



Long Beach County Recommended Plant List

The plants recommended in this guide are meant for urban and suburban properties only. Landscapes bordering rivers, canyons, and other wildlands require special considerations to protect local ecosystems. If you think you might live in a sensitive ecological area or have questions, please contact the California Native Plant Society for additional resources at cnps@cnps.org.

Common Name	Botanical Name	Locally Native Yes or No	Evergreen/Deciduous E or D (D for semi-deciduous)	Exposure SH = Shade, PS = Part Shade, S = Full Sun	Water VL = Very Low, L = Low, M = Moderate	Height	Width	Flower Color	Bloom Time F = Fall, SP = Spring, S = Summer, W = Winter	Birds Yes or No	Bees Yes or No	Butterflies Yes or No	Hummingbirds Yes or No
TREES: Various Sizes													
Toyon	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Y	E	S	VL	15'	15'	White	S	Y	Y	Y	Y
Island ironwood*	<i>Lyonothamnus floribundus</i>	Y	E	S	VL	25+	15+	Cream	SP, S	Y	Y	Y	Y
Laurel sumac	<i>Malosma laurina</i>	Y	E	S	VL	15'	15'	Cream	W, SP	Y	Y	Y	Y
Coast live oak	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Y	E	PS/S	L	25+	15+	Yellow	W, SP	Y	Y	Y	N
Blue elderberry	<i>Sambucus nigra</i> subsp. <i>caerulea</i>	Y	D	PS/S	M	15'+	15'+	Cream	SP, S	Y	Y	Y	Y
LARGE SHRUBS: 8' - 12' tall and wide													
Coyote bush	<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	Y	E	S	VL	6'-8'	6'	White	F, SP, S, W	Y	Y	N	Y
Lemonadeberry	<i>Rhus integrifolia</i>	Y	E	S	VL	12'	12'	Pink	SP, W	Y	Y	N	N
MEDIUM SHRUBS: 5' - 8' tall and wide													
California sagebrush	<i>Artemisia californica</i>	Y	E	S	VL	4'	4' - 5'	Inconspicuous	F, SP, S	Y	Y	N	N
Ashleaf buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum cinereum</i>	Y	E	S	VL	3'	5' - 6'	Pink	F, SP, S, W	Y	Y	N	N
California buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i>	Y	E	S	VL	3'	4' - 6'	Pink	F, SP, S	Y	Y	Y	N
Bladderpod	<i>Peritoma arborea</i>	Y	D	S	VL	6'	6'	Yellow	W, SP	Y	Y	Y	Y
Purple sage	<i>Salvia leucophylla</i>	Y	E	S	VL	4' - 5'	5' - 6'	Purple	SP, S	Y	N	N	Y
Black sage	<i>Salvia mellifera</i>	Y	E	S	VL	4' - 5'	4' - 5'	Light Blue	W, SP, S	Y	N	N	Y
SMALL SHRUBS/PERENNIALS: 1' - 5' tall and wide													
Canyon Gray sagebrush	<i>Artemisia californica</i> 'Canyon Gray'	N	D	PS/S	L	1'-2'	4'-6'		F, S	Y	Y	Y	N
Dwarf coyote bush	<i>Baccharis pilularis</i> 'Pigeon Point'	N	E	S	L	1'-5'	4'-6'		F, S	Y	Y	Y	Y
Coastal buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum parvifolium</i>	Y	E	S	VL	2'	4'	White/Pink	F, SP, S, W	Y	Y	Y	N
Narrowleaf milkweed	<i>Asclepias fascicularis</i>	Y	D	S	VL	1' - 3'	1'	White	F, S	N	Y	Y	Y
Rattlepod	<i>Astragalus trichopodus</i>	Y	E	S	VL	2'	2'	White	W, SP	N	Y	Y	Y
Horkelia*	<i>Horkelia cuneata</i>	Y	E	PS/S	L	1'	2'	White/Yellow	W, SP, S	N	Y	Y	N
Four-o'-clock	<i>Mirabilis californica</i>	Y	D	S	VL	1'	10'	Purple	W, SP	N	N	Y	N
Blue-eyed grass	<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>	N	E	PS/S	L/M	1'	1'	Blue	W, SP	Y	Y	Y	N
GROUNDCOVER: <1' - 2' tall and 2'+ wide													
Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	N	E	PS/S	L	1'	2'+	White	SP, S	Y	Y	Y	N
California fuchsia	<i>Epilobium canum</i>	Y	D	SH/PS/S	VL	1'	4'	Red	F, S	Y	N	N	Y
GRASSES: Various sizes													
Deer grass	<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	N	E	PS/S	L	3'	3'	Yellow, Cream	SP	Y	N	N	N
Purple needlegrass	<i>Stipa pulchra</i>	Y	D	S	VL	1'	1'	Cream	SP	Y	Y	Y	N
SUCCULENTS: Various sizes													
Lanceleaf liveforever	<i>Dudleya lanceolata</i>	Y	D	PS/S	VL	1'	1'	Yellow	SP, S	Y	N	N	Y
Bright green dudleya*	<i>Dudleya virens</i>	Y	E	PS/S	VL	1'	3'	Yellow	SP	Y	N	N	Y
Prickly pear cactus	<i>Opuntia littoralis</i>	Y	E	S	VL	3'	6'	Yellow	SP	Y	Y	N	Y
VINES: Various sizes													
Morning glory*	<i>Calystegia macrostegia</i>	Y	D	PS/S	VL	10'+	White/Pink	N	W, SP, S	Y	Y	Y	Y
Virgin's bower	<i>Clematis ligusticifolia</i>	Y	D	PS	L	15'+	White	N	S	Y	Y	Y	Y
Climbing penstemon	<i>Keckiella cordifolia</i>	Y	D	PS/S	VL	10'+	Red	Y	SP, S	N	N	N	Y

SPECIAL NOTES

* Rare Plant: Avoid planting if you live near wildlands to avoid impact to nearby wild populations of this rare species.