



Creosote Privacy Screen

These High Desert natives are natural evergreen hedges and privacy screens:

Creosote	Sugarbush
Holly-leaf Cherry	California Juniper
Scrub Oak	Jojoba

These High Desert natives are natural dramatic accents:

Mojave Yucca	Joshua Tree
Nolina	Desert Willow
Honey Mesquite	Bigberry Manzanita

These High Desert natives are natural evergreen groundcovers:

Mormon Tea	California Buckwheat
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YOUR SITE'S NATIVE PLANTS ARE THE FIRST STEP OF YOUR LANDSCAPING

RETAIN YOUR VALUABLE DESERT NATIVE PLANTS

Plants native to our High Desert thrive here. They have adapted to our harsh desert extremes of heat and cold, high winds, intense sun, and sporadic rain. Native plants, when incorporated into our local landscape plans, are hardy, drought tolerant, very long-lived, and nearly care-free in maintenance after they become established.

The plants that make up the anchors of the scenery are hundreds to thousands of years old. If we remove ancient plants, we lose a legacy that may take hundreds to thousands of years to replace.

Potential buyers will be attracted to properties with mature native plants, as they will not need to water their yard.

Ancient native plants can create a stunning garden and provide the homeowner with a water-efficient desert landscape.



Ephedra, or Mormon Tea (foreground), California Buckwheat (with white flowers at right and left), and Mojave Yuccas were retained in this natural desert landscape.

BY RETAINING NATIVE PLANTS ON YOUR BUILDING SITE, YOU BENEFIT IN MANY WAYS

- Desert native plants need almost no extra water, care, fertilizers or other soil additives. Once established, a yard that includes native plants provides a cost effective and hardy garden, needing very little or no extra water, and little maintenance.
- Native plants may cost hundreds of dollars and are sometimes impossible to replace. So if you have native plants already established on your property, you have a priceless treasure that will naturally enhance your home.
- Native plants provide food, shelter, shade and corridors for native wildlife. Roots harbor vital bacterial and fungal partners necessary for the healthy survival of other native plants, forming an underground grid that distributes nutrients and water efficiently between all of the plants in the immediate area, saving money on fertilizers, water and yard maintenance.
- Long-lived desert plants are attractive and popular additions to any landscape and may increase your property value by providing an authentic desert experience that is unique and impossible to replicate with nursery stock.

KNOW YOUR NATIVE PLANTS

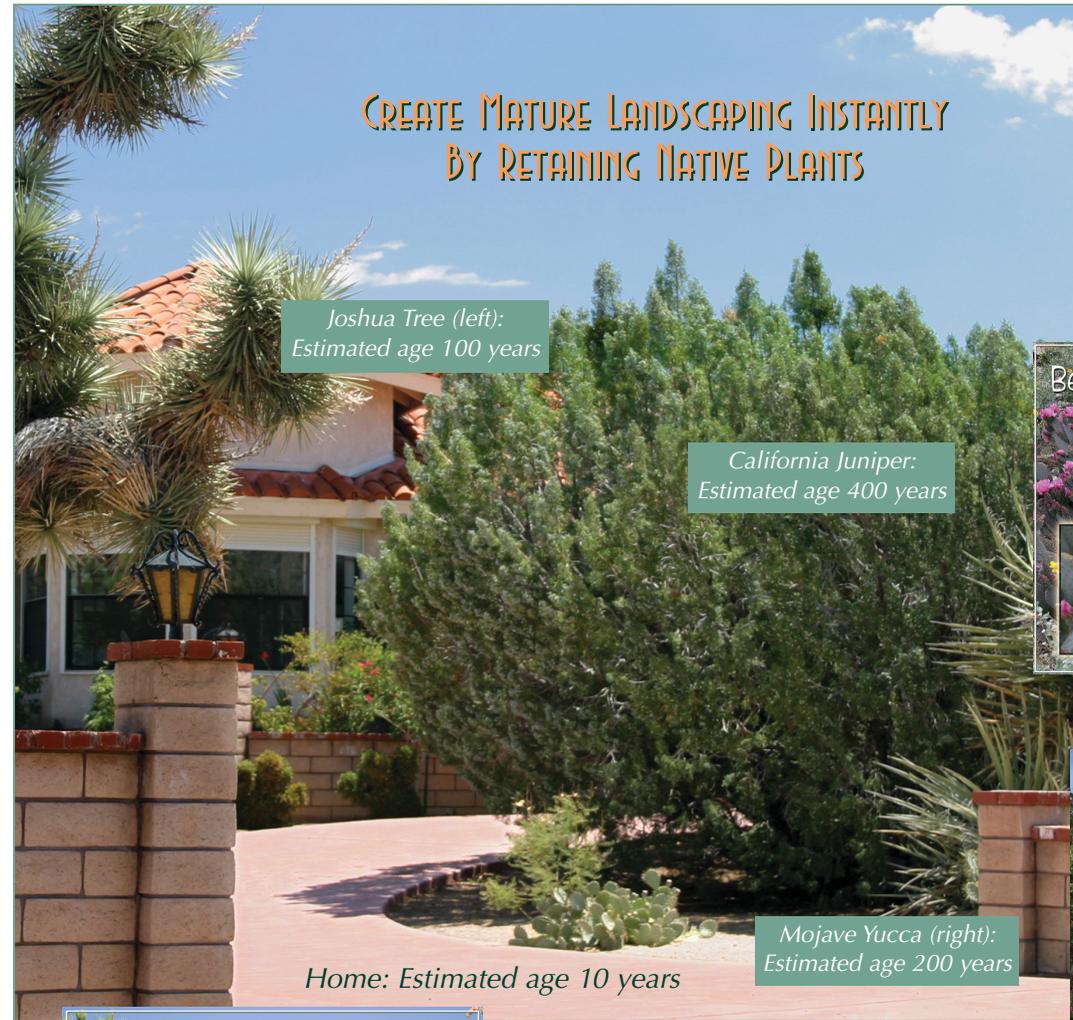
The native plants of this area form a unique and beautiful natural landscape. We encourage you to preserve as many native plants as possible during construction.

Before removing any plants on your property, consider retaining them, transplanting them, or offering them to others.

Protecting our native plants contributes to the beauty and diversity of our community while saving water, time and money.

Typical known ages of some of our southwest desert plants:

California Juniper	1000+ years
Mojave Yucca	500+ years
Barrel Cactus	130+ years
California Ephedra	150+ years
Creosote Bush	1000+ years
Pinyon Pine	500+ years
Scrub Oak	300+ years
Joshua Tree	100+ years



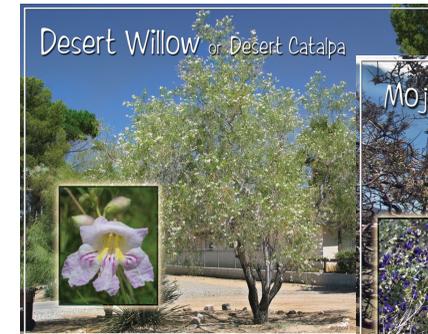
Joshua Tree (left):
Estimated age 100 years

California Juniper:
Estimated age 400 years

Mojave Yucca (right):
Estimated age 200 years

Home: Estimated age 10 years

CREATE MATURE LANDSCAPING INSTANTLY BY RETAINING NATIVE PLANTS



Desert Willow or Desert Catalpa



Mojave Indigo Bush



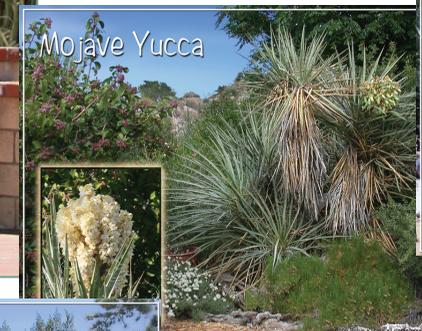
Beavertail Cactus



Bigberry Manzanita



Wild Plum



Mojave Yucca



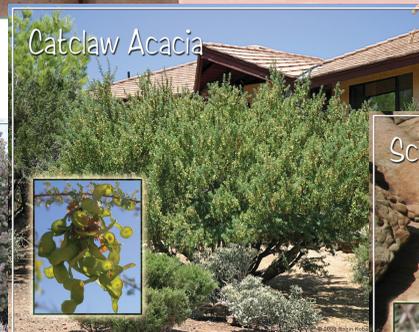
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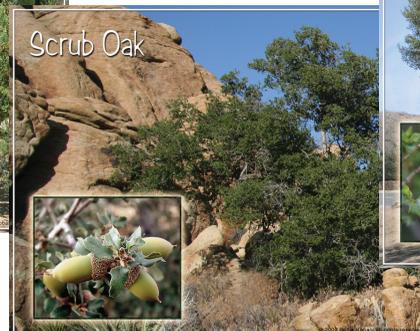
Joshua Tree



Hedgehog Cactus



Catclaw Acacia



Scrub Oak



Creosote



California Juniper



Pinyon Pine