



Plants for Butterflies

This list identifies plants that provide nectar for butterflies and food for butterfly larvae. Also see "Food Plants for California Butterfly Larva", which is ordered by butterfly species.

Be wary of using pesticides or herbicides. Remember that even the organic pesticide BT is deadly to insects and caterpillars.

Trees

- Acer circinatum (VINE MAPLE)
- Aesculus californica (BUCKEYE, CALIFORNIA BUCKEYE)
 - Feeds larvae of Echo Blue (Spring Azure)
- Aesculus carnea (RED HORSE CHESTNUT)
- Aesculus hippocastanum (HORSE CHESTNUT)
- Albizia spp. (SILK TREE, MIMOSA, PLUME ACACIA)
- Alnus spp. (ALDERS)
 - Feeds larvae of Western Tiger Swallowtail, Mourning Cloak
- Arbutus 'Marina' (STRAWBERRY TREE)
- Arbutus menziesii (MADRONE)
 - Feeds larvae of Western Brown Elfin
- Arbutus unedo (STRAWBERRY TREE)
- Calocedrus decurrens (INCENSE CEDAR)
 - Feeds larvae of Nelson's Hairstreak
- Celtis spp. (HACKBERRY)
 - Feeds larvae of Mourning Cloak
- Cornus spp. (DOGWOOD)
- Cornus glabrata (BROWN DOGWOOD)
 - Feeds larvae of Echo Blue (Spring Azure)
- Cupressus sargentii (SARGENT CYPRESS)
 - Feeds larvae of Muir's Hairstreak
- Eucalyptus nicholii
- Eucalyptus polyanthemos
- Fraxinus spp. (ASH)
 - Feeds larvae of Two-tailed Tiger Swallowtail
- Heteromeles arbutifolia (TOYON, CALIFORNIA HOLLY)
 - Feeds larvae of at least 8 butterflies
- Juniperus californica (CALIFORNIA JUNIPER)
 - Feeds larvae of Juniper Hairstreak, Mansfield's Hairstreak, Muir's Hairstreak
- Juniperus osteosperma (UTAH JUNIPER)
 - Feeds larvae of Juniper Hairstreak, Nelson's Hairstreak
- Lithocarpus densiflorus (TANBARK OAK)
 - Feeds larvae of Lorquin's Hairstreak
- Olneya tesota (DESERT IRONWOOD)
 - Feeds larvae of Funereal Duskywing
- Pinus jeffreyi
 - Feeds larvae of Pine White, Western Pine Elfin
- Pinus murrayana
 - Feeds larvae of Pine White, Western Pine Elfin
- Pinus ponderosa (PONDEROSA PINE)
 - Feeds larvae of Pine White, Western Pine Elfin
- Pinus radiata (MONTEREY PINE)
 - Feeds larvae of Pine White, Western Pine Elfin
- Platanus acerifolia (LONDON PLANE)

- Platanus racemosa (CALIFORNIA OR WESTERN SYCAMORE)
 - Feeds larvae of Western Tiger Swallowtail
- Populus spp. (POPLAR, ASPEN, COTTONWOOD)
 - Feeds larvae of Mourning Cloak, Lorquin's Admiral, Western Tiger Swallowtail, Dreamy Duskywing
- Prosopis glandulosa var. torreyana (HONEY MESQUITE)
 - Feeds larvae of Leda Hairstreak, Longtailed Skipper
- Prunus lyonii (CATALINA CHERRY)
- Prunus virginiana var. demissa (WESTERN CHOKECHERRY)
 - Feeds larvae of Lorquin's Admiral, Two-tailed Tiger Swallowtail
- Pseudotsuga menziesii (DOUGLAS FIR)
 - Feeds larvae of Pine White
- Ptelea crenulata (HOP TREE)
 - Feeds larvae of Two-tailed tiger Swallowtail
- Quercus spp. (OAKS)
 - Feeds larvae of California Sister, Boisduval's Hairstreak, Lorquin's Hairstreak, Herr's Hairstreak, California Hairstreak, Gray Hairstreak, Echo Blue (Spring Azure), Goldhunter's Hairstreak, Nut Brown Hairstreak, Santa Monica Mts. Hairstreak, Wright's Duskywing, Mournful Duskywing, Propertius Duskywing, Lucustra Duskywing
- Quercus agrifolia (COAST LIVE OAK)
 - Feeds larvae of Mournful Duskywing
- Quercus chrysolepis (CANYON LIVE OAK)
 - Feeds larvae of California Sister
- Quercus lobata (VALLEY OAK)
 - Feeds larvae of California Hairstreak
- Salix spp. (WILLOW)
 - Feeds larvae of Mourning Cloak, Lorquin's Admiral, Western Tiger Swallowtail, Woodland or Sylvan Hairstreak, Dryope Hairstreak, Dreamy Duskywing, Southern Sylvan Hairstreak
- Salix exigua [S. hindsiana] (SANDBAR WILLOW)
 - Feeds larvae of Sylvan Hairstreak
- Salix lasiolepis (ARROYO WILLOW)
 - Feeds larvae of Western Tiger Swallowtail, Lorquin's Admiral
- Sambucus spp. (ELDERBERRY)
- Vitex agnus-castus (CHASTE TREE)

Shrubs

- Abelia spp. (ABELIA)
- Adenostoma fasciculatum (CHAMISE)
 - Feeds larvae of Echo Blue (Spring Azure)
- Arctostaphylos spp. (MANZANITA)
- Artemisia spp.
- Artemisia pycnocephala (DUNE SAGEBRUSH)
- Artemisia tridentata (BIG SAGEBRUSH)

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- Atriplex lentiformis (QUAIL BUSH)**
- Feeds larvae of *Western Pygmy Blue*
- Baccharis pilularis (COYOTE BUSH)**
- Baccharis salicifolia [B. glutinosa] (MULEFAT)**
- Feeds larvae of *Fatal Metalmark*
- Buddleia spp. (BUTTERFLY BUSH)**
- Ceanothus spp. (CALIFORNIA LILAC)**
- Feeds larvae of *California Tortoise Shell, Pale Tiger Swallowtail, Hedgerow Hairstreak and 4 ssp., Western Brown Elfin, Echo Blue (Spring Azure), Pacuvius Duskywing, Southern Buckthorn Hairstreak, Grinnel's Duskywing, California Hairstreak*
- Ceanothus cuneatus (BUCKBRUSH)**
- Feeds larvae of *California Hairstreak, Hedgerow Hairstreak, Western Brown Elfin*
- Ceanothus oliganthus var. sorediatus (HAIRY CEANOTHUS)**
- Feeds larvae of *Artful Duskywing, Hedgerow Hairstreak*
- Ceanothus ramulosus (COAST CEANOTHUS)**
- Feeds larvae of *Hedgerow Hairstreak*
- Ceanothus thyrsiflorus (BLUEBLOSSOM)**
- Feeds larvae of *Pale Tiger Swallowtail*
- Celtis reticulata (NETLEAF HACKBERRY)**
- Feeds larvae of *Snout Butterfly*
- Ceratostigma griffithii**
- Ceratostigma plumbaginoides (DWARF PLUMBAGO)**
- Cercocarpus betuloides (MOUNTAIN MAHOGANY)**
- Feeds larvae of *Gray Hairstreak, Hedgerow Hairstreak*
- Chrysolepis chrysophylla (CHINQUAPIN)**
- Feeds larvae of *Lorquin's Hairstreak, California Sister*
- Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus (STICKY-LEAVED RABBITBRUSH)**
- Feeds larvae of *Sagebrush Checkerspot*
- Cornus spp. (DOGWOOD)**
- Cornus occidentalis (CREEK DOGWOOD)**
- Feeds larvae of *Echo Blue (Spring azure)*
- Dalea (INDIGO BUSH)**
- Feeds larvae of *Southern Dogface, California Dogface*
- Encelia californica (CALIFORNIA ENCELIA)**
- Feeds larvae of *Fatal Metalmark*
- Eriogonum spp. (BUCKWHEATS)**
- Feeds larvae of *Mormon Metalmark and 7 ssp., Bramble Green Hairstreak, Gray Hairstreak, Square Spotted Blue and 8 ssp., Dotted Blue and 6 ssp., Acmon Blue, San Bernardino Blue, Green Hairstreak, Gorgon Copper, Purplish Copper*
- Eriogonum fasciculatum (CALIFORNIA BUCKWHEAT)**
- Feeds larvae of *Lupine Blue and 3 ssp., Mormon Metalmark, Blue Copper, Bramble Green Hairstreak, Square Spotted Blue*
- Escallonia spp.**
- Fremontodendron spp. (FLANNEL BUSH)**
- Gaultheria shallon (SALAL)**
- Feeds larvae of *Western Brown Elfin*
- Holodiscus discolor (CREAM BUSH, OCEAN SPRAY)**
- Feeds larvae of *Lorquin's Admiral, Pale Swallowtail*
- Lavandula spp. (LAVENDER)**
- Lavatera assurgentiflora (TREE MALLOW, ISLAND MALLOW, MISSION MALLOW)**
- Feeds larvae of *West Coast Lady*
- Lonicera spp. (HONEYSUCKLE)**
- Feeds larvae of *Chalcedon Checkerspot*
- Lupinus spp. (LUPINE)**
- Feeds larvae of *Black and Gold Sulphur, Orange-bordered Blue, Silvery Blue and 4 ssp., Common Blue and 8 ssp., Painted Lady*
- Mahonia [Berberis] spp.**
- Mimulus [Diplacus] spp. (MONKEYFLOWER)**
- Feeds larvae of *Chalcedon checkerspot and 8 ssp., Buckeye*
- Prunus ilicifolia (HOLLY LEAF CHERRY)**
- Feeds larvae of *Pale Tiger Swallowtail*
- Rhamnus californica (COFFEEBERRY)**
- Feeds larvae of *Pale Tiger Swallowtail, Gray Hairstreak, Echo Blue (Spring Azure)*
- Rhamnus crocea (REDBERRY)**
- Feeds larvae of *Pale Tiger Swallowtail, Hermes Copper*
- Rhododendron spp. (AZALEAS)**
- Feeds larvae of *Zephyr Anglewing*
- Rhododendron spp. (RHODODENDRONS)**
- Feeds larvae of *Zephyr Anglewing*
- Rhododendron occidentale (WESTERN AZALEA)**
- Feeds larvae of *Rustic Anglewing, Sylvan Anglewing*
- Ribes spp. (CURRANT AND GOOSEBERRY)**
- Feeds larvae of *Zephyr Anglewing, Tailed Copper and 3 ssp. incl. Cloudy Copper*
- Ribes divaricatum (STRAGGLY GOOSEBERRY)**
- Feeds larvae of *Oreas Anglewing, Tailed Copper*
- Rosa spp. (ROSES)**
- Feeds larvae of *Chalcedon Checkerspot*
- Rosmarinus officinalis (ROSEMARY)**
- Salvia spp. (SAGE)**
- Spiraea spp. (SPIREA)**
- Styrax officinalis californicus [S. californica] (SNOWBELL BUSH, CALIFORNIA STORAX)**
- Feeds larvae of *Chalcedon Checkerspot*
- Symphoricarpos albus var. laevigatus (SNOWBERRY)**
- Feeds larvae of *Colon Checkerspot*
- Syringa spp. (LILAC)**
- Vines**
- Aristolochia spp. (PIPE VINE)**
- Feeds larvae of *Pipevine Swallowtail (on any A. species except A. elegans)*
- Aristolochia californica (DUTCHMAN'S PIPE VINE, CALIFORNIA PIPE VINE)**
- Feeds larvae of *Pipevine Swallowtail, Hairy Pipevine Swallowtail*
- Dolichos lablab [Lablab purpureus] (HYACINTH BEAN VINE)**
- Humulus lupulus (COMMON HOPS)**
- Feeds larvae of *Red Admiral, Satyr Anglewing, Gray Hairstreak, Mourning Cloak*
- Ipomoea alba (MOONFLOWER)**
- Lonicera spp. (HONEYSUCKLE)**
- Feeds larvae of *Chalcedon Checkerspot*
- Passiflora spp. (PASSION VINE)**
- Feeds larvae of *Gulf Fritillary*
- Sarcostemma cynanchoides var. hartwegii (CLIMBING MILKWEED)**
- Feeds larvae of *Striated Queen*
- Sarcostemma hirtellum (CLIMBING MILKWEED)**
- Feeds larvae of *Striated Queen*
- Vitis californica (CALIFORNIA GRAPE)**

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Perennials

Acamptopappus sphaerocephalus (GOLDENHEAD)

- Feeds larvae of Desert Checkerspot

Achillea spp. (YARROW)

Agastache foeniculum (ANISE HYSSOP)

Alcea rosea (HOLLYHOCK)

Amorpha californica (FALSE INDIGO)

- Feeds larvae of California Dogface, Common Hairstreak, Northern Cloudywing

Amorpha fruticosa (FALSE INDIGO)

- Feeds larvae of Southern Dogface

Anagallis spp. (PIMPERNEL)

Anaphalis margaritacea (PEARLY EVERLASTING)

- Feeds larvae of American Painted Lady

Angelica spp. (ANGELICA)

- Feeds larvae of Anise Swallowtail

Anthemis tinctora (GOLDEN MARGUERITE)

Aquilegia spp. (COLUMBINES)

Arabis spp. (ROCK CRESS)

- Feeds larvae of Sara Orangetip

Arceuthobium (MISTLETOE)

- Feeds larvae of Thicket Hairstreak (on conifers), Great Purple Hairstreak

Arceuthobium campylopodum (DWARF MISTLETOE)

- Feeds larvae of Johnson's Hairstreak (on Western hemlock)

Asclepias spp. (MILKWEED)

- Feeds larvae of Monarch

Asclepias albicans (MILKWEED)

- Feeds larvae of Monarch, Striated Queen

Asclepias erosa (MILKWEED)

- Feeds larvae of Monarch, Striated Queen

Aster spp.

- Feeds larvae of Gabb's Checkerspot, Painted Lady, Crescentspot

Aster chilensis (CALIFORNIA ASTER)

- Feeds larvae of Northern Checkerspot, Field Crescent

Aster hesperius (MARSH ASTER)

- Feeds larvae of Field Crescentspot

Astragalus spp. (RATTLEPODS)

- Feeds larvae of Marine Blue, Melissa Blue, Western Tailed Blue, Arrowhead Blue and 2 ssp. incl. Coastal Arrowhead Blue, Northern Cloudywing

Astragalus douglasii var. parishii (DOUGLAS' RATTLEPOD)

- Feeds larvae of Harford's Sulphur

Castilleja spp. (PAINTBRUSHES)

- Feeds larvae of Chaldean Checkerspot and ssp., Northern Checkerspot, Wright's Leanira Checkerspot, Davies's Checkerspot, Wright's Checkerspot

Castilleja densiflorus (OWL' CLOVER)

- Feeds larvae of Edith's Checkerspot and at least 12 ssp.

Centaurea spp. (INVASIVE)

Centranthus ruber (RED VALERIAN)

Cephalaria gigantea (CEPHALARIA)

Ceratostigma willmottianum (CHINESE PLUMBAGO)

Chrysanthemum spp.

Cirsium spp. (THISTLE)

- Feeds larvae of Mylitta Crescent, Orseis Crescent, Painted Lady, Thistle Crescent, Red Admiral

Coreopsis spp. (COREOPSIS)

Cynoglossum grande (HOUND' TONGUE)

Dahlia spp.

Dentaria californica (MILKMAID)

- Feeds larvae of Veined White, Sara Orangetip

Dianthus caryophyllus (CARNATIONS)

Dianthus plumarius (COTTAGE PINKS)

Diascia spp. (TWINSPUR)

- Feeds larvae of Buckeye

Dicentra formosa (WESTERN BLEEDING HEART)

- Feeds larvae of Clodius Parnassian and 4 ssp.

Echinacea purpurea (PURPLE CONEFLOWER)

Erigeron glaucus (BEACH ASTER, SEASIDE DAISY)

Eriogonum spp. (BUCKWHEATS)

- Feeds larvae of Mormon Metalmark and 7 ssp., Bramble Green Hairstreak, Gray Hairstreak, Square Spotted Blue and 8 ssp., Dotted Blue and 6 ssp., Acmon Blue, San Bernardino Blue, Green Hairstreak, Gorgon Copper, Purplish Copper

Eriogonum elongatum (LONGSTEMMED BUCKWHEAT)

- Feeds larvae of Gorgon Copper

Eriogonum latifolium (WIDELEAVED BUCKWHEAT)

- Feeds larvae of Gorgon Copper, Acmon Blue, Tilden's Blue, Bay Region Blue, Mormon Metalmark

Eriogonum nudum (NAKED BUCKWHEAT)

- Feeds larvae of Gorgon Copper

Eriogonum nudum auriculatum (NAKED BUCKWHEAT)

- Feeds larvae of Lange's Metalmark

Eriogonum parvifolium (SMALL-LEAF BUCKWHEAT)

- Feeds larvae of Mormon Metalmark

Eriogonum umbellatum (SULFUR BUCKWHEAT)

- Feeds larvae of Lupine Blue and 3 ssp.

Erysimum menziesii ssp. concinnum (WALLFLOWER)

Eupatorium maculatum (JOE PYE WEED)

Gnaphalium (CUDWEED)

- Feeds larvae of American Painted Lady

Grindelia stricta [G. arenicola] (PACIFIC GRINDELIA, GUMPLANT)

Haplopappus squarrosus (GOLDENWEED)

- Feeds larvae of Gabb's Checkerspot

Helianthus spp. (SUNFLOWER)

Heracleum lanatum (COW PARSNIP)

Isomeris arborea (BLADDERPOD)

- Feeds larvae of Becker's White

Lathyrus (PEAS)

- Feeds larvae of Marine Blue, Lotis Blue, Western Tailed Blue, Silvery Blue and 4 ssp. incl. Behr's Blue, Eastern Tailed Blue, Black and Gold Sulphur

Lessingia [Corethrogyne] filaginifolia (CALIFORNIA ASTER)

- Feeds larvae of Gabb's Checkerspot

Linum perenne (BLUE FLAX)

Lithodora diffusa

Lomatium spp. (LOMATIUM)

- Feeds larvae of Anise Swallowtail

Lotus corniculatus (BIRD' FOOT TREFOIL)

- Feeds larvae of Lotis Blue, Greenish Blue, Eastern Tailed Blue, Western Tailed Blue, Northern Cloudywing, Orange Sulphur, Bramble Green Hairstreak, Acmon Blue

Lotus scoparius (DEER WEED)

- Feeds larvae of Bramble Green Hairstreak, Marine Blue, Funereal Duskywing, Acmon Blue, Southern Blue, Behr's Blue

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- Lupinus spp. (LUPINE)
 - Feeds larvae of Black and Gold Sulphur, Orange-bordered Blue, Silvery Blue and 4 spp., Common Blue and 8 spp., Painted Lady
- Lupinus bicolor (BLUE AND WHITE LUPINE, MINIATURE LUPINE)
 - Feeds larvae of Common Blue
- Lupinus chamissonis (BEACH LUPINE)
 - Feeds larvae of Common Blue
- Lupinus excubitus (SILVER WHITELEAF BUSH LUPINE)
 - Feeds larvae of Evius Blue, Arrowhead Blue
- Lupinus formosus (SUMMER LUPINE)
 - Feeds larvae of Pardalis or Mission Blue, Arrowhead Blue and 2 spp. incl. Coastal Arrowhead Blue, Common Blue
- Lupinus variicolor (BLUFF LUPINE)
 - Feeds larvae of Common Blue
- Lychnis coronaria (ROSE CAMPION, CROWN PINK, RUSTY MILLER)
- Machaeranthera tortifolia (DESERT ASTER)
 - Feeds larvae of Desert Checkerspot
- Malacothamnus davidsonii (DAVIDSON'S BUSH MALLOW)
 - Feeds larvae of Large White Skipper
- Malacothamnus fasciculatus [M. arcuatus] (MESA BUSH MALLOW)
 - Feeds larvae of Large White Skipper
- Malva spp. (MALLOWS, CHEESEWEED)
 - Feeds larvae of Painted Lady, West Coast Lady, Gray Hairstreak, Common Checkered Skipper
- Melissa officinalis (LEMON BALM)
- Mentha spicata (SPEARMINT)
- Mimulus [Diplacus] spp. (MONKEY FLOWER)
- Monarda spp. (BEE BALM, OSWEGO TEA)
- Monardella villosa (COYOTE MINT)
- Myoporum parvifolium (PROSTRATE MYOPORUM)
- Orthocarpus spp. (OWL'S CLOVER)
- Pedicularis densiflora (INDIAN WARRIOR)
 - Feeds larvae of Edith's Checkerspot and at least 12 spp. incl. Luesther's Checkerspot
- Pelargonium spp. (SCENTED GERANIUMS)
- Penstemon spp. (PENSTEMON, BEARD TONGUE)
 - Feeds larvae of Chalcedon Checkerspot, Buckeye
- Phacelia spp.
- Phlox paniculata (SUMMER PHLOX)
- Phoradendron flavescens (MISTLETOE, AMERICAN)
 - Feeds larvae of Great Purple Hairstreak
- Plantago (PLANTAIN)
 - Feeds larvae of Buckeye, Chalcedon Checkerspot
- Plantago subnuda [P. hirtella] (PLANTAIN)
- Polygonum spp. (KNOTWEEDS AND SMARTWEEDS)
 - Feeds larvae of Purplish Copper, Nivalis Copper, Mariposa Copper
- Potentilla anserina ssp. pacifica [P. egedei] (CINQUEFOIL)
 - Feeds larvae of Purplish Copper
- Rudbeckia spp. (GLORIOSA DAISY, BLACK EYED SUSAN)
- Rumex spp. (DOCK)
 - Feeds larvae of Purplish Copper
- Salvia spp. (SAGES)
- Scabiosa spp. (PINCUSHION FLOWER)
- Scrophularia californica (BEE PLANT, CALIFORNIA FIGWORT)
 - Feeds larvae of Chalcedon Checkerspot and 8 spp.
- Sedum spp. (STONECROP)
- Sedum spathulifolium (COMMON STONECROP)
 - Feeds larvae of San Bruno Elf, Doudoroff's Hairstreak
- Senna [Cassia] armata (ARMED CASSIA)
 - Feeds larvae of Cloudless Giant Sulphur
- Sidalcea spp. (CHECKERBLOOM)
 - Feeds larvae of Two-banded Checkered Skipper, Common Checkered Skipper
- Sidalcea malvaeflora (CHECKERBLOOM)
 - Feeds larvae of West Coast Lady
- Soleirolia soleirolii (BABY'S TEARS)
 - Feeds larvae of Red Admiral
- Solidago spp. (GOLDENROD)
- Sphaeralcea (GLOBE MALLOWS)
 - Feeds larvae of West Coast Lady, Large White Skipper
- Stanleya pinnata (PRINCE'S PLUME)
 - Feeds larvae of Becker's White
- Thermopsis (FALSE LUPINE)
 - Feeds larvae of Behr's Blue, Persius Duskywing
- Tweedia caerulea
 - Feeds larvae of Monarch
- Umbellifers (FENNEL, ANGELICA, PARSLEY, CARROT, ETC.)
 - Feeds larvae of Anise Swallowtail
- Urtica (NETTLES)
 - Feeds larvae of Red Admiral, Painted Lady, West Coast Lady, Satyr Anglewing
- Urtica dioica ssp. holosericea (STINGING NETTLE)
 - Feeds larvae of Satyr Anglewing, Milbert's Tortoiseshell, Red Admiral
- Valeriana officinalis (HELIOTROPE)
- Verbena spp.
- Viola spp. (VIOLETS)
 - Feeds larvae of Great Spangled Fritillary, Leto Fritillary, Apache Fritillary, Callippe Fritillary and 9 spp., Hydaspe Fritillary and 3 spp., Variegated Fritillary, Comstock's Fritillary, Coronis Fritillary, Myrtle's Fritillary, Zerene Fritillary, Gulf Fritillary
- Viola adunca (WESTERN DOG VIOLET)
 - Feeds larvae of Unsilvered Fritillary and ssp.
- Viola cuneata (WEDGELEAF VIOLET)
 - Feeds larvae of Unsilvered Fritillary and ssp.
- Viola glabella (SMOOTH YELLOW VIOLET)
 - Feeds larvae of Unsilvered Fritillary and ssp.
- Viola ocellata (TWO-EYED VIOLET)
 - Feeds larvae of Western Meadow Fritillary, Unsilvered Fritillary and ssp.
- Viola pedunculata (JOHNNY JUMP-UP, WILD VIOLET)
 - Feeds larvae of Callippe Fritillary and ssp., Unsilvered Fritillary and ssp.
- Viola sempervirens (REDWOOD VIOLET)
 - Feeds larvae of Unsilvered Fritillary and ssp.

Annuals

- Alyssum spp.
- Ammi majus (BISHOP'S WEED, WHITE LACE FLOWER)
- Amsinckia spp. (FIDDLENECKS)
 - Feeds larvae of Painted Lady
- Anethum graveolens (DILL)

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Antirrhinum majus (SNAPDRAGONS)

- Feeds larvae of Common Buckeye

Asclepias spp. (MILKWEED)

- Feeds larvae of Monarch

Borago officinalis (BORAGE)

Brassica (MUSTARD, BROCCOLI)

- Feeds larvae of Buckeye

Brassica campestris (FIELD MUSTARD)

- Feeds larvae of Sara Orangetip, Checkered White, Veined White, Cabbage White, Large Marble

Brassica hirta (MUSTARD)

- Feeds larvae of Cabbage White

Brassica juncea (MUSTARD)

- Feeds larvae of Cabbage White

Centaurea spp.

Collinsia heterophylla (CHINESE HOUSES)

- Feeds larvae of Edith's Checkerspot and at least 12 spp.

Coreopsis tinctoria (PLAINS COREOPSIS)

Coriandrum sativum (CORIANDER, CILANTRO)

Cosmos spp.

Cymbalaria muralis (KENILWORTH IVY)

Eremalche rotundifolia (DESERT FIVESPOT)

- Feeds larvae of Large White Skipper

Eriogonum spp. (BUCKWHEATS)

- Feeds larvae of Mormon Metalmark and 7 spp., Bramble Green Hairstreak, Gray Hairstreak, Square Spotted Blue and 8 spp., Dotted Blue and 6 spp., Acmon Blue, San Bernardino Blue, Green Hairstreak, Gorgon Copper, Purplish Copper

Foeniculum vulgare (FENNEL)

- Feeds larvae of Anise Swallowtail

Helianthus spp. (SUNFLOWER)

Heliotropium spp. (HELIOTROPE.)

Lasthenia glabrata

Lathyrus (PEAS)

- Feeds larvae of Marine Blue, Lotis Blue, Western Tailed Blue, Silvery Blue and 4 spp. incl. Behr's Blue, Eastern Tailed Blue, Black and Gold Sulphur

Layia platyglossa (TIDYTIPS)

Legumes (PEAS, BEANS)

- Feeds larvae of Sulfers, Blues

Limonium sinuatum (STATICE, SEA LAVENDER)

Linaria spp. (TOADFLAX)

Lupinus spp. (LUPINE)

- Feeds larvae of Black and Gold Sulphur, Orange-bordered Blue, Silvery Blue and 4 spp., Common Blue and 8 spp., Painted Lady

Matthiola incana (STOCK)

Mimulus [Diplacus] spp. (MONKEY FLOWER)

- Feeds larvae of Chalcedon Checkerspot and 8 spp., Buckeye

Mirabilis jalapa (FOUR O'CLOCK)

Phacelia spp.

Plantago erecta (CALIFORNIA PLANTAIN)

- Feeds larvae of Edith's Checkerspot and at least 12 spp.

Raphanus sativus (WILD RADISH)

- Feeds larvae of Sara Orangetip, Veined White, Cabbage White, Large Marble

Reseda odorata (MIGNONETTE)

Salicornia ambigua (PICKLEWEED)

- Feeds larvae of Western Pygmy Blue

Salvia spp. (SAGES)

Scabiosa spp. (PINCUSHION FLOWER)

Silybum marianum (MILK THISTLE)

- Feeds larvae of Mylitta Crescent

Tagetes spp. (MARIGOLD MARIGOLD)

Tithonia rotundifolia (MEXICAN SUNFLOWER)

Trifolium (CLOVERS)

- Feeds larvae of Southern Dogface, Greenish Blue, Eastern Tailed Blue, Northern Cloudywing, Sachem Skipper, Orange Sulphur, Acmon Blue

Tropaeolum majus (NASTURTIUM)

- Feeds larvae of Cabbage White

Umbellifers (FENNEL, ANGELICA, PARSLEY, CARROT, ETC.)

- Feeds larvae of Anise Swallowtail

Zinnia spp.

Bulbs, Tubers, Geophytes

Chlorogalum pomeridianum (SOAP PLANT, AMOLE)

- Feeds larvae of Western Brown Elf

Grasses and Grass-like Plants

(CALIFORNIA NATIVE BUNCH GRASSES)

- Feeds larvae of California Ringlet, Ocher Ringlet, Dark Wood Nymph, Riding's Satyr, Sylvan Satyr, Ox-eyed Satyr, Eufala Skipper, Roadside Skipper, Umber Skipper, Woodland Skipper, Rural Skipper and 2 subspecies, Sonora Skipper and 2 spp., Common Branded Skipper and 6 spp., each on a different grass, Columbia Skipper, Juba Skipper, Fiery Skipper, Hewitson's Skipper, Leussler's Skipper, Golden Grass Skipper, Sachem Skipper

Bromus carinatus (BROME GRASS)

Calamagrostis foliosa (CAPE MENDOCINO REED GRASS)

Calamagrostis ophitidis (SERPENTINE REED GRASS)

- Feeds larvae of Arctic Skipper

Calamagrostis purpurascens (PURPLE REED GRASS)

- Feeds larvae of Arctic Skipper

Carex spp. (SEDGE)

- Feeds larvae of Dun Skipper

Danthonia californica (CALIFORNIA OATGRASS)

- Feeds larvae of Lindsey's Skipper

Distichlis spicata (SALTGRASS)

- Feeds larvae of Wandering Skipper, Sandhill Skipper, Saltgrass Skipper

Festuca idahoensis (IDAHO FESCUE)

- Feeds larvae of Lindsey's Skipper

Festuca rubra Molateq (MOLATE FESCUE)

- Feeds larvae of Dodge's Skipper

Melica imperfecta (BUNCH GRASS)

Nassella [Stipa] pulchra

Nessella pulchra (PURPLE NEEDLEGRASS)

- Feeds larvae of Juba Skipper, California Ringlet

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