

# Songbirds



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As you fill your garden with California native plants you will begin to hear the vibrant conversations of towhees, wrens, finches, warblers and sparrows, just to name a few! You will see flashes of color, little birds hopping through cocking their heads to look at you, wondering why you are sitting in their space, though you are quickly forgotten as they continue with their foraging. Before you know it you will be sitting in your garden, perhaps with children or grandchildren, peering through binoculars trying to identify that little brown bird that sings so sweetly! Add a few of these plants below and you'll invite songbirds to your yard for food, shelter and an unending source of intrigue and joy for yourself.

PLANT		SIZE	NOTES
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> sp.	Manzanita	variety of sizes	Berries eaten
<i>Atriplex lentiformis</i>	Fourwing Saltbush	Shrub	Seeds eaten, good nesting and cover
<i>Baccharis</i> sp.	Coyote Brush, Mulefat	variety of sizes	Seeds eaten, good cover
<i>Berberis</i> sp.	Barberry	variety of sizes	Berries eaten
<i>Ceanothus</i> sp.	California Lilac	variety of sizes	Seeds eaten, good nesting and cover
<i>Eriogonum</i> sp.	Buckwheat	variety of sizes	Seeds eaten
<i>Frangula californica</i>	Coffeeberry	Shrub	Berries eaten in fall
<i>Encelia</i> sp.	Brittlebush, Coast Sunflower	Sub-shrub	Seeds eaten
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Toyon	Large Shrub/Tree	Berries eaten, good winter food source
<i>Lonicera subspicata</i>	Chaparral Honeysuckle	Climbing	Berries eaten
<i>Malosma laurina</i>	Laurel Sumac	Large Shrub	Fruits eaten, good nesting and cover
<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>	Hollyleaf Cherry	Tree	Fruits eaten
<i>Quercus</i> sp.	Oaks	Tree	Acorns eaten, provides excellent foraging
<i>Rhus integrifolia</i>	Lemonadeberry	Large Shrub/Tree	Berries eaten, good nesting
<i>Rhus ovata</i>	Sugarbush	Large Shrub/Tree	Berries eaten, good nesting
<i>Ribes</i> sp.	Currants and Gooseberries	Shrub	Berries eaten
<i>Rosa californica</i>	Wild Rose	Climbing	Hips eaten
<i>Rubus ursinus</i>	Wild Blackberry	Climbing	Berries eaten
<i>Sambucus nigra caerulea</i>	Elderberry	Tree	Early summer berry, attracts wide variety
<i>Vitis girdiana</i>	Desert Wild Grape	Climbing	Fruit eaten