

USING NATIVE PLANTS TO ATTRACT BIRDS TO YOUR GARDEN

In many cases, California native plants already play a part in the life of the birds. Native plants can provide food as well as an escape from predators. With water, cover and food, your garden will become a productive bird habitat.

Many common and uncommon birds will be attracted to fruit-bearing trees and shrubs. In addition to feeding on the fruit various small birds feed on the insects that frequent the plants. Avoid garden use of pesticides because of direct and/or indirect absorption by birds. (We distribute another information sheet covering California native plants that attract hummingbirds.)

THE FOLLOWING ARE TREES AND SHRUBS WHICH DO BEST IN DRY LOCATIONS. HOWEVER, THEY DO NEED WATER IN DRY WEATHER UNTIL THEY BECOME ESTABLISHED.

SHRUBS

Toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*)
Coffeeberry (*Rhamnus californica*)
Laurel Sumac (*Rhus laurina*)
Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos spp.*)
Oregon grape (*Berberis spp.*)
Blue Elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*)
Sages (*Salvia apiana, S. clevelandii, S. mellifera*)
Woolly Bluecurls (*Trichostema lanatum*)
Western Redbud (*Cercis occidentalis*)
Coyote Brush (*Baccharis pilularis*)
California Wild Lilac (*Ceanothus spp.*)
California Fuchsia (*Zauschneria californica*)
California Huckleberry (*Vaccinium ovatum*)

TREES

Oaks (*Quercus spp.*)
Buckeye (*Aesculus californica*)
Pines (*Pinus radiata* & other natives)
Fan Palm (*Washingtonia filifera*)

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SHRUBS

Honeysuckle & Twinberry (*Lonicera spp.*)
California Wild Rose (*Rosa californica*)
Creek Dogwood (*Cornus spp.*)
Snowberry (*Symphoricarpos spp.*)
Thimbleberry (*Rubus parviflorus*)
California Wild Grape (*Vitis californica*)

TREES

White Alder (*Alnus rhombifolia*)
California Sycamore (*Plantanus racemosa*)
California Cottonwood (*Populus fremontii*)
Willow (*Salix spp.*)

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for butterflies, as well as resistance to rabbits and deer damage; also information appropriate
for shade or xeriscape gardening).

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