

FRAGRANT CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANTS FOR THE GARDEN

Gardening for fragrance opens up another dimension of gardening. You can be whisked back to another place and time or other remembrances by the fragrances given off by your plantings. Once you start noticing aromas, you will quickly come up with your own favorites. Since everyone's sense of smell is different, fragrances are open to different interpretations.

These plants are fragrant when you are near

Brickellia californica
Calocedrus decurrens (incense cedar)
Oenothera caespitosa (evening primrose)
Philadelphus lewisii (mock orange)
Pinus Jeffreyi (Jeffery Pine)
Ribes viburnifolium (evergreen current)
Salvia Clevelandii (Cleveland sage)
Solanum species (nightshade)

These plants are fragrant when you are very close

Calycanthus occidentalis (spice bush)
Carpenteria californica
Fragaria californica (Woodland strawberry)
Keckiella antirrhinoides (*snap dragon*)
Rosa species (rose)

These plants give off scent when you brush against

Artemisia species (sagebrush)
Calocedrus decurrens (incense cedar)
Cupressus species (cedars)
Juniperus species (junipers)
Lepechinia species (pitcher sage)
Mentha arvensis (mint)
Monardella species (Ca. pennyroyal)
Myrica californica (Ca sweet bay)
Ribes species (currants)
Salvia species (sages)
Satureja species (Yerba Buena)
Trichostema lanatum (wooly blue curls)
Umbellularia californica (Ca bay-laurel)

These plants are fragrant at dusk or night

Oenothera caespitosa (Evening Primrose) *Solanum* species (nightshades)
Carpenteria californica
Fragaria californica (woodland strawberry)
Keckiella antirrhinoides (snapdragon)

These plants give off a sweet fragrance

Brickellia californica
Philadelphus lewisii
Rosa species (rose)
Solanum species (nightshade)

These plants give off a sage-like fragrance

Artemisia species (Sagebrush)
Juniperus species (juniper)
Lepechinia species (pitcher sage)
Salvia species (sage)
Trichostema species (wooly blue curls)

Miscellaneous fragrances

BAYBERRY *Myrica californica* (CA sweet bay)
BAY-LIKE *Umbellularia californica* (CA bay-laurel)
INCENSE *Calocedrus decurrens* (incense cedar)
INCENSE PLUS LAVENDER: *Pinus Jeffreyi* (Jeffery pine)
SPICY *Calycanthus occidentalis* (CA spicebush)
Ribes viburnifolium (vergreen current)
Ribes species (current)
WINE *Calycanthus occidentalis* (CA spicebush)
MINT *Mentha arvensis* (field mint)
Monardella species (CA pennyroyal)
Satureja species (Yerba Buena)

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