

Homegrown Habitat, Supporting Bees, Birds and Butterflies and the rest of Nature Sacramento Valley Top Habitat Plants

Bloom	Common Name	Scientific Name	Life Cycle	Height	WUCOL	Sum	Notes	
Early	Western Redbud	Cercis occidentalis	P	10'-20'	L	S/PS	Drought-tolerant; also tolerates semi-riparian conditions	
	Red Willow	Salix laevigata	P	30'-50'	H	FS	Wetland-semi riparian; tolerates clay soils; fast grower, semi-deciduous	
	Arroyo Willow	Salix lasirolepis	P	7'-35'	H	FS	Likes marshes/wet areas; spreads by root runners; deciduous	
	Sandbar Willow	Salix exigua	P	10'-23'	H	FS	Constant moisture; spreads by basal shoots to any moisture	
	Valley Oak	Quercus lobata	P	60'-100'	L	FS	Fast growing (20' in 5 years); drought tolerant	
	Scrub Oak	Quercus berberidifolia	P	15'-20'	L	FS/PS	Smaller, drought tolerant, likes medium fast drainage	
	Buck Brush	Ceanothus cuneatus	P	5'-12'	VL	FS	Needs fast drainage; fast to moderate growth, evergreen	
	California Everlasting	Pseudognaphalium californicum	P	3'	VL/L	FS	Semi deciduous, may like some afternoon shade in summer	
	California Blackberry	Rubus ursinus	P	6'	M/H	FS/PS/S	Requires substantial moisture, wide spreading	
	Dutchmans Pipe	Aristolochia californica	P	20'	L/M	S/PS	Deciduous vine, grows in moist woods along streams	
	Baby Blue Eyes	Nemophila menziesii	A	.25'	L	FS/PS	Annual herb	
	Chinese Houses	Collinsia heterophylla	A	.5'	M	S/PS	Annual purple flowering herb, good in containers	
	Lacy Phacelia	Phacelia tanacetifolia	A	3'	VL/L	FS	Tolerates clay soils; good plant for biological pest control	
	Miners Lettuce	Claytonia perfoliata	A	1.3'	L/M	PS	Edible spreading annual herb; in the valley, does best in part shade	
	Early-Mid	Blue Elderberry	Sambucus nigra var. cerulea	P	20'-30'	M	FS	Easy to grow, fast growing deciduous shrub/tree; host plant for endangered Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle
		Interior Live Oak	Quercus wislizenii	P	15'-50'	VL	S/PS	Medium to large evergreen, moderate grower
		Blue Oak	Quercus douglasii	P	16'-82'	VL	FS/PS	Slow grower deciduous, supports many species
		Toyon	Heteromeles arbutifolia	P	12'	L	FS/PS	Evergreen shrub easy to grow, white flowers early summer, red berries in fall
Shining Willow		Salix lasiandra	P	3'-30'	M/H	FS/PS	Winter deciduous riparian plant, good for restoration projects	
Mountain Mahogany		Cercocarpus betuloides	P	8'-20'	VL/L	FS/PS	In the valley this plant will do better with PM shade	
Hollyleaf Redberry		Rhamnus ilicifolia	P	9'	L	PS	PM shade in the valley, siting is critical for success	
California Broom/Deerwe		Acmispon glaber	P	3'	VL	FS	Not too showy shrub with high habitat value	
Skunkbush, Fragrant Sum		Rhus aromatica	P	8'	L	FS/PS	Winter deciduous shrub, may like PM shade in valley	
Chaparral Honeysuckle		Lonicera interrupta (hispidula)	P		VL/L	FS/PS	Hardy, woody chaparral shrub/vine, summer flowering, edible/bitter berries	
Silver Bush Lupine		Lupinus albus	P	3'	L	FS/PS	Requires good drainage, PM shade in valley	
Foothill Penstemon		Penstemon heterophyllus	P	5'	L	FS/PS	Perennial evergreen herb. May need pm shade in valley	
Sonoma Sage		Salvia sonomensis	P	1.3'	VL	PS	Moderately drought tolerant if given part shade	
Purple Needlegrass		Stipa pulchra	P	3'	VL/L	FS	CA state grass, perennial with deep roots	
California Poppy		Eschscholzia californica	A	.5'	VL/L	FS	CA State flower, tolerates clay soil, readily reseeds	
Elegant Clarkia		Clarkia unguiculata	A	.5'	L	FS/PS	Showy pink flowers, reseeds readily	
Globe Gilia		Gilia capitata	A	1'	L/M	FS	Showy pink to lavender flowers	
Miniature Lupine		Lupinus bicolor	A	1.3'	L	FS	Showy purple and white flowers, plant with CA poppies	
Sky Lupine		Lupinus nanus	A	2'	L	FS	Chaparral annual herb	

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Mid	California Buckwheat	Eriogonum fasciculatum	P	2.5'	VL/L	FS	Tough, easy to grow, prefer good drainage	
	Hoary Coffeeberry	Frangula californica var tomer	P	20'	L	FS/PS	May prefer PM shade in valley	
	California Wildrose	Rosa californica	P	8'	M	FS/PS	Tolerates clay soils; drought-tolerant; spreads through underground runners	
	California Wild Grape	Vitis californica	P	10'-40'	L/M	FS/PS	Common along rivers and streams, winter deciduous	
	Common Yarrow	Achillea millefolium	P	3'	L-H	FS/PS	Looks best with regular water; semi deciduous in drier conditions; can be aggressive	
	Coyote Mint	Monardella villosa	P	2'	L	PS/S	Requires good drainage, needs PM shade in the valley	
	Showy Milkweed	Asclepias speciosa	P	5'	L/M	FS	Tolerates clay soils; spreads through underground rhizomes	
	Imbricate Phacelia	Phacelia imbricata	P	1'	L	FS/PS	Perennial herb; tolerates clay soil; can re-seed	
	Woolly Sunflower	Eriophyllum lanatum	P	2'	L	FS/PS	Summer semi-deciduous; can be extremely drought-tolerant	
	Nude Buckwheat	Eriogonum nudum	P	6'	L	FS	Summer semi-deciduous; leafless stems	
	Blue Wild Rye	Elymus glaucus	P	5'	L	FS/PS	Popular accent grass for gardens; summer semi-deciduous	
	Deergrass	Muhlenbergia rigens	P	5'	L	FS	Attractive bunch grass; easy to grow; grows in most soils	
	Fleabane Daisy	Erigeron foliosus	P	3.3'	L	PS		
	Lippia	Phyla nodiflora	P	6"	L	FS/PS	Flowering ground cover; spreads rapidly	
	Spider Lupine	Lupinus benthamii	A	2.3'	VL	FS		
	Seep Monkeyflower	Erythranthe guttata	A	5'	M/H	FS/PS	Aquatic annual plant; good in ponds or rain gardens	
	Mid-Late	Narrowleaf Milkweed	Asclepias fascicularis	P	1.5'	M	FS	Not showy; tolerates clay; host to Monarchs
		Virgin's Bower	Clematis ligusticifolia	P	30'	L/M	PS/SH	vine; showy white flowers; summer deciduous; part shade to shade
		Hooker's Evening Primrose	Oenothera elata	P	5'	M-H	FS/PS	Wetland-riparian but still drought tolerant; reseeds aggressively
		California Fuchsia	Epilobium canum	P	3'	L	FS	Hummingbird favorite; spreads; cut back in winter
Gumpiant		Grindelia camporum	P	4'	L	FS	Tolerates most soils; can be cut back in winter	
Snowberry		Symphoricarpos albus	P	6'	L	PS/SH	Moist shady areas; winter deciduous; spreads by rhizomes	
Slender Woolly Buckwheat		Eriogonum gracile	A	5'	EL/ML	FS/PS	Small annual; tolerates most soils; winter semi-deciduous	
Common Madia		Madia elegans	A	7'	L	FS/PS	Annual herb; showy yellow flowers; tolerates many soils	
Common Sunflower		Helianthus annuus	A	5'	M	FS	Tolerates most soils; can get very large	
Late		California Aster	Symphotrichum chilense	P	5'	VL/L	FS/PS	Tolerates clay soil; winter deciduous; cut back in winter; aggressive spreader
	California Goldenrod	Solidago californica	P	3'	VL/M	FS/PS/S	Easy to grow; for late color plant with Epilobium canum; spreader	
	Sulphur Buckwheat	Eriogonum umbellatum	P	7'	VL/M	FS	Showy yellow flowers; variable plant; evergreen	
	Bee Plant	Scrophularia californica	P	4'	L	PS	Strong bee attractant; tolerates most soils; needs good drainage	
	Coyote Brush	Baccharis pilularis	P	10'	VL/L	FS/PS	Tour easy to grow shrub, variable forms; blooms into winter	
	Rubber Rubberbrush	Ericameria nauseosa	P	9'	L	FS	Needs good drainage; summer/fall bloom	
	Vinegarweed	Trichostema lanceolatum	A	1'	L	FS	Does not do well in seed mixes; sow individually; tolerates dry clay soils	