

San Francisco Garden Native Plant List

Common Name	Latin Name	Full Sun	Filtered Sun	Shade	Sand	Chert Rock	Notes
Trees							
Buckeye	<i>Aesculus californica</i>	X	X				Best planted from seed
Coast Live Oak	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	X	X		X	X	Slow grower, important habitat
Arroyo Willow	<i>Salix</i>	X	X		X	X	Moist locations only
Toyon	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	X	X		X	X	Red berries in winter
Islais cherry	<i>Prunus iliciflora</i>	X					Thrives east of Twin Peaks
Silk Tassel Bush	<i>Garrya elliptica 'James Roof'</i>	X	X				
Shrubs and Subshrubs							
Phacelia	<i>Phacelia californica</i>	X			X		Purple flowers
Coyote bush	<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	X			X		Good habitat for insects and birds
Coastal Sagebrush	<i>Artemisia californica</i>	X			X		Aromatic
Coastal Sagewort	<i>Artemisia pycnocephala</i>	X			X		Successful dune plant
Sticky Monkeyflower	<i>Mimulus Auranticus</i>	X			X		
Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	X			X		Aromatic, very hardy
Coast Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum latifolium</i>	X			X		Butterflies
Seaside Daisy	<i>Erigeron glaucus</i>	X			X		
Colombine	<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>		X	X		X	Exquisite flowers, moist areas
Wild currant	<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>		X				
Bee plant	<i>Scrophularia californica</i>	X	X				Reseeds easily
Iris	<i>Iris douglassi</i>	X	X				
Snoberry	<i>Symphoricarpos</i>		X				White berries
Pearly Everlasting	<i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i>	X	X				Long lasting white flowers
Bunchgrasses							
Tufted Hairgrass	<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	X					Beautiful, good texture
California Fescue	<i>Festuca californica</i>	X	X				Large bunchgrass
Red Fescue	<i>Festuca rubra</i>	X			X		Looks better in full sun
Purple Needle Grass	<i>Nasella pulchra</i>	X					California state grass
Junegrass	<i>Koeleria macrantha</i>	X			X	X	Late bloom (hence name)
Ferns							
Western Sword Fern	<i>Polystichum munitum</i>		X	X			
Leather leaf fern	<i>Polypodium scoleri</i>		X	X			
Lady fern	<i>Arthyrium felix-femina</i>		X	X			Needs a lot of water
Vines							
Chapparral Clematis	<i>Clematis lasiantha</i>	X					Full sun
Virgin's Bower	<i>Clematis ligusticifolia</i>		X				Moister locations
California Grape	<i>Vitus californica 'Roger's Red'</i>	X	X				
Morning-glory	<i>Calystegia purpurata</i>	X	X			X	White to light yellow/purple flowers. Be sure to purchase locally grown.

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Ground Covers							
Coastal Strawberry	<i>Fragraria chiloensis</i>	X	X		X		Prefers sand, coastal influence
Mountain Strawberry	<i>Fragraria vesca</i>	X	X			X	Does better in slightly moist locations
Yerba Buena	<i>Satureja douglassi</i>	X	X		X	X	Aromatic, prefers coastal influence
Bleeding Hearts	<i>Dicentra formosa</i>		X	X	X		Purple flowers, Moist locations
Redwood Sorrel	<i>Oxalis oregana</i>			X	X		Redwood understory, moist shade
Wild ginger	<i>Asarum caudatum</i>			X	X		Redwood understory, moist shade
Annual Wildflowers							
Clarkia rubicunda	<i>Farewell to Spring</i>	X					Pink/Purple flowers. Late bloomer
Claytonia perfoliata	<i>Miner's Lettuce</i>	X	X	X			Edible leaves and flowers, Reseeds easily
Escholzia californica	<i>California Poppy</i>	X					San Francisco (not Palm Springs) variety