



Wild Plants of Martinez Regional Shoreline

Common Name Version

A Photographic Guide

Sorted by Form, Color and Family
with Habitat Descriptions and Identification Notes

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More than 2,000 species of native and naturalized plants grow wild in the San Francisco Bay Area. Most are very difficult to identify without the help of good illustrations. This is designed to be a simple, color photo guide to help you identify some of these plants. This guide is published electronically in Adobe Acrobat® format so that it can easily be updated as additional photographs become available. You have permission to freely download, distribute and print this guide for individual use. Photographs are © 2014 Wilde Legard, all rights reserved.

In this guide, the included plants are sorted first by form (Ferns & Fern-like, Grasses & Grass-like, Herbaceous, Woody), then by most common flower color, and finally by similar looking flowers (grouped by genus within each family). Each photograph has the following information, separated by '-':

COMMON NAME	According to <i>The Jepson Manual: Vascular Plants of California, Second Edition (JM2)</i> and other references (not standardized).
(Scientific Name)	According to <i>JM2</i> and <i>eFlora</i> (ucjeps.berkeley.edu/IJM.html).
Origin & Longevity	Native, Naturalized, or Waif (not reproducing without human care). Annual, Biennial, Perennial, or a combination.
Family Name	Common family name according to <i>JM2</i> ,
(Bloom date range)	Period during the year when the plant blooms, according to <i>JM2</i> and other sources. '-' if plant does not bloom (ie. Ferns).
Habitat	Habitat description according to <i>JM2</i> and other sources.
ID Characteristics	Plant description with identification characteristics and other notes, based on multiple sources including: <i>Annotated Checklist of the East Bay Flora, Second Edition (2013)</i> , <i>JM2</i> , <i>Plants of the San Francisco Bay Region (Revised Edition)</i> , and <i>Weeds of California and Other Western States</i> .
Additional notes	Occasionally, an additional note may appear (ie. NOXIOUS weed, INVASIVE weed, Fed & Calif. ENDANGERED, etc.).

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Grass-like - Green/Brown

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COMMON ARROW-GRASS (*Triglochin maritima*)
Native Perennial - Arrow-grass Family -
(Apr–Aug) - Coastal salt marshes, interior saline,
brackish, alkaline marshes - Plant 16-43" tall,
dense-tufted. Leaves 4-32" long, 0.08-0.2" wide.
Leaf ligule tip entire to notched.



NARROW-LEAVED CATTAIL (*Typha angustifolia*) Native Perennial - Cattail Family -
(May–Aug) - Nutrient-rich freshwater to brackish
marshes, wet disturbed places - Plant 4.9-9.8'
tall. Leaves gen < 0.4" wide. Flower cluster gap >
0.4".



BROAD-LEAVED CATTAIL (*Typha latifolia*)
Native Perennial - Cattail Family - (Jun–Jul) -
Unpolluted to nutrient-rich freshwater (brackish)
marshes - Plant 4.9-9.8' tall. Widest leaves
0.4-1.1" wide. Flower cluster with no gap
between flower types.



GIANT REED (*Arundo donax*) Naturalized
Perennial - Grass Family - (Mar–Sep) - Moist
places, seeps, ditchbanks - Stem 6-33' tall,
matures woody. Leaves evenly spaced on stem.
Flower cluster 8-28" tall, up to 5" wide. Spikelet
~0.5" long. NOXIOUS weed.



SLENDER WILD OAT (*Avena barbata*) Naturalized Annual - Grass Family - (Mar-Jun) - Disturbed sites - Plants gen 24-32". Spikelets 0.8-1.2" long. Awns 0.8-1.8" long. Lemma tip bristles ≥ 0.1 " long. Seeds **EDIBLE** whole or ground for flour. **INVASIVE** weed.



WILD OAT (*Avena fatua*) Naturalized Annual - Grass Family - (Apr-Jun) - Disturbed sites - Plants 1-5' tall. Spikelets 0.7-1.3" long. Low awn 1-1.6" long. Lemma tip bristles < 0.04 " long. Seeds **EDIBLE** whole or ground for flour. **INVASIVE** weed.



RIPGUT GRASS (*Bromus diandrus*) Naturalized Annual - Grass Family - (Apr-Jul) - Open, gen disturbed areas - Plant 6-40" tall. Spikelet 1-2.8" long. Lemma body 0.8-1.2" long, awn > 1.2 " long. Barbed seeds can stick in flesh of animals. **INVASIVE** weed.



SOFT CHESS (*Bromus hordeaceus*) Naturalized Annual - Grass Family - (Apr-Jul) - Fields, disturbed areas - Plant 4-26" tall. Leaf hairy. Flower cluster 1-5" long, dense, some stalks $>$ spikelet. Spikelet 0.5-0.9". Lemma 0.26-0.4", awn 0.16-0.4". **INVASIVE** weed.



SMOOTH PAMPAS GRASS (*Cortaderia selloana*) Naturalized Perennial - Grass Family - (Sep-Mar) - Disturbed sites - Plant 6-13' tall. Leaf blades 0.1-0.5" wide, sheathes smooth. Cultivar, rarely escaped. **INVASIVE** weed.



SALT GRASS (*Distichlis spicata*) Native Perennial - Grass Family - (Apr-Sep) - Salt marshes, coastal dunes, moist, alkaline areas - Stem 4-20" long. Leaves 0.8-4" long, flat, stiff. Flower cluster 0.8-3" long, narrow. Spikelets straw-colored to purple, 2-20/group, 0.24-0.8" long.



BARNYARD GRASS (*Echinochloa crus-galli*) Naturalized Annual - Grass Family - (Jun-Oct) - Gen wet, disturbed sites, fields, roadsides - Stem 12-39" long. Leaf blades to 25" long, 0.2-1.2" wide. Spikelet 0.1-0.16" long, floret ~ 0.14 " long, 1 per node. Awns 0-2" long on same plant.



BEARDLESS WILD RYE (*Elymus triticoides*) Native Perennial - Grass Family - (Jun-Jul) - Dry to moist, often saline, meadows - Plant 18-50" tall, from rhizomes. Flower cluster 2-8" long. Spikelets generally 2/node. Lemmas 3-7, 0.2-0.5" long, awn to 0.12" long.



RYE GRASS (*Festuca perennis*) Naturalized Perennial - Grass Family - (May-Sep) - Dry to moist disturbed sites, abandoned fields - Stem 20-40" tall. Spikelet 0.2-0.9" long, > glume, awned or awnless. Sterile shoots at base. **INVASIVE weed.**



MEDITERRANEAN BARLEY (*Hordeum marinum* subsp. *gussoneanum*) Naturalized Annual - Grass Family - (Apr-Jun) - Dry to moist, disturbed sites - Stem 4-20". Leaf blades to 32" long, auricles < 0.08". Central lemma awn 0.25-0.7" long. **INVASIVE weed.**



HARE BARLEY (*Hordeum murinum* subsp. *leporinum*) Naturalized Annual - Grass Family - (Feb-May) - Moist, gen disturbed sites. Common - Stem 12-43" tall. Central spikelet stalk ~0.06" long. Central floret << lateral florets. **INVASIVE weed.**



DALLIS GRASS (*Paspalum dilatatum*) Naturalized Perennial - Grass Family - (May-Nov) - Disturbed areas - Tufted, weedy. Stem 1.6-5.7' tall. Leaves to 14" long. Flowering stem w/3-6 branches. Spikelet groups 2-7, each 0.6-4.7" long. Spikelets ~0.14", paired.



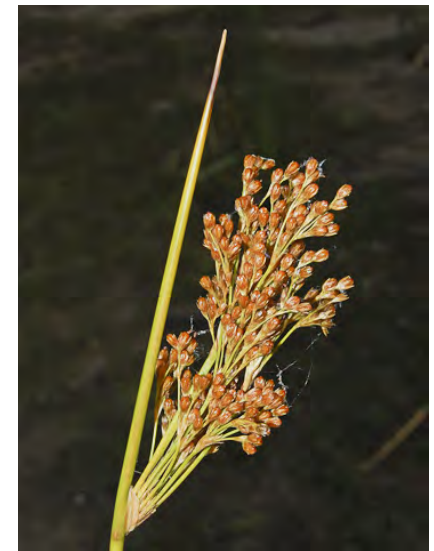
COMMON REED (*Phragmites australis*) Native Perennial - Grass Family - (Jul-Nov) - Pond & lake margins, sloughs, marshes - Stem 6.6-13', gen < 0.4" diam. Leaf blades gen 8-18" long, base gradually narrowed. Flower cluster 6-20". Spikelet 0.4-0.6", lemmas smooth.



RABBITFOOT GRASS (*Polyopogon monspeliensis*) Naturalized Annual - Grass Family - (Apr-Aug) - Moist places, along streams - Stem 8-39". Leaf 0.4-8" long, 0.16-0.24" wide. Flower cluster 0.4-6.7" long, plume-like. Glume awn > 0.14". Lemma awn gen < 0.1". **INVASIVE.**



SMILO GRASS (*Stipa miliacea* var. *miliacea*) Naturalized Perennial - Grass Family - (Mar-Sep) - Salt marshes, streambanks, chaparral, open woodland, disturbed - Stems green, large tufts, sheaths lt. Inflor arching. **INVASIVE weed.**



BALTIC RUSH (*Juncus balticus* subsp. *ater*) Native Perennial - Rush Family - (Jul-Nov) - Moist to ± dry sites - Stem 14-43" tall, round, not twisted. No leaf blade. Flowers generally 0.1-0.2" long.



SPREADING RUSH (*Juncus patens*) Native Perennial - Rush Family - (Jun-Oct) - Marshy places, creeks, seeps - Plant 12-41" tall, densely tufted. Stems blue-gray-green & distinctly grooved when fresh. Stamens 6.



SEACOAST BULRUSH (*Bolboschoenus robustus*) Native Perennial - Sedge Family - (Summer) - Brackish to saline coastal marshes - Plant 20-60" tall. Stem sharply triangular. Flower cluster dense, stemless, just above bracts. Spikelets 5-25, 0.4-1.2" long.



COMMON TULE (*Schoenoplectus acutus* var. *occidentalis*) Native Perennial - Sedge Family - (Summer) - Common. Marshes, shores, fens, shallow lakes, often emergent - Stem 3.3-13' tall, fat, round x-section, blue-green.



OLNEY'S THREE-SQUARE BULRUSH (*Schoenoplectus americanus*) Native Perennial - Sedge Family - (Summer) - Mineral-rich or brackish marshes, shores, fens, springs - Stem 1.2-8.2' tall, sharply 3-angled, not leafy. Flower cluster head-like.



SOUTHERN BULRUSH (*Schoenoplectus californicus*) Native Perennial - Sedge Family - (Spring-summer) - Common. Brackish to fresh marshes, shores - Stem 3.3-13' tall, slender, bright green, bluntly 3-angled. Flower cluster somewhat open.



PANICLED / WEEDY WILLOWHERB (*Epilobium brachycarpum*) Native Annual - Evening Primrose Family - (Jun-Sep) - Common. Dry open or disturbed woodland, grassland, roadsides - Plant 8-79" tall, diffuse. Petals 2-15 mm long, white to rose-purple.



ALKALI HEATH (*Frankenia salina*) Native Perennial - Frankenia Family - (Apr-Sep) - Salt marshes, alkali flats - Matted subshrub, to 1' tall. Leaf blade 0.16-0.6" long, <= 0.24" wide. Petals white to pink or blue-purple, 0.24-0.55" long; gen 6 stamens.



GREENSTEM FILAREE (*Erodium moschatum*) Naturalized Annual - Geranium Family - (Feb-Sep) - Open, disturbed sites - Stem 4-24", short-hairy. Leaves compound, leaflets toothed. Sepal tip glabrous. Petals 0.4-0.6" long, pink. Fruit beak 0.8-1.6" long.



BULL MALLOW (*Malva nicaeensis*) Naturalized Annual - Mallow Family - (Mar-Jun) - Disturbed places - Stem 0.7-2'. Leaf blade 1.2-4.7" wide, 5-7 shallow lobes. Bractlets egg-shaped, 0.16-0.2" long. Petals pink to blue-violet, 0.2-0.5" long.



RADISH (*Raphanus sativus*) Naturalized Annual - Mustard Family - (May-Jul) - Disturbed areas, fields - Stem 16-51" long. Petals 0.6-1" long, white to purple. Fruit a fat cylinder w/constrictions between seeds. **INVASIVE weed.**



DELTA TULE PEA (*Lathyrus jepsonii* var. *jepsonii*) Native Perennial - Pea Family - (Apr-Aug) - Coastal, estuarine marshes - Plant < 8' tall, smooth. Stem climbing, winged. Flowers 0.6-0.8" long, pink to pink-purple. CNPS: **FAIRLY ENDANGERED.**



RED SAND-SPURRY (*Spergularia rubra*) Naturalized Annual-Perennial - Pink Family - (Spring-fall) - Forest, meadows, mud flats, disturbed - Plant 1.6-10". Leaf non-fleshy, whorls w/large white bracts. Petals pink. Stamens 6-10. Sepals < 0.16".



ITALIAN THISTLE (*Carduus pycnocephalus* subsp. *pycnocephalus*) Naturalized Annual - Sunflower Family - (Mar-Jul) - Roadsides, pastures, disturbed areas - Stems 8-79", narrow spiny-wings. Lower leaves 4-10 lobed, heads 2-5, flower bracts woolly. **NOXIOUS.**



PURPLE STAR-THISTLE (*Centaurea calcitrapa*) Naturalized Annual-Biennial - Sunflower Family - (Apr-Nov) - Pastures, disturbed places - Plant 8-40"+. Basal leaves 1-2x divided into narrow lobes. Flowers purple with spiny bracts. **NOXIOUS weed.**



CHICORY (*Cichorium intybus*) Naturalized Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Apr-Oct) - Common. Roadsides, disturbed places - Plants 16-78" tall. Stems leafless. Leaves dandelion-like. Flowers pale blue, 0.8-1.6" wide. Roots roasted as coffee substitute.



BULL THISTLE (*Cirsium vulgare*) Naturalized Biennial - Sunflower Family - (May-Oct) - Common. Disturbed areas - Plant 12-79" tall. Top of leaves bristly; leaf base forming decurrent wings on stem. Flowers purple, gen 1-2" wide. **NOXIOUS weed.**



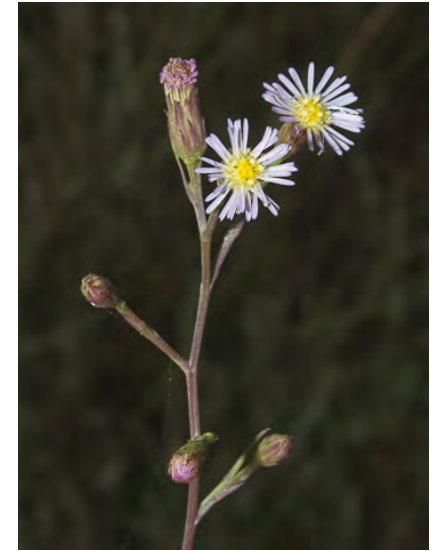
ARTICHOKE THISTLE (*Cynara cardunculus* subsp. *flavescens*) Naturalized Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Apr-Jul) - Disturbed places - Plant 1.6-8' tall. Artichoke head 1.6-6" diam, spine-tipped. Flowers blue or purple, 1.2-2" long. **NOXIOUS weed.**



WEEDY CUDWEED (*Pseudognaphalium luteoalbum*) Naturalized Annual - Sunflower Family - (Apr-Aug) - Disturbed sites, fields, streambeds - Heads 0.12-0.16" long, yellowish, female flowers < 0.08" long, pappus bristles connected.



MILK THISTLE (*Silybum marianum*) Naturalized Annual-Biennial - Sunflower Family - (Feb-Jun) - Roadsides, pastures, disturbed areas - Stem 1-10', stout. Leaves spiny, shiny green w/white veins and spots. Flowers red-purple. **INVASIVE weed.**



ANNUAL SALTMARSH ASTER (*Symphyotrichum subulatum* var. *parviflorum*) Native Annual - Sunflower Family - (Jul-Oct) - Marshes, disturbed places - Heads white to pink, solitary, in leaf axils and stem ends, <50 rays. Flower head bracts sharp-tipped.



PURPLE SALSIFY (*Tragopogon porrifolius*) Naturalized Biennial-Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Mar-Nov) - Common. Disturbed places - Plant 16-39" tall, milky sap. Leaves 0.8-1.6" long, very narrow, waxy blue. Flowers purple.



FULLER'S TEASEL (*Dipsacus sativus*) Naturalized Biennial - Teasel Family - (May-Jul) - Disturbed areas, fields, vacant lots, pastures - Plant gen < 6' tall. Leaf pairs fused around stem. Flower cluster lavender, 5-10 cm long, bracts spreading. **INVASIVE weed.**



REDROOT PIGWEED (*Amaranthus retroflexus*) Naturalized Annual - Amaranth Family - (Jun-Nov) - Common. Wet fields, roadside ditches, waste places, agricultural fields - Stem upright, 0.5-6' tall. Flower clusters green, dense, at leaf bases and stem tips.



CURLY DOCK (*Rumex crispus*) Naturalized Perennial - Buckwheat Family - (All year) - Abundant. Disturbed places - Stem 16-39" tall. Flower cluster dense, valves 0.2-0.24", winged around tubercles, smooth edged. 1 tubercle enlarged. **INVASIVE.**



FAT-HEN (*Atriplex prostrata*) Native Annual - Goosefoot Family - (Apr-Oct) - Wet places, marshes - Plant 4-48" tall, branched at base. Leaves alternate, blades 0.4-3.5" long, triangular, green, not dense-scaly underneath.



SEA BEET (*Beta vulgaris* subsp. *maritima*) Naturalized Annual - Goosefoot Family - (Feb-Sep) - Moist sandy places, disturbed areas - Plant succulent. Stem < 32" tall. Leaf blades < 4" long. Fruits fall in clusters.



WALL GOOSEFOOT (*Chenopodium murale*) Naturalized Annual - Goosefoot Family - (All year) - Common. Disturbed areas, fields - Plant 6-24" tall. Leaves dark green, shiny, broad, toothed. Seeds horizontal, bumpy, rim angled.



PACIFIC PICKLEWEED (*Salicornia pacifica*) Native Perennial - Goosefoot Family - (Jul-Nov) - Salt marshes, alkaline flats - Plant 4-28" tall, branching from base, branches opposite. Flower clusters 0.8-3.3" long, 0.1-0.2" wide.



RUSSIAN THISTLE (*Salsola tragus*) Naturalized Annual-Perennial - Goosefoot Family - (Jul-Oct) - Common. Disturbed places - Plant < 5' tall. Stem gen red-stripped, widely branched. Leaves succulent, 0.3-2" long, upper spine-tipped. NOXIOUS.



CUT-LEAF PLANTAIN (*Plantago coronopus*) Native Annual-Biennial - Plantain Family - (Apr-Jul) - Coastal bluffs, salt marshes, trampled places, chaparral, grassy flats - Leaves 1.6-10" long, tooth-like lobes. Flower: stems 1-6, 2-20" tall, cluster 0.8-8" long.



SPINY COCKLEBUR (*Xanthium spinosum*) Native Annual - Sunflower Family - (Jul-Oct) - Disturbed, seasonally wet, often alkaline sites, in grassland, marshes, watercourses - Plant 4-24". Stem node spines 0.6-1.2" long, golden, gen 3-lobed. Bur 0.4-0.5" long.



COCKLEBUR (*Xanthium strumarium*) Native Annual - Sunflower Family - (Jul-Oct) - Disturbed, seasonally wet, often alkaline sites, in grassland, marshes, watercourses - Plant 4-32" tall. Stem spineless. Bur 0.4-1.2"+ long.



CALIFORNIA POPPY (*Eschscholzia californica*)
Native Perennial - Poppy Family - (Feb-Sep) -
Grassy, open areas - Plant 2-24" tall. Flower
w/spreading rim \leq 0.2". Petals 0.8-2.4" long,
early spring = large and orange, fall = smaller and
yellow.



SEASIDE HELIOTROPE (*Heliotropium*
curassavicum var. *oculatum*) Native Perennial -
Borage Family - (Feb-Oct) - Moist to dry, saline
to alkaline soils, gen near water - Plant fleshy.
Leaf 0.4-2.4 cm long. Flowers white w/ yellow
center, 0.12-0.2" long.



SOFT SALTY BIRD'S-BEAK (*Chloropyron molle*
subsp. *molle*) Native Annual - Broom-rape Family
- (Jul-Nov) - Coastal salt marshes - Plant 4-16"
tall, gen soft-hairy. Flowers white to yellowish,
0.6-0.8" long. Fed: ENDANGERED Cal: RARE.



KNOTWEED (*Polygonum aviculare* subsp.
depressum) Naturalized Annual - Buckwheat
Family - (May-Nov) - Disturbed places - Stem
4-20", mat-forming. Flowers 2-8/leaf axil, ~0.1"
long, fused 1/2 length, w/white or pink margins.



POISON HEMLOCK (*Conium maculatum*)
Naturalized Biennial - Carrot Family - (Apr-Jul) -
Common. Moist, esp disturbed places - Plants
2-10' tall. Stems purple-spotted. Leaves fern-like,
gen 2x divided. Flowers white. TOXIC. INVASIVE
weed.



WATER PARSLEY (*Oenanthe sarmentosa*)
Native Perennial - Carrot Family - (Jun-Oct) -
Streams, marshes, ponds, gen aquatic - Plant
20-60" tall. Young shoots curled, tendril-like.
Leaves twice-pinnate, leaflets alike, broad,
serrate to lobed. Flowers white.



CALIFORNIA MAN-ROOT (*Marah fabacea*)
Native Perennial - Gourd Family - (Feb-Apr) -
Streamsides, washes, shrubby open areas - Vine
6-20' long. Leaves moderately lobed. Flowers
cream or white, < 0.3" wide. Fruit spiny all over.



ALKAL-MALLOW (*Malvella leprosa*) Native
Perennial - Mallow Family - (Apr-Nov) - Valleys,
gen saline - Stem 4-16" long. Leaf blade 0.4-1.4"
long, toothed, densely short-hairy. Petals
cream-white to yellow, 0.4-0.6" long.



BINDWEED (*Convolvulus arvensis*) Naturalized Perennial - Morning-glory Family - (Mar–Oct) - Roadsides, open areas in many pl communities - Trailing. Leaf 0.8-1.2" long, w/round tip, pointed lobes. Flowers white to pink, 0.8-1" long. NOXIOUS.



HEART-PODDED HOARY CRESS (*Lepidium draba*) Naturalized Perennial - Mustard Family - (Apr–Aug) - Disturbed areas, saline soils, pastures, fields - Stem gen 9-26" tall. Flowers white. Sepals smooth. Fruit smooth, heart-shaped. NOXIOUS weed.



PERENNIAL PEPPERGRASS (*Lepidium latifolium*) Naturalized Perennial - Mustard Family - (Jun–Sep) - Pastures, disturbed areas, fields, grassland, saline meadows, streambanks, sagebrush scrub, edge of marshes - Plant 14-47". Petals white. NOXIOUS.



BLACK NIGHTSHADE (*Solanum nigrum*) Naturalized Annual - Nightshade Family - (Mar–Oct) - Disturbed places - Flower 0.4" wide w/deep lobes, white. Anthers 0.08" long. Seeds 0.08". Bracts 0.08-0.12" long, not curled back in fruit.



WILD LICORICE (*Glycyrrhiza lepidota*) Native Perennial - Pea Family - (May–Jul) - In colonies, moist, gen open, disturbed areas incl streambanks, roadsides, alkaline soils or not - Plant to 47" tall. Leaflets 9-19. Flowers whitish, 0.43-0.55". Fruit w/hooked prickles.



WHITE SWEETCLOVER (*Melilotus albus*) Naturalized Annual-Biennial - Pea Family - (May–Sep) - Locally abundant. Pastures, open disturbed sites - Stem 1.6-6.6' long. Leaflets 3, 0.4-1" long, toothed. Flowers white, 0.14-0.2" long.



ENGLISH PLANTAIN (*Plantago lanceolata*) Naturalized Annual - Plantain Family - (Apr–Aug) - Common. Disturbed areas - Leaves basal, hairy, 2-10" long, <= 1" wide. Flowers + stem 8-31" tall, flower cluster 0.8-3" long. INVASIVE, lawn weed.



YARROW (*Achillea millefolium*) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Apr–Sep) - Many habitats - Plant 4"-7" tall. Stem white-hairy. Leaves finely dissected. Flower cluster flat-topped. Flowers white to pink. Widely used in folk medicine.



MAYWEED (*Anthemis cotula*) Naturalized Annual - Sunflower Family - (Apr–Aug) - Common. Disturbed areas, fields, coastal dunes, chaparral, oak woodland - Leaves finely divided into thread-like lobes. Flowers > 0.6" wide, many on top of a well-branched stem.



MARSH BACCHARIS (*Baccharis glutinosa*) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Jul–Oct) - Coastal freshwater and saltwater marshes, streambanks - Plant herbaceous, sticky, 3-6' tall. Leaf blades lance-shaped, < 5" long, 0.5-1.2" wide.



HORSEWEED (*Erigeron canadensis*) Naturalized Annual - Sunflower Family - (All year) - Disturbed places - Plant 8-79" tall. Gen 1 main stem branching above. Disk flowers yellow; rays white or pink, <= 0.04" long. Head bracts 0.12-0.16" tall, 0.08-0.12" wide.



LEMON VERBENA (*Phyla nodiflora*) Native Perennial - Vervain Family - (May–Nov) - Wet places, pond margins - Mat-like. Leaf blade 0.2-1.2" long, < 0.4" wide, 5-11 teeth. Flowers white to red. Flower stem 0.6-3.5" tall. Ornamental.



PUNCTURE VINE (*Tribulus terrestris*) Naturalized Annual - Caltrop Family - (Apr–Oct) - Dry, disturbed areas incl roadsides, railways, vacant lots - Sprawling. Leaflets 6-12. Flowers yellow, < 0.2" wide. Fruits star-like, spines 0.16-0.28" long. NOXIOUS.



FENNEL (*Foeniculum vulgare*) Naturalized Perennial - Carrot Family - (May–Sep) - Roadsides, disturbed sites - Plants 3-6.5' tall, anise-scented. Stems waxy-blue, canelike. Flowers yellow. Leaf segments thread-like, edible when young. INVASIVE weed.



BLACK MUSTARD (*Brassica nigra*) Naturalized Annual - Mustard Family - (Apr–Sep) - Common. Disturbed areas, fields - Plant 1-6' tall. Petals bright yellow, 0.3-0.4" long. Fruit upright, pressed against stem. INVASIVE weed.



TURNIP (*Brassica rapa*) Naturalized Annual - Mustard Family - (Jan–May) - Disturbed areas - Stem 8-40" tall. Leaves clasping, upper smooth-edged & waxy. Petals yellow, 0.2-0.4" long, stalk 0.3-1"; fruit beak > 0.4". INVASIVE weed.



BIRD'S-FOOT TREFOIL (*Lotus corniculatus*) Naturalized Perennial - Pea Family - (Jun-Sep) - Open, disturbed areas - Leaflets 5, 0.16-0.9" long. Flower cluster 3-7 flowered on 0.6-4.7" stalk. Flowers bright yellow, 0.4-0.55" long, banner often reddish.



SOURCLOVER (*Melilotus indicus*) Naturalized Annual-Biennial - Pea Family - (Apr-Oct) - Open, disturbed areas - Stem 4-24" long. Leaflets 3, 0.4-1" long. Flowers yellow, ~0.1" long.



PURSLANE (*Portulaca oleracea*) Naturalized Perennial - Purslane Family - (Late spring-early fall) - Disturbed soil - Stem 1.2-16" long, spreading. Leaves 0.12-1.2" long, ~ spoon-shaped, flat. Flowers solitary. Petals yellow, 4-6, 0.12-0.2" long.



TOCALOTE (*Centaurea melitensis*) Naturalized Annual - Sunflower Family - (Apr-Jul) - Disturbed fields, open woodland - Plant 4-39", gray-hairy, resinous. Leaves 0.8-6" long. Flowers yellow, 0.4-0.8" long, bracts tipped w/purple spines. NOXIOUS weed.



YELLOW STAR-THISTLE (*Centaurea solstitialis*) Naturalized Annual - Sunflower Family - (May-Oct) - Invasive, roadsides, disturbed grassland or woodland - Plant 4-39" tall. Leaves woolly, extend down the stem. Flower bract spines 0.4-1" long. NOXIOUS weed.



BRASS-BUTTONS (*Cotula coronopifolia*) Naturalized Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Mar-Dec) - Common. Saline and freshwater marshes, mud flats - Plant 2-16"+ tall, smooth, ± fleshy. Leaves linear to lance-shaped w/linear teeth or lobes. INVASIVE.



BRISTLY OX-TONGUE (*Helminthotheca echioides*) Naturalized Annual-Biennial - Sunflower Family - (All year) - Common. Disturbed areas - Stem 1-6.5' tall, bristly. Leaf 2-8" long, covered with prickly bumps. Flower heads 0.8-1.6" wide. INVASIVE weed.



FLESHY JAUMEA (*Jaumea carnosa*) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Apr-Dec) - Coastal salt marshes, bases of sea cliffs - Stem trailing. Leaf gen 0.6-2" long, fleshy. Flower head yellow, 0.5-0.8" long; rays 0.4-0.2" long, disks ~ 0.25" long. Aromatic.



PRICKLY LETTUCE (*Lactuca serriola*)
Naturalized Annual - Sunflower Family -
(May–Oct) - Abundant. Disturbed places - Stem
1.6–10' tall, prickly-bristly. Leaves deeply-lobed,
midvein and edges prickly-bristly. Flowers pale
yellow, 0.16–0.2" wide.



PRICKLY SOW THISTLE (*Sonchus asper* subsp.
asper) Naturalized Annual - Sunflower Family -
(All year) - Common. Slightly moist disturbed
sites, along streams - Plant 4–48". Leaf teeth
prickly. Basal lobes of upper leaves rounded,
curving downward.



COMMON SOW THISTLE (*Sonchus oleraceus*)
Naturalized Annual - Sunflower Family - (All year)
- Abundant. Disturbed places - Plant 4–55" tall.
Leaf teeth soft to touch. Basal lobes of upper
leaves sharply pointed, straight to curving
upward.



COMMON DANDELION (*Taraxacum officinale*)
Naturalized Biennial-Perennial - Sunflower Family
- (All year) - Abundant. Esp disturbed areas -
Stem hollow. Leaves bright green with sharp
down-pointing lobes. Outer head bracts reflexed.
Fruit ~ brown.



COAST LIVE OAK (*Quercus agrifolia* var.
agrifolia) Native Perennial - Oak Family -
(Mar–Apr) - Valleys, slopes, mixed-evergreen
forest, woodland - Tree 30–80'. Leaves convex,
hair-tuft below in vein axils. Acorns on 1st year
twigs, shell glabrous inside.



VALLEY OAK (*Quercus lobata*) Native Perennial
- Oak Family - (Mar–Apr) - Slopes, valleys,
savanna - Tree < 115' tall, deciduous. Leaves
2–5" long, not leathery, deeply lobed, lobes
without bristles. Acorns 1.2–2" long, slender, cup
0.4–1.2" deep.



WESTERN POISON OAK (*Toxicodendron*
diversilobum) Native Perennial - Sumac Family -
(Apr–Jun) - Canyons, slopes, chaparral, coastal
scrub, oak woodland - Shrub or vine. Leaflets 3,
red in fall, mid leaflet stalked. Flowers green.
Fruits white. TOXIC.



BLUE ELDERBERRY (*Sambucus nigra* subsp.
caerulea) Native Perennial - Muskroot Family -
(Mar–Sep) - Common. Streambanks, open
places in forest - Shrub 7–26' tall. Flower cluster
flat-topped, 1.6–13" diam, petals spreading. Fruits
waxy blue-black.



CHRISTMAS BERRY / TOYON (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*) Native Perennial - Rose Family - ((May)Jun-Aug) - Chaparral, oak woodland, mixed-evergreen forest - Shrub-tree < 33' tall, evergreen. Leaf 2-4" long. Petals white, < 0.16" long. Fruit bright red.



ALMOND (*Prunus dulcis*) Naturalized Perennial - Rose Family - (Feb-Mar) - Canyons, roadsides, grassland (as waif) - Tree 16-26' tall. Leaf blades 1-4" long. Flowers 1-3/cluster. Petals pink to nearly white, 0.5-1" long. Fruit 1-1.6" long, hairy. Cultivar.



BITTER CHERRY (*Prunus emarginata*) Native Perennial - Rose Family - (Apr-Jun) - Rocky slopes, canyons, chaparral, mixed-evergreen, conifer forest - Shrub/tree < 50'. Leaf: stem 0.1-0.5", blade 0.6-2.4" long. Petals white, 0.12-0.3" long. Fruit red to purple.



HIMALAYAN BLACKBERRY (*Rubus armeniacus*) Naturalized Perennial - Rose Family - (Mar-Jun) - Common. Disturbed areas, roadsides - Shrub w/thorny 5-angled stem. Leaflets 3-5, white-hairy beneath. Blackberry-type fruit. INVASIVE.



COYOTE BRUSH (*Baccharis pilularis* subsp. *consanguinea*) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Jul-Dec) - Coastal bluffs, woodland, grassland, disturbed sites, occ on serpentine - Shrub < 15' tall, brittle, common. Leaves gen 0.6-1.6" long.



CALIFORNIA BAY (*Umbellularia californica*) Native Perennial - Laurel Family - (Nov-May) - Common. Canyons, valleys, chaparral - Tree < 150' tall. Leaf 1.2-4", 0.6-1.2" wide, aromatic. Cluster of 5-10 small, yellow or yellow-green flowers. Fruit 0.8-1" diam.



TREE TOBACCO (*Nicotiana glauca*) Naturalized Perennial - Nightshade Family - (Apr-Aug) - Open, disturbed flats or slopes - Shrub or small tree, waxy-blue. Leaves 2-8" long. Flowers yellow, 1.2-1.4" long. INVASIVE. TOXIC to livestock.



MARSH GUMPLANT (*Grindelia stricta* var. *angustifolia*) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family - (May-Dec) - Tidal wetlands - Plant 3.3-6.6' tall, woody base, evergreen. Leaves 0.4-6" long, fleshy, not resinous. Flower rays yellow, 16-56, 0.5-0.7" long.

