

Popular California Native Plants



Salvia spathacea – Hummingbird sage

Fabulous flowers and fruity fragrance. Spreads slowly by rhizomes and can be used as a groundcover. Also a nice container plant.



Lewisia – Cliff Maids

A small succulent with flowers that come in different colors. Native to northern California and southern Oregon. Subalpine rocky areas. Edging, containers.



Romneya coulteri – Matilija Poppy

A tall perennial with large showy flowers. Can reach 6'-10' high and can spread aggressively. Great for erosion control. Native to southern California.



Gambelia speciosa – Island Snapdragon

Native to the Channel Islands. A long bloomer loved by hummingbirds. Flowers are clustered at the tips of its branches. A nice cutflower and hedging option.



Dendromecon harfordii – Channel Islands Tree Poppy

Flowers almost year-round with clean, blue green leaves. Be gentle planting as its roots are brittle. Mature plants can be pruned hard to rejuvenate



Cercis occidentalis – Western Redbud

A beautiful four-season small tree. Flowers in spring and has yellow to orange leaves in the fall. An important basketry plant that was regularly pruned to produce straight stems.



Salvia clevelandii – Cleveland Sage

One of our most popular and fragrant sages. Best in a hot, dry fast-draining site. From southern California. Culinary sage substitute.



Penstemon species

Penstemons are highly prized ornamentals. California has 50 species and a great many more varieties. *Penstemon rattanii* var. *kleei* is our only local species listed as rare and threatened.

Endemic to the Santa Cruz mountains.



Muhlenbergia rigens – Deergrass

A large perennial bunchgrass that looks attractive year-round. Easy to maintain, deer resistant, erosion control. Often used in commercial landscapes.

