carmel Creeper <i>Ceanothus griseus horizontalis</i>	18-30"	5-12"	Fast	Lt. Blue, 1" clusters, April		Most, drained	Sun or part shade, water first year only, live 5-10 years, evergreen
Ceanothus, Hurricane Point <i>Ceanothus griseus horizontalis</i>	2-3'	to 20'	Fast	Pale blue, 1" clusters, April		Most, drained	Sun or part shade, water first year only, live 5-10 years, somewhat rank grower, evergreen
Ceanothus, Yankee Point <i>Ceanothus griseus horizontalis</i>	3-5'	8-10'	Fast	Med. Blue, 1" clusters, April		Most, drained	Sun or part shade, water first year only, live 5-10 years, looks refined, evergreen
Cotoneaster, Creeping <i>Cotoneaster adpressus</i>	to 1'	6'	Slow	Tiny white, abundant, spring	¼" bright red, showy	Most	Sun or light shade, deciduous, follows contours well, reddish fall color, good erosion control
Cotoneaster, Lowfast <i>Cotoneaster 'Lowfast'</i>	to 1'	to 10'	Fast	Tiny white, abundant, spring	Red, numerous	Most	Sun or light shade, semi-deciduous, good erosion control
Cotoneaster, Rock <i>Cotoneaster horizontalis</i>	to 3'	to 12'	Mod.	Tiny white, abundant, spring	Bright red	Most	Sun, give it room - don't tip prune, deciduous for short time, orange-red fall leaves
Cotoneaster, Rockspray <i>Cotoneaster microphyllus</i>	to 3'	6'	Mod.	Tiny white, abundant, spring	Rosy red, ¼" across	Most	Sun, evergreen, small leaves
Coyote Brush, Twin Peaks <i>Baccharis pilularis 'Twin Peaks'</i>	to 2'	to 6'	Mod.	Inconspicuous		Most	Sun or light shade, evergreen, gray-green foliage, very tough, prune yearly before new growth to avoid wood look
* Hypericum <i>Hypericum calycinum</i>	to 15"	18" or more	Fast	Bright yellow, trumpet-like, June		Most, drained	Sun to partial shade, evergreen, spreads by underground runners, mow during winter every 2-3 years, aka 'Aarons Beard' or 'St. John's Wort'
Juniper species	Many varieties are available that are suitable ground covers, ranging in height from 6" to 3' with spreads from 4' to 12'. Growth is slow to moderate. All are evergreen and require good drainage. Foliage color - greens, blue-green or gray-greens. Subject to spider mite and twig borer.						
* Manzanita, Bearberry <i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	6-12"	to 12'	Slow	White, abundant, late winter	Red or pink berries	Most, drained	Sun or part shade, evergreen, forms dense mat, attractive year round. 'Massachusetts' is a small leafed variety.
* Manzanita, Monterey Carpet <i>Arctostaphylos hookeri 'Monterey Carpet'</i>	to 1'	to 12'	Mod.	Light pink, late winter	Red berries	Most, drained	Prefers partial shade, evergreen, compact growth.
* Manzanita, Point Reyes <i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi 'Point Reyes'</i>	to 18'	3-5'	Slow	Pink, small clusters, showy, Mid-winter	Red or pink berries	Most, drained	Sun or part shade, evergreen
* Manzanita, Radiant <i>Arctostaphylos, uva-ursi 'Radiant'</i>	6-8"	3-5'	Slow	Light pink, late winter	Red berries	Most, drained	Sun or part shade, evergreen, forms dense mat, attractive year round, rich green foliage

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Nandina, Harbour Dwarf <i>Nandina, domestica 'Harbour Dwarf'</i>	to 2'	2-3'	Mod.			Most, drained	Sun or part shade, evergreen, orange red winter color in sun, oakroot fungus resistant
* Periwinkle, Dwarf <i>Vinca major</i>	to 3'	to 6'	Fast	Lavender-blue 1"-showy spring		Most, drained	Part shade, evergreen, can become overgrown, sheer to ground to bring on new growth
* Periwinkle <i>Vinca minor</i>	6"	4-5'	Fast	Lavender-blue, 1" - showy spring		Most, drained	Part shade, evergreen, more easily controlled than V. major, dense, attractive year round.
Pyracantha, Santa Cruz <i>Pyracantha 'Santa Cruz'</i>	to 3'	4-5'	Fast	White, small clusters late spring	Red berries winter	Most, drained	Sun or light shade, evergreen, thorns, easily pruned to shape, subject to fireblight.
* Rosemary, Dwarf <i>Rosmarinus officinalis 'Prostratus'</i>	to 2'	4-5'	Mod.	Lt. Lavender-blue clusters 2x a year		Most, drained	Sun or light shade, evergreen, follows contours well, fragrant, attracts bees during flowering
Sedum, Dragon's Blood <i>Sedum spurium</i>	4-5"	12"	Fast	Rosy red clusters on 4-5" stems, shy bloomer		Most, drained	Sun or part shade, evergreen, bronzy green thick leaves - 1" long. Good in rock gardens too.
Sedum, Brevifolium <i>Sedum album</i>	2-6"	12"	Fast	White or pinkish-white		Most, drained	Sun or part shade, creeping evergreen, fleshy leaves ¼ to ½" long - light to medium green. Good in rock gardens too. Pieces root easily.
* Thyme, Creeping <i>Thymus, praecox arcticus</i>	2-6"	to 18"	Fast	Lavender-white, beadlike clusters July-Sept		Most, drained	Sun or light shade, dies back after flowering, prune last winter to encourage new growth, attracts bees during flowering. "Woody Thyme" shorter and denser also available.