

# SAN FRANCISCO PLANT COMMUNITIES

## RIPARIAN



### Native Plants in Riparian Areas

#### Forbs

California Maiden Hair Fern *Adiantum jordanii*

Lady Fern *Athyrium filix-femina* var. *cyclosum*

Western Columbine *Aquilegia formosa*

Marigold *Bidens laevis*

Pacific bleeding heart *Dicentra formosa*

Common Horsetail *Equisetum arvense*

Scouringrush Horsetail *Equisetum hyemale* ssp. *affine*

Horsetail *Equisetum laevigatum*

Sneezeweed *Helenium puberulum*

Cow Parsnip *Heracleum maximum*

Harlequin Lotus *Hosackia gracilis*

Scarlet & Creek Monkeyflower *Mimulus cardinalis*, *M. guttatus*

Bird's-foot Fern *Pellaea mucronata* var. *mucronata*

Coffee Fern *Pellaea andromedifolia*

California Polypody *Polypodium californicum*

Nested Polypody *Polypodium calirhiza*

Licorice Fern *Polypodium glycyrrhiza*

Leathery Polypody *Polypodium scolieri*

Sword Fern *Polystichum imbricans* ssp. *imbricans*

California Buttercup *Ranunculus californicus*

Rose *Rosa californica*

California Bee Plant *Scrophularia californica*

Blue-eyed grass *Sisyrinchium bellum*

Yellow-eyed grass *Sisyrinchium californicum*

Hedgenettle *Stachys ajugoides*, *bullata*, *chamissonis*, *rigida*

Wild Aster *Symphotrichum chilense*  
Bigflower Tellima *Tellima grandiflora*  
Clovers *Trifolium* spp

Violets *Viola adunca* ssp. *adunca*, *Viola pedunculata*

### Grasses, Sedges, Rushes

Saltmarsh bulrush *Bolboschoenus maritimus*  
Common or Creeping Spikerush *Eleocharis macrostachya*  
Slough sedge *Carex obnupta*  
Tufted Hairgrass *Deschampsia cespitosa*.  
Meadow Barley *Hordeum brachyantherum*

Rushes *Juncus* spp

California bulrush *Bolboschoenus maritimus*  
Southern, Broadleaf Cattail *Typha domingensis*, *T. latifolia*

### Vines

Dutchmans Pipevine *Aristolochia californica*

Twinberry Honeysuckle *Lonicera involucrata*

### Shrubs

California Dogwood *Cornus glabrata*, *nuttallii*, *sericea* ssp. *sericea*  
California Wild Rose *Rosa californica*, *R. gymnocarpa*

Huckleberry *Vaccinium ovatum*

Berry *Rubus parviflorus*, *spectabilis*, *ursinus*

Snowberry *Symphoricarpos albus* var. *laevigatus*, *mollis*

### Trees

California Buckeye *Aesculus californica*

California Hazelnut *Corylus cornuta* ssp. *californica*

California Wax Myrtle, Pacific Bayberry  
*Myrica californica*

Willows, *Salix laevigata*, *S. lasiandra*, *S. lasiolepis*

Blue, Red Elderberry *Sambucus nigra* ssp. *cerulea*, *S. racemosa* var. *racemosa*

### Butterflies

California Sister

Orange Sulphur

Acmon Blue

Mourning Cloak

Western Tiger Swallowtail

Red Admiral

Lorquin's Admiral

Painted Lady

Echo Azure

Variable Checkerspot

Mylitta Crescent

Common Buckeye

Gray Hairstreak  
Eastern Tailed Blue  
Sachem  
Large Marble  
California Tortoiseshell  
Gulf Fritillary  
Callippe Silverspot Fritillary  
Satyr Comma

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#### Additional Wildlife

Yellow-eyed Ensatina Salamander *Ensatina  
eschscholtzii* ssp. *xanthoptica*  
California Slender Salamander *Batrachoseps  
attenuatus*  
California red-legged frog *Rana draytonii*  
Anna Hummingbird *Calypte anna*  
Warbling Vireo *Vireo gilvus*  
Bank Swallow *Riparia riparia*  
Red-shouldered Hawk *Buteo lineatus*  
Chestnut-backed Chickadee *Poecile  
rufescens*  
Orange-crowned Warbler *Vermivora celata*  
Wilson's Warbler *Wilsonia pusilla*  
Song Sparrow *Melospiza melodia*  
Bullock's Oriole *Icterus bullockii*  
American Goldfinch *Carduelis tristis*

Resources:

<https://calscape.org/>

[http://sfplantfinder.org/index.html?  
community=riparian](http://sfplantfinder.org/index.html?community=riparian)

“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.