

EASY TO FIND AND EASY TO GROW

Local Habitat Stewards' top picks for native and exotic plants that support wildlife*

TREES

California Live Oak -- over 1500 species rely on oaks for food and shelter

Toyon - the favorite berry of most California birds

Citrus -- attracts butterflies to your garden

Pomegranate -- for hummingbirds and orioles

Pines -- for food and cover

Strawberry Tree (*Arbutus unedo*)

Sycamore

SHRUBS

Hollyleaf Cherry (*Prunus ilicifolia*)

Cassia 'Buttercream'

Cape Honeysuckle (*Tecomaria capensis*) may become invasive

Butterfly Bush (*Buddleja*)

Bottlebrush (*Callistemon*)

Coffeeberry (*Rhamnus*) - some species tolerate shade

Glossy Abelia -- tolerates some shade

Manzanita (especially 'Sunset' Manzanita)

California Lilac (*Ceanothus*) -- some species tolerate shade

Lemonadeberry, Sugar Bush, Laurel Sumac

Mallows (*Lavatera*s, both exotic and native)

Pyracantha

Gooseberries (*Ribes*)

Mexican Elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*)

Skyflower (*Duranta*)

Grevilleas

PERENNIALS

California Fuchsia (*Epilobium* or *Zauschneria* spp.)

Lilac Verbena (*Verbena* *Lilacina*)

Salvias especially Cleveland Sage and Mexican Bush Sage (*S. clevelandii* and *S. leucantha* and *S. greggii*)

Coast Sunflower (*Encelia californica*)

Lavenders and Rosemary

Penstemons -- both natives and exotics

Bush Island Snapdragon (*Galvezia speciosa*)

Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia laxiflora*)

Buckwheat (*Eriogonum* species)

Mexican Lobelia (*Lobelia laxiflora*)

Star Flower -- *Pentas lanceolata*

GRASSES, SEDGES, GROUNDCOVERS AND FILLERS

Coyote Bush (*Baccharis*)

Deer Grass (*Muhlenbergia rigens*)

Berkeley Sedge (*Carex tumulicola*) and Clustered Field Sedge (*Carex praegracilis*)

Lantana

Salvia 'Dara's Choice'

Gazanias, Felicia, Cosmos and Coreopsis for butterflies

California Poppies

Alyssum – tolerates some shade

Douglas Iris – tolerates some shade

Butterfly Milkweed (*Asclepias curassavica*) to bring Monarchs to your garden

Sunflowers

Plumbago

Hollyhocks

VINES

California Wild Grape Roger's Red

California Honeysuckle (*Lonicera subspicata*)

Passionflower (*Passiflora caerulea*)

*Habitat stewards are trained volunteers of the NWF Backyard Habitat program.

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