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

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

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

WILDFLOWERS

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

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

GRASSES AND SEDGES

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

WILDFLOWERS

Cirsium occidentale / Cobweb Thistle
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