

Wildscaping Your Garden

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* = not native to California

Gardening for Songbirds

Sambucus mexicana	Mexican Elderberry (<i>blue berries in summer</i>)
Heteromeles arbutifolia	Toyon or California Holly (<i>red berries in winter</i>)
Prunus ilicifolia	Hollyleaf Cherry (<i>red cherries don't last long!</i>) (<i>also host plant for Pale Swallowtail, Ceanothus Silk Moth</i>)
Mahonia 'Golden Abundance'	(<i>yellow flowers in spring, blue berries in fall</i>)
Mahonia nevinii	Nevin's Barberry (<i>translucent red berries</i>); rare & endangered.
Vitis californica (Grape)	California Wild Grape 'Roger's Red' (<i>bird fave!</i>)
Ribes (Currant)	lots of species and selections, including Ribes aureum (<i>yellow</i>) Ribes malvaceum (<i>pink</i>), Ribes indecorum (<i>white</i>), Ribes viburnifolium (evergreen; ground cover)
Symphoricarpos albus, S. mollis	Snowberry (<i>white berries in late summer/fall, winter dormant</i>)
Goldfinch Magnets:	Sunflowers*, Agastache*, Hooker's Evening Primrose, Cobweb Thistle (<i>for nesting material and seed</i>) (+ host plant))

Gardening for Hummingbirds

Salvias (most all species)	Salvia 'Waverly' selection * (<i>white/lavendar fl., seed not fertile</i>) Salvia canariensis (Canary Island Salvia) * (<i>pink-purple</i>) Salvia spathacea (Hummingbird Sage) (<i>magenta</i>) Salvia clevelandii (Cleveland's Sage) (<i>blue purple</i>) plus hybrids of S. clevelandii x S. leucophylla or S. apiana
Agastache (Wild Hyssop) (<i>also seeds for songbirds</i>) (<i>drought tolerant, winter dormant</i>)	Agastache rupestris * (<i>tubular flowers for humminbirds</i>) Agastache wrightii * (<i>seeds loved by goldfinches</i>) Agastache 'Blue Spike' * (<i>bees fave, seeds for goldfinches</i>)
Penstemon	Penstemon heterophyllus (Foothill Penstemon) (<i>blue</i>) Penstemon parishii (<i>magenta</i>) Penstemon spectabilis (<i>pink/purple</i>) Penstemon centranthifolius <i>aka</i> Scarlet Bugler
Mimulus (Monkeyflowers)	Mimulus aurantiacus (<i>yellow</i>) (+ host plant for butterflies) Mimulus cardinalis (<i>red, likes moisture</i>)
Trichostema	Trichostema lanatum (Woolly Blue Curls) (<i>difficult</i>) Trichostema 'Cuesta Ridge' (<i>slightly easier</i>)

Calliandra californica (native to the CA deserts)	Fairy Duster (red spikey flowers also attract Orioles) (also host plant for Marine Blue butterfly)
Galvezia (both red flowers)	Galvezia juncea (rush like, Baja form) Galvezia speciosa (winds through plants, fences)
Arctostaphylos (Manzanita) (many species/sizes to choose from; blooms early for hummers; attracts tiny insects for feeding nestlings)	faves: A. 'Howard McMinn' and A. 'Lester Rowntree'
Ribes	Ribes speciosa (Fuchsia-flowered Gooseberry) (deciduous) R. aureum, R. malvaceum, and other Ribes.
Zauschneria	California Fuchsia (blooms into fall), many selections.

Gardening for Butterflies

Tithonia (nectar only)	Mexican Sunflower * (Annual. a FAVE! Grow from seed @ May 1; very drought tolerant once established; blooms thru Oct.)
Verbena (nectar only)	Verbena bonariensis*, or Verbena 'De La Mina' selection
Erysimum (nectar only)	Erysimum capitatum (Western Wallflower), and others.
Monardella (nectar only)	Many species; very fragrant. Good nectar for bees/butterflies.
Lotus scoparius	Deerweed (nectar + food; short-lived perennial)
Buckwheats (nectar + food)	Eriogonum fasciculatum (California Buckwheat) Eriogonum cinereum (Ashleaf Buckwheat) Eriogonum crocatum (Conejo Buckwheat) Eriogonum grande var. rubescens (Red Buckwheat) Eriogonum parvifolium (Coast Buckwheat)
Lessingia filaginifolia or Lessingia filaginifolia 'Silver Carpet'	(upright form, also host plant) (compact; nectar only, but <u>very</u> attractive to small butterflies)
Mimulus	Mimulus guttatus (riparian; food plant for Common Buckeye)
Ceanothus (nectar + food)	Ceanothus 'Yankee Point' (nectar only, mounding ground cover) Ceanothus spinosus (also host plant for Pale Swallowtail) Ceanothus leucodermis (host plant for PS, Ceanothus Silk Moth)
Monarchs specifically:	Asclepias fascicularis (Narrowleaf Milkweed, native to LA) Asclepias currassavica * (Brazilian Milkweed)
Painted Ladies specifically:	Cheeseweed* (weed!), Hollyhock*, mallows, native thistles
American Lady specifically:	Gnaphalium canescens ssp. microcephyllum (Feltleaf Everlasting); also Gnaphalium bicolor

For a full listing of what plants are eaten by butterflies in Southern California, log onto:
<http://www.naba.org/chapters/nabala/Gardens.htm>