

# CALIFORNIA NATIVES FOR GRASSLANDS

Inland grasslands are a shrubless vegetative cover that was historically dominated by perennial bunchgrasses. Intermingled among the grasses were numerous species of bulbs, annual wildflowers and perennial forbs (green leafy plants). Most plant growth occurs rapidly during the rainy season, dying off as the dry season approaches. Soils are often clay with dormant grasses providing some soil cover during the summer.

Coastal grasslands have a much greater component of perennial forbs growing among the bunchgrasses, as well as scattered shrubs and drifts of bracken ferns. The foggy conditions provide year-round moisture. Open grasslands are lovely but hard to maintain as unwanted weeds and annual grasses like to move in.

## Coastal

### PERENNIALS AND BULBS

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*Achillea millefolium* / Yarrow  
*Angelica hendersonii* / Coast Angelica  
*Arabis blepharophylla* / Coastal Rockcress  
*Armeria maritima* / Sea Thrift  
*Artemisia pycnocephala* / Sandhill Sage  
*Aster chilensis* / California Aster  
*Dudleya species* / Live-Forever  
*Erigeron glaucus* / Seaside Daisy  
*Erysimum menziesii* / Pt. Reyes Wallflower  
*Eschscholzia californica var. maritima* / Coastal CA Poppy

*Fragaria chiloensis* / Beach Strawberry  
*Grindelia stricta var. platyphylla* / Gum Plant  
*Heracleum maximum* / Cow Parsnip  
*Horkelia californica* / Horkelia  
*Iris douglasiana* / Douglas Iris  
*Linum lewisii* / Blue Flax  
*Lupinus albifrons* / Silver Bush Lupine  
*Lupinus arboreus* / Yellow Bush Lupine  
*Ranunculus occidentalis* / Buttercups  
*Sidalcea malvaeflora* / Checkerbloom

### GRASSES AND SEDGES

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*Deschampsia caespitosa* / Tufted Hairgrass  
*Calamagrostis foliosa* / Leafy Reedgrass  
*Calamagrostis nutkaensis* / Pacific Reedgrass

### WILDFLOWERS

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*Cirsium occidentale* / Cobweb Thistle  
*Clarkia species*  
*Layia platyglossa* / Tidy Tips  
*Lupinus nanus* / Sky Lupine  
*Nemophila menziesii* / Baby Blue Eyes  
*Platystemon californicus* / Cream Cups

## Inland

### PERENNIALS AND BULBS

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*Allium unifolium* / Pink-flowering Onion  
*Anaphalis margaritacea* / Pearly Everlasting  
*Angelica tomentosa* / California Angelica  
*Aquilegia eximia* / Sticky Columbine  
*Asclepias fascicularis* / Narrow-leaf Milkweed  
*Asclepias speciosa* / Showy Milkweed  
*Aster chilensis* / California Aster  
*Brodiaea elegans* / Harvest Brodiaea  
*Calochortus luteus* / Mariposa Lily  
*Chlorogalum pomeridianum* / Soap Lily  
*Dichelostemma capitatum* / Blue Dicks  
*Epilobium canum and cultivars* / California Fuchsia

*Eriogonum latifolium* / Coast Buckwheat  
*Eriogonum nudum* / Naked Stem Buckwheat  
*Erysimum capitatum* / Foothill Wallflower  
*Grindelia stricta var. angustifolia* / Gum Plant  
*Iris macrosiphon* – Ground Iris  
*Lupinus albifrons* / Silver Bush Lupine  
*Romneya coulterii* / Matilija Poppy  
*Sidalcea malvaeflora* / Checkerbloom  
*Sisyrinchium bellum* / Blue-eyed Grass  
*Solidago californica* / Goldenrod  
*Triteleia laxa* / Ithuriel's Spear



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*Bouteloua gracilis* / Blue Eyebrow Grass  
*Carex pansa* / Meadow Sedge  
*Carex tumulicola* / Foothill Sedge  
*Elymus glaucus* / Blue Wildrye  
*Festuca idahoensis* / Idaho Fescue  
*Muhlenbergia rigens* / Deer Grass  
*Stipa (Nassella) pulchra* / Purple Needlegrass

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*Clarkia species*  
*Eschscholzia californica* / CA Poppy  
*Gilia species*  
*Hemizonia species* / Tarweeds  
*Helianthus species* / Sunflowers  
*Layia chrysanthemoides* / Tidy Tips  
*Lupinus succulentus* / Arroyo Lupine  
*Madia elegans* / Elegant Madia  
*Oenothera elata var. hookeri* / Yellow Evening  
Primrose  
*Salvia columbaria* / Chia Sage

