



Buckwheats, or more formally, the genus *Eriogonum* (*air-ee-aw-guh-num*) has almost 100 species native to California. Buckwheats come in a great array of colors and sizes: ground covers, shrubs, annuals, silver leaves, green leaves, cream flowers and yellow flowers! Whether you have a rock garden or Cottage theme, buckwheats belong in every yard! Most are drought tolerant once established and they are one of your full sun plant choices. They are a great food source for butterflies and bees alike. When buckwheats are blooming, they will be one of the most active plants in your yard. Here are some species you can find at Tree of Life Nursery:

*Eriogonum arborescens* - Santa Cruz Island Buckwheat, medium to large, shrubby, narrow light green leaves, white to pink flower clusters

*Eriogonum cinereum* - Ashy-Leaf Buckwheat, attractive medium-sized mounding perennial, grey-green foliage, many pink flower clusters

*Eriogonum crocatum* - Conejo Buckwheat, rare plant, low perennial, silver stems and foliage, bright yellow blooms

*Eriogonum fasciculatum* - California Buckwheat, medium shrubby perennial, dark green foliage, large creamy flower clusters fade to rust color, comes in ground cover selections as well.

*Eriogonum giganteum* - Saint Catherine's Lace, large plant, silvery foliage, large, showy cream-colored flower sprays, attractive backdrop

*Eriogonum parvifolium* - Coastal Buckwheat, medium perennial, small leaves, white to pink flower sprays

*Eriogonum umbellatum* - Sulphur Buckwheat, low-growing, mounding perennial, dark green, round leaves, bright yellow flower clusters

