

**VILLAS WEST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
APPROVED PLANTING LIST FOR COMMON ELEMENTS
AND
SUGGESTED TREES FOR PATIOS
(Revised November 2008)**

- **Common elements belong to the Association. Maintenance, planting and removal of vegetation is the responsibility of the Association.**
- **If you would like to plant on common elements, you must fill out a *Grounds Alteration Application Form* and select plantings from the *Approved Plant List*. If your request is approved, be prepared to pay for the plants and take care of them.**

A member of the Grounds Committee will contact you before your Grounds Alteration Application is presented to the Board of Directors for approval. You will be notified by mail as to the decision of the Board.

- **Grounds workers are authorized by the Board of Directors to remove unapproved vegetation from common elements. Trees that are removed due to disease or safety may be replaced by the Association. However, due to budget constraints, space availability, overplanting, or the proximity to buildings, tree replacement may not always be possible. Bushes and other plantings may also be removed and not replaced for similar reasons, or to add a more appropriate species.**

PLANTING LIST FOR COMMON ELEMENTS
Villas West Condominium Association
(Revised May - 2007)

TREES FOR COMMON ELEMENTS

California Fan Palm (Washingtonia Filifera)	(E) Large scale Fan Palm with a wide heavy trunk. Slow grower, stiff gray-green fanlike leaves with hairy filaments. Long blossoms emerge from crown in summer & produce small white flowers & blue-black fruit. Mod. to little water Hardy to 15'	32" diameter 50' H
California Live Oak (Quercus agrifolia)	(E) Slow growing, stiff dark leathery leaves to 3" are holly like with sharply pointed tip. Dark grey bark, acorns, hardy to 10'. Full sun.	20' occasionally taller
Chaste Tree (Vitex agnus-castus)	(D) The spreading crown is low branched, 2"-6" compound aromatic leaves are dark green above & gray below, hot temp. develops lavender, pink or white 7" flower spikes. Hardy to 20'	10'– 25' W & H
Cork Oak (Quercus suber)	(E) Thick tan to grey crinkled bark, leaves to 3" long with toothed edges that are shiny dark green on top & grayish felt like underneath, acorns, reflected sun & heat. Mod. growth.	30' W 30' H
Desert Museum Palo Verde Sonoran Emerald (Cercidium hybrid)	Semi. (E) Yellow flowers late spring, thornless, deep green, rapid growth, non-fruiting. Hardy to 18'	30' W 20' H
Edible Fig (Ficus carica)	(D) Leaves are rough and bright green with 3-5 lobes 4-9" long and wide. This ornamental tree casts dense shade. Fruit ripens in June and late summer. Needs full sun and low water once established. Easily pruned in size to fit location. Hardy to 20' – 25'	5' W – 12' H
Mexican Blue Palm (Brahea armata)	(E) Blue-grey foliage, whitish flower garlands maturing to berrylike fruit; drought tolerant; give deep widely spaced irrigation. Hardy to 15'	25' - 30' H 8' - 10' W
Mulga (Acacia aneura)	(E) Looks like an olive; silver foliage, small yellow flowers March, June & Sept.; full sun; has seed pods, low to mod. water; do not over water. Hardy to 15'-18'	14' - 18' W 20' H
Swan Hill Olive (Cercidium hybrid)	(E) Totally fruitless, stiff leathery leaves to 2" long. Med. Gray-green above leaf to nearly silver beneath. Grey bark, no pollen. Hardy to 15'	15' – 30'W & H
Sweet Acacia (Acacia smallii)	Semi. (E) Umbrella-shaped crown, ferny foliage, thorns, fragrant yellow puffball flowers late fall, beans follow. Hardy to 15'	15' - 25' W & H
Texas Ebony (Pithecellobium flexicaule)	(E) Dense spreading & low-branched, thorny, dark green 1/2" leaflets, creamy yellow flowers spring to summer, seed pods follow. Hardy to 15'	20' W 25' H
Texas Red Oak (Quercus buckleyi)	(D) Dense, bright green leaves turning scarlet in late fall and remaining on into early winter: acorns, mod. to rapid growth.	30' H & W

Twisted Acacia (<i>acacia schaffneri</i>)	(E to D in cold winters) Yellow spring flowers, pods follow. Leaves on this acacia grow closely along the branches and give it an interesting look; thorns; drought and cold tolerant; full sun; low water after established. Hardy to 20'	20'W 15 H
	(E) Evergreen (D) Deciduous (W) Width (H) Height	

PATIO TREES **

Chinese privet (<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i>)	(E) Leaves are crisp, dark green pointed ovals to 4" long and curve backwards. Whitish flowers late spring, small black poisonous berries follow bloom. Hardy to 15. Deep spaced irrigation.	20' W 30' H
Crape Myrtle (<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>)	(D) Vibrant summer blooms in many colors, bright green shiny leaves, enjoys heat & full sun. This species requires more water than most others but is a very attractive tree. Mod – ample water	15' H
Flowering Plum (<i>Prunus cerasifera</i>)	(D) Purple leaves with pink or white spring flowers; Full sun; grows at a moderate rate; moderate water	10' – 20' H 15' W
Guajillo (<i>Acacia berlandieri</i>)	(Mostly D) Spring brings cream color puffballs, pods follow; leaves are ferny & lacy; mostly thornless. Needs pruning into tree shape. Low water after established	12' W 10-15' H
Leatherleaf acacia (<i>Acacia craspedocarpa</i>)	(E) Thornless multi stemmed tree, gray-green rounded leaves, bright yellow flowers appear spring-summer followed by flattened seedpods. Full sun to part shade, extremely drought tolerant. Hardy to 20'	10' – 15' H & W
Littleleaf Ash (<i>Fraxinus greggii</i>)	(E) Mutitrunked tree or shrub; gray bark and green compound leaves; low water. Hardy to 10'	9' W 12' H
Mastic tree (<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>)	(E) Distinctive leathery leaves; needs pruning to a tree shape; excellent for small spaces. Slow growing. Deep periodic irrigation after established. Hardy into the teens.	12' H
Mexican Redbud (<i>Cercis canadensis mexicana</i>)	(D) Dark green heart-shaped leaves, small pinkish purple flowers sprout along bare twigs just before spring leaves appear.	'10' – 15' H
Pineapple guava (<i>Feijoa sellowiana</i>)	(E) Pineapple guava does well in heat, cold and poor soil with little water. Gray-green leaves are three inches long and have wooly white undersides. Spring brings edible pinkish white flowers with dark red stamen. Green 3" fruit ripen in fall and are delicious fresh or in jellies. Best with occasional deep irrigation. Established plants tolerate drought and neglect. Hardy to 15 degrees, possibly lower.	Moderate growth to 15' H
Photinia (<i>Photinia serrulata</i>)	(E) White flower clusters April & May; new growth is coppery in spring turning deep green; full sun & occasional deep irrigation. Hardy to 5'	8' - 10' H
Texas Mountain Laurel (<i>Sophora secundiflora</i>)	(E) Glossy dark green leaves; 8" long, violet blue clusters of pea-shaped flowers appear in spring and smell like grape Kool-aid, woody pods follow, silvery bark.	15' H
Xylosma (<i>Xylosma congestum</i>)	(E) Foliage is shiny and bright green with a bronzy cast when new; flowers are green and inconspicuous; moderate water. Hardy to 10' may damage at 25'	20'H

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**** Trees and other vegetation planted within patio walls is the responsibility of the condominium owner.** The owner is responsible for damage occurring from patio plantings such as, but not limited to, lifted or cracked walls, sidewalks, foundation, or damage to roof of building or patio. The condominium association is not responsible for damage caused from trees listed as “Suggested trees for Patios.” The potential for damage is always present whenever vegetation is planted within a small space.

PERENNIALS, ACCENTS, GROUND COVERS, AND SELF-SOW FLOWERS

African Daisy (Dimorphotheca sinuata)	Annual, narrow med green 2"-3" leaves, bright orange and yellow 1 1/2" daisy flowers bloom in spring, reseeds, low water.	4" –12" W&H
Blackfoot Daisy (Melamodium leucanthum)	(P) Low mounding, narrow gray leaves, long lasting 1" white daisies bloom spring-fall, rapid growth, low water.	8"-2' W&H
Bulbine (Bulbine frutescens)	(E) succulent, bright green cylindrical leaves, small yellow flowers onto 12" stocks bloom for long periods.	3' W 2'H
Bush Daisy (Euryops pectinatus)	(E) Rounded perennial, bright yellow daisy like flowers most of the year, foliage is green or gray depending on selection. Hardy to mid. 20'	4'W 4' H
Chocolate Flower (Berlandiera lyrata)	(P) Masses of chocolate scented maroon daisy like blooms summer and fall, low water.	2' W 1' H
Dalea (All Varieties)	Semi. (E) Colors vary from purple, rose to yellow depending upon species, low water. Hardy to 5' – 20'	3--8' W 12" – 6' H
Desert Marigold (Baileya multiradiata)	(P) Reseeds readily, yellow daisy like flowers blooms almost all year, low water	1' W 1' H
Guaura (Gaura lindheimeri)	(P) Clusters of stems have small green leaves and tall spikes filled with pink mosquito like flowers April-Fall. Low water.	12" W 18" H
Golden Dyssodia (Dyssodia pentachaeta)	(P) Low growing & shrubby with bright green leaves, yellow miniature daisy like flowers bloom April-Oct.	7" W 7"H
Lantana (All varieties)	(E) Plant can be mounding, rangy or prostrate depending on species, produces many flowers March-Nov. color varies with species. Will freeze back at 28' but recovers well.	3' -6' W 1'-3' H
Mist Flower (Eupatorium greggii)	(P) Blue flowers in puffy clusters on branch ends summer & fall, low water, cut back in winter.	2' W & H
Ornamental Grass (Muhlenbergia, capillaries lindheimeri, rigens)	Capillaries species has deep pink-red flower spikes fall & winter. Lindheimeri, amber spikes in fall. Rigens species has tan flower stalks up to 6' tall early fall.	3' –5' W 3' – 5' H
Paper Flower (Psilostrophe cooperi)	(P) Woolly haired leaves when young, greener with age, showy yellow flowers turn papery and hold their color as they dry.	8" – 20" W&H
Penstemon Species (All varieties)	(P) Various colors flowering Spring, Summer or Fall low to mod. water	2' W 1'-5' H
Primrose (Oenothera berlanderi) (Oenothera caespitosa)	(P) Berlandieri has bellshaped rosy pink blooms spring-fall. Caespitosa species has solitary white fragrant flowers 3" – 4" across spring-early summer.	2' – 3' W 12" – 1' H

Rain Lily (Zephyranthes candida)	(D) Bulb; white flowers in fall, also pink flowering bulbs available; low water, filtered shade	12"W & H
Salvia (All varieties)	(D) – (E) Perennials. Months of bloom varies with species. Colors range from red, purple, pink, white and blue.	3' – 6' W 12" – 6' H
Verbena (All varieties)	Some species are short lived perennials while others are (E) perennials, color ranges from pink to lavender and red.	3' – 5' W 1" – 2' H
Vinca (Periwinkle) (All varieties)	(E) Vigorous low trailing plant, lilac-blue flowers in spring, dark green foliage except for variegated variety, hardy to 15'.	6" – 12" H
	(E) Evergreen (P) Perennial (D) Deciduous	

SHRUBS AND VINES

Arizona Rosewood (Vauquelinia californica)	(E) Shrub or tree, leathery leaves up to 4" long are dark green above, gray below, clusters of small white flowers in late spring, woody seed capsules follow.	5' – 15' W 10' – 25' H
Bottle Brush (Callistemon citrinus)	(E) Can be trained into a 15' patio tree. Vivid red 6" long bottlebrush shaped flowers; narrow bright green leaves 6" long. Hardy to 20'.	10' W – 15' H
Bougainvillea (Bougainvillea brasiliensis)	(E) Many colors, climber or can train as a tree, full sun, plant on South or West wall only, can freeze back at 28 degrees but has quick recovery, low water	6' W. 4'-11' H.
Cape Honeysuckle (Tecomaria capensis)	(E) Half-vine half-shrub, glossy deep green leaves, 2" orange-red trumpet shaped flowers fall and winter, fast growing, mod. water	5' W 6' – 8' H
Cape plumbago (Plumbago auriculata)	(Semi (E) Viny shrub loves sun, clusters of phloxlike pale blue 3/4 " flowers bloom late spring to late summer, med. Green leaves, rapid growth, hardy to 28'	4' W 4' H
Crape Myrtle (Lagerstroemia indica)	(D) Regular or dwarf varieties, many colors, blooms late spring-summer mod. to ample water.	8'-12' W- 15' H
Fairy duster (Calliandra californica) (Calliandra hybrid sierra star)	(E) to (D) mounding shrub, feathery leaves, flowers are long bright red stamens blooming through winter and spring. Hardy to 15'	6' W 6' H)
Feathery Cassia (Cassia artemisioides)	(E) Yellow flowers early spring followed by pods, gray-green needlelike foliage, fast growth, low water once established. Hardy to 15'.	6' W - 6' H
Goldeneye (Viguiera deltoidea)	(E) Sprawling shrub, rough texture green leaves, yellow daisy like flowers in spring, low water.	3' W & H
Gopher Plant (Euphorbia biglandulosa)	(E) Chartreuse flower clusters late winter, unusual form & texture, low to mod water	3'-4' W & H
Heavenly Bamboo (Nandina domestica)	(E) Delicate foliage from cane like stems, foliage turns bronze in winter, sprays of tiny white flowers in April followed by red berries. Low to mod. water, hardy to 10'	3'-4' W 4'-6' H

Hopbush (<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i>)	(E) Bright green 2-3" shiny leaves. Yellow green flowers turning to 1/2" papery winged fruits. Full sun to partial shade, hardy to 15°. Low water once established.	6'W 10' H
Huachuca sumac (<i>Rhus virens</i>)	(E) Dark green compound leaves, clusters of white flowers followed by berrylike fruit. Mod. growth, hardy to 15'	12' W & H
Japanese mock orange (<i>Pittosporum tobira</i>)	(E) Dense dark green foliage covers plant to the ground. Leathery glossy leaves grow in rosettes. Spring brings white waxy flower clusters smelling like orange blossoms berries follow in fall. Mod. water.	6'- 8' W & H
Jasmine (<i>Jasminum</i>) (All varieties)	(E) - (D) Vine/shrub, various colors, blooming in spring, reflected sun, mod.- ample water.	6' - 10' H
Lady Banks Rose (<i>Rosa banksiae</i>)	(D) Semi-climbing, yellow flowers in spring, rampant growth; mod. water	20'-30' spread
Littleleaf Cordia (<i>Cordia parvifolia</i>)	(E) Arching gray-barked branches, olive-green leaves, clusters of showy white 1" flowers in spring, low water, hardy to 28'.	8' W 6' H
Mexican Bird of Paradise (<i>Caesalpinia</i>)	Semi deciduous; ferny foliage and summer blooms of red or yellow, poison pods; dies back at 30 degrees but recovers quickly; mod. water	3' - 6' W & H
Myrtle (<i>Myrtus communis</i>)	(E) Dense rounded shrub, shiny dark green leaves, white or pinkish flowers blooms spring –summer, produces small blue-black fruits.	4'-6' W 5' – 7' H
Oleander -Dwarf (<i>Nerium</i>)	(E) Dense med-deep green foliage, clusters of funnel-shaped flowers throughout warm months, colors range from white, pink, salmon and red, hardy to 20'.	3'-5' W & H
Orange bells Yellow bells (<i>Tecoma</i> species)	(E) Tubular flowers are orange or yellow, bright to med. green compound leaves, fast growing freezes at 28' but recovers quickly in spring.	3' – 20' W 5' – 25' H
Pomegranate (<i>Punica granatum</i>)	(D) Glossy deep green leaves, fiery red flowers in spring, fruiting varieties produce thick- skinned apple size fruits, rapid growth.	10'–12' W' 12'-20'H
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Queen's Wreath Vine (<i>Antigonon leptopus</i>)	Dormant with a frost, tendril-climbing vine, heart-shaped 2" – 6" long leaves, trailing clusters of flowers of pink, white or red appear mid or late summer into fall.	25' W 20' H
Rosemary (<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>)	(E) Dark gray-green almost needlelike foliage, pale blue flowers winter spring & fall, aromatic, low water.	4'-8' W 2' H
Sugar bush (<i>Rhus ovata</i>)	(E) Smooth leathery dark green oval leaves dense clusters of pink buds blooming to white in spring. Slow growing, hardy to 15'	15'W & H
Texas Ranger (<i>Leucophyllum candidum</i>)	(E) Dwarf rounded form, silvery foliage, flowers range from blue-violet to intense purple, slow to mod. growth rate.	5' W 3' – 4' H

Trumpet Vine (Campsis radicans)	(D) Self-climbing, dark green compound leaves, bright orange-red trumpet shaped flowers produce clusters of six to twelve blossoms. Rapid growth, winter dormancy, mod. water.	20'-40' W
Valentine (Eremophila species)	(E) Rounded shrub, small dark gray-green leaves tubular red flowers Feb.-April, low water, hardy to 18'.	4'-5'W & 4'H
Wooly Butterfly Bush (Buddleia marrubifolia)	(E) Compact dense shrub, gray velvety leaves, clusters of tiny orange flowers March-July, low to mod. water.	3'-5' W & H
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CACTI, AGAVE AND YUCCA

Any variety native to this area. Remember space requirements as many cacti grow to be very large.