

Grasses

Eragrostis curvula
Erianthus ravennae
Festuca longifolia

Panicum virgatum
Stipa gigantea (Giant Oat Grass)
Stipa tenuissima

Bulbs, corms & rhizomes

Allium christophii
Allium giganteum 'Gladiator'
Allium rosenbachianum
Crocasmia x crocosmiflora
 'Ember Glow'
Iris foetidissima
Iris 'Lady Friend'
Iris 'Son of Star'

Iris pallida 'aurea-variegata'
Nerine bowdenii
Sternbergia lutea
Tulipa 'Apricot Beauty' (single
 early)
Tulipa 'Maureen' (single late)
Tulipa 'Norman Villis' (single early)
Tulipa tarda

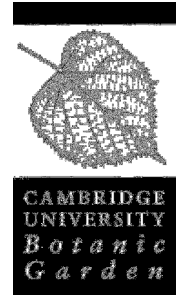
Horticultural tips for a dry garden:

- Don't worry if your lawn is parched and brown in the summer and resist the urge to water it from the mains supply—your lawn will recover when the rain eventually comes.
- When choosing plants for a dry garden, look for grey-leaved, waxy-leaved or aromatic plants, which are indications of good adaptation to drought conditions
- Mulch a dry garden in spring with bark chips or coco shells to conserve moisture in the ground. If you mulch with rich organic matter, the plants will put on fast, lush growth which will be more susceptible to drought damage.

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Selected Plant List



The purpose of the Dry Garden is to investigate a model of sustainable horticulture, suitable for use in a typical Cambridge garden, focusing on reducing the need for irrigation through design, cultivation techniques and selection of drought-resistant plants.

Cambridge is amongst the driest regions in Western Europe, north of the Pyrenees with an average rainfall of 557mm per year. Water is therefore a limited resource and too precious to be used liberally to irrigate gardens.

The plants in the Dry Garden here were selected because they have shown a degree of tolerance of the dry Cambridge climate. They were not watered in when planted, and have received no artificial watering during their life in the Dry Garden. The plant list inside highlights just some of the plants that have been used.

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Herbaceous Perennials

<i>Artemisia schmidtiana</i> 'Nana'	<i>Nepeta racemosa</i> 'Snowflake'
<i>Calamintha nepeta</i> (catmint)	<i>Nepeta racemosa</i> 'Walker's Low'
<i>Caryopteris x clandonensis</i> 'Arthur Simmonds'	<i>Oenothera fruticosa</i> subsp. <i>glauca</i> 'Erica Robin'
<i>Dahlia</i> 'Ella Britton'	<i>Oenothera stricta</i>
<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i> (Male Fern)	<i>Origanum laevigatum</i> 'Herrenhausen'
<i>Eryngium amethystinum</i>	<i>Phlomis russelliana</i>
<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i> 'Clarice Howard'	<i>Phygелиus x rectus</i> 'Winchester Fanfare'
<i>Gaura lindheimeri</i>	<i>Salvia sylvestris</i> 'Snowhill'
<i>Geranium</i> 'Brookside'	<i>Sedum aizoon</i> subsp. <i>kamtschaticum</i>
<i>Geranium</i> 'Ann Folkard'	<i>Sedum</i> 'Bertram Anderson'
<i>Glaucium flavum</i> (Yellow Horned Poppy)	<i>Sedum spectabile</i> 'Autumn Joy'
<i>Glaucium leiocarpum</i>	<i>Sedum spectabile</i> 'Iceberg'
<i>Gypsophila repens</i> 'Pink Beauty'	<i>Thymus pulegioides</i>
<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i> 'Compacta plena'	<i>Verbena bonariensis</i>

Evergreen or semi-evergreen perennials

<i>Bergenia x spathulata</i> 'Baby Doll'	<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>
<i>Bergenia x smithii</i> 'Sunningdale'	<i>Kniphophia caulescens</i> (Red Hot Poker)
<i>Euphorbia characias</i> subsp. <i>wulfenii</i> 'Bosahan'	<i>Ophiopogon planiscapus</i> 'Nigrescens'
<i>Euphorbia characias</i> subsp. <i>wulfenii</i> 'Humpty Dumpty'	<i>Sedum spurium</i>

Trees & Shrubs

<i>Aralia elata</i>	<i>Mahonia x media</i> 'Winter Sun'
<i>Artemisia arborescens</i>	<i>Malus trilobata</i>
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i> 'Helmond Pillar'	<i>Phlomis chrysophylla</i>
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i> (common box)	<i>Phormium tenax</i> (New Zealand Flax)
<i>Ceanothus pallidus</i> 'Marie Simon'	<i>Phormium tenax</i> 'Yellow Wave'
<i>Ceratostigma plumbaginoides</i>	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> 'Diabolo'
<i>Ceratostigma willmottianum</i>	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i> 'Daydawn'
<i>Convolvulus cneorum</i>	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i> 'Snowflake'
<i>Danae racemosa</i>	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i> 'Primrose Beauty'
<i>Erica terminalis</i>	<i>Romneya coulteri</i>
<i>Euonymus fortunei</i> 'Emerald 'n' Gold'	<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> 'Pyramidalis' (Common Rosemary)
<i>Fatsia japonica</i>	<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> 'Tuscan Blue' (Common Rosemary)
<i>Genista lydia</i>	<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> var. <i>prostratus</i> (Prostrate Rosemary)
<i>Hebe pinguifolia</i>	<i>Santolina chamecyparissus</i>
<i>Hebe</i> 'youngii'	<i>Santolina pinnata</i> 'Sulphurea'
<i>Hedera helix</i> 'Arborescens'	<i>Senecio laxifolius</i>
<i>Hippophaë rhamnoides</i> (Sea Buckthorn)	<i>Tamarix pentandra</i>
<i>Hypericum lancasteri</i>	<i>Yucca filamentosa</i>
<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i> 'Hidcote' (English Lavender)	<i>Yucca filamentosa</i> 'Golden Sword'
<i>Lonicera nitida</i> 'Silver Beauty'	

Hedging Plants

<i>Carpinus betulus</i> (Hornbeam)	<i>Taxus baccata</i> (Yew)
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> (Beech)	<i>Thuja plicata</i> 'Atrovirens' (Western Red Cedar)
<i>Rhamnus alaternus</i> 'Argentovariegata'	

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