







California Native Plants

San Carlos

Satureja douglasii	Yerba Buena
	<p>This fast-growing minty groundcover with the heavenly fragrance once covered large swaths of the Bay Area, giving its Spanish name Yerba Buena ("good herb") to the original pueblo that later became San Francisco. It is edible and has medicinal uses. An iconic choice from our local flora that deserves a spot in every garden.</p> <p>Takes shade to part shade, low water.</p>
Sambucus mexicana	Blue Elderberry
	<p>A many-branched shrub or small tree from 6-25 feet tall and wide, the blue elderberry gives delicious edible fruit and makes a choice selection for the native habitat garden. It is common along stream banks and in open areas of forest. Deciduous.</p> <p>Takes sun to part shade, very low water.</p>
Lepechinia fragrans	Island Pitcher Sage
	<p>This is an upright plant with big floppy leaves. With pale pink flowers and fuzzy leaves, it has a very delicate look and is extremely fragrant. It will reach up to 5' tall or can be pruned for size.</p> <p>Takes sun to part shade, very low water.</p>
Rhamnus californica	Coffeeberry
	<p>One of the most emblematic of California native plants, coffeeberry is a lustrous evergreen shrub. Varieties range from 4 to 10 feet tall and wide in full sun. The berries form in the late spring and change color throughout the year. Birds love them!</p> <p>Takes sun or shade, drought tolerant.</p>
Mimulus 'Dave'	Dave's Monkeyflower
	<p>Monkeyflowers come in a variety of colors, including white, pale yellow, gold, orange, and red. Mimulus 'Dave' is a heavy bloomer with very large red flowers on a 3' x3' plant. This is a favorite plant of hummingbirds, Common Checkerspot and Buckeye butterflies</p> <p>Takes sun to part shade, very low water.</p>
Vitis californica 'Rogers Red'	California Grape Rogers Red
	<p>A vigorous vine growing 3-6' per year, 'Rogers Red' turns flaming red in the fall before losing its leaves. It will make plenty of fruit. While tasty, the grapes are seedy, making it better for birds than people.</p> <p>Takes sun to part shade, low water.</p>
Fragaria chiloensis	Beach Strawberry



An evergreen ground cover, Beach Strawberry reproduces by sending out runners that form a dense mat. It is a good choice for filling in between rocks or on the borders of your garden. During the spring and summer it has white flowers that give way to tiny edible strawberries. While drought tolerant, it will maintain a richer green with occasional water.
Takes sun to part shade, low water.

Salvia 'Bee's Bliss'



Bee's Bliss Salvia
 This beautiful native hybrid sage grows about 18" tall by 5' wide or more. In the spring, the handsome gray foliage is topped with a profusion of lavender flowers on long spikes that are very attractive to hummingbirds. Like other members of the mint family, deer will avoid it.
Takes full sun and low water.

Cercis occidentalis



Western redbud (Arboretum All-Star)
 This is a highly ornamental multi-trunked shrub or small tree 6 - 20 ft. tall and wide. Masses of brilliant rose-purple blossoms in early spring are followed by conspicuous long seed pods that start out lime green and age to purple-brown. The rounded heart-shaped leaves emerge apple green and develop to bluish-green. In colder areas, the leaves take a nice fall color of yellow or red. Hummingbirds feed on its nectar.
Takes full sun to part shade, drought tolerant.

Salvia Clevelandii



Cleveland's Sage
 This is a delightfully fragrant hybrid sage. The sprawling plant will send up 3-4' spikes of lavender blue flowers during summer. It is attractive to hummingbirds, bees and butterflies. Deer avoid it.
Takes full sun, very low water

Penstemon heterophyllus



Foothill penstemon
 This perennial boasts a long season of vibrant blue flowers, beginning in late spring. Plants will growing to about 1 to 1 1/2' tall and wide. Cut spent flower spikes to the ground to encourage more blooming, better form, and longer life.
Takes full sun, very low water.