

Companion Plants

Common Name	Current Botanical Name	Height x Width	Flowers	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Special Features
Pollinator Herbs & Grasses																
Red Bush Monkeyflower	<i>Diplacus aurantiacus var. puniceus</i>	1–2 ft x 2–3 ft	Orange, Red			♀	♀	♀	♀							Many Cultivars in various colors available - 'Trish', 'Eleanor', 'Jelly Beans'
Chalk Dudleya	<i>Dudleya pulverulenta</i>	0.33–1 ft x 1 ft	Orange, Pink, Red					♀	♀	♀						Spectacular bloom
Sticky Monkeyflower	<i>Mimulus aurantiacus var. pubescens</i>	0.33–3 ft	Yellow, Orange			♀	♀	♀	♀							
California Fuchsia	<i>Epilobium canum</i>	2 ft x 3 ft	Red							♀	♀	♀	♀	♀		Abundant blossoms in late summer and fall during the southern migration of hummingbirds (!), winter deciduous
Coast Prickly Pear	<i>Opuntia littoralis</i>	3.3 ft	Yellow, Purple, Red				♀	♀	♀							
Bee Plant	<i>Scrophularia californica</i>	2–4 ft x 1–3 ft	Red			♀	♀	♀	♀	♀						Strong bee attractant, evergreen, slight fragrance
Nodding Needle Grass	<i>Stipa cernua</i>	1.5–3 ft x 2 ft	Brown, Cream, Purple		♀	♀	♀	♀	♀	♀						Striking native bunch grass with stunning flowering panicles.
Foothill Needlegrass	<i>Stipa lepida</i>	2–3 ft x 2 ft	Brown, Cream, Purple			♀	♀	♀	♀							Slopes, tufted flower clusters
Medium Shrubs																
Deerweed	<i>Acmispon glaber</i>	1.6–3 ft x 3 ft	Yellow			♀	♀	♀	♀	♀	♀					Dormancy -> loses leave, but still has colorful red to green stems
California Sagebrush	<i>Artemisia californica</i>	1–8 ft x 4 ft	Cream, White, Yellow								♀	♀	♀	♀		Slopes, cultivars - 'Canyon Grey' & 'Montara'
San Diego County Viguiera	<i>Bahiopsis laciniata</i>	1.5–3 ft x 3–4 ft	Yellow		♀	♀	♀	♀	♀	♀	♀					Evergreen, long bloom, easy to manage
Bladderpod	<i>Peritoma arborea</i>	1.6–6.6 ft x 6 ft	Yellow	♀	♀	♀	♀	♀	♀	♀	♀	♀	♀	♀	♀	Evergreen, Slopes, delicate sunny flowers and attractive papery seed pods
Spiny Redberry	<i>Rhamnus crocea</i>	3–7 ft x 7 ft	White, Yellow, Cream	♀	♀	♀	♀									Evergreen, slopes, showy red berries, paired with buckwheat on chaparral openings is host for Hermes Copper
Cleveland Sage	<i>Salvia clevelandii</i>	3–4.5 ft x 8 ft	Blue, Purple, Lavender				♀	♀	♀	♀						Evergreen, slopes, cultivars : 'Poza Blue', 'Whirly Blue', 'Aromas' and others
Black Sage	<i>Salvia mellifera</i>	3–6 ft x 3–10 ft	Blue, Lavender, White			♀	♀	♀	♀							Evergreen-Summer Deciduous, slopes, cultivars 'Terra' 'Seca',
Munz's Sage	<i>Salvia munzii</i>	1.5–3 ft x 3 ft	Lavender	♀	♀	♀	♀	♀								Evergreen, Slopes, cultivars: 'Baja Blue' , 'Emerald Cascade'
Coulter's Matilija Poppy	<i>Romneya coulteri</i>	6.6–10 ft x 20 ft	White, Yellow			♀	♀	♀	♀	♀						Spectacular poppy flowers, needs space, spreads through runners!
Mojave Yucca	<i>Yucca schidigera</i>	1–16 ft x 5 ft	Cream, White				♀	♀								Evergreen, flowers every(!) year
Large Shrubs																
Coyote Bush	<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	1.5–10 ft x 12 ft	Yellow, Cream, White							♀	♀	♀	♀	♀	♀	Evergreen, bright green leaves, slopes
Woollyleaf Ceanothus	<i>Ceanothus tomentosus</i>	6–13.1 ft x 6–20 ft	Blue, Lavender, White		♀	♀	♀	♀								Evergreen, slopes
Laurel Sumac	<i>Malosma laurina</i>	10–20 ft x 20 ft	Cream, White						♀	♀						Evergreen, slopes, intensely aromatic flowers
Lemonade Berry	<i>Rhus integrifolia</i>	3–30 ft x 3–20 ft	Pink, White		♀	♀	♀	♀								Evergreen, slopes, versatile and adaptable garden plant, great for screens
Jojoba	<i>Simmondsia chinensis</i>	3–7 ft x 4–7 ft	Yellow, Cream			♀	♀	♀								Evergreen, green, acorn-like fruits on female plants, slopes
Mission Manzanita	<i>Xylococcus bicolor</i>	5–20 ft x 5–20 ft	Pink, White	♀	♀									♀		Evergreen, semi-deciduous, slopes, deep red bark, endemic to SoCal.
Trees																
Blue Elderberry	<i>Sambucus mexicana</i>	20–30 ft x 20–30 ft	Cream, Yellow, Purple			♀	♀	♀	♀	♀						Winter deciduous, blue berries
Torrey Pine	<i>Pinus torreyana</i>	25–150 ft x 25–30 ft	Red, Yellow													Evergreen, slopes, large pine cones
Vines																
Island Morning Glory	<i>Calystegia macrostegia</i>	1 ft x 20–30 ft	Pink, White		♀	♀	♀	♀	♀	♀						Summer semi-deciduous, ideal for arbors, pergolas, and fences