

## Orange 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](mailto: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
<b>TREE: Various Sizes</b>													
Desert willow	<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>	N	D	S	M	15+'	10+'	Pink	SP/S	Y	Y	N	Y
Coast live oak	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Y	E	S/PS	L/M	20-60'	15-35'	Yellow	W	Y	Y	Y	N
Engelmann oak*	<i>Quercus engelmannii</i>	Y	E	S/PS	L/M	20-40'	25-50'	Yellow	SP	Y	Y	Y	N
<b>LARGE SHRUBS: 8' - 12' tall and wide</b>													
California coffeeberry	<i>Frangula californica</i>	Y	E	S/PS	L/M	3-12'	3-12'	Cream/Green	SP	Y	Y	Y	N
Toyon	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Y	E	S/PS	L	12+'	10+'	White	SP	Y	Y	Y	N
Hollyleaf cherry	<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>	Y	E	S/PS	L	12+'	10+'	White	SP	Y	Y	Y	N
Lemonade berry	<i>Rhus integrifolia</i>	Y	E	S/PS	L	10+'	10+'	Pink/White	W/SP	Y	Y	Y	N
<b>MEDIUM SHRUB: 5' - 8' tall and wide</b>													
Howard McMinn manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos</i> 'Howard McMinn'	N	E	S/PS	L	6'	8'	White/Pink	SP	Y	Y	Y	Y
Concha ceanothus	<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Concha'	N	E	S/PS	L	4'	4'	Blue	W/SP	N	Y	Y	N
Matilija poppy*	<i>Romneya coulteri</i>	Y	D	S	L	6'	6+'	White/Yellow	SP/S	N	Y	N	N
<b>SMALL SHRUBS/PERENNIALS: 1' - 5' tall and wide</b>													
Narrow leaf milkweed	<i>Asclepias fascicularis</i>	Y	D	S/PS	L/M	3'	2'	White	SP/S	N	N	Y	N
Catalina silverlace*	<i>Constancea nevinii</i>	N	E	S/PS	L/M	4'	4'	Yellow	SP/S	N	Y	N	N
California fuchsia	<i>Epilobium canum</i>	Y	D	S/PS	L	1'	2'	Red	S/F	N	Y	N	Y
California buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i>	Y	E	S/PS	L/M	3'	5'	White	SP/S/F	Y	Y	Y	N
Foothill penstemon	<i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i>	Y	E	S	L	2'	2'	Purple	SP/S	N	Y	Y	Y
Cleveland sage	<i>Salvia clevelandii</i>	Y	E	S/PS	L	4'	5'	Lavender	SP/S	Y	Y	Y	Y
Desert mallow	<i>Sphaeralcea ambigua</i>	N	E	S/PS	L	4'	3'	Orange, Red	W/SP	Y	Y	Y	N
Lilac verbena	<i>Verbena lilacina</i>	N	E	S/PS	L/M	4'	5'	Purple	SP/S/F	N	Y	Y	N
<b>GROUND COVER: &lt;1' - 2' tall and 2'+ wide</b>													
Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Y	E	PS/SH	M	1'	1'	White	SP/S	Y	Y	Y	N
Nicolas chamise	<i>Adenostoma fasciculatum</i> 'Nicolas'	N	E	S/PS	L	2'	4'	White	SP/S	Y	Y	Y	N
Strawberry spp.	<i>Fragaria</i> spp.	N	E	S/PS	L/M	< 1'	2+'	White	W/SP	Y	Y	N	N
Catalina currant*	<i>Ribes viburnifolium</i>	N	E	PS/SH	L	3'	6'	Red	W	N	Y	N	Y
Bee's Bliss sage	<i>Salvia</i> 'Bee's Bliss'	N	E	S/PS	L	2'	6'	Lavender	SP	N	Y	N	Y
<b>GRASSES: Various sizes</b>													
Clustered field sedge	<i>Carex praegracilis</i>	Y	E	S/PS	M	2'	spreads	Brown/tan	SP	N	N	Y	N
Canyon Prince wild rye	<i>Elymus condensatus</i> 'Canyon Prince'	N	E	S/PS	L	3'	4'	Brown	S	Y	N	Y	N
Deer grass	<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	Y	E	S/PS	M	4'	4'	Cream	SP	Y	N	N	N
<b>SUCCULENTS: Various sizes</b>													
Fingertips	<i>Dudleya edulis</i>	Y	E	S/PS	VL/L	< 1'	1'	White/Pink	SP/S	N	Y	N	Y
Chalk dudleya	<i>Dudleya pulverulenta</i>	Y	D	S/PS	VL/L	1'	1'	Pink/White	SP/S	N	Y	N	Y
<b>VINES: Various sizes</b>													
Island bush snapdragon*	<i>Gambelia speciosa</i>	N	E	S/PS	L/M	3'	10'	Red	W/SP/S/F	N	N	N	Y
Desert grape	<i>Vitis girdiana</i>	Y	D	S/PS	M	10'	30+'	Green/White	SP	Y	Y	N	N

### SPECIAL NOTES

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