

## Colorful Year Around Native Plants for San Francisco and Northern San Mateo County

San Francisco native plants bring color to your garden year around. These local colorful native plants feed butterfly & moth caterpillars, bees, hummingbirds and birds. Celebrate your chewed leaves! Chewed leaves are signs that caterpillars, the base of our food web, are being happily fed.

### Winter blooming plants

Pink flowers

Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos* species) - pink flowers (long bloom Jan-March)

Seaside Daisy (*Erigeron glaucus*) - pink flowers (long bloom Jan-Aug)

Pink Flowering Currant (*Ribes sanguineum* var. *glutinosum*, *malvaceum* and *divaricatum* var. *pubiflorum*) - pink flowers (long bloom Dec-March)

Yellow flowers

Coast Barberry (*Berberis pinnata* *pinnata*) - yellow flowers (long bloom Jan-May)

Beach Primrose (*Camissoniopsis cheiranthifolia*, *cheiranthifolia* ssp. *cheiranthifolia*) - yellow flowers (long bloom Jan-Aug)

### Spring blooming plants

Blue flowers

Blueblossom California Lilac (*Ceanothus thyrsiflorus*) - brilliant blue flowers

Houndstongue (*Cynoglossum/Adelinia grande*) - brilliant blue flowers (long bloom Feb-July)

Blue Dicks (*Dichelostemma capitatum*, *capitatum capitatum*, *congestum*) - purple-blue flowers

Baby Blue Eyes (*Nemophila menziesii*) - blue flowers

Chia Sage (*Salvia columbariae*) - blue flowers

Blue Eyed Grass (*Sisyrinchium bellum*) - purple-blue flowers

Purple flowers

Elegant Brodiaea (*Brodiaea elegans*, *terrestris*) - purple flowers

Owl's Clover (*Castilleja exserta*, *exserta* ssp. *exserta*) - purple flowers, must be planted next to another native plant to thrive

Cobweb Thistle (*Cirsium occidentale*) - purple flowers

Purple Chinese Houses (*Collinsia heterophylla*, *tinctoria*) - purple flowers

Blue Field Gilia (*Gilia capitata*, *capitata* ssp. *chamissonis*) - purple-blue flowers

Douglas Iris (*Iris douglasiana*) - purple flowers (variations available in pink, yellow and white)

Lupine (*Lupinus albifrons*, *chamissonis*, *formosus*, *polyphyllus*, *variicolor*, *succulentus*, *bicolor*, *nanus*, *microcarpus*) - purple and blue flowers (long bloom Apr-July)

Penstemon (*Penstemon heterophyllus*, 'Margarita Bop') - purple flowers (long bloom May-July)

Ithuriel's spear (*Triteleia laxa*) - purple flowers

Phacelia (*Phacelia californica*, *ciliata*, *distans*, *douglasii*, *malvifolia*, *nemoralis* and *ramosissima*) - purple flowers

Black Sage (*Salvia mellifera*, *mellifera repens*) - purple flowers (long bloom March-July)

Hedge Nettle (*Stachys ajugoides*, *bullata*, *chamissonis*) - purple flowers (long bloom Apr-Sept)

Vervain (*Verbena lasiostachys*) - purple flowers

Hookedspur Violet (*Viola adunca* ssp. *adunca*) - purple flowers

Pink flowers

One Leaf Onion (*Allium unifolium*, *dichlamydeum*) - pink flowers

Coast Rock Cress (*Arabis blepharophylla*) - pink flowers (long bloom Feb-May)

Seapink (*Armeria maritima*) - pink flowers  
Pink Mariposa Lily (*Calochortus albus*) - pink flowers  
Red Maids (*Calandrinia ciliata*) - bright pink flowers  
Harlequin Lotus (*Hosackia gracilis*) - pink and yellow flowers (long bloom March-July)  
Pacific Pea vine (*Lathyrus littoralis*, *vestitus* var. *vestitus*, *jepsonii*) - pink flowers (long bloom March-May)  
Pink Honeysuckle vine (*Lonicera hispidula*) - pink flowers (long bloom April-July)  
Malva Rosa (*Malva assurgentiflora*) - pink flowers (long bloom Feb-July)  
Shooting Star (*Primula hendersonii*) - bright pink flowers  
California Wild Rose (*Rosa gymnocarpa* and *californica*) - pink flowers, thorny  
Salmon Berry (*Rubus spectabilis*) - bright pink flowers, thorny  
Hummingbird Sage (*Salvia spathacea*) - bright pink flowers (long bloom Feb-July)  
Checker Bloom (*Sidalcea malviflora*) - pink flowers  
Snowberry (*Symphoricarpos albus* var. *laevigatus*, *mollis*) - pink flowers  
Fringe cups (*Tellima grandiflora*) - pink flowers

#### Red flowers

Big Leaf Maple (*Acer macrophyllum*) - red flowers  
Crimson Columbine (*Aquilegia formosa*) - red flowers  
Scarlet Monkeyflower (*Erythranthe cardinalis*) - red flowers  
Bee Plant (*Scrophularia californica*) - red flowers (long bloom Feb-May)  
Wakerobin (*Trillium chloropetalum*) - red and pink flowers  
Vetch (*Vicia gigantea*) - red flowers

#### Orange flowers

Fiddleneck (*Amsinckia intermedia*) - orange flowers  
Indian Paintbrush (*Castilleja latifolia*, *subinclusa*, *wightii*) - orange flowers, must be planted next to another native plant to thrive  
California Poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*) - orange flowers (other California poppy colors revert to orange flower producing seeds over the years)  
Orange Bush Monkey Flower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*) - orange flowers

#### Yellow flowers

Seaside Fiddleneck (*Amsinckia spectabilis*, *spectabilis* var. *spectabilis*) - yellow flowers  
Seascale (*Atriplex leucophylla*) - yellow flowers  
Yellow Mariposa Lily (*Calochortus luteus*) - yellow flowers  
Seep Monkey Flower (*Erythranthe guttata*) - yellow flowers  
Golden Aster (*Heterotheca sessiliflora* ssp. *bolanderi*, *sessiliflora* ssp. *bolanderi* 'San Bruno Mountain', *villosa*) - yellow flowers (long bloom March-Dec)  
Harlequin lotus (*Hosackia gracilis*) - pink and yellow flowers  
Tidy Tips (*Layia platyglossa*) - yellow and white flowers  
Goldfields (*Lasthenia californica*, *glabrata*, *glabrata* ssp. *glabrata*, *minor*) - yellow flowers (long bloom Feb-June)  
Lomatium (*Lomatium utriculatum*) - yellow flowers  
Yellow bush lupine (*Lupinus arboreus*) - yellow flowers (long bloom Apr-July)  
California Buttercup (*Ranunculus californicus*) - yellow flowers - edible seed (long bloom Feb-May)  
Yellow Eyed Grass (*Sisyrinchium californicum*) - yellow flowers  
Sun Cup (*Taraxia ovata*) - yellow flowers (long bloom Feb-April)  
Yellow Violet (*Viola pedunculata*) - yellow flowers  
Mule Ears (*Wyethia angustifolia*, *helenioides*) - yellow flowers (long bloom March-July)

## Summer-fall blooming plants

### Purple flowers

Farewell-to-Spring (*Clarkia unguiculata*) - purple, red and pink  
Aster (*Symphotrichum chilense* and *subspicatum*) - lavender flowers  
Coyote Mint (*Monardella villosa*, *villosa franciscana*, *sinuata*) - purple flowers  
Self Heal (*Prunella vulgaris* var. *lanceolata*) - purple flowers

### Pink flowers

Pink Sand Verbena (*Abronia umbellata* var. *umbellata*) - pink flowers  
Farewell-to-Spring (*Clarkia amoena*, *rubicunda*, *unguiculata*, *davyi*, *purpurea* ssp. *quadrivulnera*) - pink flowers, *Clarkia unguiculata* flower colors include purple, red and pink  
California Sand Aster (*Corethrogyne filaginifolia*) - pink flowers (long bloom June-Oct)  
Bleeding Heart (*Dicentra formosa*) - pink flowers  
Chaparral Mallow (*Malacothamnus fasciculatus*) - pink flowers (long bloom June-Aug)

### Red flowers

Farewell-to-Spring (*Clarkia unguiculata*) - purple, red and pink flowers  
Monkey Flower Savory (*Clinopodium mimuloides*) - red flowers  
California Fuchsia (*Epilobium canum*) - red flowers (long bloom Aug-Oct)  
Leopard Lily (*Lilium pardalinum* ssp. *pardalinum*) - red flowers  
Twinberry (*Lonicera involucrata* var. *involucrata*) vine - red flowers

### Orange flowers

California Poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*) - orange flowers (other California poppy colors revert to orange flower producing seeds over the years)

### Yellow flowers

Sand Verbena (*Abronia latifolia*) - yellow flowers (long bloom March-Oct)  
Deerweed (*Acmispon glaber*) - yellow flowers (long bloom May-Aug)  
Coyote Bush (*Baccharis pilularis*) - yellow flowers (long bloom Sept-Jan)  
Marigold (*Bidens laevis*, *cernua*) - yellow flowers  
Bluff Lettuce (*Dudleya farinosa*) - yellow flowers  
Mock Heather (*Ericameria ericoides*) - yellow flowers (long bloom Sept-Nov)  
Golden Yarrow (*Eriophyllum confertiflorum*, *lanatum* and *staechadifolium*) - yellow flowers (long bloom Feb-Aug)  
Goldentop (*Euthamia occidentalis*) - yellow flowers (long bloom Aug-Oct)  
Gumweed (*Grindelia camporum*, *hirsutula*, *hirsutula* var. *maritima*, *stricta* var. *angustifolia*, *stricta* var. *platyphylla*) - yellow flowers (long bloom June-Sept)  
Diablo Sunflower (*Helianthella castanea*) - yellow flowers  
Serpentine Sunflower (*Helianthus bolanderi*) - yellow flowers  
Creeping St. John's-wort (*Hypericum anagalloides*, *scouleri*) - yellow flowers  
Dune Goldenbush (*Isocoma menziesii* var. *vernonioides*) - yellow flowers (long bloom April-Nov)  
Evening Primrose (*Oenothera elata* ssp. *hookeri*) - yellow flowers  
Madia (*Madia elegans*, *sativa*) - yellow flowers  
Yellow Stonecrop (*Sedum spathulifolium*) - yellow flowers (long bloom April-July)  
Goldenrod (*Solidago velutina* ssp. *californica* and *spathulata*) - yellow flowers (long bloom June-Oct)  
Dune Tansy (*Tanacetum bipinnatum*) - yellow flowers (long bloom July-Oct)

### **Colorful Foliage**

Big Leaf Maple (*Acer macrophyllum*)  
Dutchmans Pipevine (*Aristolochia californica*)  
California Hazelnut (*Corylus cornuta* ssp. *californica*)  
Sand Pygmy Stonecrop (*Crassula connata*)  
Blue Elderberry (*Sambucus nigra* ssp. *caerulea*)  
Roger's Red Grape (*Vitis californica* 'Roger's Red') caution: significant maintenance

### **Gray Foliage**

California Sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*)  
Canyon Gray Sagebrush (*Artemisia californica* 'Canyon Gray')  
Montara Sagebrush (*Artemisia californica* 'Montara')  
Dune Sagewort (*Artemisia pycnocephala*)  
Coast Buckwheat (*Eriogonum latifolium*)

### **Colorful Bark**

Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos* species)  
Pacific Madrone (*Arbutus menziesii*)  
Red Twig Dogwood (*Cornus sericea*) - caution: significant maintenance

### **Colorful Berries**

Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos* species)  
Pacific Madrone (*Arbutus menziesii*)  
Coast Barberry (*Berberis pinnata* *pinnata*)  
Beach Strawberry (*Fragaria chiloensis*)  
Woodland Strawberry (*Fragaria vesca*)  
Toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*)  
Hollyleaf Cherry (*Prunus ilicifolia*)  
Redberry (*Rhamnus crocea*)  
Pink Flowering Currant (*Ribes sanguineum* var. *glutinosum*, *malvaceum* and *divaricatum* var. *pubiflorum*)  
Thimbleberry (*Rubus parviflorus*)  
Salmon Berry (*Rubus spectabilis*) - thorny  
Blue Elderberry (*Sambucus nigra* ssp. *caerulea*)  
Huckleberry (*Vaccinium ovatum*)

### **Colorful container plants**

Colorful native plants include shallow rooted annuals, bulbs and succulents that thrive in containers, pots and window boxes, as well as thriving in the ground.

#### **Annuals for Containers**

Farewell-to-Spring (*Clarkia amoena*, *rubicunda*, *unguiculata*, *davyi*, *purpurea* ssp. *quadrivulnera*) - pink flowers, *Clarkia unguiculata* flower colors include purple, red and cream, as well as pink

Red Maids (*Calandrinia ciliata*) - bright pink flowers

Purple Chinese Houses (*Collinsia heterophylla*, *tinctoria*) - purple flowers

Blue Field Gilia (*Gilia capitata*, *capitata* ssp. *chamissonis*) - purple-blue flowers

Goldfields (*Lasthenia californica*, *glabrata*, *glabrata* ssp. *glabrata*, *minor*) - yellow flowers (long bloom Feb-June)

Tidy Tips (*Layia platyglossa*) - yellow and white flowers

Lupine (*Lupinus bicolor*, *nanus*) - blue or purple flowers depending on species (long bloom Apr-

July)

Madia (*Madia elegans, sativa*) - yellow flowers

Baby Blue Eyes (*Nemophila menziesii*) - blue flowers

Phacelia (*Phacelia ciliata, distans, douglasii, malvifolia, nemoralis, ramosissima*) - purple flowers

Chia Sage (*Salvia columbariae*) - blue flowers

#### Bulbs/rhizomes for Containers

Elegant brodiaea (*Brodiaea elegans, terrestris*) - purple flowers

Ithuriel's spear (*Triteleia laxa*) - purple flowers

Douglas Iris (*Iris douglasiana*) - purple flowers (variations available in pink, yellow and white)

Blue Eyed Grass (*Sisyrinchium bellum*) - purple-blue flowers

Blue Dicks (*Dichelostemma capitatum*) - purple-blue flowers

One Leaf Onion (*Allium unifolium*) - pink flowers

Mariposa Lily (*Calochortus albus*) - pink flowers

Mariposa Lily (*Calochortus luteus*) - yellow flowers

#### Succulents for Containers

Use cactus mix soil for succulents in containers

Bluff Lettuce (*Dudleya farinosa*) - yellow flowers

Yellow Stonecrop (*Sedum spathulifolium*) - yellow flowers

Sand Pygmy Stonecrop (*Crassula connata*) - red foliage

Calscape is CNPS's plant selection tool with California native plant pictures, plant size at full growth, soil types, sun/shade needs, water needs, butterfly caterpillar value (chewed leaves are good!) and nurseries with plant availability.

<https://www.calscape.org/>

Calflora has detailed bloom periods for California native plants

<https://www.calflora.org/>

Pacific Coast Iris Society has details about Douglas Iris color choices. The Douglas Iris species color is purple.

<http://pacificcoastiris.org/>

California Native Plant Society - Yerba Buena chapter

<http://cnps-yerbabuena.org/>