

# Planting Guide for your native pollinator garden

Use the arrangement below to have a continuous garden - spring, summer, & fall

# Northern California



## BLOOM SEASON

-  Spring
-  Summer
-  Fall

For best results,  
use multiple  
plants of each  
species.



Protect their lives. Preserve ours.



### 1 Identify your garden spot:

- ✓ Find a 3' x 6' plot that gets 6+ hours of direct sun.
- ✓ Have a larger area? Include more choices and clump the same species together.
- ✓ Remove or smother existing lawn or vegetation.
- ✓ Enhance hard-packed soil with organic compost.

### 2 Buy plants at a local native plant nursery, if possible.

### 3 Plant!

- ✓ Arrange plants with different seasonal blooms in your plot.
- ✓ Dig holes twice as large as each plant's pot.
- ✓ Remove the plant from the pot, loosen the roots, place it in the hole, backfill, tamp soil, and water.
- ✓ Mulch plot to depth < 1 inch, keeping mulch away from stems and avoid using hardwood chips and shreds.

### 4 Maintain your garden:

- ✓ Water to keep moist throughout the first two weeks, then as needed or when plants droop.
- ✓ Weed as needed.
- ✓ Avoid using insecticides, herbicides, or fungicides.
- ✓ Be patient - your garden may take a few years to fully establish and fill in!

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## BLOOM SEASON | NATIVE PLANT OPTIONS

\*Your state's native plant society can recommend additional locally appropriate native species in the genus below. See **North American Pollinator Protection Campaign Ecoregional Planting Guides** for additional information: [pollinator.org/guides](http://pollinator.org/guides).

SEASON	COASTAL OPTION	INLAND OPTION
Spring	buckbrush <i>Ceanothus cuneatus</i>	buckbrush <i>Ceanothus cuneatus</i>
	California poppy <i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	miniature lupine <i>Lupinus bicolor</i>
	yarrow <i>Achillea millefolium</i>	yarrow <i>Achillea millefolium</i>
Summer	crevice alumroot <i>Heuchera micrantha</i>	nude buckwheat <i>Eriogonum nudum</i>
	narrow leaf milkweed <i>Asclepias fascicularis</i>	narrowleaf milkweed <i>Asclepias fascicularis</i>
	hummingbird sage <i>Salvia spathacea</i>	hummingbird sage <i>Salvia spathacea</i>
Fall	California goldenrod <i>Solidago californica</i>	California goldenrod <i>Solidago californica</i>
	red flowering currant <i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	mulefat <i>Baccharis salicifolia</i>
	pearly everlasting <i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i>	great valley gumweed <i>Grindelia camporum</i>

● color dots above indicate bloom color  
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