

Native Plantings Groundcovers



The low-growing, spreading habit of certain California natives make them ideal groundcovers for planting in masses on slopes, in the front of mixed border plantings, in parkways or even as a lawn substitute. Many of the native groundcovers make beautiful drought tolerant landscape accents with their unique colors, textures, flowers,

berries and fragrant foliage. As a general rule, combining three or four compatible varieties will make a more interesting planting; more successful and better for the birds and butterflies too! By using the plants in the following table as staples for your groundcover plantings and mixing in a few jewels for aesthetic and environmental appeal you will be creating a low maintenance beautiful landscape.

PHOTOS: To the far right is a groundcover Buckwheat, *Eriogonum fasciculatum*. The landscape featuring the boulder has a prostrate Coyote Brush, *Baccharis pilularis*. For more information on individual plants, check out our catalog.





| BOTANICAL NAME | Common Name | Exposure |
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| Achillea millifolium | Yarrow | Full Sun to Full Shade |
| Arctostaphylos sp. e.g. Point Reyes, Pacific Mist | Manzanita | Coastal Sun, Inland Partial Shade |
| Baccharis pílularis e.g. Pigeon Point | Dwarf Coyote Bush | Sun |
| <i>Ceanothus</i> sp. e.g. Point Reyes, Yankee Point | California Lilac | Coastal Sun, Inland Partial Shade |
| Clinopodium (Satureja) sp. | San Miguel Savory, Yerba Buena | Partial to Full Shade |
| Epílobium californicum e.g. Wayne's Silver, Everett's Choice | California Fuchsia | Sun |
| Eríogonum fascículatum e.g. Bruce Dickinson, Dana Point | Buckwheat | Sun |
| Fragaria vesca | Wild Strawberry | Partial Shade |
| Grindelia stricta var. platyphylla | Gum Plant | Coastal Sun, Inland Partial Shade |
| Iva hayesiana | San Diego Marsh Elder | Full Sun to Full Shade |
| Corethrogyne 'Silver Carpet' | California Beach Aster | Coastal Sun, Inland Partial Shade |
| Ribes viburnifolium | Catalina Perfume | Partial to Full Shade |
| <i>Salvia</i> sp. e.g. Bee's Bliss, Tera Seca, Jade Carpet | Sage | Sun |
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