

California Native Plants for Your Garden

Botanical Name	Common Name	Life Form	C = coast I = inland	sun	shade	part shade	drought	Needs summer water	sprinkler OK	sand	clay	inland heat	cold to 25°	deciduous or dies back
<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>	Big Leaf Maple	Tree	I		*	*		*	*		*		*	*
<i>Acer negundo</i>	California Box Elder	Small Tree	I C				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	Ground Cover	I C	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
<i>Acmispon glaber</i> (Lotus scoparius)	Deerweed	Small Shrub	C	*			*		*	*				*
<i>Adenostoma fasciculatum</i>	Chamise	Shrub	I	*			*			*	*	*	*	
<i>Aesculus californica</i>	California Buckeye	Tree	I C	*		*	*	*			*	*	*	*
<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	Western Columbine	Herb	I C		*	*		*	*		*	*	*	*
<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>	Madrone	Tree	C I	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> 'Dr.	Manzanita	Tree-like	C	*			*					*	*	
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> 'Howard	Manzanita	Shrub	C I	*		*		*		*	*	*	*	
<i>Arctostaphylos</i>	Manzanita	Shrub	I C	*		*			*	*	*	*	*	
<i>Arctostaphylos</i>	Manzanita	Low Shrub	C I			*		*	*	*	*	*		
<i>Arctostaphylos edmundsii</i>	Manzanita	Low Shrub	C I			*		*	*	*	*			
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> 'Emerald	Manzanita	Gound Cover	C I	*			*	*		*			*	
<i>Arctostaphylos hookeri</i>	Manzanita	Gound Cover	C	*		*	*	*		*	*		*	
<i>Arctostaphylos hookeri</i>	Manzanita	Shrub	C	*		*	*	*		*	*		*	
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> 'Indian	Manzanita	Shrub	C	*		*	*	*		*	*			
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> 'Louis	Manzanita	Shrub	I	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	
<i>Arctostaphylos pumila</i>	Manzanita	Ground Cover	I	*		*	*	*		*	*		*	
<i>Arctostaphylos rudis</i>	Manzanita	Shrub	C	*		*	*	*		*	*			
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	Manzanita	Gound Cover	C	*				*		*		*	*	
<i>Armeria maritima</i>	Thrift	Ground Cover	I C	*		*		*	*	*	*			
<i>Artemisia californica</i>	California Sagebrush	Shrub	I C	*		*	*		*	*	*	*	*	
<i>Artemisia douglasiana</i>	Mugwort	Perennial Herb	I C	*		*		*	*	*	*			*
<i>Artemisia tridentata</i>	Great Basin	Shrub	I	*			*			*		*	*	
<i>Asclepias eriocarpa</i>	Monarch Milkweed	Perennial Herb	I	*			*				*	*	*	*
<i>Asclepias fascicularis</i>	Narrow Leaf	Perennial Herb	I C	*		*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Asclepias speciosa</i>	Showy Milkweed	Perennial Herb	I	*			*		*		*	*	*	*
<i>Asclepias vestita</i>	Wooly Milkweed	Perennial Herb	I	*			*				*	*	*	*
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	Coyote Brush	Large Shrub	I C	*			*				*		*	
<i>Calocedrus decurrens</i>	Incense Cedar	Tree	I C	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	
<i>Calycanthus occidentalis</i>	Spicebush	Large Shrub	I C	*	*			*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Carex praegracilis</i>	Clustered Field Sedge	Meadow	I C	*	*			*	*	*				
<i>Carpenteria californica</i>	Bush Anemone	Shrub	C	*		*		*	*	*	*	*	*	
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Concha'	Ceanothus species	Shrub 6-8'	I C	*			*	*		*		*	*	
<i>Ceanothus cuneatus</i>	Buckbrush	Shrub	I	*			*			*	*	*	*	
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Dark Star'	Ceanothus species	Shrub 6'	I C	*			*	*		*		*	*	
<i>Ceanothus gloriosus</i>	Ceanothus species	Shrub	C	*			*	*		*			*	

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Ceanothus gloriosus	Ceanothus species	Small Shrub to	I C	*	*		*	*		*			*	
Ceanothus griseus horizontalis	Ceanothus species	Low Shrub to 3'	C I	*			*	*		*			*	
Ceanothus griseus	Ceanothus species	Gound Cover	C	*			*	*	*			*	*	
Ceanothus hearstiorum	San Simeon	Gound Cover	C	*					*		*		*	
Ceanothus 'Joyce Coulter'	Ceanothus species	Shrub 2-5'	I C				*	*					*	
Ceanothus maritimus	Ceanothus species	Low Shrub to 2'	C I	*			*		*	*	*		*	
Ceanothus 'Ray Hartman'	Ceanothus species	Large Shrub to 18'	C	*			*	*	*				*	*
Ceanothus rigidus 'Snowball'	Ceanothus species	Shrub 4-6'	C I	*			*	*					*	*
Ceanothus 'Sierra Blue'	Ceanothus species	Shrub 15'	I C	*			*	*		*			*	*
Ceanothus thyriflorus	Ceanothus species	Shrub 4'	I	*			*	*		*			*	*
Ceanothus thyriflorus	Ceanothus species	Large Shrub to	I C	*			*	*		*			*	
Cercis occidentalis	Western redbud	Small Tree	C	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*
Cercocarpus betuloides	Mountain Mahogany	Large Shrub	I	*			*			*	*	*	*	
Chilopsis linearis	Desert Willow	Tree	I	*					*	*	*	*	*	*
Chlorogalum pomeridianum	Soap Plant	Herb	I C	*			*					*	*	*
Clematis lasiantha	Pipestem Clematis	Vine	C			*		*		*	*	*	*	*
Clinopodium douglasii	Yerba Buena	Ground Cover	C		*			*	*	*	*			
Cornus stolonifera	Creek Dogwood	Shrub	C I	*	*	*		*	*	*			*	*
Dendromecon harfordii	Channel Island Tree	Shrub	I C	*			*			*				
Dendromecon rigida	Tree Poppy	Shrub	C	*			*					*		*
Deschampsia caespitosa	Tufted Hairgrass	Meadow	C	*						*	*		*	
Dudleya caespitosa	Coast Dudleya	Herb	C	*			*			*				
Dudleya lanceolata	Liveforever	Herb	C	*			*			*	*			
Dudleya pulverulenta	Chalk Liveforever	Herb	C I	*		*				*	*	*	*	
Elymus condensatus	Giant Wild Rye	Specimen	C I	*			*	*		*	*			
Encelia californica	Coast Sunflower	Shrub	C	*					*	*	*	*		
Epilobium californica	California fuchsia	Gound Cover	C	*		*	*	*		*	*	*	*	
Ericameria ericoides	Mock Heather	Shrub	C	*						*				
Erigeron glaucus	Seaside Daisy	Ground Cover	C	*						*				
Eriogonum arborescens	Santa Cruz Island Buckwheat	Shrub	C I	*			*			*	*	*	*	
Eriogonum fasciculatum	California Buckwheat	Shrub	C I	*			*			*	*	*	*	
Eriogonum giganteum	St Catherine's Lace	Shrub	C	*			*	*		*	*		*	
Eriogonum grande	San Miguel Island	Low Shrub	C	*			*	*		*	*		*	
Eriogonum parvifolium	Cliff Buckwheat	Shrub	C	*		*				*	*		*	
Eriogonum umbellatum	Sulfur Buckwheat	Gound Cover	I	*			*	*		*	*			*
Eriophyllum confertiflorum	Golden Yarrow	Small Shrub	C I	*				*				*		*
Festuca californica	California Fescue	Meadow	C I	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	
Festuca idahoensis	Idaho Fescue	Meadow	I C	*		*	*	*		*	*	*	*	

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<i>Fragaria chiloensis</i>	Beach Strawberry	Ground Cover	C	*		*			*	*			*	
<i>Frangula californica</i>	Coffeeberry	Shrub	C I	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
<i>Fremontodendron</i>	Flannel Bush	Tree	I C	*		*	*			*	*	*	*	
<i>Gambelia speciosa</i>	Island snapdragon	Shrub	I	*		*		*	*	*		*		
<i>Garrya elliptica</i>	Silk Tassel	Large Shrub	C I	*		*	*			*	*		*	
<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>	Salal	Small Shrub	C I		*			*					*	
<i>Hesperocyparis forbesii</i>	Tecate Cypress	Tree	I C	*	*	*	*					*	*	*
<i>Hesperocyparis sargentii</i>	Sargents Cypress	Tree	I	*			*					*	*	*
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Toyon	Tree	C I	*			*	*		*	*	*	*	
<i>Heuchera maxima</i>	Island Alum Root	Ground Cover	C	*		*	*		*			*		*
<i>Iris douglasiana</i>	Douglas Iris	Herb	C I	*	*			*	*	*	*			
<i>Juncus patens</i>	Common Rush	Meadow	C I	*	*	*		*	*					
<i>Justica californica</i>	Chuparosa	Sub-shrub	C	*						*				*
<i>Keckiella antirrhinoides</i>	Yellow Bush Snapdragon	Perennial	I	*			*	*				*	*	
<i>Keckiella cordifolia</i>	Heart Leaved Penstemon	Perennial	I C	*		*	*		*				*	*
<i>Lepechinia calycina</i>	Pitcher Sage	Sub-shrub	I C	*		*			*				*	
<i>Leptosyne gigantea</i>	Giant Coreopsis	Herb	C	*			*			*			*	*
<i>Lilium pardalinum</i>	Leopard Lily	Bulb	C	*		*		*				*		*
<i>Lonicera hispidula</i>	California Honeysuckle	Perennial	C I	*	*	*	*					*	*	*
<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	Twinberry Honeysuckle	Shrub	C	*		*			*	*				*
<i>Lupine chamissonis</i>	Silver Dune Lupine	Shrub	C	*			*	*		*				
<i>Lupinus arboreus</i>	Bush Lupine	Shrub	C	*						*			*	
<i>Lyonothamnus</i>	Catalina Ironwood	Tree	C I	*		*	*	*		*		*		
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	Mahonia	Shrub	C	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	
<i>Malacothamnus clementinus</i>	San Clemente Bush Mallow	Shrub	C	*					*	*	*			*
<i>Malva assurgentiflora</i>	Malva Rose	Large Shrub	C	*		*	*			*	*			
<i>Melica californica</i>	California Melic	Meadow	C I		*	*			*	*	*			
<i>Mimulus aurantiacus</i>	Sticky Monkey Flower	Shrub	C I	*		*			*	*	*		*	
<i>Mimulus guttatus</i>	Seep Monkey Flower	Herb	C I			*		*	*	*	*		*	
<i>Monardella villosa</i>	Coyote Mint	Ground Cover	C I	*		*	*	*	*	*	*			
<i>Morella californica</i>	Wax Myrtle	Tree	I C	*				*		*	*		*	
<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	Deer Grass	Specimen	C I	*			*	*		*	*		*	
<i>Oenothera californica</i>	Evening Primrose	Herbaceous perennial	I C			*								*
<i>Oxalis oregana</i>	Redwood Sorrel	Ground cover	C											
<i>P. coulteri</i> & <i>P. sabianiana</i>		Tree	C	*			*	*	*	*		*	*	
<i>P. torreyana</i>		Tree	C I	*			*		*	*		*	*	
<i>Penstemon centranthifolius</i>	Scarlet Bugler	Herb	I C	*			*					*	*	*

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Penstemon heterophyllus	Foothill Penstemon	Perennial	I C	*			*	*			*	*		
Penstemon heterophyllus	Foothill Penstemon	Herb	I C	*			*			*				*
Pinus muricata & P radiata	Pine species	Tree	I C	*	*	*	*	*		*	*			*
Platanus racemosa	Sycamore	Tree	C I	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prunus ilicifolia	Hollyleaf Cherry	Small Tree	C I	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Prunus lyonii	Catalina Cherry	Small Tree	C I	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Quercus agrifolia	Oak, Live Oak	Tree	I C	*		*	*	*		*	*	*	*	
Quercus douglasii	Oak, Blue Oak	Tree	C I				*	*		*		*	*	*
Quercus kelloggii	Oak, Black Oak	Tree	I C	*			*	*		*		*	*	
Quercus lobata	Oak, Valley Oak	Tree	I	*		*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*
Quercus tomentella	Island Oak	Tree	C	*										
Quercus wislizenii	Oak, Interior Live Oak	Tree	I	*	*	*	*			*	*	*	*	
Rhus integrifolia	Lemonade Berry	Shrub	C I	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*		
Ribes sanguineum	Pink Flowering	Shrub	I C	*		*	*			*		*	*	*
Ribes speciosum	Fuchsia Flowered	Shrub	I C	*	*	*		*		*		*	*	*
Ribes viburnifolium	Catalina Currant	Sprawling	C I	*	*	*	*	*		*		*		
Romneya coulteri	Matilija Poppy	Large Perennial	C I	*			*			*		*		*
Rosa californica	California Wild Rose	Shrub	C I	*		*	*	*			*	*	*	*
Salvia apiana	White Sage	Shrub	I	*			*			*	*	*	*	
Salvia 'Bee's Bliss'	Creeping Sage	Ground Cover	C I	*		*	*							
Salvia clevelandii	Cleveland Sage	Shrub	I	*			*			*	*	*	*	
Salvia 'Dara's Choice'	Sage	Small Shrub	C I	*			*		*	*	*	*		
Salvia leucophylla	Purple Sage	Low Shrub	I	*			*			*	*	*	*	
Salvia mellifera	Black Sage	Shrub	C I	*		*	*			*	*	*	*	
Salvia 'Poza Blue'	Sage	Shrub	I	*			*			*	*	*	*	
Salvia spathacea	Hummingbird Sage	Ground Cover	C I	*		*	*		*	*	*	*	*	
Sambucus nigra L. subsp	Blue Elderberry	Small Tree	C I	*		*	*	*			*	*	*	*
Sidalcea malvaeflora	Checkerbloom	Herbaceous	C I	*		*	*			*	*			*
Sisyrinchium bellum	Blue-Eyed Grass	Herb	C I	*				*	*	*	*			*
Sisyrinchium californica	Yellow-Eyed Grass	Herb	C	*	*	*		*	*		*			
Solanum xanti	Blue Witch	Low Shrub	I C	*							*			*
Stipa pulchra	Purple Needle Grass	Meadow	I	*					*		*	*	*	*
Symphoricarpos albus	Common Snowberry	Small Perennial	C I	*		*		*	*		*	*	*	*
Symphoricarpos mollis	Southern CA Snowberry	Small Perennial	C I	*	*	*					*	*	*	*
Trichostema lanatum	Woolly Blue Curls	Shrub	I	*							*	*	*	
Triteleia laxa	Ithurial's Spear	Bulb	I	*		*	*		*			*		
Venegasia carpesioides	Canyon Sunflower	Shrub	C			*			*		*			
Verbena lilacina "de la Mina"	Verbena	Perennial Herb	C	*				*	*		*			
Vitis californica	California Grape	Vine	I C			*			*	*	*	*	*	*