

Natural Gardening – Best Local Native Plants for Bayside Gardens

- by Plant Community

Meadow Areas (sunny)

Shrubs

- California Rose (*Rosa calif.*)
- Coffeeberry (*Rhamnus calif.*)
- Sticky Monkey (*Mimulus aurantiacus*)
- Toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*)

Perennials

- Aster (*Aster chilense*)
- Blue-eyed Grass (*Sisyrinchium bel.*)
- California fuchsia (*Epilobium canum*)
- Checker Mallow (*Sidalcea malv.*)
- Goldenrod (*Solidago calif.*)
- Meadow Lilies/Ithuriel's Spear (*Triteleia laxa*)
- Mule Ears (*Wyethia angustifolia*)
- Phacelia (*Phacelia californica*)
- Soap Root (*Chlorogalum pomid.*)
- Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*)
- Yampah (*Perideridia kelloggii*)

Annuals

- Baby Blue Eyes (*Nemophila menz.*)
- Farewell to Spring (*Clarkia rubicunda*)
- Fiddlenecks (*Amsinckia intermedia*)
- Poppy, Calif (*Escholtzia calif.*)
- Tarweed, Elegant (*Madia elegans*)

Grasses

- Grey Rush (*Juncus patens*)
- Purple Needle (*Nasella pulchra*)
- Foothill Needle (*Nasella lepida*)
- Melic, California (*Melica calif.*)

Woodland Areas (shade/part sun)

Trees

- Coast Live Oak (*Quercus agrifolia*)
- Buckeye (*Aesculus calif.*)
- Elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*)

Shrubs

- Flowering Currant (*Ribes glut.*)
- Hazelnut (*Corylis calif.*)
- Ocean Spray (*Holodiscus discolor*)
- Snowberry (*Symphoricarpos albus*)

Perennials

- Douglas Iris (*Iris douglasiana*)
- Star Lily (*Toxicoscordion fremontii*)
- Western Lace Plant/Cow Parsnip (*Heracleum lanatum*)
- Western Sword Fern (*Polystichum munitum*)
- Wood Fern (*Dryopteris arguta*)

Annuals

- Baby Blue Eyes (*Nemophila menz*)
- Snakes Dresses/Chinese houses (*Collinsia heterophylla*)

Grasses

- Blue Wild Rye (*Elymus glaucus*)
- California Fescue (*Festuca calif.*)
- Coast Range Melic (*Melica calif.*)

Note: these are “tried and true” local California native plants who have stood the test of time over 25 years of my landscaping with local native plants in Bayside (west of the hills), “black-soil” gardens. They are lovely, dependable, and supportive of wildlife; and, are usually available at local native plant nurseries