Mojave Desert Native Plants for Restoration

If you are restoring a residential lot that has been scraped of native vegetation or is compacted due to years of use, we recommend starting with fast-growing perennials and common shrubs that are relatively easy to establish on disturbed sites. Keep in mind each site is unique, and all the plants on this list may not be appropriate for your site. Be sure to research what grows in your area by visiting calscape.org.

Ambrosia dumosa—White bursage, burrobush
Ambrosia salsola—Cheesebush
Atriplex canescens—Fourwing saltbush
Atriplex polycarpa—Cattle spinach
Cylindropuntia echinocarpa—Silver cholla
Brickellia incana—Wooly brickellbush
Datura wrightii—Sacred datura, jimsonweed
Encelia actoni—Acton encelia
E. farinosa—Brittlebush
Ericameria linearifolia—Linear leaf goldenbush
Ericameria nauseosa—Rubber rabbitbrush
Ericameria teretifolia—Green rabbitbrush
Eriogonum fasciculatum var. polifolium—Eastern Mojave buckwheat
Hilaria rigida—Big galleta grass
Larrea tridentata—Creosote bush
Senna armata—Desert senna
Sphaeralcea ambigua—Apricot mallow
Peritoma arborea—Bladderpod
Salvia species—Sages
Scutellaria mexicana—Paperbag bush
Senecio flaccidus—Butterweed