

List of California Native Plants that do well in Yolo County and the Sacramento region

Plant Latin Name	Common Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	<sup>1</sup> Type	<sup>2</sup> Adapt	Height	Full Sun	Part Shade	Shade	Notes
<b>GRASSES</b>																				
<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>	Blue gramma grass													G	Cl	1.5-2'	X			very drought; retains tidy, upright shape.
<i>Festuca idahoensis</i>	Idaho fescue													G	Cl	1'	X	X		
<i>Melica californica</i>	California melic													G		1-3'	X	X		
<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	Deergrass													G	Cl		X	X		Warm season grass, winter ladybug habitat
<i>Sporobolus airoides</i>	Alkali sacaton													G	S	2'	X	X		
<i>Carex pansa</i>	California meadow sedge													GL		0.5'	X	X		
<i>Carex praegracilis</i>	Clustered field sedge													GL		1-2'	X	X		rhizomatous so used as a grass substitute.
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Common rush													GL	Cl	1.5-2'		X		vertical stature, so good for texture change
<i>Equisetum scirpoides</i>	Dwarf scouring rush													GL		6"-2'	X	X		
<b>PERENNIALS</b>																				
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Common Yarrow													P	Cl,P	1-3'	X	X		narrow feather-like leaves; clip flowers to extend bloom season; spreads by underground runners.
<i>Artemisia douglasiana</i>	California mugwort													P		3-5'	X	X		very aromatic
<i>Asclepias fascicularis</i>	narrow leaf milkweed													P	P	1'-3'	X	X		Dies back in winter; host for the Monarch butterfly caterpillar
<i>Asclepias speciosa</i>	showey milkweed													P	P	2'-3'	X	X		dies back in winter; host for the Monarch butterfly caterpillar
<i>Epilobium canum</i>	California fuchsia													P	Cl,P	1'-3'	X	X		very attractive to hummingbirds, cut back to ground in winter
<i>Erigeron glaucus</i>	Beach aster													P		1'-2'	X	X		
<i>Eriogonum californica</i>	California Buckwheat													P	Cl,P	2'-3'	X	X		Profuse white blooms, long season, great insectary
<i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i>	Woolly sunflower													P		1-2'	X	X		
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	Wild strawberry													P		4-6"	X	X	E	bears small, edible strawberries following bloom
<i>Heuchera sp</i>	coral bells, alum root													P	Cl	2-4		X	X	excellent groundcover for shady areas, needs well-drained soils
<i>Linum lewisii</i>	Blue Flax													P		2-3'		X	X	
<i>Monarda odoratissima</i>	Mountain pennyroyal, coyote mint													P	Cl	0.3-2'	X			
<i>Phacelia imbricate</i>	Rock Phacelia, Pine Bee Flower													P	P	1-2'	X			
<i>Romneya coulteri</i>	matilija poppy													P		3'-5'	X	X		Very large showing flower
<i>Sedum obtusatum</i>	Sierra sedum													P		0.5'		X		
<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>	Blue-eyed grass													P	Cl	1'	X			
<i>Solidago californica</i>	California goldenrod													P	Cl	1'-4'	X	X		spreads if watered generously; not allergic
<i>Woodwardia fimbriata</i>	Western chain fern													P	Cl	3'-6'		X	X	long-lived fern; requires little maintenance once established
<i>Iris douglasiana</i>	Douglas iris													P,Wf	Cl	1-2'	X	X		
<i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i>	Foothill penstemon													P,Wf	Cl,P	1'-3'	X	X		tolerates heavy soils and summer watering
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	California Poppy													P,Wf	Cl	1-1.5'	X			
<b>SHRUBS</b>																				
<i>Arctostaphylos spp.</i>	Manzanita - various													S	Cl	3/-10'	X	X		tolerates heavy clay soil and pruning
<i>Artemisia californica</i>	Coast sagebrush													S	Cl	1'-3'	X			
<i>Symphotrichum chilense</i>	California aster													P		2'	X	X		spreads underground; can be aggressive
<i>Whipplea modesta</i>	Western whipplea													P		0.25-0.75'		X		
<i>Wyethia mollis</i>	Mountain mule's ears													P		0.5-2'		X		
<i>Atriplex lentiformis</i>	Quail bush													S	Cl	3-10'	X			grey foliage
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	Coyote brush													S	Cl,P	4-8'	X			winter bloom, important winter pollen
<i>Berberis (Mahonia) aquifolium</i>	Mountain/Oregon grape													S	Cl	1'-3'			X	dark blue berries in autumn;prune to shape
<i>Calycanthus occidentalis</i>	Spicebush													S	Cl	5'-8'		X	X	deciduous; flowers and leaves when crushed have fragrance of old wine barrel
<i>Carpenteria californica</i>	bush anemone													S	Cl	4'-6'		X	X	slow grower; showy, fragrant flowers
<i>Ceanothus sp</i>	Wild lilac													S	Cl,P	6'-20'	X	X		tolerates limited irrigation; many species of varying size & flower color
<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	Western redbud													S	Cl	6'-20'	X	X		deciduous; seedpods change color throughout the year
<i>Cercocarpus betuloides var blanchiae</i>	Island mountain mahogany													S	Cl	10-12'	X			
<i>Cornus stolonifera (syn. C. sericea)</i>	redtwig or western dogwood													S		7-9'		X		
<i>Dendromecon rigida or hartfordii</i>	Tree/bush poppy													S		3'-7'	X			Large, bright yellow flowers; tolerates clay soil if not watered after established
<i>Eriogonum giganteum</i>	St. Catherine's lace													S	Cl,P	3-4'	X			Huge flower clusters, prune to maintain form, remove old flower heads; needs good drainage.
<i>Frangula tomentella</i>	Hoary coffeeberry													S		6-10'	X	X		
<i>Fremontodendron californicum</i>	Flannel bush													S		12-15'	X			Fuzz on leaves can be irritating to skin so don't plant in high traffic areas
<i>Garrya elliptica 'Evie'</i>	Evie coast silktassel													S		8-15'	X			

<i>Garrya elliptica</i> 'James Roof'	James Roof coast siltassel															S		8-15'	X					
<i>Grindelia camporum</i>	Gum plant															S	P	2'-3'	X	X				many extrafloral nectaries, not long-lived but reseeds
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Toyon									berries						S		8-15'	X	X				bright red berries through fall and winter
<i>Isomeris arborea</i>	bladderpod															S	P	3'-5'	X	X				spring fresh blooms, attracts hummingbirds, solitary bees, holds blooms ~ year-round
<i>Lupinus albus</i>	silver bush lupine															S		3-5'	X	X				
<i>Lyonothamnus f. ssp asplenifolius</i>	Santa Cruz Island ironwood															S								
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	Oregon grape															S		3-6'	X	X				
<i>Mimulus aurantiacus</i>	golden sticky monkeyflower															S	P	2'-4'	X	X				deer proof; extra-floral nectaries, most plants not long lived; many showy hybrids
<i>Rhus integrifolia</i>	Lemonade berry															S		3-10'	X					
<i>Ribes aureum</i>	Calif. Golden current									berries						S	CI,P	5'-8'	X	X				multi-stemmed shrub
<i>Ribes malvaecum/sanguineum</i>	chaparral flowering current															S	P	3-6'	X	X				
<i>Ribes californicum</i>	Hillside gooseberry															S	P	3'-5'		X				
<i>Ribes speciosum</i>	fuchsia flowering gooseberry															S	P	3-6'	X	X				
<i>Ribes viburnifolium</i>	Catalina current															S	P	3'-6', 12" w		X			X	Fragrant foliage, needs no irrigation once established.
<i>Rosa californica</i>	California wild rose									"hips"						S	CI,P	3'		X		X		fall/winter rose "hips"
<i>Salvia many species</i>	sage															S	CI,P	3-7'	X					
<i>Salvia spathacea</i>	Hummingbird sage															S	CI	1'-5'		X				attractive to hummingbirds
<i>Sambucus caerulea</i>	Blue elderberry															S	CI	6-9'	X	X				
<i>Sambucus mexicana</i>	Mexican Elderberry															S	CI	6-12'	X	X				deep blue edible berries, birds
<i>Spiraea douglasii</i>	Western spiraea															S		4-5'	X					
<i>Styrax redivivus officinalis</i>	Snow drop bush															S		5-7'			X			
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	common snowberry															S		6-12'			X	X		Forms a thicket with many upright stems emerging from underground runners
<i>Trichostema lanatum</i>	Woolly bluecurls															S		3-4'	X	X				unique, elephant-head shaped flowers
<i>Viguera parishii</i>	Desert golden eye															S		1-3'	X	X				
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Buttonbush (buttonwillow)															S/T		3-15'	X	X				round, "button-shaped" flowers
<i>Myrica californica</i>	Pacific wax myrtle															S/T		10-30'	X					
<i>Rhamnus californica</i>	Coffeeberry									berries						S/T	CI	3-15'	X	X				berries turn from green to red to black; once established needs no water
<i>Rhamnus ilicifolia</i>	Hollyleaf cherry									berries						S/T		5-15'	X	X				
<i>Salix sp.</i>	Willow - various									early pollen, fluff for birds						S/T	P	6-20'	X	X				
<i>Umbellularia californica</i>	California bay															S/T	P	6-50'		X				
<b>TREES</b>																								
<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>	Big-leaf maple															T	CI	30-50'	X	X				
<i>Aesculus californica</i>	California buckeye															T		10-30'	X	X				deciduous; attractive, silvery, smooth bark; responds to heat and drought by dropping leaves in summer.
<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>	madrone															T		20-50'	X	X				
<i>Calocedrus deodurans</i>	incense cedar															T		50-90'	X					
<i>Cupressus sargentii</i>	Sargent cypress															T		10-40'		X				
<i>Fraxinus latifolia</i>	Oregon ash															T		30-40'	X	X				
<i>Juglans californica var. hindsii</i>	Northern California black walnut															T		30-60'	X					
<i>Platanus racemosa</i>	California sycamore															T		40-60'	X					
<i>Quercus lobata</i>	Valley oak															T	CI	50-70'	X					
<i>Quercus wislizenii</i>	Interior live oak															T	CI	30-80'	X					
<i>Cercocarpus betuloides</i>	mountain mahogany															T		10'-15'	X	X				
<b>VINES</b>																								
<i>Aristolochia californica</i>	Dutchman's pipevine															V	P	10'-12'		X	X			Deciduous; vigorous once established; food for pipevine swallowtail butterfly larvae
<i>Clematis sp.</i>	Virgin's Bower															V	P	10-30'		X				
<i>Lonicera hispidula</i>	California Honeysuckle															V	P	8-12'		X	X			Cherry red fruit in fall
<i>Vitis californica</i>	California wild grape															V		10-20'		X				
<b>PERENNIAL WILDFLOWER</b>																								
<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	Western columbine															WF	P	1.5-3'		X	X			Attracts hummingbirds
<i>Collinsia heterophylla</i>	Chinese Houses															WF		1-2'		X				
<i>Gilia capitata</i>	Globe gilia															WF		0.5-1'	X	X				

Footnotes:

1. T=Tree, S=Shrub, S/T=Large shrub/small tree, P=Perennial, G=Grass, GL=Grass-like (sedge/rush), WF=Wildflower, V=vine

2. Special Adaptations: CI=Clay soils, S=salt-tolerant, P=Attracts pollinators and/or beneficial insects