

# Use of Local Native Plant Species



Native, commercially available plants of Santa Clara County		
Botanical Name	Common Name	Associated Wildlife
<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>	Bigleaf maple	Amphibians, birds, deer, large and small mammals
<i>Acer negundo</i>	Boxelder	Birds, deer, small mammals
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Common yarrow	Birds, deer, small mammals
<i>Adenostoma fasciculatum</i>	Chamise	Birds, deer, small mammals
<i>Aesculus californica</i>	California buckeye	Birds, deer, hummingbirds, small mammals
<i>Alnus rhombifolia</i>	White alder	Birds, deer, hummingbirds, small mammals
<i>Alnus rubra</i>	Red alder	Birds, deer, hummingbirds, small mammals
<i>Amelanchier utahensis</i>	Serviceberry	Birds, deer, small mammals
<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	Western columbine	Hummingbirds
<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>	Pacific madrone	Birds, deer, hummingbirds, small mammals
<i>Arctostaphylos crustacea</i>	Brittle leaf manzanita	Birds, deer, hummingbirds, small mammals
<i>Arctostaphylos glandulosa</i>	Eastwood manzanita	Birds, deer, hummingbirds, large and small mammals
<i>Arctostaphylos glauca</i>	Big berry manzanita	Birds, hummingbirds, large and small mammals
<i>Arctostaphylos manzanita</i>	Whiteleaf manzanita	Birds, deer, hummingbirds, large and small mammals
<i>Artemisia californica</i>	California sagebrush	Birds, deer, small mammals
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	Coyote brush	Small mammals
<i>Baccharis salicifolia</i>	Mule fat	Birds
<i>Berberis aquifolium</i>	Oregon grape	Birds, hummingbirds, small mammals
<i>Castilleja exserta</i>	Purple owl's clover	Hummingbirds
<i>Ceanothus cuneatus</i>	Buck brush	Birds, deer, small mammals
<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	Western redbud	Birds, deer, hummingbirds, large and small mammals
<i>Cirsium occidentale</i>	Cobweb thistle	Hummingbirds
<i>Clematis ligusticifolia</i>	Western virgin's bower	Birds, hummingbirds

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<i>Cornus glabrata</i>	Brown dogwood	Amphibians, birds, deer, large and small mammals
<i>Cornus sericea ssp. sericea</i>	Redosier dogwood	Amphibians, birds, deer, large and small mammals
<i>Corylus cornuta var. californica</i>	California hazelnut	Birds, deer, large and small mammals
<i>Cynoglossum grande</i>	Western houndstongue	Hummingbirds
<i>Dudleya caespitosa</i>	Coast dudleya	Hummingbirds
<i>Dudleya cymosa</i>	Canyon dudleya	Hummingbirds
<i>Elymus glaucus</i>	Blue wildrye	Birds, deer, small mammals
<i>Epilobium canum</i>	California fuchsia	Hummingbirds
<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i>	California buckwheat	Birds
<i>Erysimum capitatum</i>	Sanddune wallflower	Hummingbirds
<i>Frangula californica</i>	California coffeeberry	Birds, deer, large and small mammals
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Common sunflower	Birds, small mammals
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Toyon	Birds, deer, hummingbirds, large and small mammals
<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	Ocean spray	Amphibians, birds, deer, small mammals
<i>Koeleria macrantha</i>	Prairie junegrass	Birds, deer, small mammals
<i>Lathyrus vestitus</i>	Pacific pea	Birds, hummingbirds
<i>Lepechinia calycina</i>	White pitcher sage	Hummingbirds
<i>Lilium pardalinum</i>	California tiger lily	Hummingbirds
<i>Lonicera hispidula</i>	Pink honeysuckle	Birds, hummingbirds
<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	Twinberry honeysuckle	Birds, hummingbirds
<i>Lupinus albifrons</i>	Silver lupine	Birds, hummingbirds
<i>Lupinus bicolor</i>	Miniature lupine	Hummingbirds
<i>Lupinus microcarpus</i>	Chick lupine	Hummingbirds
<i>Lupinus nanus</i>	Sky lupine	Hummingbirds
<i>Lupinus succulentus</i>	Succulent lupine	Birds, hummingbirds
<i>Malacothamnus fasciculatus</i>	Chaparral bush-mallow	Birds, hummingbirds

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<i>Mimulus aurantiacus</i>	Sticky monkeyflower	Hummingbirds
<i>Mimulus cardinalis</i>	Scarlet monkeyflower	Hummingbirds
<i>Monardella villosa</i>	Coyote mint	Hummingbirds
<i>Nasella pulchra</i>	Purple needle grass	Deer, small mammals
<i>Notholithocarpus densiflorus</i>	Tanoak	Amphibians, birds, deer, large and small mammals
<i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i>	Bunchleaf penstemon	Birds, hummingbirds
<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>	Hollyleaf cherry	Birds, deer, small mammals
<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak	Birds, deer, large and small mammals
<i>Quercus chrysolepis</i>	Canyon live oak	Amphibians, birds, deer, large and small mammals, reptiles
<i>Quercus douglasii</i>	Blue oak	Amphibians, birds, deer, large and small mammals, reptiles
<i>Quercus durata</i>	Leather oak	Amphibians, birds, deer, large and small mammals, reptiles
<i>Quercus kelloggii</i>	Black oak	Amphibians, birds, deer, large and small mammals, reptiles
<i>Quercus lobata</i>	Valley oak	Amphibians, birds, deer, large and small mammals, reptiles
<i>Quercus wislizeni</i>	Interior live oak	Amphibians, birds, deer, large and small mammals, reptiles
<i>Rhamnus crocea</i>	Redberry buckthorn	Birds
<i>Ribes californicum</i>	California gooseberry	Birds, hummingbirds
<i>Ribes malvaceum</i>	Chaparral currant	Birds, hummingbirds
<i>Ribes menziesii</i>	Canyon gooseberry	Birds, hummingbirds
<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	Flowering currant	Birds, hummingbirds
<i>Ribes speciosum</i>	Fuchsiaflower gooseberry	Birds, hummingbirds, small mammals
<i>Rosa californica</i>	California wild rose	Birds, small mammals
<i>Rubus parviflorus</i>	Western thimbleberry	Birds, deer, hummingbirds, large and small mammals
<i>Rubus ursinus</i>	California blackberry	Birds, deer, hummingbirds, large and small mammals
<i>Salvia columbariae</i>	Chia sage	Birds, hummingbirds
<i>Salvia mellifera</i>	Black sage	Birds, hummingbirds, small mammals
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Black elderberry	Birds, deer, hummingbirds, small mammals
<i>Scrophularia californica</i>	California figwort	Hummingbirds

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<a href="#">Stachys bullata</a>	California hedge nettle	Hummingbirds
<a href="#">Symphoricarpos albus</a>	Common snowberry	<a href="#">Birds, deer, small mammals</a>
<a href="#">Symphoricarpos mollis</a>	Creeping snowberry	<a href="#">Birds, hummingbirds</a>
<a href="#">Toxicodendron diversilobum</a>	Poison oak	<a href="#">Birds, deer</a>
<a href="#">Umbellularia californica</a>	California laurel	<a href="#">Birds, deer, large and small mammals</a>
<a href="#">Vaccinium ovatum</a>	California huckleberry	<a href="#">Birds, hummingbirds, large and small mammals</a>
Hummingbird species found in Santa Clara County		
Species	Seasonality	
Anna's hummingbird ( <i>Calypte anna</i> )	Year round resident	
Black-chinned hummingbird ( <i>Archilochus alexandri</i> )	Summer resident	
Allen's hummingbird ( <i>Selaphorus sasin</i> )	Summer resident	
Rufous hummingbird ( <i>Selaphorus rufus</i> )	Seasonal Itinerant Migrant	
Calliope hummingbird ( <i>Selaphorus calliope</i> )	Seasonal Itinerant Migrant	
Costa's hummingbird ( <i>Calypte costae</i> )	Uncommon Vagrant	

Click on the wildlife value link for the plant to see a USDA Forest Service description of the plant or search here for more information from the [USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service](#)

Click on the botanical name for more information on each plant from [CalFlora](#)

For information on growing plants that are pest and pathogen free, click here: [Phytophthora species in CA native habitats](#)

California Native Plant Society (CNPS) [Guidelines For Landscaping To Protect Native Vegetation From Genetic Degradation](#)

Like CNPS, the Santa Clara Valley Water District strives to protect, conserve, maintain, and reestablish watershed specific native plants. If natural revegetation from surrounding areas or the native soil seed bank is inadequate, actively assist revegetation by planting seeds or plants grown from seeds, cuttings or divisions collected locally. If planting is necessary, please use plant materials collected from the project site first, adjacent or nearby sites second, and the same watershed at the same approximate elevation and slope aspect as the project site.

Please talk to your local native plant and nursery experts! The local CNPS Santa Clara Chapter's website is <http://www.cnps-scv.org/>.

Click here for information on [CDFW's California Native Plant Program](#)

For useful advice, read the [Water Resources Protection Collaborative Guidelines and Standards for Land Use Near Streams: A Manual of Tools, Standards, and Procedures to Protect Streams and Streamside Resource in Santa Clara County](#), and the [Water Resources Protection Manual](#).

Information on historic riparian habitats can be found in the San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI) historical ecology reports. Look for the Santa Clara Valley and Santa Clara County at: <http://www.sfei.org/he/HE-publications>

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