

## California Natives

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<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	flower	2' H x 2' W	fast	full sun	moderate/regular	x	Good cut flower in a meadow planting or as a lawn substitute.
<i>Artemisia palmeri</i>	Palmer Sagebrush	shrub	3' H x 3' W	fast	full to part sun	moderate		This plant is rare and threatened by development and flood control projects.
<i>Baccharis salicifolia</i>	Mule Fat	shrub	4-10' H x 8' W	fast	full to part sun	moderate		A forage source for the Dusky Metalmark. High wildlife value.
<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>	Blue Grama	grass	6-12" H x 6-12" W	fast	full to part sun	occasional	x	Seed heads resemble small flags with an eyelash shape. Recommended for erosion control.
<i>Clematis ligusticifolia</i>	Western Virgin's Bower	vine	15-20' long	fast	part shade	moderate		Once established, this tough-as-nails CA native vine is here to stay with a dense smothery froth of cheery, white flowers.
<i>Cylindropuntia munzii</i>	Munz's Cholla	shrub	3' H x 3' W	slow	full sun	drought tolerant		This species grows in sandy flats, alluvial washes and gravelly hills in desert scrub.
<i>Cylindropuntia prolifera</i>	Coastal Cholla	cactus	10' H x 3' W	moderate	full sun to part shade	drought tolerant		Grows well on ocean bluffs. Has magenta flowers that bloom in the spring.
<i>Cylindropuntia ramosissima</i>	Pencil Cholla	perennial	2-6' H x 3' W	slow	full sun	infrequent		Spines are usually single, growing from the center of the tubercles, but they may be absent in some specimens, or grow only around the uppermost part of the stems.
<i>Danthonia californica</i>	California Oatgrass	grass	1-3' H x 1-2' W	fast	full to part sun	moderate		A native grass that grows primarily in northern and central California in the mountains. Can be an attractive garden grass.
<i>Drymocallis glandulosa</i>	Sticky Cinquefoil	perennial herb	1-2' H x 1' W	moderate	part to full shade	occasional	x	A small, low-growing plant characterized by the fine, sticky, glandular hairs that cover the stems.
<i>Dudleya hassei</i>	Catalina Island Liveforever	succulent	1' H x 1' W	moderate	full to part sun	drought tolerant	x	Infrequent deep watering is best.

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<i>Erigeron glaucus</i>	Seaside Daisy	perennial	1' H x 2' W	fast	full to part sun	regular	x	Abundant flowers all year. Great for massed ground cover. Recommended for coastal butterfly gardens. Easy to grow. Formal appearance. Good for flower borders and parkways.
<i>Eriogonum arborescens</i>	Santa Cruz Island Buckwheat	shrub	3' H x 5' W	fast	full sun	drought tolerant		A rare species from Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa Islands. Forms a spreading bushy plant with narrow, light green foliage and covered in summer with attractive heads of rosy pink flowers.
<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i>	California Buckwheat	shrub	3-4' H x 4' W	fast	full sun	drought tolerant		Flowers emerge in summer and dry to a pretty rust-brown color and persist through the winter and spring. Excellent for erosion control.
<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i> 'Wildwood'	Prostrate California Buckwheat	shrub	2-3' H x 4-6' W	fast	full sun	drought tolerant		Low growing evergreen groundcover with late spring-summer flowers.
<i>Eriogonum grande</i> var. <i>rubescens</i>	Red Buckwheat	perennial	1' H x 2-3' W	fast	full to part sun	occasional	x	Flowers are rose-colored or red. A good subject for rock gardens. Forms a mat of attractive foliage from which rise many flower stems.
<i>Euphorbia xanti</i>	Baja Spurge	perennial	6' H x spreading	fast	full sun to part shade	infrequent	x	An interesting fast growing openly-branched deciduous evergreen shrub.
<i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>	Apache Plume	perennial	3-6' H x 3' W	moderate	full sun	drought tolerant		Recommended with other desert plants such as Apricot Mallow and Fairyduster. Drought and heat tolerant.
<i>Festuca californica</i>	California Fescue	grass	2' H x 2' W	fast	full to part sun	drought tolerant	x	Robust perennial bunch grass with beautiful blue-grey foliage. Nice in masses or as an accent. Hardy and fast growing.

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Frangula californica	California Coffeeberry	shrub	8-12' H x 4-8' W	moderate	full sun to part shade	drought tolerant		A great wildlife plant. A nice looking wildland interface plant, adding drama to a boring garden. Also a great hedge plant or good screen plant.
Gambelia speciosa 'Firecracker'	Firecracker Island Snapdragon	shrub	2-3' H x 3' W	fast	part sun to part shade	drought tolerant		Tolerates clay, salt, wind. Deep soak occasionally for lush growth.
Gaura coccinea	Scarlet Beeblossom	perennial	8-20" H x 4' W	moderate	full sun	drought tolerant		Prefers to grow in dry flats and slopes. Winter dormant.
Grindelia camporum	Common Gumplant	perennial	1' H x 2' W	fast	full sun	drought tolerant	x	Likes full sun, and can tolerate deer, and will grow in salty soil.
Hazardia cana	San Clemente Island Hazardia	shrub	3' H x 2-3' W	fast	full sun to part shade	drought tolerant		Rare outside California. Cut back to promote compact form in early fall.
Hesperoyucca whipplei	Chaparral Yucca	shrub	4' H x 5' W	slow	full sun	drought tolerant		The plant takes several years to reach maturity and flower, at which point it usually dies. Then a cluster of clones around its base continue to grow and reproduce.
Heuchera maxima	Channel Island Coral Bells	perennial	2' H x 2' W	fast	part shade	occasional	x	Dark green leaves are lightly marbled and often red tinged in winter. Clusters of pinkish-white flowers on intricately branching stems emerge in the spring.
Justicia californica 'Tecate Gold'	Tecate Gold Chuparosa	shrub	5' H x 5' W	slow	full sun	drought tolerant		Highly recommended as a screen, specimen or a bonsai. Tolerates heat, drought, and frost.
Keckiella antirrhinoides	Snapdragon Penstemon	perennial	4' H x 3' W	fast	full to part sun	drought tolerant		Water occasionally in hot season to keep plant green longer, as it will go completely dormant in summer.
Leymus condensatus 'Canyon Prince'	Canyon Prince Rye Grass	grass	3-4' H x 3' W	fast	full to part sun	infrequent	x	One of the most popular and adaptable of California's native grasses, it is very easy to grow.

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<i>Lonicera subspicata</i> var. <i>johnstonii</i>	Johnston's Honeysuckle	vine	3-8' H x 5-8' W	fast	full sun	drought tolerant	x	Has small yellowish or cream-colored flowers sometimes tinged with pink. An ideal plant for covering banks in sun or shade.
<i>Oenothera elata</i> ssp. <i>hookeri</i>	Hooker's Evening Primrose	perennial herb	1-4' H x 1-2' W	fast	full to part sun	regular		Grows flat on the ground sending up a 3' spike of 3-4" yellow flowers that open in the evening and morning. Use in the background. Do not use in a formal watered garden.
<i>Opuntia basilaris</i> var. <i>brachyclada</i>	Beavertail Prickly Pear	cactus	1' H x 1' W	moderate	full sun	drought tolerant		A dwarf purple prickly pear cactus that is a great addition to drought tolerant, hillside and xeriscape gardens.
<i>Opuntia erinacea</i>	Mojave Prickly Pear	cactus	2' H x 10' W	moderate	full sun	drought tolerant		Forms low clumps with oblong, thick grayish green flattened joints densely covered with glistening white, thread-like spines usually 10 to 15 cm long. Flowers may be red or yellow.
<i>Opuntia littoralis</i>	Coast Prickly Pear	cactus	3' H x spreading	moderate	full sun	drought tolerant	x	Fruits are edible. Makes a great barrier!
<i>Peritoma arborea</i>	Bladderpod	shrub	3-4' H x 4' W	fast	full to part sun	drought tolerant		This gorgeous shrub is native to the Santa Monica Mountains and the Mojave Desert. Flowers light yellow, followed by curiously shaped inflated pods.
<i>Platanus racemosa</i>	California Sycamore	tree	30-80' H x 30' W	fast	full sun	moderate		A beautiful deciduous tree with tall white trunk, irregularly branched crown and light green foliage.
<i>Ribes aureum</i>	Golden Currant	shrub	6' H x 2-3' W	fast	full to part sun	drought tolerant		Forage source for Cooper and Anglewing butterflies. Berries are edible.
<i>Ribes speciosum</i>	Fuchsia Flowering Gooseberry	shrub	10' H x 8' W	moderate	full to part sun	drought tolerant		Crimson flowers are loved by hummingbirds. Numerous sharp thorns make this a good barrier plant. Can spread by underground roots.

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Rosa californica	California Wild Rose	shrub	5' H x spreading	moderate	full sun to part shade	drought tolerant		A rather small shrub sending up many branches from the ground soon forming a large clump. Produces many delicate pink fragrant blossoms in late spring and early summer.
Salvia leucophylla	San Luis Sage	shrub	6' H x 8' W	fast	full sun	drought tolerant	x	A small shrub with pretty silvery gray, crinkly foliage and large whorls of lilac purple flowers. A profuse bloomer making a glorious effect when in flower on the hillsides.
Salvia mellifera	Black Sage	shrub	5' H x 5' W	fast	full sun	drought tolerant	x	Flowers can be white, blue, or lavender. Leaves are very fragrant.
Salvia munzii 'Emerald Cascade'	Emerald Cascade San Miguel Mtn. Sage	shrub	2' H x 3' W	fast	full to part sun	drought tolerant		Foliage is a light bright green and is very aromatic. Pale blue flowers bloom in spring.
Salvia 'Shirley's Creeper'	Shirley's Creeper Sage	shrub	4-6' H x 4-6' W	fast	full to part sun	occasional		An ideal bank cover for a sunny dry area with good drainage. Somewhat misnamed as it is a fairly tall plant. Will quickly form a dense mound 4 to 6 feet tall and wide.
Senegalia greggii	Catclaw Acacia	large shrub	10-15' H x 10-15' W	fast	full sun	drought tolerant		An interesting deciduous shrub from the Colorado Desert. Rather sprawling in habit, attaining a height of 4 to 7 feet and occasionally more, its branches are armed with short curved prickles.
Sisyrinchium bellum	Western Blue-eyed Grass	perennial	18" H x 6" W	fast	full sun to part shade	drought tolerant		Goes dormant in summer, losing some or all of its leaves, and returns with winter rains.
Sphaeralcea ambigua	Apricot Mallow	perennial	3' H x 3' W	fast	full sun	drought tolerant		OK to cut back in fall. Excellent butterfly plant.
Sporobolus airoides	Alkali Sacaton	grass	2' H x 3' W	fast	full sun	drought tolerant		Graceful seedheads on a robust, tough bunchgrass. Loves clay soil.

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Vitis californica 'Roger's Red'	Roger's Red Wild Grape	vine	40' long	fast	full to part sun	occasional		Edible purple fruit ripens in late summer. Leaves turn bright red in fall. Caution: fruit is toxic to dogs.

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Agave guiengola	Agave guiengola	succulent	2-4' H x 3-6' W	slow	sun or shade	infrequent		Massively thick, white-green glaucous leaves are very broad at the base and taper to a brown terminal spine. Along the edge of the leaves there are many dark-colored teeth.
Agave parryi	Parry's Agave	succulent	1-2' H x 2-3' W	slow	full to part sun	moderate		Noted for its attractive blue-gray to gray-green evergreen leaves, but is also noted for its infrequent but spectacular flowering spikes.
Agave wercklei	Agave wercklei	succulent	3' H x 3' W	slow	sun or shade	infrequent	x	Makes a fantastic container plant and often flourishes when taken care of and watered in a container.
Aloe isaloensis	Isalo Aloe	succulent	6-24" H x 16" W	moderate	full sun to part shade	occasional		A small, tubular-leaved, narrow leaved aloe from Madagascar. In full sun the leaves become a purple-grey-sea-green. In the shade, or with plenty of water, the leaves have a light green color.
Aloe maculata	Soap Aloe	succulent	18" H x 2' W	slow	part to full shade	infrequent	x	A slow-growing aloe that provides an excellent focal point for a rockery garden and should be planted in well drained soil mixed with compost.
Aloe prinslooi	Aloe prinslooi	succulent	6-12" H x 6-12" W	slow	full sun	infrequent	x	A small, spotted Aloe endemic to the savanna and open woodland of South Africa.
Artocarpus heterophyllus	Jackfruit	tree	30-70' H x 20-50' W	moderate	full sun	moderate		Noted for bearing the largest fruit of any tree in the world, the fruits been known to weigh up to 75 lbs. Ripened fruit may be eaten fresh or cooked. Seeds may be boiled and roasted.
Bulbine frutescens	Stalked Bulbine	succulent	1-2' H x 1-2' W	fast	full sun	occasional	x	Yellow flowers are 6-petaled and star-like with frilly yellow stamens on long stalks that rise above the foliage in the spring and summer.

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<i>Ceratotheca triloba</i>	African Foxglove	flower	5-6' H x 2-3' W	moderate	full sun to part shade	regular		Tall and elegant with foxglove-shaped flowers in lavender or rarely white, that open in succession from summer to fall.
<i>Chrysanthemoides incana</i>	<i>Chrysanthemoides incana</i>	subshrub	1' H x 8-10' W	moderate	full to part sun	infrequent		A low sprawling evergreen groundcover with yellow daisy flowers that are produced on and off through the year.
<i>Colliguaja odorifera</i>	Colliguay	shrub	3-6' H x 3-6' W	slow	full sun to part shade	infrequent		A shrub from the Mediterranean climate of Chile, where it grows on slopes in their equivalent of chaparral.
<i>Dracaena draco</i>	Canary Island Dragon Tree	tree	15-25' H x 15-25' W	slow	sun or shade	infrequent		An attractive and interesting succulent tree.
<i>Echium giganteum</i>	Giant Echium	shrub	6-7' H x 4-6' W	fast	full sun	moderate		A tall woody shrub with numerous dome shaped inflorescences with white flowers.
<i>Echium simplex</i>	White Tower of Jewels	shrub	4-8' H x 1-2' W	fast	full sun	occasional		Flowers should be allowed to mature fully so that seed is produced to perpetuate the plant in the garden when it dies after its second or third year.
<i>Engelmannia peristenia</i>	Engelmann's Daisy	perennial herb	2' H x 14-16" W	fast	full sun to part shade	dry/semi-moist	x	The fuzzy cut green foliage adds an interesting lush texture to the very dry garden. Flowers open in the afternoon and bloom through the night eventually fading and recurring in the hottest part of the day.
<i>Euphorbia tirucalli</i> 'Sticks on Fire'	Sticks on Fire	succulent	4-8' H x 4-8' W	slow	full sun	infrequent		Very striking succulent shrub. Resembles sea coral.
<i>Flourensia thurifera</i>	Maravella del Campo	shrub	3-4' H x 3-4' W	moderate	full sun	occasional		Showy yellow daisy flowers in spring followed by a period of summer dormancy. Endemic to Chile.



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Haworthia cooperi	Haworthia	perennial	3-5" H x 6-12" W	moderate	full sun to part shade	regular	x	These small, low growing plants form rosettes of fleshy green leaves that are generously covered with white, pearly warts or bands, giving them a distinctive appearance.
Hesperaloe funifera	Giant False Yucca	subshrub	6' H x 6' W	slow-moderate	full sun	infrequent		An excellent, low-maintenance accent plant with a bold, striking form. This clumping, stemless, upright plant grows to 6 feet tall and wide.
Hyalis argentea	Plazia	flower	3' H x 3' W	slow	full sun	moderate		Very silver and narrow leaves make you think it's a grass but it's actually a member of the daisy family.
Leonotis leonurus	Lion's Tail	shrub	4-8' H x 4-6' W	fast	full sun	drought tolerant		Has flowers that resemble fuzzy orange golf balls. Must be kept very dry in winter when growing in climates with cold, wet winters.
Lepechinia hastata	Pitcher Sage	perennial	4' H x 4' W	moderate	full sun	drought tolerant	x	Has an interesting aroma that is somewhat reminiscent of a nice smelling cleaning compound, though others describe it as being like Kool-Aid.
Lycium barbarum	Goji Berry	shrub	6-8' H x 12-15' W	moderate	full sun	regular	x	A perennial bush plant that is extremely productive, producing huge crops of delicious fruits full of antioxidants. May need some staking.
Mimosa dysocarpa	Velvetpod Mimosa	shrub	3-6' H x 3-6' W	moderate	full sun to part shade	moderate		Extremely drought tolerant and can take reflected heat. Regular pruning encourages growth of more branches and flowers.
Nicotiana sylvestris	White Shooting Stars	biennial	3-5' H x 1-2' W	fast	full sun to part shade	moderate		Mass in borders or cottage gardens. Site near a patio, deck or sidewalk to enjoy the fragrant flowers.

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<i>Nolina lindheimeriana</i>	Devil's Shoestring	grass	2-3' H x 2-3' W	slow	full sun	drought tolerant		In a landscape, would be an excellent choice as a focal point or ground cover for dry, shaded spots on well drained soils.
<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	Obedient Plant	perennial	3-4' H x 2-3' W	fast	full sun to part shade	moderate		An attractive plant that is snapdragon-like, but its square stem is typical of the mint family. Can be invasive.
<i>Prosopis tamarugo</i>	Tamarugo	tree	50-60' H x 50-60' W	fast	full sun	drought tolerant		Native to the Pampa del Tama which is part of the Atacama Desert in Chile, one of the driest locations on the planet, where it survives by getting its water from a very long taproot.
<i>Puya chilensis</i>	Chilean Puya	bromeliad	5-12' H x 5-6' W	slow	full sun to part shade	occasional	x	A rare Bromeliad with a massive cluster of shocking, chartreuse-yellow flowers. Looks like a radioactive tiki torch.
<i>Salvia lyrata</i>	Lyre-leaf Sage	shrub	1-2' H x 6-12" W	moderate	full sun to part shade	regular		Makes a great evergreen groundcover. Even takes mowing and can be walked on.
<i>Salvia pallida</i>	Pale Sage	shrub	4' H x 4-5' W	moderate	part to full shade	moderate	x	This plant does well at the back of borders where it can be allowed to spread a little and show off the tall flowers spikes.
<i>Salvia rosmarinus</i>	Rosemary	perennial	2-5' H x 2-4' W	fast	full sun	infrequent	x	Where winter hardy, grow in herb gardens, borders or foundations, as an ornamental specimen, or low hedge. Container plants are attractive additions to patios, decks and other sunny areas around the home.
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem	grass	2-4' H x 1-2' W	moderate	full sun	moderate		Was one of the dominant grasses of the vast tallgrass prairie region which once covered rich and fertile soils in many parts of central North America.

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<i>Sedum dendroideum</i>	Tree Stonecrop	succulent	1-3' H x 3-4' W	slow	full sun	occasional	x	These plants need very little attention. They will thrive in conditions many other plants thrive in but will also do well in less hospitable areas.
<i>Sedum morganianum</i>	Donkey Tail	succulent	3-4' H x 1' W	moderate	full sun to part shade	infrequent	x	A tropical species that has long been grown as an ornamental for its distinctive foliage. It has several common names including burro's tail and donkey's tail.
<i>Senecio radicans</i>	String of Bananas	succulent	6" H and trailing	fast	full sun	drought tolerant	x	An easy-to-grow, relatively low-maintenance plant from South Africa.
<i>Sideritis cypria</i>	Cyprian Sideritis	shrub	1-2' H x 1-2' W	moderate	full sun	occasional	x	Endemic to Cyprus. Relatively large, firm-textured leaves are a soft luminous gray-white.
<i>Syzygium cumini</i>	Jambolan	tree	30-50' H x 20-30' W	fast	full sun	moderate		A very ancient fruit crop, cultivated for over 2,500 years in India.
<i>Thamnochortus insignis</i>	Thatching Reed	grass-like perennial	4-6' H x 6-8' W	moderate	full sun	occasional		Plant in full sun and give it room to grow. A very durable plant that will tolerate drought once established.
<i>Trichodesma scottii</i>	Socotran Borage	shrub	5' H x 4' W	fast	full sun to part shade	occasional		Upright evergreen shrub to 4-5' tall with 7" x 4" leaves and large umbels of 1 inch pendant white flowers in winter and spring. The flower has been described by some as looking like an "upturned mop".