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What California Natives are Easy to Grow?

With so many beautiful natives available in today's market, it can be hard to determine what natives are most suitable for various landscape and garden settings. California has so many different climates, soil types and exposures that project location often determines the most suitable plant palette. This document was designed to help determine what natives are considered easy to grow, moderately easy to grow, and the most challenging to grow. When working with people who are new to the native market, we suggest practicing with the easier to grow natives and working your way up to the more challenging ones. If there are plants on the challenging list that you really appreciate, simply use them in moderation. The key to any successful planting is to understand the natural requirements of the plants that are being selected. If you mix plants that have different watering requirements you will begin seeing problems within the first growing season (often in the summer months). Remember, not all California Natives are drought tolerant and all plants (drought tolerant or not) require fairly regular irrigation when planted and for a period of acclimatization of approximately one year. In rare instances, landscape projects are timed perfectly to allow Mother Nature to water for us.

Easy to Grow

The easy to grow list consists of native plants that are most tolerant of different types of garden conditions. Many of the plants on this list are much more forgiving than some of their relatives. For the most part, they are considered more ornamental – typically because they will tolerate more summer water than other natives, thus remaining greener longer. The key here is – they will tolerate more water – that does not mean that they require more water. However, they do need supplemental irrigation in most areas through the summer months.

<i>Taxonomic Name</i>	<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<i>Acer negundo californicum</i>	California Box Elder	Tree, 40-60'H x 20-30'W, Sun/Part Sun, Incon., Winter Dormant	
<i>Achillea m. 'Sonoma Coast'</i>	Common Yarrow Selection	Perennial, 1-2'H x 1-2'W, Sun, White, Evergreen	
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Common Yarrow	Perennial, 1-2'H x 1-2'W, Sun, White, Evergreen	
<i>Achillea millefolium 'Island Pink'</i>	Common Yarrow Selection	Perennial, 1-2'H x 1-2'W, Sun, Pink, Evergreen	
<i>Aesculus californica</i>	California Buckeye	Tree, 15-30'H x 15-30'W, Sun, White, Early Deciduous	
<i>Alnus rhombifolia</i>	California White Alder	Tree, 30-60'H x 10-20'W, Sun/Part Sun, Catkins, Winter Dormant	
<i>Anemopsis californica</i>	Yerba Mansa	Perennial, 12-18"H x 2-4'+W, Sun/Part Sun, White, Winter Dormant	
<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	Scarlet Columbine	Perennial, 1-2'H x 1-2'W, Part Sun/Shade, Red/Orange, Winter Dormant	Partial to full shade in inland areas
<i>Arctostaphylos densiflora 'Howard McMinn'</i>	Manzanita Selection	Shrub, 5-7'H x 6-10'W, Sun/Part Sun, Light Pink, Evergreen	Easy if not over watered
<i>Arctostaphylos hookeri 'Wayside'</i>	Manzanita Selection	Shrub, 3-4'H x 6-8'W, Sun/Part Sun, Pink, Evergreen	Easy if not over watered
<i>Arctostaphylos 'John Dourley'</i>	John Dourley Manzanita	Groundcover, 2-3'H x 5-8'W, Sun/Part Sun, Pale Pink, Evergreen	
<i>Arctostaphylos 'Pacific Mist'</i>	Manzanita Hybrid	Groundcover, 1-2'H x 4-6'W, Sun/Part Sun, White, Evergreen	Easy if not over watered
<i>Arctostaphylos 'Sunset'</i>	Arctostaphylos 'Sunset'	Shrub, 3-6'H x 5-8'W, Sun/Part Sun, White/Pink, Evergreen	Easy if not over watered
<i>Arctostaphylos u. 'Point Reyes'</i>	Bearberry Selection	Groundcover, 6-12"H x 4-8'W, Sun/Part Sun, Light Pink, Evergreen	Easy if not over watered
<i>Artemisia californica</i>	California Sagebrush	Shrub, 3-5'H x 3-5'W, Sun/Part Sun, Incon., Evergreen	Easy if not over watered
<i>Artemisia douglasiana</i>	Douglas Mugwort	Shrub, 2-3'H x 2-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, N/A, Winter Dormant	
<i>Aster chilensis</i>	California Aster	Perennial, 2-3'H x 1-2'W, Sun/Part Sun, Lavender, Winter Dormant	
<i>Aster chilensis 'Pt. St. George'</i>	California Aster Selection	Perennial, 6-12"H x 1-2'W, Sun/Part Sun, Lavender, Winter Dormant	
<i>Aster chilensis 'Purple Haze'</i>	California Aster Selection	Groundcover, 2' x Spreading, Sun/Part Sun, Purple, Evergreen	
<i>Atriplex canescens</i>	Four-wing Saltbush	Shrub, 3-5'H x 4-6'W, Sun, Yellow, Evergreen	
<i>Atriplex lentiformis breweri</i>	Quail Bush	Shrub, 6-10'H x 6-10'+W, Sun, Incon., Evergreen	
<i>Baccharis douglasii</i>	Marsh Baccharis	Shrub, 3-6'H x 3-6'W, Sun, White, Winter Dormant	
<i>Baccharis emoryi</i>	Emory's Baccharis	Shrub, 6-10'H x 4-6'W, Sun/Part Sun, White, Evergreen	
<i>Baccharis pilularis consanguinea</i>	Coyote Brush	Shrub, 3-5'H x 4-6'W, Sun/Part Sun, White, Evergreen	
<i>Baccharis pilularis 'Pigeon Point'</i>	Prostrate Coyote Brush	Groundcover, 12-30"H x 6-12'W, Sun/Part Sun, White, Evergreen	
<i>Baccharis pilularis 'Twin Peaks'</i>	Prostrate Coyote Brush	Groundcover, 12-30"H x 6-12'W, Sun/Part Sun, White, Evergreen	
<i>Baccharis salicifolia (B. glutinosa)</i>	Mulefat	Shrub, 6-15'H x 10-12'W, Sun/Part Sun, White, Semi-deciduous	
<i>Baccharis sarothroides</i>	Desert Broom	Shrub, 6-8'H x 4-8'W, Sun, White, Evergreen	
<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>	Blue Gramma	Grass, 6-12"H x 6-12"W, Sun/Part Sun, Tan, Winter Dormant	
<i>Calliandra californica</i>	Red Fairy Duster	Shrub, 4-8'H x 4-5'W, Sun, Red, Drought Dormant	
<i>Carex barbara</i>	Santa Barbara Sedge	Sedge, 1-3'H x 2-3'+W, Sun/Part Sun, Brown, Evergreen	
<i>Carex pansa</i>	California Meadow Sedge	Sedge, 4-12"H x 6-18"W, Sun/Part Sun, Brown, Evergreen	

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<i>Carex praegracilis</i>	Meadow Sedge	Sedge, 12-18"H x 1-2"W, Sun/Part Sun, N/A, Evergreen	
<i>Carex praegracilis</i> 'San Felipe Creek'	Meadow Sedge Selection	Sedge, 12-18"H x 1-2"W, Sun/Part Sun, N/A, Evergreen	
<i>Carex spissa</i>	San Diego Sedge	Sedge, 2-5"H x 3-5"W, Sun/Part Sun, Brown, Evergreen	
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Frosty Blue'	Wild Lilac Hybrid	Shrub, 6-9"H x 8-10"W, Sun/Part Sun, Sky Blue, Evergreen	Easy if not over watered
<i>Ceanothus griseus</i> hor. 'Yankee Point'	Wild Lilac Selection	Groundcover, 2-3"H x 8-10"W, Sun/Part Sun, Blue, Evergreen	Easy if not over watered
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Joyce Coulter'	Wild Lilac Hybrid	Shrub, 3-5"H x 6-8"W, Sun/Part Sun, Medium Blue, Evergreen	Easy if not over watered
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Ray Hartman'	Wild Lilac Hybrid	Shrub, 12-20"H x 15-20"W, Sun/Part Sun, Light Blue, Evergreen	Easy if not over watered
<i>Ceanothus thyrsoiflorus</i> 'Snow Flurry'	Wild Lilac Selection	Shrub, 8-10"H x 10-12"W, Sun/Part Sun, White, Evergreen	Easy if not over watered
<i>Cercidium floridum</i>	Blue Palo Verde	Tree, 10-30"H x 15-20"W, Sun, Yellow, Drought Dormant	Easy if not over watered
<i>Chilopsis linearis</i> , bush form	Desert Willow	Shrub/Tree, 10-20"H x 10-20"W, Sun, Pale Pink, Winter Dormant	
<i>Cornus stolonifera</i> (C. sericea)	Redtwig Dogwood	Shrub, 12-20"H x 12-20"W, Sun/Part Sun, White, Winter Dormant	
<i>Cornus stolonifera</i> 'Peter's Choice'	Redtwig Dogwood Selection	Tree, 12-20"H x 12-20"W, Sun/Part Sun, White, Winter Dormant	
<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	Tufted Hairgrass	Grass, 1-3"H x 1-3"W, Sun/Part Sun, Tan, Semi-dormant	
<i>Dudleya edulis</i>	Lady Fingers	Succulent, 8-12" H x 12-18"W, Sun/Part Sun, White, Evergreen	Easy if not over watered
<i>Eleocharis macrostachya</i>	Spike Rush	Rush, 12-18"H x 1-3"W, Sun/Part Sun, Brown, Semi-dormant	
<i>Eleocharis montevidensis</i>	Sand Spike Rush	Rush, 1-2"H x 2-3"W, Sun/Part Sun, Brown, Drought Dormant	
<i>Encelia californica</i>	Coast Sunflower	Shrub, 3-4"H x 3-5"W, Sun/Part Sun, Yellow, Evergreen	
<i>Erigeron glaucus</i> 'Arthur Menzies'	Seaside Daisy Selection	Perennial, 8-12"H x 1-2"W, Sun/Part Sun, Purple/Violet, Evergreen	
<i>Erigeron glaucus</i> 'Cape Sebastian'	Seaside Daisy Selection	Perennial, 8-12"H x 1-2"W, Sun/Part Sun, Violet, Evergreen	
<i>Erigeron glaucus</i> 'Ron's Pink'	Seaside Daisy Selection	Perennial, 8-12"H x 1-2"W, Sun/Part Sun, Pink, Evergreen	
<i>Erigeron glaucus</i> 'WR'	Seaside Daisy Selection	Perennial, 12-18"H x 1-2"W, Sun/Part Sun, Purple, Evergreen	
<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i> 'Dana Point'	California Buckwheat Selection	Shrub, 3-4"H x 5-6"W, Sun/Part Sun, White/Pink, Evergreen	
<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i> 'Bruce Dickinson'	California Buckwheat Selection	Groundcover, 1-2"H x 4-6"W, Sun/Part Sun, White/Pink, Evergreen	
<i>Eriogonum giganteum</i>	St.Catherine's Lace	Shrub, 3-8"H x 4-6"W, Sun, White, Evergreen	
<i>Eriogonum parvifolium</i>	Coast Buckwheat	Shrub, 1-2"H x 4-6"W, Sun/Part Sun, White, Evergreen	
<i>Fragaria californica</i>	California Wild Strawberry	Groundcover, 6-8"H x 2-3"W, Sun/Part Sun, White, Evergreen	
<i>Fragaria chiloensis</i>	Wild Strawberry	Groundcover, 6-8"H x 2-3"W, Sun/Part Sun, White, Evergreen	
<i>Galvezia juncea</i>	Baja Bush Snapdragon	Shrub, 3-4"H x 3-4"W, Sun/Part Sun, Red, Evergreen	
<i>Grindelia camporum</i>	Common Gumplant	Perennial, 1-2"H x 1-2"W, Sun, Yellow, Evergreen	
<i>Grindelia stricta</i> ssp. <i>venulosa</i>	Gum Plant	Perennial, 1-2"H x 1-2"W, Sun/Part Sun, Yellow, Evergreen	
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Toyon	Shrub, 8-20"H x 10-20"W, Sun, White w/Red Berry, Evergreen	Easy if not over watered
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i> 'Davis Gold'	Yellow Berry Toyon	Shrub, 8-20"H x 10-20"W, Sun, White w/Yellow Berry, Evergreen	Easy if not over watered
<i>Heuchera</i> 'Blushing Bells'	Alum Root Hybrid	Perennial, 8-10"H x 10-18"W, Part Sun/Shade, Light Pink, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Heuchera</i> 'Canyon Belle' (Patented SBBG)	Alum Root Hybrid	Perennial, 6-12"H x 6-12"W, Part Sun/Shade, Red, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Heuchera</i> 'Canyon Chimes' (Pat. SBBG)	Alum Root Hybrid	Perennial, 6-12"H x 6-12"W, Part Sun/Shade, Pink, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Heuchera</i> 'Canyon Duet' (Patented SBBG)	Alum Root Hybrid	Perennial, 4-8"H x 6-12"W, Part Sun/Shade, Pink/White, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Heuchera</i> 'Canyon Melody' (Pat. SBBG)	Alum Root Hybrid	Perennial, 4-12"H x 8-12"W, Part Sun/Shade, Pink/White, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Heuchera</i> 'Dainty Bells'	Alum Root Hybrid	Perennial, 6-12"H x 12-18"W, Part Sun/Shade, Pink, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Heuchera</i> 'Old La Rochette'	Alum Root Hybrid	Perennial, 12-18"H x 1-2"W, Part Sun/Shade, Pink, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Heuchera</i> 'Rosada'	Alum Root Hybrid	Perennial, 12-18"H x 1-2"W, Part Sun/Shade, Light Pink, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Heuchera</i> 'Santa Ana Cardinal'	Alum Root Hybrid	Perennial, 12-18"H x 1-2"W, Part Sun/Shade, Red, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Isocoma menziesii</i> (Haplopappus venetus)	Golden Bush	Shrub, 2-5"H x 2-4"W, Sun/Part Sun, Yellow, Evergreen	
<i>Isomeris arborea</i>	Bladderpod	Shrub, 3-5"H x 3-5"W, Sun, Yellow, Evergreen	
<i>Iva hayesiana</i>	Poverty Weed	Shrub, 2-4"H x 4-6"W, Sun/Part Sun, Incon., Evergreen	
<i>Juncus acutus</i>	Spiny Rush	Rush, 2-3"H x 2-3"W, Sun/Part Sun, Brown, Evergreen	
<i>Juncus balticus</i>	NCN	Rush, 2-4"H x 2-4"W, Sun/Part Sun, Brown, Evergreen	
<i>Juncus mexicanus</i>	Mexican Rush	Rush, 1-2"H x 1-2"W, Sun/Part Sun, Brown, Evergreen	
<i>Juncus patens</i> 'Carman's Grey'	California Grey Rush Selection	Rush, 1-2"H x 2-3"W, Sun/Part Sun, Brown, Evergreen	
<i>Juncus patens</i> 'Elk's Blue'	California Grey Rush Selection	Rush, 12-18"H x 2-3"W, Sun/Part Sun, Brown, Evergreen	
<i>Juncus patens</i> 'Occidental Blue'	California Grey Rush Selection	Rush, 1-2"H x 2-3"W, Sun/Part Sun, Brown, Evergreen	
<i>Juncus xiphioides</i>	Iris-leaved Rush	Rush, 12-18"H x 2-3"W, Sun/Part Sun, Brown, Drought Dormant	
<i>Lavatera a.</i> 'Black Heart'	Tree Mallow Hybrid	Shrub, 3-6"H x 4-6"W, Sun/Part Sun, Maroon, Evergreen	
<i>Lavatera</i> 'Purissima'	Tree Mallow Hybrid	Shrub, 3-4"H x 6-10"W, Sun/Part Sun, Magenta, Evergreen	
<i>Lessingia filaginifolia</i> 'Silver Carpet'	NCN	Groundcover, 10-18"H x 4-6"W, Sun/Part Sun, Lavender, Evergreen	
<i>Leymus condensatus</i>	Giant Wild Rye	Grass, 4-6"H x 2-3"W, Sun/Part Sun, Brown, Evergreen	Easy if not over watered
<i>Leymus condensatus</i> 'Canyon Prince'	Wild Rye Selection	Grass, 2-3"H x 2-3"W, Sun/Part Sun, Incon., Evergreen	Easy if not over watered
<i>Leymus triticoides</i>	Creeping Wild Rye	Grass, 1-3"H x 2-3"W, Sun/Part Sun, Green/Tan, Evergreen	
<i>Leymus triticoides</i> 'Grey Dawn'	Creeping Wild Rye Selection	Grass, 1-3"H x 2-3"W, Sun/Part Sun, Green/Tan, Evergreen	
<i>Linum lewisii</i>	Blue Flax	Perennial, 1-2"H x 1-2"W, Sun, Blue, Evergreen ex in cold climates	
<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	Twinberry	Shrub, 4-6"H x 6-10"W, Sun/Part Sun, Orange/Red, Winter Deciduous	
<i>Mimulus cardinalis</i>	Scarlet Monkeyflower	Perennial, 1-2"H x 1-2"W, Sun/Part Sun, Scarlet, Evergreen	
<i>Mimulus guttatus</i>	Streamside Monkeyflower	Perennial, 1-3"H x 1-3"W, Sun/Part Sun, Yellow, Evergreen	
<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	Deergrass	Grass, 1-3"H x 2-3"W, Sun/Part Sun, Tan, Evergreen	
<i>Oenothera elata</i>	Hooker's Evening Primrose	Perennial, 3-5"H x 2-5"W, Sun/Part Sun, Yellow, Winter Dormant	
<i>Opuntia californica</i> var. <i>parryi</i>	California Cholla	Cacti, 3-4"H x 2-4"W, Sun/Part Sun, Yellow, Evergreen	
<i>Opuntia littoralis</i>	Prickly Pear	Cacti, 2-3"H x 3-5"W, Sun, Yellow w/Red Fruit, Evergreen	
<i>Opuntia prolifera</i>	Coast Cholla	Cacti, 3-6"H x 2-4"W, Sun, Purplish/Red, Evergreen	
<i>Pinus sabiniana</i>	Foothill Pine	Tree, 40-50"H x 20-30"W, Sun, N/A, Evergreen	<i>Pinus sabiniana</i>

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Platanus racemosa (natural form)	California Sycamore	Tree, 40'+H x 30'+W, Sun, Catkins, Winter Dormant	
Populus balsamifera ssp. trichocarpa	Black Cottonwood	Tree, 100'+H x 40-80'W, Sun, Incon., Winter Dormant	
Populus fremontii 'Male'	Cottonwood Selection (Male)	Tree, 40-60'H x 20-30'W, Sun, Incon., Winter Dormant	
Quercus agrifolia, natural form	Coast Live Oak	Tree, 20-50'H x 35'+W, Sun/Part Sun, Catkins, Evergreen	
Ranunculus californica	California Buttercup	Perennial, 1-2'H x 1-2'W, Sun/Part Sun, Yellow, Summer Dormant	
Rosa californica	California Wild Rose	Shrub, 3-6'H x 3-5'+W, Sun/Part Sun, Pink, Semi-dormant	
Rubus ursinus	Pacific Blackberry	Groundcover, 6-12"H x 6-10'W, Sun/Part Sun, White, Drought Deciduous	
Salix exigua (S. hindsiana)	Sandbar Willow	Tree/Shrub, 10-15'H x 6-10'+W, Sun, White, Winter Dormant	
Salix gooddingii	Goodding's Black Willow	Tree/Shrub, 20-30'H x 20-30'W, Sun, White, Winter Dormant	
Salix lasiolepis	Arroyo Willow	Tree/Shrub, 10-20'H x 10-20'W, Sun, White, Winter Dormant	
Salvia 'Allen Chickering'	Sage Hybrid	Shrub, 3-5'H x 3-5'W, Sun/Part Sun, Purple, Evergreen	
Salvia clevelandii	Cleveland Sage	Shrub, 3-5'H x 3-5'W, Sun/Part Sun, Purple, Evergreen	Easy if not over watered
Salvia leucophylla 'Point Sal'	Purple Sage Selection	Shrub, 4-6'H x 6-12'W, Sun/Part Sun, Pinkish Purple, Evergreen	Easy if not over watered
Salvia 'Poza Blue'	Sage Selection	Shrub, 3-5'H x 3-5'W, Sun/Part Sun, Purple, Evergreen	Easy if not over watered
Salvia spathacea 'Powerline Pink'	Pitcher Sage Selection	Perennial, 24-30"H x 2-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, Pink, Evergreen	Easy if not over watered
Sambucus mexicana	Mexican Elderberry	Shrub, 8-25'H x 10'+W, Sun, Cream/Yellow, Semi-dormant	
Scirpus acutus	Viscid Bulrush	Rush, 4-10'H x Spreading, Sun, Brown, Winter Dormant	
Scirpus cernuus	Fiber Optic Grass	Rush, 6-8"H x 8-12"W, Sun/Part Sun, Dark Brown, Evergreen	
Scirpus robustus	Salt Marsh Bulrush	Rush, 2-4'H x 2-3'+, Sun, Brown, Winter Dormant	
Stachys bullata 'Rocky Point'	Hedge Nettle Selection	Perennial, 1-3'H x 1-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, Pink/Purple, Winter Dormant	
Symphoricarpos alba	White Snowberry	Shrub, 2-6'H x 2-4'W, Part Sun, Pink w/White Berry, Winter Dormant	
Thalictrum polycarpum	Meadow Rue	Perennial, 2-3'H x 2-3'W, Part Sun/Shade, Yellow, Drought Dormant	
Typha latifolia	Cattail	Perennial, 4-8'H x 4-6'+W, Sun/Part Sun, Brown, Winter Dormant	
Verbena lilacina 'De la Mina'	Lilac Verbena Selection	Shrub, 2-3'H x 3-4'W, Sun/Part Sun, Lilac, Evergreen	
Vitis californica	California Wild Grape	Vine, Spreading to 20'+, Sun/Part Sun, Purple Fruit, Winter Dormant	
Vitis californica 'Roger's Red'	California Wild Grape Selection	Vine, to 20', Sun/Part Sun, White w/Purple Fruit, Winter Dormant	
Vitis girdiana	Desert Wild Grape	Vine, Spreading to 20'+, Sun/Part Sun, Purple Fruit, Winter Dormant	
Zauschneria californica	California Fuchsia	Perennial, 1-2'H x 2-4'W, Sun/Part Sun, Orange/Red, Evergreen	
Zauschneria californica 'Catalina'	California Fuchsia Selection	Perennial, 1-2'H x 2-4'W, Sun/Part Sun, Orange/Red, Evergreen	
Zauschneria californica 'Sierra Salmon'	California Fuchsia Selection	Perennial, 1-2'H x 1-2'W, Sun/Part Sun, Salmon, Evergreen	
Zauschneria cana	Hoary Fuchsia	Perennial, 6-12"H x 2-4'W, Sun/Part Sun, Red, Evergreen	

Moderately Easy to Grow

The moderately easy to grow list consists of native plants that if used in the ideal setting are easy to grow; however, when watered carefully can be used in a variety of landscape settings. Many of the plants on this list need protection from extreme temperatures/climates (where they can be grown, but are not found naturally growing in such areas).

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Acer macrophyllum	Big-leaf Maple	Tree, 30-60'H x 20-30'W, Sun/Part Sun, Cream, Winter Dormant	
Agave shawii	Shaw's Agave	Succulent, 2-3'H x 3-4'W, Sun, Orange, Evergreen	
Arctostaphylos 'Arroyo Cascade'	Manzanita Hybrid	Groundcover, 6-12"H x 6-8'W, Sun/Partial Sun, Pink, Evergreen	Partial to full shade in inland areas
Arctostaphylos bakeri 'Louis Edmunds'	Manzanita Selection	Shrub, 5-6'H x 4-6'W, Sun/Part Sun, Pink, Evergreen	Partial to full shade in inland areas
Arctostaphylos densiflora 'Sentinel'	Manzanita Selection	Shrub, 4-6'H x 4-6'W, Sun/Part Sun, Pale Pink, Evergreen	
Arctostaphylos edmundsii 'Carmel Sur'	Little Sur Manzanita Selection	Groundcover, 1-2'H x 3-5'W, Sun/Part Sun, Pink, Evergreen	Partial to full shade in inland areas
Arctostaphylos edmundsii 'Rosy Dawn'	Manzanita Hybrid	Groundcover, 12-18"H x 6-8'W, Sun/Part Sun, Pink, Evergreen	Partial to full shade in inland areas
Arctostaphylos 'Emerald Carpet'	Manzanita Hybrid	Groundcover, 10-18"H x 24-36"W, Sun/Part Sun, Pink, Evergreen	
Arctostaphylos 'Emerald Carpet'	Manzanita Hybrid	Groundcover, 10-18"H x 24-36"W, Sun/Part Sun, Pink, Evergreen	
Arctostaphylos h. 'Ken Taylor'	NCN	Groundcover, 2'-6', Sun/Part Sun, White-Pink, Evergreen	
Arctostaphylos h. 'Monterey Carpet'	NCN	Groundcover, 1' x 8', Sun/Part Sun, White-Pink, Evergreen	
Arctostaphylos hookeri 'Buxifolius'	NCN	Groundcover, 1-2'H x 4-6'W, Sun/Part Sun, White-Pink, Evergreen	Partial to full shade in inland areas
Arctostaphylos manzanita 'Dr. Hurd'	Manzanita Selection	Shrub, 5-15'H x 4-12'W, Sun/Part Sun, Pale Pink, Evergreen	
Arctostaphylos purissima 'Vandenberg'	Manzanita Selection	Shrub, 2-3'H x 3-6'W, Sun/Part Sun, White, Evergreen	Partial to full shade in inland areas
Arctostaphylos u. 'Radiant'	Bearberry Selection	Groundcover, 6-12"H x 4-8'W, Sun/Part Sun, Pink, Evergreen	Partial to full shade in inland areas
Artemisia palmeri	Palmer Sagewort	Perennial, 2-3'H x 2-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, Yellow, Evergreen	
Artemisia pycnocephala 'David's Choice'	Sandhill Sage Selection	Perennial, 6-12"H x 1-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, Yellow, Evergreen	Prefers well drained soil
Ceanothus 'Concha'	Wild Lilac Hybrid	Shrub, 5-6'H x 8-10'W, Sun/Part Sun, Blue, Evergreen	
Ceanothus g.h. 'Silver Surprise (Patented)'	Variegated Ceanothus Selection	Shrub, 2-3'H x 8-10'W, Sun/Part Sun, Blue, Evergreen	Partial to full shade in inland areas
Ceanothus 'Joan Mirov'	Wild Lilac Hybrid	Shrub, 3-5'H x 8-10'W, Sun/Part Sun, Dark Blue, Evergreen	
Ceanothus griseus 'Kurt Zadnik'	Wild Lilac Selection	Shrub, 3-5'H x 6-8'W, Sun/Part Sun, Dark Blue, Evergreen	
Ceanothus griseus 'Louis Edmunds'	Wild Lilac Selection	Shrub, 5-6'H x 10-12'W, Sun/Part Sun, Medium Blue, Evergreen	
Ceanothus 'Joan Mirov'	Wild Lilac Hybrid	Shrub, 3-5'H x 8-10'W, Sun/Part Sun, Dark Blue, Evergreen	
Ceanothus 'Owlswood Blue'	Wild Lilac Hybrid	Shrub, 8-10'H x 10-12'W, Sun/Part Sun, Dark Blue, Evergreen	
Ceanothus t. 'Arroyo de la Cruz'	Wild Lilac Selection	Shrub, 4-6'H x 8-10'W, Sun/Part Sun, Blue, Evergreen	Partial to full shade in inland areas
Ceanothus t. 'El Dorado' (Patent)	Wild Lilac Selection	Shrub, 6-8'H x 6-8'W, Sun/Part Sun, Medium Blue, Evergreen	Partial to full shade in inland areas
Ceanothus thyrsiflorus	Blue Blossom	Shrub, 10-20'H x 8-15'W, Sun/Part Sun, Blue, Evergreen	
Ceanothus thyrsiflorus 'Skylark'	Wild Lilac Selection	Shrub, 3-5'H x 3-5'W, Sun/Part Sun, Dark Blue, Evergreen	
Ceanothus thyrsiflorus 'Taylor's Blue'	Wild Lilac Selection	Groundcover, 2-3'H x 10-15'W, Sun/Part Sun, Light Blue, Evergreen	
Cercis occidentalis	Western Redbud	Tree, 6-16'H x 10-20'W, Sun, Magenta, Winter Dormant	

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<i>Cercocarpus betuloides</i>	Mountain Mahogany	Shrub, 6-20'H x 8-12'W, Sun, White, Evergreen	
<i>Cercocarpus minutiflorus</i>	San Diego Mountain Mahogany	Shrub, 6-15'H x 8-10'W, Sun/Part Sun, White, Evergreen	
<i>Coreopsis gigantea</i>	Giant Coreopsis	Perennial, 3-5'H x 1-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, Yellow, Drought Deciduous	
<i>Dudleya attenuata</i>	Orcutt's Liveforever	Succulent, 1'H x 1'W, Sun/Part Sun, Yellow, Evergreen	
<i>Dudleya lanceolata</i>	Live-forever	Succulent, 6-12"H x 6-12"W, Sun/Part Sun, Yellow, Evergreen	
<i>Dudleya pulverulenta</i>	Chalk Dudleya	Succulent, 6-12"H x 12-18"W, Sun/Part Sun, Whitish/Red, Evergreen	
<i>Encelia farinosa</i>	Brittlebush	Shrub, 2-4'H x 2-4'W, Sun/Part Sun, Yellow, Evergreen	
<i>Eriogonum cinereum</i>	Ashleaf Buckwheat	Shrub, 2-3'H x 2-5'W, Sun/Part Sun, White, Evergreen	
<i>Galvezia speciosa</i>	Island Bush Snapdragon	Shrubby Vine, 2-3'H x 4-6'W, Sun/Part Sun, Red, Evergreen	Needs protection from hard freeze
<i>Galvezia speciosa</i> 'Boca Rosa'	Bush Snapdragon Selection	Shrub, 3-4'H x 4-5'W, Sun/Part Sun, Red, Evergreen	Needs protection from hard freeze
<i>Galvezia speciosa</i> 'Firecracker'	Island Bush Snapdragon Selection	Shrub, 2-3'H x 2-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, Red, Evergreen	Needs protection from hard freeze
<i>Heuchera</i> 'Opal'	Alum Root Hybrid	Perennial, 12-18"H x 1-2'W, Part Sun/Shade, White, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Heuchera</i> 'Wendy'	Alum Root Hybrid	Perennial, 12-18"H x 1-2'W, Part Sun/Shade, Light Pink, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Hibiscus californica</i>	Rose Mallow	Perennial, 2-6'H x 1-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, White or Rose, Deciduous	
<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	Ocean Spray	Shrub, 10-20'H x 10-20'W, Sun/Part Sun, Cream, Winter Dormant	
<i>Iris</i> 'Canyon Snow'	Pacific Coast Hybrid Iris	Perennial, 8-12"H x 1-2'W, Sun/Part Sun, White, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Justicia californica</i> (<i>Beloperone californica</i>)	California Beloperone	Shrub, 2-4'H x 2-5'W, Sun/Part Sun, Red, Winter Dormant	
<i>Lessingia filaginifolia</i> (syn. <i>Corethrogyne</i>)	California Aster	Perennial, 1-3'H x 1-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, Lavender, Drought Deciduous	
<i>Lotus scoparius</i>	Deerweed	Perennial, 1-3'H x 1-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, Yellow, Evergreen	
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	Oregon Grape	Shrub, 5-6'H x 4-5'W, Sun/Part Sun, Yellow, Evergreen	
<i>Mahonia nevinii</i>	Nevin's Barberry	Shrub, 4-8'H x 8-12'W, Sun/Part Sun, Yellow, Evergreen	
<i>Mahonia pinnata</i> 'Ken Hartman'	California Grape Selection	Shrub, 3-5'H x 3-5'W, Sun/Part Sun, Yellow, Evergreen	
<i>Mahonia repens</i>	Creeping Barberry	Groundcover, 6-12"H x 2-3'+W, Part Sun/Shade, Yellow, Evergreen	
<i>Mimulus cardinalis</i> 'Santa Cruz Island'	Scarlet Monkeyflower Selection	Perennial, 1-2'H x 1-2'W, Sun/Part Sun, Orangish, Evergreen	
<i>Mirabilis californica</i>	Wishbone Bush	Perennial, 1-2'H x 2-4'W, Sun/Part Sun, Purple, Semi-dormant	
<i>Monardella antonina</i>	San Antonio Hills Coyote Mint	Perennial, 6-12"H x 1-2'W, Sun/Part Sun, Violet/Purple, Evergreen	
<i>Monardella villosa</i> 'Russian River'	Coyote Mint Selection	Perennial, 2-3'H x 2-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, Lavender, Evergreen	
<i>Myrica californica</i>	Pacific Wax Myrtle	Tree, 10-25'H x 10'+W, Sun/Part Sun, Incon., Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Penstemon eatonii</i>	Firecracker Penstemon	Perennial, 2-3'H x 2-3'W, Sun, Red, Evergreen	
<i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i> 'Margarita BOP'	Foothill Penstemon Selection	Perennial, 1-2'H x 1-2'W, Sun/Part Sun, Blue/Purple, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>	Hollyleaf Cherry	Large Shrub/Tree, 5-20'H x 10'+W, Sun/Part Sun, Cream, Evergreen	
<i>Prunus lyonii</i>	Catalina Cherry	Tree, 10-40'H x 10-30'W, Sun/Part Sun, Cream, Evergreen	
<i>Quercus berberidifolia</i>	Scrub Oak	Shrub/Tree, Variable to 10'H, Sun, Catkins, Evergreen	
<i>Quercus lobata</i>	Valley Oak	Tree, 40-60'H x 40-60'W, Sun, Catkins, Winter Dormant	
<i>Quercus wislizenii</i>	Interior Live Oak	Tree, 40-75'H x 30-50'W, Sun, Catkins, Evergreen	
<i>Rhamnus californica</i> 'Leatherleaf'	Coffeeberry Selection	Shrub, 6-8'H x 6-8'W, Sun/Part Sun, Red Berries, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Rhus trilobata</i>	Skunkbush	Shrub, 2-6'H x 4-6'W, Sun/Part Sun, Creamy, Winter Deciduous	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Ribes aureum</i>	Golden Currant	Shrub, 5-7'H x 3-4'W, Sun/Part Sun, Yellow, Drought Deciduous	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Ribes speciosum</i>	Fuchsia-flowering Gooseberry	Shrub, 3-5'H x 2-4'W, Part Sun/Shade, Red, Drought Deciduous	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Ribes viburnifolium</i>	Evergreen Currant	Groundcover, 3-4'H x 4-6'W, Part Sun/Shade, Red, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Salvia brandegei</i>	Santa Rosa Island Sage	Shrub, 2-4'H x 3-5'W, Sun, Pale Blue, Evergreen	
<i>Salvia leucophylla</i>	Purple Sage	Shrub, 3-5'H x 3-5'W, Sun/Part Sun, Pinkish/Purple, Evergreen	
<i>Salvia leucophylla</i> 'Amethyst Bluff'	Purple Sage Selection	Shrub, 3-5'H x 5-8'W, Sun/Part Sun, Pinkish/Purple, Evergreen	
<i>Salvia leucophylla</i> 'Figuroa'	Purple Sage Selection	Shrub, 3-4'H x 4-6'W, Sun/Part Sun, Pinkish/Purple, Evergreen	
<i>Salvia mellifera</i>	Black Sage	Shrub, 3-5'H x 3-5'W, Sun/Part Sun, Light Blue, Evergreen	
<i>Salvia mellifera</i> 'Terra Seca'	Black Sage Selection	Groundcover, 1-2'H x 4-6'W, Sun/Part Sun, Pale Blue, Evergreen	
<i>Salvia munzii</i> 'Emerald Cascade'	San Miguel Mountain Sage Selection	Shrub, 2-3'H x 2-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, Blue, Evergreen	
<i>Salvia spathacea</i>	Hummingbird Sage	Perennial, 1-2'H x 2-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, Red/Magenta, Evergreen	
<i>Salvia</i> 'Starlight'	NCN	Perennial, 3-4'H x 4-6'W, Sun, White/Pale Lavender, Evergreen	
<i>Salvia</i> 'Thor'	Native Salvia Hybrid	Shrub, 3-4'H x 3-4'W, Sun, White/Blue, Evergreen	
<i>Satureja chandleri</i>	San Miguel Savory	Perennial, 8-12"H x 1-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, White, Evergreen	
<i>Satureja douglasii</i>	Yerba Buena	Perennial, 6-12"H x 2-3'W, Part Sun/Shade, White, Evergreen	
<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>	Blue-eyed Grass	Perennial, 8-12"H x 6-12"W, Sun/Part Sun, Purple, Drought Dormant	
<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i> 'Ft. Bragg'	Drawf Blue-eyed Grass	Perennial, 4-6"H x 6-12"W, Sun/Part Sun, Bluish/Purple, Evergreen	
<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i> 'Rocky Point'	Blue-eyed Grass Selection	Perennial, 4-6"H x 6-12"W, Sun/Part Sun, Bluish/Purple, Evergreen	
<i>Sisyrinchium californicum</i>	Yellow-eyed Grass	Perennial, 4-12"H x 6-8" W, Sun/Part Sun, Yellow, Evergreen	
<i>Sporobolus airoides</i>	Alkali Dropseed	Perennial, 2-4'H x 2-4'W, Sun/Part Sun, Pink/Golden, Winter Dormant	
<i>Verbena lilacina</i>	Lilac Verbena	Shrub, 2-3'H x 3-4'W, Sun/Part Sun, Lilac, Evergreen	
<i>Woodwardia fimbriata</i>	Giant Chain Fern	Fern, 4-6'H x 4-6'W, Part Sun/Shade, N/A, Evergreen	
<i>Yucca whipplei</i>	Our Lord's Candle	Succulent, 3-4'H x 2-4'W, Sun/Part Sun, White, Evergreen	
<i>Zauschneria cal. latifolia</i> 'Everett's Choice'	California Fuchsia	Perennial, 6-12"H x 2-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, Red, Evergreen	
<i>Zauschneria californica</i> 'Carmen's Grey'	California Fuchsia Selection	Perennial, 12-18"H x 1-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, Red/Orange, Evergreen	

Challenging to Grow

The challenging to grow list consists of native plants that are often hard to find and the most appreciated in the native circle. Many have showy flowers and offer uniqueness to a landscape design. However, the plants on this list require some thought before planting. Many of these plants require good drainage and very careful watering (deep and infrequent). The nature of these plants is to bloom and look their best in the spring – during and shortly after rainfall. As summer progresses, these plants will naturally adapt to survive the hot, dry California summer. This means some may go

summer (drought) dormant or simply look “dry” in the landscape. Trying to force them to stay green or continue to bloom by adding more water and/or fertilizers will cause them to be short-lived and may cause death within a very short period of time. These are the plants that you want to plant from mid-October through mid-May. Try to avoid planting them in the summer months to increase the success of your planting.

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<i>Adenostoma fasciculatum</i>	Chamise	Medium Shrub, 4-10'H x 4-8'W, Sun, White, Evergreen	
<i>Arctostaphylos 'John Dourley'</i>	John Dourley Manzanita	Groundcover, 2-3'H x 5-8'W, Sun/Part Sun, Pale Pink, Evergreen	
<i>Aristida purpurea</i>	Purple Three Awn	Grass, 1-2'H x 1-2'W, Sun, Tan, Winter Dormant	
<i>Carpenteria californica</i>	Bush Anemone	Shrub, 5-8'H x 6-8'W, Part Sun/Shade, White, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Ceanothus 'Centennial'</i>	Wild Lilac Hybrid	Groundcover, 1-2'H x 6-10'W, Sun/Part Sun, Dark Blue, Evergreen	Partial to full shade in inland areas
<i>Ceanothus 'Julia Phelps'</i>	Wild Lilac Hybrid	Shrub, 4-7'H x 7-9'W, Sun/Part Sun, Dark Blue, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun in inland areas
<i>Ceanothus 'Dark Star'</i>	Wild Lilac Hybrid	Shrub, 5-6'H x 8-10'W, Sun/Part Sun, Dark Blue/Purple, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun in inland areas
<i>Ceanothus gloriosus</i>	Point Reyes Creeper	Groundcover, 1-3'H x 6-8'W, Sun/Part Sun, Blue, Evergreen	Partial to full shade in inland areas
<i>Ceanothus gloriosus 'Anchor Bay'</i>	Wild Lilac Selection	Groundcover, 1-3'H x 6-8'W, Sun/Part Sun, Dark Blue, Evergreen	Partial to full shade in inland areas
<i>Ceanothus gloriosus 'Heart's Desire'</i>	Wild Lilac Selection	Groundcover, 1-3'H x 4-6'W, Sun/Part Sun, Blue/Purple, Evergreen	Partial to full shade in inland areas
<i>Ceanothus gloriosus var. porrectus</i>	Mount Vision Ceanothus	Groundcover, 1-3'H x 6-8'W, Sun/Part Sun, Dark Blue, Evergreen	Partial to full shade in inland areas
<i>Ceanothus greggii</i>	Desert Ceanothus	Shrub, 4-6'H x 4-6'W, Sun, White, Evergreen	
<i>Ceanothus heartiorum</i>	San Simeon Ceanothus	Groundcover, 4-6'H x 6-8'W, Sun/Part Sun, Medium Blue, Evergreen	
<i>Ceanothus maritimus 'Point Sierra'</i>	Wild Lilac Selection	Groundcover, 1-3'H x 2-4'W, Sun/Part Sun, Purple, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Ceanothus rigidus 'Snowball'</i>	Wild Lilac Selection	Shrub, 4-6'H x 3-5'W, Sun/Part Sun, White, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Ceanothus tomentosus</i>	Woollyleaf Ceanothus	Shrub, 6-10'H x 8-10'W, Sun/Part Sun, Whitish/Blue, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun in inland areas
<i>Ceanothus verrucosus</i>	Wart-Stemmed Ceanothus	Shrub, 3-6'H x 3-6'W, Sun, White, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun in inland areas
<i>Clematis ligusticifolia</i>	Virgin's Bower	Vine, Climbing to 20', Sun/Part Sun, Off-White, Drought Deciduous	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Eriogonum arborescens</i>	Santa Cruz Island Buckwheat	Perennial, 3-5'H x 3-5'W, Sun, Pale Pink, Evergreen	
<i>Eriogonum grande rubescens</i>	Red Buckwheat	Perennial, 1-2'H x 3-4'W, Sun/Part Sun, Dark Pink, Evergreen	
<i>Eriophyllum confertiflorum</i>	Golden Yarrow	Perennial, 1-2'H x 1-3'W, Sun, Yellow, Evergreen	
<i>Festuca californica</i>	California Fescue	Grass, 2-3'H x 2-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, Tan, Evergreen	Well drained soil best, avoid over watering
<i>Fremontodendron 'Ken Taylor'</i>	Flannelbush Hybrid	Shrub, 3-4'H x 6-8'W, Sun/Part Sun, Yellow/Orange, Evergreen	
<i>Fremontodendron 'California Glory'</i>	Flannelbush Hybrid	Shrub, 15-20'H x 15-25'W, Sun/Part Sun, Lemon Yellow, Evergreen	
<i>Fremontodendron 'San Gabriel'</i>	Flannel Bush Hybrid	Shrub, 15-20'H x 15-25'W, Sun/Part Sun, Lemon Yellow, Evergreen	
<i>Iris douglasiana</i>	Douglas Iris	Perennial, 8-12"H x 1-2'W, Sun/Part Sun, Purple, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Iris 'Pacific Coast Hybrids'</i>	Pacific Coast Hybrid Iris	Perennial, 8-12"H x 1-2'W, Sun/Part Sun, White/Purple/Blue, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Iris PCH 'Sky Blue'</i>	Pacific Coast Hybrid Iris	Perennial, 8-12"H x 1-2'W, Sun/Part Sun, Sky Blue, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Juglans californica</i>	California Black Walnut	Tree, 8-25'H x 20'-W, Sun/Part Sun, Catkins, Drought Deciduous	
<i>Keckiella antirrhinoides</i>	Yellow Bush Snapdragon	Perennial, 3-5'H x 2-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, Yellow, Drought Deciduous	Avoid over watering/ full sun in inland areas
<i>Keckiella cordifolia</i>	Heart-leaf Penstemon	Shrub, 2-5'H x 4-8'W, Sun/Part Sun, Orange/Red, Summer Dormant	Avoid over watering/ full sun in inland areas
<i>Keckiella corymbosa</i>	Red Beardtongue	Shrub, Sun/Part Sun, Red, Summer Dormant	Avoid over watering/ full sun in inland areas
<i>Keckiella lemmonii</i>	Lemmon's Beardtongue	Shrub, Sun/Part Sun, Light Yellow, Summer Dormant	Avoid over watering/ full sun in inland areas
<i>Lupinus arboreus, blue</i>	Tree Lupine	Shrub, 5-8'H x 3-5'W, Sun, Blue, Summer Dormant	
<i>Malosma laurina (Rhus laurina)</i>	Laurel Sumac	Shrub, 8-15'H x 10-20'W, Sun, White, Evergreen	
<i>Mimulus aurantiacus</i>	Bush Monkeyflower	Perennial, 1-4'H x 2-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, Apricot, Evergreen	
<i>Mimulus longiflorus</i>	Bush Monkeyflower	Perennial, 1-4'H x 2-4'W, Sun/Part Sun, Apricot, Evergreen	
<i>Mimulus longiflorus calycinus</i>	NCN	Perennial, 1-3'H X 2-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, Yellow, Evergreen	
<i>Mimulus pinnatus</i>	Red Monkeyflower	Perennial, 2-3'H x 2-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, Red, Evergreen	
<i>Nassella cernua</i>	Nodding Needlegrass	Grass, 1-3'H x 2-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, Golden/Tan, Summer Dormant	Requires dry soil in summer
<i>Nassella lepida</i>	Foothill Needlegrass	Grass, 2-3'H x 2-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, Golden/Tan, Summer Dormant	Requires dry soil in summer
<i>Nassella pulchra</i>	Purple Needlegrass	Grass, 2-3'H x 2-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, Golden/Tan, Summer Dormant	Requires dry soil in summer
<i>Penstemon centranthifolius</i>	Scarlet Bugler	Perennial, 1-2'H x 1-2'W, Sun, Scarlet, Evergreen	
<i>Penstemon grinnellii</i>	Grinnell's Beard Tongue	Perennial, 1-2'H x 1-2'W, Sun, Lavender/Pink, Evergreen	
<i>Penstemon spectabilis</i>	Showy Penstemon	Perennial, 2-3'H x 2-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, Pink/Purple, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Polystichum munitum</i>	Western Sword Fern	Fern, 2-3'H x 1-4'W, Part Sun/Shade, N/A, Evergreen	
<i>Rhamnus californica</i>	Coffeeberry	Shrub, 5-15'H x 8-10'W, Sun/Part Sun, Cream, Evergreen	Shade best
<i>Rhamnus crocea</i>	Redberry	Shrub, 3-5'H x 3-5'W, Sun/Part Sun, Red Berries, Evergreen	
<i>Rhamnus californica 'Mound San Bruno'</i>	Coffeeberry Selection	Shrub, 4-6'H x 3-5'W, Sun/Part Sun, Cream, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Rhamnus californica 'Eve Case'</i>	Coffeeberry Selection	Shrub, 4-6'H x 6-8'W, Sun/Part Sun, Cream, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Rhus integrifolia</i>	Lemonadeberry	Shrub, 10-15'H x 10-15'W, Sun/Part Sun, Pink, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Rhus ovata</i>	Sugarbush	Shrub, 10-20'H x 10-20'W, Sun/Part Sun, White, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Ribes indecorum</i>	White-Flowering Currant	Shrub, 4-6'H x 4-6'W, Part Sun/Shade, White, Drought Deciduous	Shade best in hot inland areas
<i>Ribes nevadense</i>	Pink Sierra Currant	Shrub, 3-5'H x 3-5' W, Sun/Part Sun, Pink, Drought Deciduous	Shade best in hot inland areas
<i>Ribes viburnifolium 'Spooners Mesa'</i>	Catalina Evergreen Currant	Groundcover, 3-4'H x 4-6'W, Part Sun/Shade, Reddish/Pink, Evergreen	Avoid over watering/ full sun
<i>Romneya coulteri</i>	Matilija Poppy	Perennial, 3-6'H x 8'-W, Sun/Part Sun, White, Drought Dormant	
<i>Salvia 'Mrs. Beard'</i>	Sage Hybrid	Groundcover, 1-2'H x 2-4'W, Sun/Part Sun, Blue, Evergreen	
<i>Salvia 'Shirley's Creeper'</i>	Shirley's Creeper Sage	Groundcover, 10-16"H x 2-4'W, Sun/Part Sun, Bluish, Evergreen	
<i>Salvia apiana</i>	White Sage	Shrub, 3-5'H x 3-4'W, Sun/Part Sun, White, Evergreen	
<i>Salvia mellifera 'Green Carpet'</i>	Black Sage Selection	Groundcover, 2-3'H x 4-6'W, Sun, White to Pale Blue, Evergreen	
<i>Trichostema lanatum</i>	Woolly Blue Curly	Shrub, 3-4'H x 3-4'W, Sun/Part Sun, Purple, Evergreen	Shade best in hot inland areas
<i>Umbellularia californica</i>	California Bay Laurel	Tree, 30-80'H x 25'-W, Sun/Part Sun, Yellow, Evergreen	