Sidewalk Gardening for Biodiversity
A photo guide of the top 10 plants for clay, loam and sun (SF East side) and sand and fog (SF west side)

Courtesy of California Native Plant Society Yerba Buena Chapter
Landscaping choices have meaningful effects on sustaining biodiversity

Incorporating native plants into the landscape provides natural beauty and enhances beneficial interactions by creating habitat, food, nest sites, pollen and nectar sources for various wildlife including pollinators and birds.

Past criteria for choosing plants for our landscapes

Future criteria for choosing plants for our landscapes

Source: Doug Tallamy, Professor of Entomology
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Top 10 Plants for Clay, Loam and Sun (SF East Side)

- **Yarrow** – *Achillea millefolium*
- **Bear Berry** – *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*
- **California Fuchsia/Zauschneria** – *Epilobium canum*
- **California Blueblossom or Lilac** – *Ceanothus thyrsiflorus*
- **Sticky Monkeyflower** – *Diplacus aurantiacus*
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- California Phacelia – Phacelia californica
- Checker Bloom – Sidalcea malviflora
- Blue Rush – Juncus patens
- Hummingbird Sage – Salvia spathacea
- Douglas Iris – Iris douglasiana
Top 10 Plants for Sand and Fog
(San Francisco West Side)
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- **Live Forever - Dudleya farinosa**
- **Coast Angelica - Angelica hendersonii**
- **Coastal Gum Plant - Grindelia species**
- **California Sea Pink - Ameria maritima ssp. californica**
- **Seaside Daisy - Erigeron glaucus**
Top 10 Plants for Sand and Fog (SF West Side)

- **Beach Strawberry** – *Fragaria chiloensis*
- **California Aster** – *Symphyotrichum chilense*
- **Coast Buckwheat** – *Eriogonum latifolium*
- **California fescue** – *Festuca californica*
- **Sandhill Sage** – *Artemisia pycnocephala*
WHEN YOU SAVE PLANTS, YOU SAVE EVERYTHING ELSE

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