

Ideas for Gardening with California Native Plants

Native Plants for Shade Gardens

Redtwig Dogwood, *Cornus sericea*
Carpenteria, *Carpenteria californica*
Snowberry, *Symphoricarpos albus*
California Hazelnut, *Corylus cornuta* var. *californica*
'Eve Case' Coffeeberry, *Rhamnus californica* 'Eve Case'
Bald Hip Rose, *Rosa gymnocarpa*
Lady Fern, *Athyrium felix-femina*
Five-finger Fern, *Adiantum pedatum*
Western Sword Fern, *Polystichum munitum*
Giant Chain Fern, *Woodwardia fimbriata*
Wild Ginger, *Asarum lemmonii* or *A. caudatum*
Western Columbine, *Aquilegia formosa*
Wild Iris hybrids, *Iris* 'Pacific Coast' hybrids
Humboldt Lily, *Lilium humboldtii*
Leopard Lily, *Lilium pardalinum*
Fairy Lanterns, *Calochortus albus*

Striking Fall Color

Plants in full sun tend to have fall color with more reds or oranges. In the shade, fall color tends to be more yellow. (Note: Plants in nursery containers rarely exhibit their potential for fall color, due to frequent watering. Once established in your garden, you're in for a treat.)

Fremont Cottonwood, *Populus fremontii* 'Nimbus' or 'Nevada' (cottonless, selected male)
Mountain Dogwood, *Cornus nuttallii*
Redtwig Dogwood, *Cornus sericea*
Western Redbud, *Cercis occidentalis*
Western Serviceberry, *Amelanchier alnifolia*
Skunkbush, *Rhus trilobata*
Wood's Rose, *Rosa woodsii* var. *ultramontana*
California Ninebark, *Physocarpus capitatus*
California Hazelnut, *Corylus cornuta* ssp. *californica*

Top 7 Bird Attractants

Willows, *Salix* spp.
Toyon, *Heteromeles arbutifolia*
Hoary Coffeeberry, *Rhamnus tomentella*
Western Serviceberry, *Amelanchier alnifolia*
California Fuchsia, *Epilobium canum*
Blue Elderberry, *Sambucus mexicana*
Wood's Rose, *Rosa woodsii* var. *ultramontana*

Very Showy Flowering Shrubs

Snowdrop Bush, *Styrax officinalis* var. *redivivus*
Western Spiraea, *Spiraea douglasii*
Western Redbud, *Cercis occidentalis*
Carpenteria, *Carpenteria californica*
Flannelbush, *Fremontodendron californicum* cultivars
Western Mock Orange, *Philadelphus lewisii*
Apache Plume, *Fallugia paradoxa*
Bush Cinquefoil, *Potentilla fruticosa* cultivars
Ray Hartman Ceanothus, *Ceanothus* 'Ray Hartman'
Silver or Bush Lupine, *Lupinus albus*
Bush Poppy, *Dendromecon rigida*
Western Azalea, *Rhododendron occidentale*

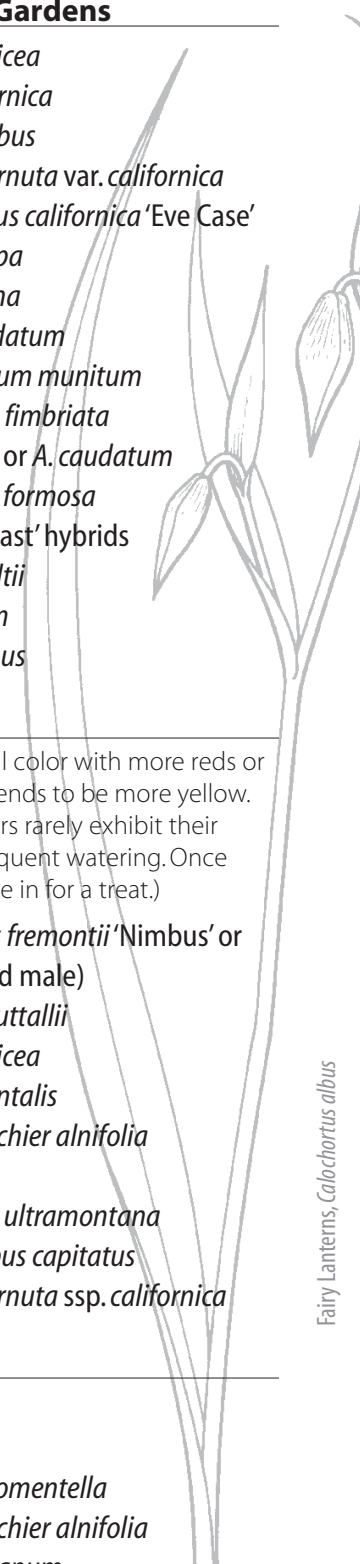
Plants that Attract Butterflies or Beneficial Insects

Hoary Coffeeberry, *Rhamnus tomentella*
Rabbitbrush, *Chrysothamnus nauseosus*
Yarrow, *Achillea millefolium*
Showy Milkweed, *Asclepias speciosa*
Narrow-leaf Milkweed, *Asclepias fascicularis*
Coyote Mint, *Monardella odoratissima*
Wild Buckwheat, *Eriogonum* spp.
St. Catherine's Lace, *Eriogonum giganteum*
Not hardy to Grass Valley; grow in a container and bring under cover for winter—a beautiful plant that is worth the effort.

Restore Riparian Habitat Around a Pond or Creek

Sandbar Willow, *Salix exigua*
Bigleaf Maple, *Acer macrophyllum*
Western Sycamore, *Platanus racemosa*
Valley Oak, *Quercus lobata*
Buttonwillow, *Cephalanthus occidentalis*
Common Snowberry, *Symphoricarpos albus*
Skunkbush, *Rhus trilobata*
Deergrass, *Muhlenbergia rigens*
Whiteroot Sedge, *Carex barbarae*
Iris-leaved Rush, *Juncus xiphioides*
Soft Rush, *Juncus effusus*
Scarlet Monkeyflower, *Mimulus cardinalis*

Fairy Lanterns, *Calochortus albus*



Plants for a Sunny Rock Garden

Sulfur Buckwheat, *Eriogonum umbellatum*
Creeping Sage, *Salvia sonomensis*
Cleveland's Sage, *Salvia clevelandii*
Coyote Mint, *Monardella odoratissima*
California Fuchsia, *Epilobium canum*
Orange Globe Mallow, *Sphaeralcea monroana*
Foothill Penstemon, *Penstemon heterophyllus*
Bush Monkeyflower, *Mimulus aurantiacus*

Create a Foothill Native Grassland and Wildflower Field

California Oniongrass, *Melica californica*
Purple Needlegrass, *Nassella pulchra*
Deergrass, *Muhlenbergia rigens*
Yarrow, *Achillea millefolium*
Western Blue Flax, *Linum lewisii*
Gumweed or Gumplant, *Grindelia* spp.
Superb Mariposa Lily, *Calochortus superbis*
Gold Nuggets, *Calochortus luteus*
Harvest Brodiaea, *Brodiaea elegans*
California Brodiaea, *Brodiaea californica*
Roundtooth Oatgrass, *Dichelostemma multiflorum*
White Brodiaea, *Triteleia hyacinthina*
Bridge's Triteleia, *Triteleia bridgesii*
Tufted Poppy, *Eschscholzia caespitosa*
Sky Lupine, *Lupinus nanus*
Baby Blue-eyes, *Nemophila menziesii*
Fivespot, *Nemophila macula*
Birds-eye Gilia, *Gilia tricolor*
Winecup Clarkia, *Clarkia purpurea*
Common Madia, *Madia elegans*

Easy-to-Grow Evergreen Groundcovers

Hairy Honeysuckle, *Lonicera hispidula* var. *vacillans*
Creeping Oregon Grape, *Mahonia aquifolium* var. *repens*
Lemmon's Ceanothus, *Ceanothus lemmonii*
'Yankee Point' Ceanothus,
Ceanothus gloriosus horizontalis 'Yankee Point'
'Point Reyes' Kinnikinnick,
Arctostaphylos uva-ursi 'Point Reyes'
'Emerald Carpet' Manzanita,
Arctostaphylos 'Emerald Carpet'
'Twin Peaks II' Coyote Brush,
Baccharis pilularis 'Twin Peaks II'
Deergrass, *Muhlenbergia rigens*
Wild Iris hybrids, *Iris* 'Pacific Coast' hybrids

Deer Resistant (Not Deer-proof) Plants

This list comes with a big disclaimer—even deer-resistant plants are often palatable to deer when first brought home from the nursery, i.e., tender and succulent. Protect with fencing or netting until established. Areas with tame deer, e.g., Alta Sierra, Lake Wildwood, LOP, will have more trouble. Plants with a strong-scented foliage are often deer-resistant. Many plants have never been tested, but these have:

California Buckeye, *Aesculus californica*
California Bay, *Umbellularia californica*
Bigleaf Maple, *Acer macrophyllum*
Pines, *Pinus* spp.
Douglas-fir, *Pseudotsuga menziesii*
Pacific Madrone, *Arbutus menziesii*
Western Redbud, *Cercis occidentalis*
Blue Elderberry, *Sambucus mexicana*
Toyon, *Heteromeles arbutifolia*
Western Spicebush, *Calycanthus occidentalis*
Oregon Grape, *Mahonia aquifolium*
Skunkbush, *Rhus trilobata*
Sagebrush (most), *Artemisia* spp.
Sages (most), *Salvia* spp.
Ferns
Rushes, *Juncus* spp.
Wild Iris hybrids, *Iris* spp. and 'Pacific Coast' hybrids
Stonewort (most), *Sedum* spp.
Yarrows (most), *Achillea* spp.
Wild Ginger, *Asarum lemmonii* or *A. caudatum*

Create a Flowery Montane Meadow

Tufted Hairgrass, *Deschampsia caespitosa*
Bigelow's Helenium, *Helenium bigelovii*
Pink Swamp Onion, *Allium validum*
Leopard Lily, *Lilium pardalinum*
Western Columbine, *Aquilegia formosa*
Broadleaf Lupine, *Lupinus latifolius*
Western Spiraea, *Spiraea douglasii*
Quaking Aspen, *Populus tremuloides*

Evergreen Shrubs and Trees for Screening

Flannelbush, *Fremontodendron californicum* cultivars
Toyon, *Heteromeles arbutifolia*
McNab Cypress, *Cupressus macnabiana*
Pacific Madrone, *Arbutus menziesii*
Incense Cedar, *Calocedrus decurrens*
Douglas-fir, *Pseudotsuga menziesii*
Ponderosa Pine, *Pinus ponderosa*