

# TECHNICAL ELEMENTS



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## EASY TO GROW

Starting off on the adventure of using California Natives can be daunting at times. So many plants, so many new names. As with other matters, though, the core plants that are used in the garden become like good friends. You learn their names, then their habitats, and then dig deeply into their quirks.

You will develop a long-lasting relationship with many of these easy-to-grow favorites.

*Arctostaphylos* species - Manzanita - shrubs and small trees

*Baccharis pilularis* varieties - Dwarf Coyote Bush - ground cover

*Ceanothus* species - California Wild Lilac - signature flowering shrub

*Cercis occidentalis* - Western Redbud - fall foliage tree

*Coreopsis maritima* - Sea Dahlia - flowering open shrub

*Eriogonum* species - California Buckwheat - Spiky stalked shrub with warm-toned flowers

*Fremontodendron* species - Fremontia - classic bush, the state publication is named after this popular beauty



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*Galvezia speciosa* - Island Bush Snapdragon - small shrub with beautiful red flowers

*Heteromeles arbutifolia* - Toyon - makes up much of our coastal scrub wild lands.

*Iris douglasiana* - Douglas Iris - spreads via rhizomes

*Lyonothamnus floribundus* spp. *asplenifolius* - Fern-leaved Catalina Ironwood - can grow to fifty feet

*Mimulus* species - Monkey Flower - cheerful and profuse spring bloomer

*Pinus torreyana* - Torrey Pine - a local symbol

*Prunus ilicifolia* ssp. *ilicifolia* - Holly-Leafed Cherry - large shrub with white spring flowers and red fall berries

*Quercus dumosa* - Nuttall's Scrub Oak - a smaller oak but a classic

*Quercus agrifolia* - Coast Live Oak - majestic

*Rhamnus californica* - California Coffeeberry - large sturdy shrub with beautiful berries

*Rhus* species - Lemonadeberry - large shrub with berries that really do taste of lemonade!

*Romneya coulteri* - Matilija Poppy - annual in sunny yellow and white

*Salvia clevelandii* - Cleveland Sage - classic "California Coastal" plant

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