

Catalogue of Native California Wetland and Riparian Plants

Acer negundo (cn)

California Box Elder

Deciduous species of maple tree. Riparian tree tolerant to all weather conditons. Great shade tree. CA native.

Grows 10-15' tall. Keep moist. Fast growing.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: pink Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone: 2

Achillea millefolium (cn)

Common Yarrow

Aromatic green fern-like foliage with long lasting clusters of white flowers. Attracts butterflies. Medicinal uses. Hardy. CA native.

Wide spreading. Can be mowed. Tolerates drought. Prefers sandy soil. Grows 2-3' tall.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: white Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone: 3

Aesculus californica (cn)

California Buckeye

Beautiful small tree, smooth gray bark, green palm-like leaves. Fragrant pink-white flowers.

Drops leaves in summer. Attracts Swallowtail. CA native.

Grows to 15' or more. Enjoys water but tolerates drought. Toxic to mammals.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: white Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone:

Alisma plantago-aquatica (cn)

Water Plantain

Elongated green leaves. White flowers grow on a branching, long stem. Medicinal qualities.

Edible. CA native.

Must be wet at all times. Grows to 3' tall.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: white Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone: 6

Alnus incana ssp tenuifolia

Mountain Alder

Multi-stemmed shrub or small tree. Food source for wildlife. Good for site rehab, streambank stabilization, erosion control. CA native.

Tolerates cold, low-med elevations. Rich, moist soil. Grows 20-40' tall.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone: 5

Alnus rhombifolia (cn)

White Alder

Deciduous riparian tree. Fast growing. Tolerates heavy soil, sun or shade, and flooding.

Grows to 40' tall. Prefers moisture. Tolerates wind.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone: 7

Alnus rubra (cn)

Red Alder

Fast growing coastal wetland tree. Red flowers, grayish-brown bark. Good for erosion contraol. CA native.

Grows to 75' tall. Salt tolerant. High nitrogen fixer.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone: 7

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Anemopsis californica (cn)

Yerba Mansa

Conic white flowers and bluish-tinged leaves. Medicinal herb. Native to southwestern North America. CA native.

Prefers brackish water. Propagates by runners. Grows 12" tall and 2-3' wide.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: white Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone: 4

Apocynum cannabinum (cn)

Indian Hemp (Dogbane)

Wild meadow plant with small white flowers in summer. Used by Native Americans for rope. CA native.

Fast growing. Grows to 3' tall. Very moist to dry soil.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: white Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone:

Artemisia douglasiana (cn)

Mugwort

Attractive fragrant foliage with history of medicinal uses. Leaves are green on top, silvery beneath. Indistinct flower. Good for birds. CA native.

Grows to 3' tall. Keep moist.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone: 6a

Asclepias fascicularis (cn)

Narrowleaf Milkweed

Elegant, narrow leaves, bushy, clusters of rosy-pink flowers. Butterfly food, attracts pollinators. Deer tolerant. CA native.

Tolerates moist soil & drought, garden & clay. Grows 1-3' tall. Easy to grow. Dormant in winter.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: rosy-pink Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone: 3

Asclepias speciosa (cn)

Showy Milkweed

Flower clusters 4-5", pink-lavender, fragrant. Large blue-green leaves. Low toxicity. Attracts butterflies, honeybees, other pollinators. CA native.

Prefers moist soil but tolerates drought. Grows 2-3' tall. Dormant in winter.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: pink-lavender Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone: 3

Aster chilensis (cn)

California Aster

Vigorous native perennial covered with soft lavender daisies. Attract butterflies. CA native.

Sprawling to upright. Grows 20-40" tall. Tolerate heavy watering and drought. Prune in winter.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: lavender Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone:

Baccharis douglasii (cn)

Marsh Baccharis

Grows in salt marshes. Good nectar source. Green-brown stems and silver-green foliage, white flowers. CA native.

Grows to 3' tall. Keep moist.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: white Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone:

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Betula occidentalis (cn)

Water Birch

Multi-stemmed riparian shrub found along mountain streams. Bronze bark. Important habitat plant. CA native.

Grows to 30' tall. Flood tolerant. Moist, rich soil.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone: 5

Bolboschoenus maritimus (cn)

Seaside Bulrush

Salt tolerant bulrush. Upright green stems. Ecologically important as wind & current buffer, reducing erosion. Provides wildlife habitat. CA native.

Grows to 5' tall. Prefers partial submersion or bog.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone: 5

Boykinia occidentalis (cn) ^

Coastal Brookfoam

Grows in moist woods or near streams. Low-growing, clumping, with large green leaves and spray of white flowers. CA native.

Prefers shady areas and moist soil.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: white Lighting: Shade USDA Zone:

Calamagrostis nutkaensis (cn)

Pacific Reed Grass

Large bunch grass with wide green blades and attractive plume flowers. Good for woodland or meadow. Used in bioswales. Evergreen.

Grows 2-3' tall. Need some moisture. Deer resistant. Shade tolerant.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone: 7

Calycanthus occidentalis (cn)

Western Spice Bush

Deciduous shrub with bright green foliage, red flowers with scent of wine. Grows along streams & rivers. CA native.

Likes heat. Keep moist. Grows 5-12' tall. Can be pruned as hedge or small tree.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: red Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone:

Carex barbarae (cn)

Basket (Santa Barbara) Sedge

Clumping sedge with bright green blades and tufts of reddish-brown flowers. Good for containers. Used in basket weaving.

Regular moisture. Can be invasive. Grows 1-2' tall.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: red-brown Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone:

Carex nudata (cn)

Black Flowering (Naked) Sedge

Bright green dense mounding sedge. Black flowers. Dies back in winter. Good for containers. CA native.

Can be partially submerged. Grows 1-2.5' tall. Keep moist.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: black Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone:

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Carex obnupta (cn)

Slough Sedge

Grass-like foliage with wheat-like tops, flat dark green leaves. CA native.

Tall clumping grass-like plant grows in moist boggy conditions. Height 2'-3'.

Habit: Bog

Bloom Color:

Lighting: Full-Sun

USDA Zone:

Carex pansa (cn)

Dune Sedge

Durable spreading sedge that can be used as a native lawn substitute. Curling dark green foliage. CA native.

Stays green with regular moisture. Grows to 6" tall.

Habit: Marginal

Bloom Color:

Lighting: Sun or filtered

USDA Zone:

Carex tumulicola (cn)

Foothill (Berkeley) Sedge

Durable groundcover. Evergreen. Good for erosion control. CA native.

Prefers some shade. Grows to 12" tall.

Habit: Marginal

Bloom Color:

Lighting: Part-Sun

USDA Zone:

Cercis occidentalis (cn)

Western Redbud

Small deciduous tree or shrub. Heart shaped leaves, aging to blue-green. Numerous rose-purple flowers in early spring. Flowers best in sun. CA native.

Grows to 15' tall. Multiple trunks unless pruned. Low moisture needs. Drought & deer tolerant.

Habit: Landscape

Bloom Color: magenta

Lighting: Sun or filtered

USDA Zone: 5

Cornus glabrata (cn)

Brown Creek Dogwood

Deciduous riparian shrub, brown stems and green - brown - red leaves, with creamy white flowers. Good for birds. Deer resistant. CA native.

Grows 7-10' tall. Prefers moist soil, some shade. Good restoration plant. Do not submerge.

Habit: Marginal

Bloom Color: white

Lighting: Part-Sun

USDA Zone: 7

Cornus sericea occidentalis (cn)

Western Redtwig Dogwood

Riparian shrub, forming broad clumps with red stems. Small white flower and fruit. Good for birds. CA native.

Grows 15-18' tall. Prefers wetland margins. Good restoration plant. Do not submerge.

Habit: Marginal

Bloom Color: white

Lighting: Sun or filtered

USDA Zone: 5

Crataegus douglasii (cn)

Black Hawthorne

Bushy cold-weather shrub/tree. Coarse gray bark; red new growth. White flower clusters. Edible fruits. Good erosion control. CA native.

Grows to 32' tall. Nutrient rich soil. Can be used as hedge. Drought tolerant.

Habit: Marginal

Bloom Color: white

Lighting: Sun or filtered

USDA Zone: 4

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***Cyperus eragrostis (cn)* * ~**

Umbrella Sedge

Grows in seasonal creeks and wet areas. Can be invasive. CA native.

Grows to 3' tall. Prefers wet clay or gravel.

Habit: Bog

Bloom Color:

Lighting: Full-Sun

USDA Zone: 6

Darmera peltata (cn)

Indian Rhubarb

Clumps of pink flower spikes. Broad, round leaves. Good for pond margins and marsh gardens.

Native to mountains of N. CA.

Grows 2'-4' tall. Prefers cooler location. Keep moist.

Habit: Marginal

Bloom Color: pink

Lighting: Part-Sun

USDA Zone: 5

Eleocharis macrostachya (cn)

Common Spike Rush

Perennial rush-like sedge found in moist habits. Bright green erect stems. Habitat plant. Good rain garden and border plant. CA native.

Grows to 3' tall. Keep moist. Salt tolerant. Can be slightly submerged.

Habit: Bog

Bloom Color:

Lighting: Full-Sun

USDA Zone:

***Elymus glaucus (cn)* ~**

Blue Wildrye

Species of wild rye forming upright clumps of blue-green blades. Good coastal plant. Deer resistant. Will stay green when watered. CA native.

Grows 1' tall. Flower stems grow at least 2' tall. Prefers light shade in heat. Tolerates drought.

Habit: Marginal

Bloom Color:

Lighting: Sun or filtered

USDA Zone: 4

***Elymus triticoides (cn)* ~**

Creeping Wildrye

Good for riparian restoration. Holds soil and prevents establishment of exotic weeds. Narrow blue-green blades form tufts. CA native.

Grows 1-3' tall. Rhizomatous. Sun or shade. Riparian.

Habit: Bog

Bloom Color:

Lighting: Sun or filtered

USDA Zone:

Epipactus gigantea 'Serpentine Night' (cn)

Stream Orchid 'Serpentine Night'

Dark burgandy leaves and stems. Flowers in spring. CA native.

Moist soil. Grows to 3' tall.

Habit: Bog

Bloom Color:

Lighting: Sun or filtered

USDA Zone:

Epipactus gigantea (cn)

Stream Orchid

Dark green leaves and stems. Flowers in spring. CA native.

Moist soil. Grows to 3' tall.

Habit: Bog

Bloom Color:

Lighting: Sun or filtered

USDA Zone:

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Equisetum arvense (cn)

Field Horsetail Rush

Perennial fern with green hollow segmented stems. Sterile stems branch in regular whorls; fertile stems produce spores. Medicinal uses.

Grows 2-20" tall. Frost tolerant.

Habit: Bog

Bloom Color:

Lighting: Sun or filtered

USDA Zone: 2

Equisetum hyemale (cn)

Scouring Horsetail Rush

Fern with dark green hollow segmented stems, turns orange in cooler weather. Cone shaped spores at tips of single stems. Native to CA.

Grows to 3'. Do not submerge crown. Can be invasive.

Habit: Bog

Bloom Color:

Lighting: Sun or filtered

USDA Zone: 4

Equisetum hyemale v. robustum (cn)

Giant Horsetail Rush

Especially tall fern, dark green hollow segmented stems, turning orange in cooler weather. Cone-shaped spores at tips of stems. CA native.

Grows to 4' or more. Do not submerge crown. Can be invasive.

Habit: Bog

Bloom Color:

Lighting: Sun or filtered

USDA Zone: 4

Equisetum laevigatum (cn)

Smooth Horsetail Rush

Perennial fern with bare green tubular stalk, tipped with brown cone. Dark bands up stalk with few branches. CA native.

Keep moist. Grows to 6' tall, but usually 2-3'.

Habit: Bog

Bloom Color:

Lighting: Full-Sun

USDA Zone:

Equisetum telmateia (cn) ^

Great Horsetail

Perennial fern with green hollow segmented stems. Sterile stems branch in regular whorls; fertile stems produce spores. Subspecies native to CA.

Forms colonies. Prefers damp shady area. Can be invasive.

Habit: Bog

Bloom Color:

Lighting: Sun or filtered

USDA Zone:

Festuca rubra 'Molate' (cn) ~

Creeping Red Fescue

Soft clumps of fine gray-green foliage. Drought tolerant. Good lawn cover. Flowers rise up 3'. CA native.

Requires some moisture. Can be mowed. Prefers some shade in heat. Grows 1-1.5' tall.

Habit: Marginal

Bloom Color:

Lighting: Sun or filtered

USDA Zone: 2

Fragaria vesca (cn)

Wood Strawberry

Woodland groundcover with small white flowers and red berries. CA native.

Prefers moist soil. Groundcover.

Habit: Marginal

Bloom Color: white

Lighting: Part-Sun

USDA Zone:

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***Fraxinus latifolia* (cn)**

Oregon Ash

Medium-sized deciduous tree, symmetrical in shape, with olive green leaves and gray-green to brown bark. Leaves vivid yellow in fall.

Prefers damp, loose soil and occasional flooding. Full sun to part shade. 35-80' tall.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone:

***Grindelia stricta* (cn) ^**

Salt Marsh Gumweed

Erect perennial or subshrub with bright yellow flowers. Easy to grow and vigorous. Attracts butterflies. CA native.

Grows to 3' tall. Tolerates seasonal flooding, salt. Deer resistant.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: yellow Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone: 7a

***Grindelia stricta var stricta* (cn) ^**

Coastal Gumweed

Fast-growing perennial groundcover. Bright yellow flowers. Found in tidal flats, marshes, dunes, seablufts. Attracts butterflies. CA native.

Spreads 2-3' along ground. Tolerates seasonal flooding. Not frost tolerate.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: yellow Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone:

***Helenium autumnale* (cn)**

Common Sneezeweed

Large bright yellow daisies on 2-3 ft. stems. Lance-shaped green leaves. Attracts pollinators.

Does not cause hayfever! CA native.

Keep moist. Grows 2-3' tall.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: yellow Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone:

***Helenium bigelovii* (cn)**

Bigelow's Sneezeweed

Golden daisy like flowers, round dome center on 2-3 ft. stems. Lance-shaped green leaves.

Attracts pollinators. Does not cause hayfever! CA native.

Keep moist. Grows 2-3' tall.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: yellow Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone:

***Helenium puberulum* (cn)**

Rosilla Sneezeweed

Golden very small petals which quickly disappear to leave spherical center. Attracts pollinators.

Does not cause hayfever! CA native.

Keep moist. Grows 2-3' tall.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: yellow Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone:

***Hibiscus californicus* syn. *Lasiocarpus* (cn)**

California Hibiscus

Wetland hibiscus native to Sacramento River Delta. Fuzzy green leaves and broad white flowers.

Dormant in winter. Rare CA native.

Grows 3' tall. Prefers part shade and moist soil. Tolerates clay.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: white Lighting: Part-Sun USDA Zone: 4

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***Hippuris vulgaris* (cn)**

Mare's Tail

Creeping perennial herb that roots underwater. Narrow pine-tree like foliage grows above water surface. Ideal as oxygenator.

Can be submerged to 12". Grows to height of 24" above water surface.

Habit: Emerging Bloom Color: Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone: 4

***Hordeum brachyantherum* (cn) ~**

Meadow Barley

Clumping perennial topped with slender purple-tinged bristles. Used as meadow grass, by vernal pools, seasonal flood plains. CA native.

Tolerates many soil types and seasonal flooding. Blades 6'10" tall. Fast growing.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone:

***Hosackia gracilis* (cn) ^**

Witches Teeth / Seaside Bird's Foot Trefoil

Rare coastal perennial . Pink and yellow pea-flowers. Also *Lotus formosissimus*. Grows in moist coastal mountains and ocean bluffs. CA native.

Grows 6" tall, 2' wide. Well-drained soil. Tolerates seasonal drought. Deer resistant.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: pink, yellow, w Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone:

***Hydrocotyle ranunculoides* (cn)**

Floating Marsh Pennywort

Bright green aromatic marsh plant. Long creeping stems form dense mats. Shiny, leathery round leaves. Used as a Chinese herb. CA native.

Grows in swampy areas or on water surface. 2-6" above water surface. Can be submerged.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone:

***Hydrocotyle verticillata* (cn)**

Umbrella Pennywort

Creeping plant with round, deep green, umbrella-like foliage and umbel of white flowers.

Boggy moist soil to full submersion. Grows 2-3" in height.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone:

***Iris longipetala* (cn)**

Coast Iris

Uncommon CA native restricted to swales and moist areas in coastal grasslands from San Francisco to Monterey. Bluish-green leaves. CA native.

Prefers moist soil. Clumping, Grows 20' tall.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: lavender-blue Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone: 3

***Juncus 'Carman's Japan'* (cn)**

Carman's Japanese Rush

Clumping evergreen rush with graceful, narrow stems. Golden brown seed tufts appear in summer.

Grows to 18" height. Moist soil or submerged to 3" over top of pot.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone: 4

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***Juncus effusus* (cn)**

Soft Rush

Dark green foliage with seedy flower clumps in spring. Evergreen with round stems & brown flowers in summer. Drought tolerant.

Grows 2'-3' tall. Keep soil moist. Clumping.

Habit: Bog

Bloom Color:

Lighting: Sun or filtered

USDA Zone:

***Juncus lescurii* (cn)**

Salt Rush

Dark green stemmed rush, grows in freshwater and salt marshes and near sand dunes. Can be found in clumps or single stems. CA native.

Grows 2'-3' tall. Keep soil moist. Clumping.

Habit: Bog

Bloom Color:

Lighting: Full-Sun

USDA Zone:

***Juncus patens* (cn)**

California Gray Rush

Evergreen with blue-grey spines and brown seedy flower. Clumping. Native to U.S. west coast. Clumping.

Tolerates most conditions. Can be submerged to 4". Sun for flowering. Height 18"-30".

Habit: Bog

Bloom Color:

Lighting: Sun or filtered

USDA Zone:

***Juncus patens* 'Elk Blue' (cn)**

Elk Blue California Gray Rush

Evergreen with blue-grey spines and brown seedy flower. Clumping. Native to U.S. west coast. Clumping.

Tolerates most conditions. Can be submerged to 4". Sun for flowering. Height 12-18".

Habit: Bog

Bloom Color:

Lighting: Sun or filtered

USDA Zone:

***Juncus xiphioides* (cn)**

Irisleaf Rush

Interesting sculptured rush with wide blades and flowers clumps appearing like iris blooms. CA native.

Keep moist. Grows to 2' tall.

Habit: Bog

Bloom Color:

Lighting: Full-Sun

USDA Zone:

***Lasthenia glabrata* (cn) ^**

Goldfields

Annual wildflower with bright yellow flowers. Good in masses. Checker-spot butterfly larval plant, attracts goldfinches. CA native.

Grows 6-12" tall. Low salinity tolerance. Threatened species. Seasonal flooding.

Habit: Marginal

Bloom Color: yellow

Lighting: Full-Sun

USDA Zone:

***Leersia oryzoides* (cn) ~**

Rice Cutgrass

Cool season grass valuable for habitat and wetland restoration, erosion control in ditches.

Abrasive leaves. Grows from rhizomes.

Grows 3-4' tall.

Habit: Bog

Bloom Color:

Lighting:

USDA Zone:

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Lemna minor (cn)

Duckweed

Floating aquatic plant -one of the smallest of all flowering plants! Forms carpet of green on water surface. Good food source for wildlife. CA native.

Must be in water at all times.

Habit: Floating

Bloom Color:

Lighting: Full-Sun

USDA Zone:

Limonium californica (cn)

Western Marsh Rosemary

Also called Sea Lavender. Thick woody base, wide leaves, and pale-lavender flowers on vertical stalks. CA native.

Tolerates salt, alkaline, and poor drainage conditions. Keep moist. Grows to 1/2' tall.

Habit: Bog

Bloom Color:

Lighting: Full-Sun

USDA Zone:

Lobelia cardinalis (cn)

Cardinal Lobelia

Tall purple-red stems and burgandy leaves with bright red flowers at top. CA native.

Can be submerged. Grows to height of 2'-3'. Prefers very moist conditions.

Habit: Marginal

Bloom Color: red

Lighting: Sun or filtered

USDA Zone: 3

Lobelia dunnii serratta (cn)

Wild Blue Lobelia 'Serratta'

Delicate leaves and lavender blue flowers. Attracts pollinators. Groundcover. CA native.

Must be wet at all times. Winter dormant. Grows to 1' tall.

Habit: Marginal

Bloom Color:

Lighting: Shade

USDA Zone: 6

Lonicera involucrata (cn)

Twinberry Honeysuckle

Riparian deciduous shrub with beautiful red, purple and yellow flowers followed by black shiny fruit, edible but bitter. CA native.

Keep moist. Grows 6-10' tall. Very shade tolerant.

Habit: Marginal

Bloom Color: purple, red

Lighting: Part-Sun

USDA Zone: 4

Lupinus polyphyllus ssp. superbus

Streamside Lupine

Moisture loving lupine with variable growth habit. Showy white-pink to purplish-blue flowers. CA native.

Prefers moist habitats, cool temp, and seasonally wet soils, but will tolerate seasonal dryness.

Habit: Marginal

Bloom Color: pink or blue

Lighting: Sun or filtered

USDA Zone: 4

Lupinus rivularis (cn) ^

Riverbank Lupine

Pioneer plant for eroded wetlands. Good pollinator plant. Showy purple-blue flowers, aromatic. Medicinal. CA native.

Fast growing. Tolerates low-fertility soils. Grows 1-5' tall.

Habit: Marginal

Bloom Color: purple-blue

Lighting:

USDA Zone:

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Menyanthes trifoliata (cn)

Bog Bean (Buckbean)

Flowers stalks and leaves rise above water surface. Creeping rhizomes form colonies at pond edge. Star-shaped, hairy 5-petaled white flowers.

Prefers acidic, peaty soil. Grows to 12" tall. Submerge to 3".

Habit: Emerging Bloom Color: white Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone: 3

Mimulus aurantiacus (cn)

Sticky Monkey Flower

Cheerful blossoms of orange tubular flowers. Good nectar plant. Grown as shrub. CA native.

Tolerates drought and wet soils. Grows 2-3' tall. Requires good drainage.

Habit: Landscape Bloom Color: orange Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone:

Mimulus cardinalis (cn)

Cardinal Monkeyflower

Robust perennial tubular red flowers attract hummingbirds and other pollinators. CA native.

Keep moist. Grows to 2' tall and wide.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: red Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone:

Mimulus guttatus (cn)

Seep Monkey Flower

Perennial wildflower growing along streams. Long, tubular bright yellow flowers.

Fast growing. Wetland plant.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: yellow Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone: 6

Myrica (Morella) californica (cn)

Pacific Wax Myrtle

Evergreen shrub with smooth gray bark. Dense, shiny dark green foliage. Attracts butterflies. CA native.

Grows 30' tall, 20' wide. Multiple trunks unless pruned. Drought, moisture, salt, deer tolerant.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: yellow Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone: 7

Nasturtium officinale (cn)

Water Cress

Fast growing aquatic or semi-aquatic herb. Edible.

Keep moist. Can be partially submerged or used as ground cover.

Habit: Floating Bloom Color: white Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone: 3

Nuphar lutea ssp polysepala (cn) ^

Spadderdock

Large-leaved aquatic perennial with bright yellow blossoms. Seeds were used for flour and popcorn. Give off alcohol instead of CO2 when absorbing O2.

Grows in shallow water to 3' deep. Must be partially submerged.

Habit: Submerged Bloom Color: yellow Lighting: Sun or Shade USDA Zone:

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***Oenanthe sarmentosa* (cn)**

Pacific Water Parsley

Variety of water celery. Clumping groundcover with stalks of small white flowers. CA native.

Keep moist. Groundcover.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: white Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone:

***Oxalis oregana* 'White' (cn)**

White Redwood Sorrel

Woodland plant native to west US coastal forests. Attracts butterflies. Flower white with pink veins. CA native.

Moist soil. Ground cover. Prefers shade to part-shade.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: white Lighting: Shade USDA Zone: 7

***Phyla nodiflora* (cn)**

Texas Frog Fruit

Rambling ground cover. Tolerates drought and flooding. Soft green leaves, pinkish flowers.

Attracts butterflies. CA native.

Keep from frost. Usually found in wetlands. Sprawling.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: pink Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone:

***Physocarpus capitatus* (cn)**

Western Ninebark

Deciduous shrub with small clusters of white flowers and red fruits. CA native.

Tolerates high moisture but drought tolerant. Grows 4-8' tall.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: white Lighting: Part-Sun USDA Zone:

***Populus fremontii* (cn)**

Fremont Cottonwood

Deciduous tree native to riparian zones. Good for bird & butterfly gardens. Older trees have whitish cracked bark. Good restoration plant. CA native.

Very fast growing 39-115' tall. Keep from septic systems.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone:

***Potentilla anserina* (cn)**

Silverweed

Yellow flowers in summer with serrated green foliage. CA native.

Low growing to 6" tall. Prefers boggy conditions.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: yellow Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone:

***Potentilla glandulosa* (cn)**

Sticky Marsh Cinquefoil

Tall perennial with creamy yellow flowers. Red stems. Flowers last longer in shade. CA native.

Grows 1-2' tall. Grows in shade and sun.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: creamy yellow Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone:

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Potentilla gracilis (cn)

Fivefinger Marsh Cinquefoil

Multi-stemmed with dark gray-green leaves and silvery undersides. Flowers are pale to dark yellow. CA native.

Grows 1-2.5 ft. Intolerant of shade.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: yellow Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone:

Potentilla palustris (cn)

Marsh Cinquefoil

Sprawling perennial with purple-red flowers. Related to the rose. Native to N. American wetland meadows. CA native.

Tolerates brackish water. Grows 8"-24" tall.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: maroon Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone:

Quercus lobata (cn)

Valley Oak

Fast growing white oak. Deeply lobed leaves, green with slight gray coloring. Can live hundreds of years.

Requires moderate watering but not bog. Grows to 70' tall. Can be planted in lawn when young.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone: 3

Ranunculus californica (cn)

California Buttercup

One of the first flowering plants of the year. Yellow flowers. Easy to grow and profuse bloomer. CA native.

Enjoys moist soil but will tolerate drought. Grows 1-2' tall.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: yellow Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone:

Ranunculus flammula (cn)

Creeping Buttercup

Shallow water plant. Creeping perennial, tiny yellow flowers, delicate foliage. Blooms throughout summer. CA native.

Likes wet boggy soil. Grows to 1' height. Spreads by runners. Tolerates brackish water.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: yellow Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone:

Rhododendron occidentale (cn)

Western Azalea

Deciduous shrub found in streambanks and moist areas. Fragrant flowers, white to pink with yellow-orange markings. Bright green foliage. CA native.

Needs light to bloom. Filtered shade. Acidic, moist soil; cool root zone. Slow-growing. 3-13' .

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: white, pink, yel Lighting: Part-Sun USDA Zone:

Rosa californica (cn)

California Wild Rose

Deciduous shrub with single fragrant pink blossoms and red fruits. Good living fence. CA native.

Keep moist. Grows 3-5' tall.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: pink Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone:

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Rubus ursinus (cn)

California Blackberry

Native wild California blackberry. Evergreen. Excellent habitat plant. CA native.

Grows in patches up to 3' tall and 6' wide. Prefers moist soil but tolerates drought.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: Lighting: Part-Sun USDA Zone:

Sagittaria cuneata (cn)

Arum Leaf Arrowhead

Perennial marsh herb. Wide arrow shaped leaves, fleshy tuber like roots. Small white flowers grow on a single spike. CA native.

Grows best in calm, shallow water but can be submerged to 3'. Height 1-2 ft. Dormant in winter.

Habit: Emerging Bloom Color: white Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone:

Sagittaria latifolia (cn)

Broadleaf Arrowhead

Perennial herb. Very narrow leaves in arrowhead shape. Marsh plant. Small white flowers grow on a single spike. CA native.

Grows best in calm, shallow water but can be submerged to 3'. Height 1-2 ft. Dormant in winter.

Habit: Emerging Bloom Color: white Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone:

Sagittaria montevidensis (cn)

Giant Arrowhead

Aquatic freshwater herb found in shallow waters. Three white petal flowers with wine-red spots, grow on single stalk. CA native.

Grows best in calm, shallow water. Height 2'-3'. Hardy in mild winters.

Habit: Emerging Bloom Color: white Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone:

Salix exigua (cn)

Sandbar Willow

Tall shrub with narrow silky-gray leaves and gray bark. Good nectar source. Used for wetland restoration. CA native.

Keep moist. Grows 4-15' tall.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone:

Salix gooddingii (cn)

Goodding's Black Willow

Warm weather willow common in riparian habitats. Rough dark bark, many lateral branches.

Provides food for insects and wildlife.

Grows 10-100' tall. Requires sun and moisture. Tolerates flooding and short term drought.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone: 8

Salix laevigata (cn)

Red Willow

Deciduous shrub or tree with red-brown bark and pale leaves. Good for stream stabilization. CA native.

Keep moist. Grows to 45' tall.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone:

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Sambucus mexicana (cn)

Blue Elderberry

Deciduous shrub or small tree. Grows along river and streams. Flat clusters of creamy yellow flowers then blue berries. CA native.

Grows 8-25' tall. Keep moist.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: creamy yellow Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone:

Schoenoplectus acutus (cn)

Giant Bulrush (Tule)

Thick, erect green stems. Ecologically important as wind & current buffer, reducing erosion.

Provides wildlife habitat. Used for baskets. CA native.

Grows to 3-10' tall. Prefers partial submersion or bog.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone: 3

Schoenoplectus americanus (cn)

Three-Square Bulrush

Flowering rush with stiff three-angled stems. Food source for wildlife. CA native.

Keep moist. Grows to 2' tall.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone:

Scirpus cernuus (cn)

Fiber Optic Grass

Bright green evergreen foliage with graceful, weeping stems. Good container plant. CA native.

Grows to 10"-14" tall. Prefers moist soil. Can be submerged to 2". Heat tolerant.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone:

Scirpus microcarpus (cn)

Panicled Bulrush

Triangular stem with flat grass-like leaves sprouting from base and along stem. Can be used in standing water. CA native.

Keep moist. Grows 2-5' tall.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone:

Scrophularia californica (cn)

Beeplant (Figwort)

Purplish-red new growth that turns green. Many small maroon-red flowers. Attracts pollinators. CA native.

Forms large colonies in open spaces. Grows 2-3.5' tall.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: maroon-red Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone:

Sidalcea calycosa ssp. Rhizomata (cn)

Point Reyes Checkerbloom

Rare CA native groundcover for moist spots. Pink 1.5" blooms; round, glossy, scalloped leaves. Vigorous.

May go dormant in drought conditions. Grows 6-12" tall.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: pink Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone: 9

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***Sisyrinchium bellum* (cn)**

Blue Eyed Grass

Small clumping grass with iris-like leaves. Blue star flowers grow at tip of leaf. Native to California. Evergreen.

Grows to 12" tall. Grows in wetlands and woodlands.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: blue Lighting: Sun or filtered USDA Zone:

***Sisyrinchium californicum* (cn)**

Yellow Eyed Grass

Small clumping grass with iris-like leaves. Yellow star flowers grow at tip of leaf.

Grows to 8" tall. Prefers moist soil. California native.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: yellow Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone:

***Symphoricarpos albus v. laevigatus* (cn)**

Snowberry

Deciduous shrub with clusters of pinkish flowers then white berries. Understory plant, good bird habitat. CA native.

Grows 4' tall and spreading. Prefers part shade. Tolerates very moist and dry soil.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: pink, white Lighting: Part-Sun USDA Zone:

***Tellima grandiflora* (cn)**

Fringe Cups

Mounds of soft foliage with many small flowers blooming green and changing to pink. CA native.

Clumping shade plant. Grows 18-24" tall. Tolerates very moist to dry soils.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: green, pink Lighting: Shade USDA Zone:

***Typha latifolia* (cn)**

Common Cattail Rush (Cumbungi)

Narrow-leafed tall plant with velvety brown flower head. Classic pond plant. Good bird habitat. CA native.

Submerge. Dies back in winter. Likes brackish water. Grows 4'-8' tall.

Habit: Emerging Bloom Color: Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone: 4

***Viola glabella* (cn) ^**

Stream Violet

Wet woodland wildflower, found near streams. Heart shaped foliage, yellow flower. Pollinator plant. CA native.

Groundcover. Long bloom. 6-12" tall. Tolerates rich and clay soils.

Habit: Bog Bloom Color: yellow Lighting: Part-Sun USDA Zone: 5

***Vitis californica* (cn)**

California Wild Grape

Deciduous vine with clusters of small edible grapes. Grows along streams. CA native.

Prefers moist conditions. Grows laterally if not staked. Grows to 30'.

Habit: Marginal Bloom Color: Lighting: Full-Sun USDA Zone:

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Bee Friendly, no neonicotinoids
Free of synthetic sprays/fertilizers
Irrigated with 100% recycled water

(cn) = CA Native
^ = new introduction or few available
~ = contract grown only
* = can be invasive

DO NOT INGEST PLANTS WITHOUT CONSULTING A PROFESSIONAL. Reference to edible aquatic plants is for general information only. Your own research should be undertaken prior to ingesting any part of of any plant. If not properly identified or not properly prepared, some plant parts can be toxic.