

## Selected Fire-Resistant Native Plants for Nevada and Placer County Landscapes

Desirable qualities of fire-resistant plants:

- High moisture content of leaves and stems (Can be augmented by irrigating, especially by watering deeply during the dry season. This is most important adjacent to structures.)
- High salt, mineral, or ash content of leaves and stems (retard fire spread)
- Low volume of fuel—dead leaves, branches, flowers, and seed heads (Can be augmented by trimming, especially adjacent to structures.)
- Low amounts of oils, terpenes, and other volatiles

The following lists include species that are commonly available. An asterisk (\*) indicates a California native that is not native to our counties. Many of these are coastal species that grow well here in watered gardens. Use only low-growing, irrigated landscaping adjacent to structures.

### Perennial Ground Covers

#### Dry habitat

Creeping Snowberry, *Symphoricarpos mollis*  
Mahala Mat, *Ceanothus prostratus*  
Coyote Bush, *Baccharis pilularis*  
cultivars 'Twin Peaks'\* or 'Pigeon Point'\*  
Creeping Mahonia, *Berberis aquifolium* var. *repens*  
Purple Needlegrass, *Nasella pulchra*

#### Moist habitat

Wild Ginger, *Asarum lemmoni* or *A. caudatum*\*  
Woodland Strawberry, *Fragaria vesca* and *F. virginiana*  
Bear Berry Manzanita, *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*\*  
cultivars 'Point Reyes'\* and 'Emerald Carpet'\*  
California Maidenhair Fern, *Adiantum jordanii*  
Red Fescue, *Festuca rubra*

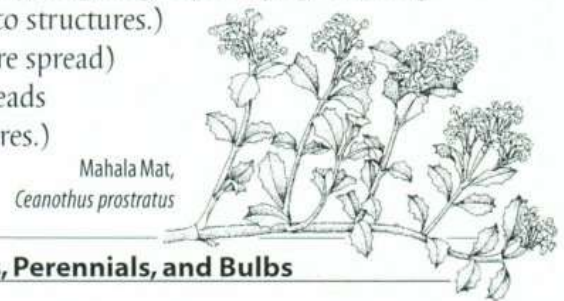
### Perennial Vines

#### Dry habitat

Wild Honeysuckle, *Lonicera hispidula* and *L. interrupta*  
(keep trimmed)  
Western Morning Glory, *Calystegia occidentalis*

#### Moist habitat

California Wild Grape, *Vitis californica*  
California Pipevine, *Aristolochia californica*



Mahala Mat,  
*Ceanothus prostratus*

### Annuals, Perennials, and Bulbs

#### Dry habitat

Annual wildflowers:

Globe Gilia, Elegant Clarkia, and Sky Lupine  
Foothill Penstemon, *Penstemon heterophyllus*  
Gay Penstemon, *Penstemon laetus*  
California Poppy, *Eschscholzia californica*  
Western Coneflower, *Rudbeckia californica*\*  
Woolly Sunflower, *Eriophyllum lanatum*  
Western Blue Flax, *Linum lewisii*  
Iris, *Iris macrosiphon* and *I. hartwegii* (deer resistant)

Native dryland bulbs:

Humboldt Lily, *Lilium humboldtii* ssp. *humboldtii*  
Soap Plant, *Chlorogalum pomeridianum*  
Mariposa Lilies, *Calochortus luteus* and *C. superbus*  
*Brodiaea*, *Dichelostemma*, and *Tritelia* species

#### Moist habitat

Annual wildflowers:

Chinese Houses, Baby Blue-eyes, and Fivespot  
Yarrow, *Achillea millefolium*  
(trim off dead flower stems)  
Scarlet Monkeyflower, *Mimulus cardinalis*  
Seepspring Monkeyflower, *Mimulus guttatus*  
Meadow Lupines, *Lupinus polyphyllus* and *L. latifolius*  
Violets, *Viola* species  
Western Columbine, *Aquilegia formosa*  
Alum Root, *Heuchera micrantha*  
Douglas Iris, Pacific Coast hybrids\*  
Bigelow's Sneezeweed, *Helenium bigelovii*  
Wild Bleeding Heart, *Dicentra formosa*  
Sierra Leopard Lily, *Lilium pardalinum*  
Giant Chain Fern, *Woodwardia fimbriata*

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## Shrubs

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### Dry habitat

Toyon, *Heteromeles arbutifolia*  
Snowberry, *Symphoricarpos albus* var. *laevigatus*  
Manzanita, *Arctostaphylos*  
many species and cultivars available  
Sierra Gooseberry, *Ribes roezlii*  
Tree Anemone, *Carpenteria californica*\*  
California Lilac, *Ceanothus*  
many species and cultivars available  
Western Redbud, *Cercis occidentalis*  
Coffeeberry, *Rhamnus rubra* and *R. tomentella*  
Oregon-grape, *Berberis aquifolium*  
Bush Monkeyflower, *Mimulus aurantiacus*  
Bush Lupine, *Lupinus albus*  
Silk Tassel, *Garrya elliptica*\*  
Skunkbush, *Rhus trilobata*  
Hollyleaf Redberry, *Rhamnus illicifolia*  
Pacific Serviceberry, *Amelanchier alnifolia*

### Moist habitat

Thimbleberry, *Rubus parviflorus*  
Manzanita 'Howard McMinn'\* for garden conditions  
Interior Rose, *Rosa woodsii* var. *montana*  
Spicebush, *Calycanthus occidentalis*  
Snowdrop Bush, *Styrax officinalis*  
Buttonwillow, *Cephalanthus occidentalis*  
Willows, *Salix* species  
Creek Dogwood, *Cornus sericea*  
Black-fruited Dogwood, *Cornus sessilis*  
Ninebark, *Physocarpus capitatus*  
California Huckleberry, *Vaccinium ovatum*\*  
Tower Spirea, *Spirea douglasii*  
Mountain Spirea, *Spirea densiflora*  
California Hazelnut, *Corylus cornuta*  
Chokecherry, *Prunus virginianus*  
Sierra Currant, *Ribes nevadense*  
Western Azalea, *Rhododendron occidentale*

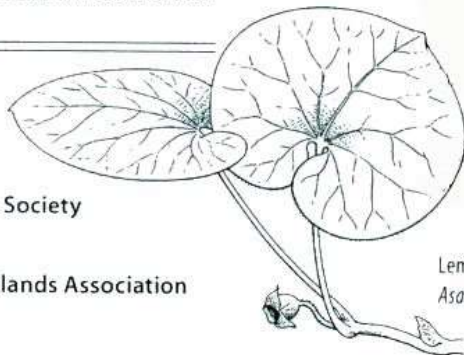
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## Information Sources

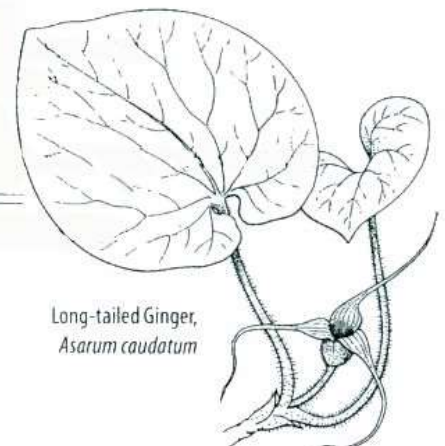
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[www.laspilitas.com](http://www.laspilitas.com)

California Native Plant Society  
[www.cnps.org](http://www.cnps.org)

California Native Grasslands Association  
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Lemmon's Wild Ginger,  
*Asarum lemmani*



Long-tailed Ginger,  
*Asarum caudatum*

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## Trees

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### Moist habitat

Bigleaf Maple, *Acer macrophyllum*  
Valley Oak, *Quercus lobata*  
Western Dogwood, *Cornus nuttallii*  
Oregon Ash, *Fraxinus latifolia*  
White Alder, *Alnus rhombifolia*  
California Bay, *Umbellularia californica*  
Cascara Sagrada, *Rhamnus purshiana*  
Willow, *Salix* species

### Dry habitat

All need to be kept trimmed if near your home.  
Pacific Madrone, *Arbutus menziesii*  
Blue Oak, *Quercus douglasii*  
Black Oak, *Quercus kelloggii*  
Canyon Live Oak, *Quercus chrysolepis*  
Interior Live Oak, *Quercus wislizenii*  
Leather Oak, *Quercus durata*

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## Sources for Plants and Seeds

### Redbud Chapter

[www.redbud-cnps.org](http://www.redbud-cnps.org)  
Holds annual Fall Native Plant Sale in October at the Banner Guild in Grass Valley. The sale features Northern California growers/nurseries offering native plants locally adapted to Nevada and Placer Counties as well as hard-to-find natives grown by Redbud Chapter members.

### Peaceful Valley Farm and Garden Supply

Grass Valley • 530-272-4769 • [www.GrowOrganic.com](http://www.GrowOrganic.com)

### Floral Native Nursery

Chico 530-892-2511 [www.FloralNativeNursery.com](http://www.FloralNativeNursery.com)

### Cornflower Farms

Elk Grove • 916-689-1015 • [www.CornflowerFarms.com](http://www.CornflowerFarms.com)