

CALIFORNIA NATIVES FOR CHAPARRAL HABITAT

Marin county's shrub habitat, called chaparral, is very distinctive. This plant community is dominated by tough-leaved, evergreen shrubs well adapted to extremely dry conditions in gravelly or sandy soils that do not retain moisture and lack a layer of leaf litter. To conserve moisture, a number of them have very small leaves or lose their leaves during the heat of summer. If this sounds like the conditions on your property, chaparral plants like wild lilac, manzanita, toyon and Cleveland Sage will thrive there.

SMALL TREES AND LARGE SHRUBS

Arctostaphylos, several spp. and cultivars
Atriplex lentiformis ssp. breweri / Quail Bush
Ceanothus cuneatus / Buckbrush
Cercis occidentalis / Western Redbud
Cercocarpus betuloides / Mt. Mahogany
Chilopsis linearis / Desert Willow
Frangula (Rhamnus) californica / Coffeeberry

Fremontodendron californicum / California Fremontia
Garrya elliptica / Silk Tassle Bush
Heteromeles arbutifolia / Toyon
Prunus ilicifolia / Holly-leaf Cherry
Prunus ilicifolia ssp. lyonii / Catalina Cherry
Rhus integrifolia / Lemonade Berry
Rhus ovata / Sugar Bush

MEDIUM AND SMALL SHRUBS

Adenostema fasciculatum / Chamise
Artemisia californica / California Sagebrush
Baccharis pilularis and cultivars / Coyote Brush
Berberis nevinii / Nevin's Barberry
Ceanothus, several spp. and cultivars
Dendromecon harfordii / Island Bush Poppy
Eriogonum fasciculatum / California Buckwheat
Eriogonum giganteum / St. Catherine's Lace
Mimulus aurantiacus / Sticky Monkeyflower
Lepechinia calycina / Pitcher Sage

Ribes malvaceum / Chaparral Currant
Rhus trilobata / Basket Bush
Salvia apiana / White Sage
Salvia brandegeei / Brandegee's Sage
Salvia clevelandii / Cleveland Sage
Salvia clevelandii 'Winifred Gilman'
Salvia x clevelandii 'Poza Blue'
Salvia leucophylla / Purple Sage
Salvia mellifera / Black Sage

PERENNIALS

Asclepias fascicularis / Narrow-leaf Milkweed
Datura wrightii / Sacred Datura or Thornapple
Epilobium canum and cultivars / California Fuchsia
Eriogonum nudum / Naked Buckwheat
Eriophyllum confertiflorum / Golden Yarrow
Eriophyllum lanatum / Woolly Sunflower

Monardella villosa / Coyote Mint
Penstemon heterophyllus / Foothill Penstemon
Scutellaria californica / Skullcap
Solidago californica / Goldenrod
Sphaeralcea ambigua / Apricot Mallow

GRASSES

Muhlenbergia rigens / Deer Grass
Stipa (Nassella) pulchra / Purple Needlegrass

