

Easy to Grow Contra Costa County Native Plants (by Habitat)

Developed by Dlorah Whitmire, Jessica Hamburger and Carla Koop
 Contra Costa Resource Conservation District

















Adapted from *Easy to Grow East Bay Native Plant List (by Habitat)*
 Developed by Glen Schneider and Lyn Talkovsky
 Permission to use provided by The Watershed Project

Grassland Plants (plants for sunny sites with clay or silty soils)


















Trees and Shrubs

| | | |
|--|---|--------------|
| Coyote Brush <i>Baccharis pilularis</i> |        /  P | clay to sand |
| Valley Oak <i>Quercus lobata</i> |    / | fertile soil |

Grasses

| | | |
|---|---|---------------------------|
| Deer Grass <i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i> |     /  P | sand to clay |
| California Fescue <i>Festuca californica</i> |    ≈ / P | sand to clay |
| Creeping Wildrye <i>Leymus triticoides</i> |     /  * P | adaptable, wetlands |
| Purple needlegrass <i>Nassella pulchra</i> |    / P | adaptable, dry meadows |

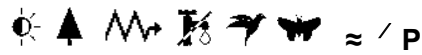
Perennials and Bulbs

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Yarrow <i>Achillea millefolium</i> |   P | sandy loam to clay alkaline tolerant |
| Mule's Ears <i>Wyethia augustifolia</i> |    | adaptable, heavy preferred |
| California Aster <i>Aster chilensis</i> |    P | clay |
| California Buckwheat <i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i> |        | adaptable, well-drained is best |
| Blue-eyed Grass |   | sand, clay |

Sisyrinchium bellum

California Fuchsia

Epilobium canum ssp. canum



sand, clay, serpentine
alkaline

Douglas iris

Iris douglasiana



various soil types

Chaparral Plants (plants for sites with hot sun and well-drained soils)

Trees and Shrubs

Black Sage

Salvia mellifera



adaptable

California Sagebrush

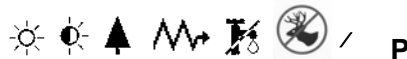
Artemisia californica



various soil types

Creeping Mountain Lilac

Ceanothus Joyce Coulter



California Bay/Laurel

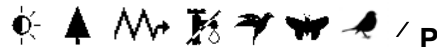
Umbellularia californica



clay, serpentine

Howard McMinn Manzanita

Arctostaphylos denisflora



sand, clay

Silver Bush Lupine

Lupinus albifrons var. albifrons



good drainage

Toyon

Heteromeles arbutifolia

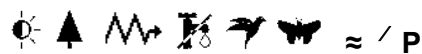


good drainage,
tolerates serpentine

Perennials

California Fuchsia

Epilobium canum ssp. canum



sand, clay, serpentine
alkaline

Mugwort

Artemisia douglasiana



rocky, sandy

Sticky Monkeyflower

Mimulus aurantiacus



sandy, rocky

California Aster

Aster chilensis



clay

Grinnell Northern Penstemon       / P tolerates alkaline
Penstemon grinnellii scrophularioides needs drainage

Foothill Penstemon      / P E clay or decomposed
Penstemon heterophyllus granite, drainage

Vines


California Clematis

Clematis ligusticifolia var. californica

Woodland Plants (plants for sites with part sun to full shade)

Trees

Big Leaf Maple      ≈ / clay, serpentine
Acer macrophyllum

California Bay/Laurel    ≈ / clay, serpentine
Umbellularia californica






California Buckeye        ≈ / clay, serpentine
Aesculus californica

Coast Live Oak      ≈ / loam
Quercus agrifolia

Western Sycamore       ≈ sand, clay
Plantanus racemosa

Shrubs

California Coffeeberry       / P sand to clay
Rhamnus californica
















Pink Flowering Currant      ≈ / D clay
Ribes sanguineum glutinosum

Common Snowberry      ≈ / O P some drainage
Symphoricarpos albus laevigatus

Creeping Mountain Lilac        / P
Ceanothus Joyce Coulter






































Perennials and Grasses

Mugwort       ≈ P rocky, sandy
Artemisia douglasiana

| | | |
|--|---|---|
| California Aster <i>Aster chilensis</i> |    P | clay |
| Western Columbine <i>Aquilegia formosa</i> |    / P | alkaline, clay |
| Grinnell Northern Penstemon <i>Penstemon grinnelli scrophalarides</i> |      / P E | tolerates alkaline needs drainage |
| Foothill Penstemon <i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i> |     / P E | clay or decomposed granite, drainage |



Riparian Plants (plants for sites with year-round moisture in the soil):

Trees and Shrubs












| | | |
|--|---|-------------------------|
| Big Leaf Maple <i>Acer macrophyllum</i> |      ≈ / | clay, serpentine |
| California Bay/Laurel <i>Umbellularia californica</i> |    ≈ / | clay, serpentine |
| California Buckeye <i>Aesculus californica</i> |       ≈ / | clay, serpentine |
| California Dogwood <i>Cornus californica</i> |    ≈ / D | sandy |
| Cottonwood <i>Populus fremontii</i> |    ≈ | sand, clay |
| Western Redbud <i>Cercis occidentalis</i> |     ≈ | clay, alkaline tolerant |
| Western Sycamore <i>Plantanus racemosa</i> |       ≈ | sand, clay |
| White Alder <i>Alnus rhombifolia</i> |     ≈ / | sand, clay |
| Willow (Arroyo/White) <i>Salix lasiolepis</i> |    ≈ ○ | sand |

Perennials

| | | |
|--|---|------|
| California Aster <i>Aster chilensis</i> |    P | clay |
|--|---|------|

| | | |
|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Giant Stream Orchid <i>Epipactis gigantea</i> |    ≈ P | sand, clay, serpentine |
| Yerba Mansa <i>Anemopsis californica</i> |   ● ≈ P | sand, clay, alkaline tolerant |
| Western Columbine <i>Aquilegia formosa</i> |    / P | alkaline, clay |
| Western Sword Fern <i>Polystichum munitum</i> <i>Vines</i> California Grape <i>Vitis californica</i> |  ●     P E | loam |

To see pictures and learn more about these and many other beautiful California native plants, go to the Las Pilitas Nursery website at <http://www.laspilitas.com/>

| | | | |
|----------------------------|---|-------------------|---|
| Full Sun |  | Wildlife Support |  |
| Part Sun/Shade |  | Deer resistant |  |
| Full Shade | ● | Near water source | ≈ |
| Evergreen Foliage |  | Slope | / |
| Groundcover |  | Bank Stabilizer | ○ |
| Good for container Growing |  | Aggressive Growth | ✖ |
| Drought tolerant |  | Good cut flower |  |
| Attracts Hummingbirds |  | Annual | A |
| Attracts Butterflies |  | Perennial | P |
| | | Deciduous | D |
| | | Special Status | § |



Nearby Native Plant Nurseries and Seed Companies

Albright Seed Company

189 Arthur Road
Martinez, CA 94553
925 / 372-8245

www.albrightseed.com

Bulk sales grass, wildflower, shrub & tree seed, 50% native; \$25 minimum order.

Berkeley Horticultural Nursery

1310 McGee Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94703
510 / 526-4704

www.berkeleyhort.com

Retail plants - one section devoted to natives.

C.H. Baccus

Calochortus-Fritillaria
900 Boynton Avenue
San Jose, CA 95117
408 / 244-2923

Mail order bulbs.

Carquinez Regional Environmental Education Center (CREEC)

Dowrelio Drive
Crockett, CA
510/787-2265

<http://www.creecyouth.org/>

Native plant nursery, open for sales every Saturday 10 am to 2 pm. or by appointment. Located on Dowrelio Drive in Crockett under the bridge. Take Pomona St. to Port Street. Port veers left at the bottom and becomes Dowrelio. The nursery is on the left side.

Native Here Nursery

101 Golf Course Drive
Tilden Regional Park
Berkeley, CA 94708
510 / 549-0211

www.ebcnps.org/NativeHereHome.htm

Run by California Native Plant Society volunteers, excellent source of locally native plants, revegetation, and restoration. Open Friday & Saturday, call ahead.

The Watershed Nursery

155 Tamalpais Rd
Berkeley, CA 94708
510 / 548-4714

www.TheWatershedNursery.com

Grows a wide variety of plants providing for a high degree of native plant/habitat biodiversity.