

NATIVES FOR DRY SHADE UNDER NATIVE OAKS

Oak woodlands occur on dry slopes and the particular exposure (south-facing or north-facing) helps determine the understory plant community. Soils are typically clay, which hold moisture in the rainy season but are very dry in summer. The soil, particularly under the canopies of the live oaks, is covered by leaf litter. The most common oaks in Marin are Coast Live Oak, Black Oak, and Blue Oak (Novato only).

SMALL TREES AND LARGE SHRUBS

Aesculus californica / Buckeye
Arctostaphylos spp. / Manzanita *
Ceanothus thyrsiflorus / Blueblossom *
Corylus cornuta var. californica / Hazelnut

Garrya elliptica / Silk Tassel Bush
Heteromeles arbutifolia / Toyon *
Prunus ilicifolia / Holly-leaf Cherry *
Sambucus nigra ssp. caerulea / Blue Elderberry

MEDIUM AND SMALL SHRUBS

Berberis (Mahonia) aquifolium / Oregon Grape
Carpenteria californica / Bush Anemone
Ceanothus species and cultivars*
Frangula (Rhamnus) californica / Coffeeberry
Gambelia speciosa / Island Bush Snapdragon **
Holodiscus discolor / Ocean Spray or Cream Bush
Keckiella cordifolia / Heart-leaf Penstemon
Lepechinia fragrans / Pitcher Sage
Mimulus aurantiacus / Sticky Monkeyflower & hybrids

Philadelphus lewisii / Mock Orange
Rhus integrifolia / Lemonade Berry
Ribes aureum / Golden Currant
Ribes sanguineum var. glutinosum / Pink-flowering Currant
Ribes speciosum / Fuchsia-flowered Gooseberry
Ribes viburnifolium / Catalina Perfume
Rosa californica / California Rose
Symphoricarpos albus var. laevigatus / Snowberry

PERENNIALS AND BULBS

Chlorogalum pomeridianum / Soap Lily
Heuchera maxima and hybrids / Alum Root
Iris douglasiana / Douglas Iris; Pacific Coast Iris hybrids
Phacelia bolanderi / Bolander's Phacelia

Salvia spathacea / Hummingbird Sage
Scrophularia californica / Beeplant
Tellima grandiflora / Fringecups
Triteleia laxa / Ithuriel's Spear
Solanum xantii / Blue Nightshade

GRASSES, RUSHES AND SEDGES

Carex tumulicola / Foothill Sedge
Elymus glaucus / Blue Wildrye
Festuca californica / California Fescue
Juncus patens / Grey Rush
Melica harfordii / Harford Melicgrass
Melica torreyana / Torrey's Melic

GROUNDCOVERS

Berberis aquifolium var. repens / Creeping Barberry
Fragaria vesca ssp. californica / Woodland Strawberry
Salvia sonomensis / Sonoma Sage
Satureja douglasii / Yerba Buena
Symphoricarpos mollis / Creeping Snowberry
Whipplea modesta / Modesty

FERNS

Blechnum spicant / Deer Fern
Dryopteris arguta / Coastal Wood Fern
Polypodium californicum / California Polypody Fern
Polystichum munitum / Western Swordfern

VINES

Clematis ligusticifolia / Western Virgin's Bower
Lonicera hispidula var. vacillans / Hairy Honeysuckle

* place in the sunny spots

** frost tender

