Plants to grow for tortoises

Perennial ornamentals

Good “weeds”

Grasses
Bermuda
Common Bermuda is preferred, not hybrid.
Timothy Hay
*Phleum pretense*.

Ground cover
White clover, *Trifolium repens*

Trees
Elm, *Ulmus spp.* and Mulberry, *Morus, spp.* Offer young leaves only

Vines
Hall’s Honeysuckle (Set base of trellis away from wall to make a shady place)
Grape, *Vitis spp.* Offer young leaves only, no fruit. Thompson Seedless preferred
Morning Glory, *Ipomoea spp.* Perennial vine. Large dark purple flowers, not in full sun
Virginia Creeper, *Parthenocissus quinquefolia*.

Annuals
Petunia, *Petunia hybrida*
Nasturtium, *Tropaeolum spp.* Plant from seed.
Pansy, *Viola spp.*
Portulaca (Moss Rose), *Portulaca grandiflora*

Toxic plants *(see also online)*
Rhubarb, *Rheum rhabarbarum*. Leaves
Tomato, *Lycopersicon spp.* Only the leaves and plant are toxic
Chinaberry Tree, *Melia azedarach umbraculifera*. Leaves and fruit must be kept off irrigated grass

Shrubs
Desert Willow, *Chilopsis linearis*. Tall open shrub, low branching, purple flowers spring through fall.
Rose, *Rosa spp.* Leaves and flowers.
Hibiscus, *Hibiscus spp.* Usually needs protection in winter. Large pot on patio usually works.
Yellow Bells or Trumpets, *Stenolobium (or Tecoma) stans*. Broad-leaf variety. Not a vine. Many large flowers, spring and summer, attracts hummingbirds.
Spineless Cactus, *Opuntia ficus-indica*. Offer new pads, only; flowers, fruit--prickly pears.