

Low Fire Hazard California Native Plant list - Portola Valley Conservation Committee					Version 24 Nov 2020
Common name	Scientific name	Local Native	Light requirement	Comments	
Local native plants are California natives currently found in or likely to become naturalized in Portola Valley habitats					
Some species of listed plants are very sensitive to local conditions; before selecting plants, carefully check their suitability for the intended location					
Trees require trimming, clean up of dead branches and limbing up to avoid ladder fuel; shrubs require removal of dead wood					
Many of the listed plants can be found in the Portola Valley Town Center demonstration gardens					
Trees					
California Buckeye	<i>Aesculus californica</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Madrone	<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>	yes	sun, part shade	difficult to plant or transplant	
Oak, Coast Live	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Oak, Blue	<i>Quercus douglasii</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Oak, Black	<i>Quercus kelloggii</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Oak, Valley	<i>Quercus lobata</i>	yes	sun		
Oak, Canyon Live	<i>Quercus chrysolepis</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Oak, Interior Live	<i>Quercus wislizeni</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Trees, Riparian					
Coast Redwood	<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>	yes	sun or shade		
Maple, Big Leaf	<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Oregon Ash	<i>Fraxinus latifolia</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Willow, Arroyo	<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	yes	sun		
Willow, Red	<i>Salix laevigata</i>	yes	sun		
Willow, Sandbar	<i>Salix exigua</i>	yes	sun		
Willow, Scouler's	<i>Salix scouleriana</i>	yes	sun		
Willow, Shining	<i>Salix lasiandra</i>	yes	sun		
Willow, Sitka	<i>Salix sitchensis</i>	yes	sun		

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Shrubs					
	Beargrass	<i>Nolina bigelovii</i>	no	sun	
	Blue Witch	<i>Solanum umbelliferum</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
	Island Bush Poppy	<i>Dendromecon harfordii</i>	no	sun	
	Bush Poppy	<i>Dendromecon rigida</i>	yes	sun	
	California Lilac	<i>Ceanothus</i> spp.	yes	sun	short lived; difficult to transplant
	Coffeeberry	<i>Frangula californica</i> (<i>Rhamnus californica</i>)	yes	sun, part shade	
	Chaparral Currant	<i>Ribes malvaceum</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
	Holly-leafed Cherry	<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
	Lemonade Berry	<i>Rhus integrifolia</i>	no	sun, part shade	
	Mountain Grape	<i>Berberis aquifolium</i>	no	sun, part shade	
	Parry's Nolina	<i>Nolina parryi</i>	no	sun	native to Ca deserts
	Pacific Aster	<i>Symphotrichum chilense</i>	yes	sun, part shade	tendency to spread
	Pacific Rhododendron	<i>Rhododendron macrophyllum</i>		part shade	evergreen
	Silk Tassel Bush	<i>Garrya elliptica</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
	Spiny Redberry	<i>Rhamnus crocea</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
	Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	yes	shade, part shade	
	Toyon	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
	Western Azalea	<i>Rhododendron occidentale</i>	yes	part shade	deciduous
	Western Redbud	<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	yes	sun, part shade	

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Wood Rose	<i>Rosa gymnocarpa</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Bush Anemone	<i>Carpenteria californica</i>	no	part shade		
Sugar Bush	<i>Rhus ovata</i>	no	sun, part shade		
St. Catherine's Lace	<i>Eriogonum giganteum</i>	no	sun		
Coast Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum latifolium</i>	yes	sun		
Golden Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum luteolum</i>	yes	sun		
Nude Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum nudum</i>	yes	sun		
Slender Wooly Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum gracile</i>	yes	sun		
Santa Cruz Island Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum arborescens</i>	no	sun		
Summer Holly	<i>Comarostaphylis diversifolia</i> , <i>Comarostaphylis planifolia</i>	no	sun, part shade		
Shrubs, Riparian					
Blue Elderberry	<i>Sambucus mexicana</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
California Barberry	<i>Berberis pinnata</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Creek Dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Flowering Currant	<i>Ribes sanguineum</i> var. <i>glutinosum</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Mock Orange	<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>	no	sun, part shade		

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Ground Covers, Perennials and Bunchgrasses					
	Beach Aster	<i>Erigeron glaucus</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
	Beach Strawberry	<i>Fragaria chiloensis</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
	Bearberry	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
	Beardtongue	<i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i> <i>Penst. eatonii, Penst. monrovia</i>	no	sun	
	Blue Eyed Grass or Grass Iris	<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>	yes	sun	
	California Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus californicus</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
	California Fescue	<i>Festuca californica</i>	yes	sun, part shade	cut back annually; irrigate
	California Fuchsia	<i>Epilobium canum</i>	yes	sun	
	California Goldenrod	<i>Solidago californica</i>	yes	sun, part shade	invasive
	California Poppy	<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	yes	sun	
	Checkerbloom	<i>Sidalcea malviflora</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
	Common Lippia	<i>Phyla nodiflora</i>	no	sun	
	Common Thrift	<i>Armeria maritima</i>	yes	sun	
	Coral Bells	<i>Heuchera sanguinea</i>	no	sun, part shade	
	Coreopsis	<i>Leptosyne</i> spp.	no	sun	
	Coyote Mint	<i>Monardella villosa</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
	Creeping Oregon Grape/Dwarf Mahonia	<i>Berberis aquifolium var repens</i>	no	sun, part shade	invasive by underground runners
	Creeping Sage	<i>Salvia sonomensis</i>	no	sun, part shade	prune vigorously to remove dead material
	Creeping Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos mollis</i>	yes	part shade	
	Crevice Alumroot	<i>Heuchera micrantha</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
	Deer Grass	<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	no	sun	cut back annually; irrigate
	Dudleya	<i>Dudleya cymosa</i>	no	sun	
	Foothill (Sanddune) Wallflower	<i>Erysimum capitatum</i>	yes	sun	
	Golden Yarrow	<i>Eriophyllum confertiflorum</i>	yes	sun	
	Gumplant	<i>Grindelia stricta</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
	Hummingbird Sage	<i>Salvia spathacea</i>	yes	shade, part shade	needs moisture

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Ithuriel's Spear	<i>Triteleia laxa</i>	yes	sun		
Lizard Tail	<i>Eriophyllum staechadifolium</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Lupine	<i>Lupinus formosus</i> , <i>Lup. albiflorus</i>	yes	sun		
Red Fescue	<i>Festuca rubra</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Spreading Rush	<i>Juncus patens</i>	yes	sun		
Sticky Monkeyflower	<i>Diplacus aurantiacus</i> (<i>Mimulus a.</i>)	yes	sun		
Yellow Stonecrop	<i>Sedum spathulifolium</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Western Sword Fern	<i>Polystichum munitum</i>	yes	part shade		
Western Bleeding Heart	<i>Dicentra formosa</i>	yes	part shade		
Western Columbine; Crimson Columbine	<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
White Brodiaea	<i>Triteleia hyacinthina</i>	yes	sun		
Wild Ginger	<i>Asarum caudatum</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Wood Strawberry	<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	yes	sun		
Yelloweyed Grass	<i>Sisyrinchium californicum</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Yerba Buena	<i>Clinopodium douglasii</i> (<i>Satureja douglasii</i>)	yes	part shade		

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Bulbs, tubers, vines					
	Iris, Central Coast	<i>Iris longipetala</i>	yes	shade, part shade	
	Iris, Douglas	<i>Iris douglasii</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
	Iris, Fernald's	<i>Iris fernaldii</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
	Iris, Ground	<i>Iris macrosiphon</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
	Pink or Hairy Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera hispidula</i>	yes	sun, part shade	leggy and vigorous spreader
	Star Lily	<i>Toxicoscordion fremontii</i> (<i>Zigadenus fremontii</i>)	yes	sun	poisonous