

San Francisco Plant Communities Grassland/Prairie



Native Plants in Grassland/Prairie

Forbs

Yarrow *Achillea millefolium*

Milkvetch *Astragalus gambelianus, tener*

Brodiaea *Brodiaea elegans, terrestris*

Red Maids *Calandrinia ciliata*

Soap Plant *Chlorogalum pomeridianum*

Indian thistle *Cirsium brevistylum*

Brownie thistle *Cirsium quercetorum*

Clarkias *Clarkia pupurea, C. rubicunda,*

Chinese Houses *Collinsia heterophylla*

Fireweed/willowherb *Epilobium brachycarpum,*

ciliatum ssp. ciliatum, ciliatum ssp. watsonii

California Fuchsia *Epilobium canum*

San Francisco leafy fleabane *Erigeron foliosus*

Gumweed *Grindelia camporum, hirsutula*

Diablo sunflower *Helianthella castanea*

Iris *Iris douglasiana*

California Goldfields *Lasthenia californica*

Tidy Tips *Layia platyglossa*

Alkali parsnip *Lomatium caruifolium*

Woolly-fruited Lomatium *Lomatium*

dasycarpum

Common lomatium *Lomatium utriculatum*

Silver bush lupine *Lupinus albifrons* var.

collinus

Lupines *Lupinus bicolor, nanus, variicolor*

Goldenback Fern *Pentagramma triangularis*

Plantain *Plantago elongata, erecta*

Phacelia *Phacelia californica*

Yellow Stonecrop *Sedum spathulifolium*

Rayless Ragwort *Senecio aronicoides*

Checkerbloom *Sidalcea malviflora*

Goldenrod *Solidago californica*

Blue-eyed Grass *Sisyrinchium bellum*

Clovers *Trifolium* spp

California golden violet *Viola pedunculata*

Narrowleaf Mule Ears *Wyethia angustifolia*

Grasses

Bentgrasses. *Agrostis exarata, A pallens*

Bromes *Bromus carinatus*, *B. laevipes*
California Oatgrass *Danthonia californica*
Tufted Hairgrass *Deschampsia cespitosa*.
Fescues *Festuca idahoensis*, *F. rubra*
June grass *Koeleria macrantha*
California Melicgrass *Melica californica*
Purple Needlegrass *Stipa pulchra*

Shrubs

California Wild Rose *Rosa californica*
California Blackberry *Rubus ursinus*

Butterflies

Pipevine Swallowtail	Fiery Skipper
Anise Swallowtail	Mission Blue
West Coast Lady	Eastern Tailed Blue
Painted Lady	Western Tailed-Blue
American Lady	Gray Hairstreak
Common Buckeye	Coastal Green Hairstreak
Variable Checkerspot	Orange Sulphur
Field Crescent	Common Ringlet
Gulf Fritillary	San Bruno Elfin
Red Admiral	Bay Checkerspot
Common Checkered-Skipper	

Additional Wildlife

California Slender Salamander *Batrachoseps attenuatus*
Northern alligator lizard *Elgaria coerulea*
Anna Hummingbird *Calypte anna*
Black phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*
Lazuli Bunting *Passerina amoena*
Violet-green Swallow *Tachycineta thalassina*
Western Bluebird *Sialia mexicana*
Pacific-slope Flycatcher *Empidonax difficilis*
American Robin *Turdus migratorius*
American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*
Red-tailed Hawk *buteo*
Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis*
Dark-eyed Junco *Junco hyemalis*
Sunflower bee *Diadasia enavata*

Resources:

<https://calscape.org/>

<http://sfplantfinder.org/index.html?community=grasslandprairie>

“San Francisco Plants as Resources for Lepidoptera,” compiled by Jeffrey Caldwell
Butterflies of the Presidio, by Liam O’Brien and Mathew Zlatunich
“Butterflies of San Francisco,” brochure published by Nature in the City, illustrations and
inventory by Liam O’Brien

Calscape is CNPS’s plant selection tool with native plant pictures, sizes, soil types, sun/shade, water
needs and butterfly caterpillar value.
<https://www.calscape.org/>

California Native Plant Society - Yerba Buena chapter
<http://cnps-yerbabuena.org/>