

Native Gardening Inspiration - Local Native Plants for Local Plant Communities

This list includes many of the more common natives local to Nevada and Placer Counties for our most widespread local plant communities, but it is far from exhaustive. Be sure to use plants that align with your specific location and conditions.

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* = Plant is always or usually grown from seed, because is it an annual (or a perennial often started from seed)

OVERSTORY PLANTS						
Botanical Name	Common Name	Oak Savannah	Chaparral	Oak Woodland	Yellow Pine Forest	Foothill Riparian
<i>Acer Macrophyllum</i>	Big Leaf Maple				X	X
<i>Aesculus californica</i>	California Buckeye	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Alnus incana</i> var. <i>tenuifolia</i>	Mtn Alder				X	X
<i>Alnus rhombifolia</i>	White Alder			X	X	X
<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>	Pacific Madrone				X	X
<i>Calocedrus decurrens</i>	Incense Cedar				X	
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Button-Willow					X
<i>Cornus nuttallii</i>	Pacific Mtn Dogwood				X	X
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Creek Dogwood				X	X
<i>Juglans hindsii</i>	N. California Black Walnut	X	X			X
<i>Notholithocarpus densiflorus</i>	Tanbark Oak		X	X	X	
<i>Pinus lambertiana</i>	Sugar Pine				X	
<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	Ponderosa Pine			X	X	
<i>Pinus sabiniana</i>	Foothill Pine, Gray Pine			X	X	
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	Douglas-Fir		X	X	X	
<i>Quercus chrysolepis</i>	Canyon Live Oak		X	X	X	
<i>Quercus douglasii</i>	Blue Oak	X	X	X	X	
<i>Quercus kelloggii</i>	Black Oak			X	X	X
<i>Quercus lobata</i>	Valley Oak	X	X	X		X
<i>Quercus wislizeni</i>	Interior Live Oak	X	X	X	X	
<i>Salix laevigata</i> etc.	Red Willows (& other ssp.)					X
<i>Umbellularia californica</i>	California Bay		X		X	X
MID-STORY PLANTS						
Botanical Name	Common Name	Oak Savannah	Chaparral	Oak Woodland	Yellow Pine Forest	Foothill Riparian
<i>Adenostoma fasciculatum</i>	Chamise		X		X	
<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	Alder-leaf Serviceberry		X	X	X	
<i>Arctostaphylos viscida</i>	Whiteleaf Manzanita	X	X	X	X	
<i>Calycanthus occidentalis</i>	Spicebush				X	X
<i>Ceanothus cordulatus</i>	Mountain Whitethorn		X		X	X
<i>Ceanothus cuneatus</i> var. <i>cuneatus</i>	Buckbrush		X	X	X	
<i>Ceanothus integerrimus</i>	Deerbrush		X	X	X	
<i>Ceanothus lemmonii</i>	Lemmon's Ceanothus		X	X	X	
<i>Ceanothus velutinus</i>	Tobacco Brush		X	X	X	
<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	Western Redbud		X	X	X	X
<i>Cercocarpus betuloides</i>	Mountain Mahogany		X	X	X	
<i>Chrysolepis sempervirens</i>	Bush Chinquapin		X		X	
<i>Clematis lasiantha</i>	Chaparral Clematis		X	X	X	
<i>Cornus sessilis</i>	Blackfruit Dogwood				X	X
<i>Corylus cornuta</i>	Beaked or California Hazelnut				X	X
<i>Eriodictyon californicum</i>	California Yerba Santa	X	X	X	X	
<i>Frangula californica</i> ssp. <i>tomentella</i>	Hoary Coffeeberry		X	X	X	X
<i>Fremontodendron californicum</i>	California Flannelbush		X	X	X	
<i>Garrya fremontii</i>	Silk Tassel		X	X	X	
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Toyon		X	X	X	
<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	Creambush		X	X	X	
<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	Twinberry				X	X
<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>	Mock Orange		X	X	X	
<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	Ninebark				X	X
<i>Pickeringia montana</i>	Chaparral Pea		X	X	X	
<i>Prunus virginiana</i> var. <i>demissa</i>	Western Chokecherry			X	X	X
<i>Rhamnus ilicifolia</i>	Hollyleaf Redberry		X	X	X	
<i>Rhododendron occidentale</i>	Western Azalea				X	X

Ribes nevadense	Mtn. Pink Currant				X	X
Ribes roezlii var. roezlii	Sierran Gooseberry		X		X	
Rosa gymnocarpa, etc.	Wood Rose (& other native roses)	X		X	X	X
Rubus parviflorus	Thimbleberry				X	X
Sambucus nigra ssp. caerulea	Blue Elderberry		X	X	X	X
Spiraea douglasii	Douglas' Spiraea				X	X
Styrax redivivus	Snowdrop Bush, Styrax		X	X	X	
Symphoricarpos albus	Common Snowberry			X	X	X

UNDERSTORY PLANTS

Botanical Name	Common Name	Oak Savannah	Chaparral	Oak Woodland	Yellow Pine Forest	Foothill Riparian
Achillea millefolium	Common Yarrow	X		X	X	X
Adelinia grande	Grand Hound's Tongue		X	X	X	
Adiantum jordanii	California Maidenhair Fern					X
Allium amplexans	Paper Onion	X	X	X	X	
Amsinckia intermedia	Common Fiddleneck *	X		X	X	
Anaphalis margaritacea	Pearly Everlasting	X	X	X	X	
Aquilegia formosa	Western Columbine			X	X	X
Arctostaphylos mewukka	Indian Manzanita		X		X	
Arctostaphylos nevadensis	Pinemat Manzanita				X	
Aristolochia californica	Dutchman's Pipe			X	X	X
Asarum hartwegii	Hartweg's Ginger				X	
Asclepias cordifolia	Heartleaf Milkweed		X	X	X	
Asclepias fascicularis	Narrow Leaf Milkweed	X	X	X	X	X
Asclepias speciosa	Showy Milkweed	X	X	X		X
Baccharis pilularis	Coyote Brush		X	X	X	
Berberis aquifolium var. repens	Creeping Barberry		X		X	
Calandrinia ciliata	Red Maids *	X		X	X	
Calochortus albus	White Globe Lily		X	X	X	
Calochortus monophyllus	Yellow Star Tulip		X	X	X	
Castilleja exserta	Purple Owl's Clover *	X		X		
Ceanothus prostratus	Mahala Mat		X		X	
Clarkia purpurea ssp. purpurea	Winecup Clarkia *	X				
Clarkia unguiculata	Elegant Clarkia *			X	X	
Claytonia perfoliata	Miner's Lettuce *	X	X	X	X	
Collinsia heterophylla	Chinese Houses *	X	X	X	X	
Dicentra formosa	Pacific Bleeding Heart				X	X
Dichelostemma capitatum	Blue Dicks	X	X	X	X	
Diplacus aurantiacus	Sticky Monkeyflower		X	X	X	
Dryopteris arguta	California Wood Fern			X		X
Elymus glaucus	Blue Wildrye	X				
Epilobium canum ssp latifolium	California Fuchsia		X	X	X	
Equisetum laevigatum	Scouring Rush, Horsetail					X
Eriogonum umbellatum	Sulfur Buckwheat		X	X		
Eriophyllum lanatum	Common Woolly Sunflower		X	X	X	
Erythranthe cardinalis	Scarlet Monkeyflower					X
Eschscholzia caespitosa	Foothill Poppy *	X	X	X		
Eschscholzia californica	California Poppy *	X	X	X	X	
Festuca californica	California Fescue	X	X	X	X	
Festuca idahoensis	Idaho Fescue	X	X	X	X	
Gilia capitata	Globe Gilia *		X	X	X	
Helianthella californica	California Helianthella	X	X	X	X	
Heuchera micrantha	Crevice Alumroot					X
Iris hartwegii	Hartweg's Iris, Sierra Iris			X	X	
Iris macrosiphon	Long Tube Iris, Bowl-Tubed Iris			X		
Lasthenia californica	Goldfields *	X		X	X	
Lathyrus sulphureus	Sulphur Pea		X	X	X	
Layia platyglossa	Common Tidy Tips *	X		X		X
Lepechinia calycina	Pitcher Sage		X	X	X	
Lilium humboldtii	Humboldt Lily		X	X	X	
Limnanthes alba	White Meadowfoam					X
Lonicera hispidula	Hairy Honeysuckle			X		X
Lupinus albicaulis	Sickle Keeled Lupine		X	X	X	
Lupinus albilfrons	Silver Bush Lupine	X	X	X	X	

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<i>Lupinus bicolor</i>	Miniature Lupine	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Lupinus latifolius</i>	Riverbank Lupine, Broadleaf Lupine		X	X	X	
<i>Lupinus nanus</i>	Sky Lupine *	X	X	X	X	
<i>Madia elegans</i>	Common Madia *	X	X	X	X	
<i>Maianthemum racemosum</i>	False Solomon's Seal				X	X
<i>Monardella villosa</i>	Coyote Mint		X	X		
<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	Deergrass			X		
<i>Nemophila maculata</i>	Five Spot *	X		X	X	X
<i>Nemophila menziesii</i>	Baby Blue-eyes *					X
<i>Penstemon azureus</i>	Azure Penstemon				X	
<i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i>	Foothill Penstemon	X		X	X	
<i>Salvia sonomensis</i>	Sonoma Sage		X	X	X	
<i>Sidalcea malviflora</i>	Checkerbloom		X	X	X	
<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>	Blue-eyed Grass	X		X	X	X
<i>Solidago elongata</i>	West Coast Canada Goldenrod, or Meadow Goldenrod			X	X	
<i>Stipa pulchra</i>	Purple Needlegrass	X		X		
<i>Symphoricarpos mollis</i>	Creeping Snowberry		X	X	X	
<i>Tellima grandiflora</i>	Fringecups				X	X
<i>Trifolium willdenovii</i>	Tomcat Clover *	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Trillium angustifolium</i>	Purple Trillium, Giant Wakerobin			X	X	X
<i>Triteleia bridgesii</i>	Bridges' Brodiaea	X	X	X	X	
<i>Triteleia ixioides</i>	Pretty Face	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Woodwardia fimbriata</i>	Giant Chain Fern					X
<i>Wyethia angustifolia</i>	Narrow Leafed Mule's Ears	X	X	X	X	