

LA Native

Recommended California Native Trees and Plants for Coastal Area

The following plant choices are clay-adapted or adaptable and will grow in any type of soil. No soil amendments should ever be used. These are rugged plants if properly maintained. Natives require monthly supplemental water for three years after planting. Most are very drought tolerant after established. For specific height, width, watering, and photos, use Calscape www.calscape.org Note that some nurseries will have special cultivars with some different characteristics. Always ask.

Sun = 8 hours or more of direct sunlight per day

Part Sun = 4 hours or less of direct sunlight per day

Part Shade = Mostly reflected / filtered sunlight, no extended times of direct sunlight

Shade = No direct sunlight at all

Native trees should be used to form the canopy for the native shrubs and groundcovers beneath, utilizing plants with similar water requirements. If non-native plants are to be mixed with natives (which we do not recommend, as there is a native for every need), then plants with similar water needs should be grouped together.

Trees:

- Big Leaf Maple (*Acer macrophyllum*)*
- Bishop Pine (*Pinus muricata*)*
- Black Oak (*Quercus kelloggii*)
- Blue Elderberry (*Sambucus nigra* ssp. *caerulea*)*
- Blue Oak (*Quercus douglasii*)*
- Blue Palo Verde (*Parkinsonia florida*)
- Box Elder (*Acer negundo*)*
- California Bay Laurel (*Umbellularia californica*)*
- California Buckeye (*Aesculus californica*)*
- California Sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*)*
- California Wax Myrtle (*Myrica californica*)*
- Canyon Oak (*Quercus chrysolepis*)*
- Catalina Cherry (*Prunus ilicifolia* ssp. *lyonii*)*
- Catalina Mountain Mahogany (*Cercocarpus traskiae*)*
- Catalina Ironwood (*Lyonothamnus floribundus* ssp. *floribundus*)*
- Coast Live Oak (*Quercus agrifolia*)*
- Cuyamaca Cypress (*Hesperocyparis stephensonii*)
- Desert Willow (*Chilopsis linearis*)
- Fremont Cottonwood (*Populus fremonti*)*
- Four Needle Pinyon Pine (*Pinus quadrifolia*)
- Honey Mesquite (*Prosopis glandulosa*)
- Incense Cedar (*Calocedrus decurrens*)*
- Madrone (*Arbutus menziesii*)*
- Mesa Oak (*Quercus engelmannii*)*
- Monterey Pine (*Pinus radiata*)

- Pinyon Pine (*Pinus monophylla*)*
- Santa Cruz Island Ironwood (*Lyonothamnus floribundus* ssp. *asplenifolius*)*
- Southern California Black Walnut (*Juglans californica*)*
- Tanoak (*Lithocarpus densiflorus*)
- Tecate Cypress (*Cupressus forbesii*)
- Torrey Pine (*Pinus torreyana*)*
- Toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*)*
- Valley Oak (*Quercus lobata*)*
- Western Hackberry (*Celtis reticulata*)
- Western Red Cedar (*Thuja plicata*)
- White Alder (*Alnus rhombifolia*)*

Small Trees Under 20' Tall:

- Alvord Oak (*Quercus alvordiana*)*
- Big Berry Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos glauca*)
- Island Ceanothus (*Ceanothus arboreus*)*
- Laurel Sumac (*Malosma laurina*)*
- Lemonade Berry (*Rhus integrifolia*)*
- Scrub Oak (*Quercus berberidifolia*)*
- Western Redbud (*Cercis occidentalis*)*
- Yellow Palo Verde (*Parkinsonia microphyllum*)

* = Native specifically to Los Angeles County (best choices)

Plants, 4ft-wide areas, Sun:

- Apricot Mallow (*Sphaeralcea ambigua*)
- Beach Primrose (*Camissoniopsis cheiranthifolia*)
- Bladderpod (*Peritoma arborea*)
- California Buckwheat (*Eriogonum fasciculatum*)
- California Fairy Duster (*Calliandra californica*)
- California Fuchsia (*Epilobium canum*)
- Catalina Mariposa Lily (*Calochortus catalinae*)
- Chia (*Salvia columbariae*)
- Coyote Mint (*Monardella villosa*)
- Desert Sage (*Salvia dorrii*)
- Douglas Iris (*Iris douglasiana*)
- Fragrant Pitcher Sage (*Lepechinia fragrans*)
- Hummingbird Sage (*Salvia spathacea*)
- Munz' Sage (*Salvia munzii*)
- Narrow Leaf Milkweed (*Asclepias fascicularis*)
- Palmer's Mallow (*Abutilon palmeri*)
- San Diego Marsh Elder (*Iva hayesiana*)
- Sea Cliff Buckwheat (*Eriogonum parvifolium*)
- Seaside Daisy (*Erigeron glaucus*)
- Showy Penstemon (*Penstemon spectabilis*)
- Slender Woolly Buckwheat (*Eriogonum gracile*)
- Thistle Sage (*Salvia carduacea*)
- Verbena (*Verbena lasiostachys*)
- Wedge Leaf Horkelia (*Horkelia cuneata*)
- Wooly Sunflower / Silverlace (*Constancea nevini*)

Plants, 4ft-wide areas, Part Sun:

- Coyote Mint (*Monardella villosa*)
- Douglas Iris (*Iris douglasiana*)
- Foothill Penstemon (*Penstemon heterophyllus*)
- Fragrant Pitcher Sage (*Lepechinia fragrans*)
- Hummingbird Sage (*Salvia spathacea*)
- Narrow Leaf Milkweed (*Asclepias fascicularis*)
- Palmer's Mallow (*Abutilon palmeri*)
- Red Bush Monkeyflower (*Mimulus aurantiacus* var. *puniceus*)
- San Diego Marsh Elder (*Iva hayesiana*)
- Scarlet Monkeyflower (*Erythranthe cardinalis*)
- Sea Cliff Buckwheat (*Eriogonum parvifolium*)
- Selfheal (*Prunella vulgaris*)
- Wedge Leaf Horkelia (*Horkelia cuneata*)
- Western Columbine (*Aquilegia formosa*)
- Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*)
- Yerba Buena (*Clinopodium douglasii*)

Plants, 4ft-wide areas, Part Shade:

- Canyon Sunflower (*Venegasia carpesioides*)
- Checkerbloom (*Sidalcea sparsifolia*)
- Dwarf Mahonia (*Berberis aquifolium* var. *repens*)
- Golden Currant (*Ribes aureum*)
- Hummingbird Sage (*Salvia spathacea*)
- Island Alum Root (*Heuchera maxima*)
- Maritime Ceanothus (*Ceanothus maritimus*)
- Miner's Lettuce (*Claytonia perfoliata*)
- Red Bush Monkeyflower (*Mimulus aurantiacus* var. *puniceus*)
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Grasses, Sun:

- Alkali Sacaton (*Sporobolus airoides*)
- Big Squirreltail (*Elymus multisetus*)
- Blue Wild Rye (*Elymus glaucus*)
- Deer Grass (*Muhlenbergia rigens*)
- Giant Wild Rye (*Elymus condensatus*)
- Littleseed Muhly (*Muhlenbergia microsperma*)

Grasses, Sun to Part Sun:

- Blue Wild Rye (*Elymus glaucus*)
- Deer Grass (*Muhlenbergia rigens*)
- Sand Dropseed (*Sporobolus cryptandrus*)
- Slender Sedge (*Carex praegracilis*)

Grasses, Part Shade:

- Creeping Wild Rye (*Elymus triticoides*)
- Deer Grass (*Muhlenbergia rigens*)
- Sand Dropseed (*Sporobolus cryptandrus*)

Rushes for Sun to Shade:

- Brownhead Rush (*Juncus phaeocephalus*)
- Common Rush (*Juncus patens*)
- Irisleaf Rush (*Juncus xiphioides*)

Groundcovers for Sun to Shade:

- Beach Strawberry (*Fragaria chiloensis*)
- Lippia (*Phyla nodiflora*)
- Woodland Strawberry (*Fragaria vesca*)

Low Spreading Shrubs for Sun:

- Black Sage (*Salvia mellifera*)
- California Sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*)
- Chamise (*Adenostoma fasciculatum*)
- Conejo Buckwheat (*Eriogonum crocatum*)
- Little Sur Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos edmundsii*)
- Maritime Ceanothus (*Ceanothus maritimus*)
- Purple Sage (*Salvia leucophylla*)
- Red Bush Monkeyflower (*Mimulus aurantiacus* var. *puniceus*)
- Sticky Monkeyflower (*Mimulus aurantiacus* var. *pubescens*)
- Twin Peaks Coyote Brush (*Baccharis* 'Twin Peaks')

Low Spreading Shrubs for Part Sun to Part Shade:

- Bush Monkeyflower (*Diplacus aurantiacus*)
- California Goldenrod (*Solidago velutina* ssp. *californica*) (herb, not shrub)
- Catalina Currant (*Ribes viburnifolium*)
- Cleveland Sage (*Salvia clevelandii*)
- Datura (*Datura wrightii*) (herb, not shrub)
- Dwarf Rose (*Rosa gymnocarpa*)
- Dwarf Mahonia (*Berberis aquifolium* var. *repens*)
- Little Sur Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos edmundsii*)
- Maritime Ceanothus (*Ceanothus maritimus*)
- Red Bush Monkeyflower (*Mimulus aurantiacus* var. *puniceus*)
- Sticky Monkeyflower (*Mimulus aurantiacus* var. *pubescens*)

Shrubs for Sun:

- Barberry (*Berberis aquifolium*)
- Big Pod Ceanothus (*Ceanothus megacarpus*)
- Black Sage (*Salvia mellifera*)
- Bladderpod (*Peritoma arborea*)
- Bush Poppy (*Dendromecon rigida*)
- Bush Sunflower (*Encelia californica*)
- California Buckwheat (*Eriogonum fasciculatum*)
- California Fairy Duster (*Calliandra californica*)
- Channel Islands Tree Poppy (*Dendromecon hardordii*)
- Coyote Brush (*Baccharis pilularis*)
- Coffeeberry (*Frangula californica*)
- Flannel Bush (*Fremontodendron californicum*)
- Grape Soda Lupine (*Lupinus excubitus*)
- Greenbark Ceanothus (*Ceanothus spinosus*)
- Hairy Ceanothus (*Ceanothus oliganthus*)
- Hollyleaf Redberry (*Rhamnus ilicifolia*)
- Island Snapdragon (*Galvezia speciosa*)
- Matilija Poppy (*Romneya coulteri*) (herb, not shrub)
- Purple Sage (*Salvia leucophylla*)
- Santa Cruz Island Buckwheat (*Eriogonum arborescens*)
- Spiny Redberry (*Rhamnus crocea*)
- White Sage (*Salvia apiana*)
- Wooly Sunflower / Silverlace (*Constancea nevinii*)

Shrubs for Sun to Part Sun:

- Barberry (*Berberis aquifolium*)
- Bush Sunflower (*Encelia californica*)
- Channel Islands Tree Poppy (*Dendromecon hardordii*)
- Climbing Penstemon (*Keckiella cordifolia*)
- Coffeeberry (*Frangula californica*)
- Foothill Penstemon (*Penstemon heterophyllus*)
- Golden Currant (*Ribes aureum*)
- Hollyleaf Redberry (*Rhamnus ilicifolia*)
- Hooker's Evening Primrose (*Oenothera elata*)
- Humboldt's Lily (*Lilium humboldtii*) (herb, not shrub)
- Golden Currant (*Ribes aureum*)
- Island Snapdragon (*Galvezia speciosa*)
- Nevin's Barberry (*Berberis nevinii*)
- Spiny Redberry (*Rhamnus crocea*)
- Sunset Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos* 'Sunset')
- Wavyleaf Silktassel (*Garrya elliptica*)
- White Pitcher Sage (*Lepechinia calycina*)

Shrubs for Part Shade to Shade:

- California Wildrose (*Rosa californica*)
- Creeping Snowberry (*Symphoricarpos mollis*)
- Fuchsiaflower Gooseberry (*Ribes speciosum*)
- Pacific Blackberry (*Rubus ursinus*)

Vines:

- California Grape (*Vitis californica*)
- Desert Wild Grape (*Vitis girdiana*)
- Island Morning Glory (*Calystegia macrostegia*)
- Pacific Blackberry (*Rubus ursinus*)

Great Flowering Annuals:

- Arroyo Lupine (*Lupinus scculentus*)
- California Goldfields (*Lasthenia californica*)
- California Poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*)
- Chinese Houses / Innocence (*Collinsia heterophylla*)
- Desert Bells (*Phacelia campanularia*)
- Fivespot (*Nemophila maculata*)
- Large Flowered Phacelia (*Phacelia grandiflora*)
- Purple Clarkia (*Clarkia purpurea*)
- Sticky Phacelia (*Phacelia viscida*)
- Wild Heliotrope (*Phacelia distans*)