

















































**Plant List Recommendations for Monarch Gardens  
Communities in Southern California**























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The following plant recommendations can be used to achieve the 80% native plant requirement to obtain Monarch Garden Certification.

Plant Category	Common Name Scientific Name	Bloom Time	Bloom Color	Height	Spread	Light Conditions	Cover	Host	Nectar/ Pollen	Wildlife Value
<b>Milkweed *Required</b>	<i>Asclepias californica</i> California Milkweed	spring- summer	lavender /pink/ white	3'	3'			✓	✓	
	<i>Asclepias eriocarpa</i> Kotolo Milkweed	summer	cream/ pink	1-3'	1'			✓	✓	
	<i>Asclepias fascicularis</i> Narrowleaf Milkweed	summer- fall	white/ lavender	3-5'	1'			✓	✓	
<b>Flowering Perennials</b>	<i>Abutilon palmeri</i> Palmer's Indian Mallow	spring	orange/ yellow	3-8'	3-5'			✓	✓	
	<i>Achillea millefolium</i> Common Yarrow	spring- summer	yellow/ white	1-3'	2'			✓	✓	
	<i>Acmispon glaber</i> Deerweed	winter- summer	yellow	1.5-3'	3'			✓	✓	

<i>Baileya multiradiata</i> Desert Marigold (often annual)	spring- summer	yellow	1-2'	1			✓	✓	
<i>Camissoniopsis cheiranthifolia</i> Beach Primrose	winter- summer	yellow/ red	0.5-2'	0.5-3'			✓	✓	
<i>Clarkia purpurea</i> Purple Clarkia (annual)	spring- summer	purple/ lavender / pink	0.5-3'	1'			✓	✓	
<i>Corethrogyne filaginifolia</i> California Aster	summer- winter	pink/ purple/ white	0.5-3'	1-6'			✓	✓	
<i>Dichelostemma capitatum</i> Bluedicks	winter- spring	lavender /blue	1-2'	<0.5'				✓	
<i>Epilobium canum</i> California Fuschia	summer- fall	red	1-2'	2-3'			✓	✓	
<i>Eriophyllum confertiflorum</i> Golden Yarrow (often annual)	winter- summer	yellow	1.5-3'	2'			✓	✓	
<i>Escholzia californica</i> California Poppy (often annual)	winter- fall	orange/ yellow	0.5-2'	1-2'			✓	✓	
<i>Euthamia occidentalis</i> Western Goldentop	summer- fall	yellow	3-7'	3-4'			✓	✓	
<i>Gilia capitata</i> Globe gilia (annual)	winter- spring	blue/ lavender / pink	0.5-3'	1'			✓	✓	
<i>Gnaphalium californicum</i> ( <i>Pseudognaphalium</i> ) California Cudweed	winter- summer	cream/ white	0.5-3'	2'			✓	✓	
<i>Grindelia camporum</i> Great Valley Gumweed	spring- fall	yellow	2-7'	3'			✓	✓	





<i>Helianthus annuus</i> Common Sunflower (annual)	summer-fall	yellow/orange/maroon	3-10'	1-2'			✓	✓	
<i>Lupinus bicolor</i> Miniature Lupine (often annual)	spring-fall	blue/purple/white	0.5-2'	1'			✓	✓	
<i>Oenothera elata</i> Hooker's Evening Primrose	summer-fall	yellow	5'	3'			✓	✓	
<i>Penstemon</i> sp. ( <i>P. centranthifolius</i> , <i>P. eatonii</i> , <i>P. heterophyllus</i> , <i>P. spectabilis</i> ) Penstemon – Scarlet Bugler, Firecracker, Foothill, Showy	winter-summer	red/pink/purple	2-5'	1.5-2'			✓	✓	
<i>Phacelia</i> sp. ( <i>P. campanularia</i> , <i>P. grandiflora</i> ) Desertbells, Large Flowered Phacelia (annual)	winter-spring	blue/purple/lavender	1-3'	1-2'			✓	✓	
<i>Pluchea odorata</i> Marsh Fleabane (often annual)	summer-fall	pink	2-4'	2-3'			✓	✓	
<i>Ranunculus californicus</i> California Buttercup	winter-spring	yellow	0.5-3'	0.5'			✓	✓	
<i>Salvia spathacea</i> Hummingbird Sage	winter-summer	pink/red	1-3'	3'			✓	✓	
<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i> Blue Eyed Grass	winter-spring	purple/blue	1-2'	1'				✓	
<i>Solidago californica</i> ( <i>S. velutina</i> ssp. <i>californica</i> ) California Goldenrod	summer-fall	yellow	1.5-5'	1-4'			✓	✓	
<i>Sphaeralcea ambigua</i> Desert Globe-Mallow	winter-spring	orange/red	3-5'	2-4'			✓	✓	

	<i>Symphotrichum chilense</i> Pacific/ California Aster	summer	lavender / yellow	2-3'	2-3'			✓	✓	
	<i>Verbena lasiostachys</i> Western Vervain	spring- fall	lavender / purple	1-3'	3'			✓	✓	
Vines	<i>Calystegia macrostegia</i> Island Morning Glory	winter- summer	pink/ white	1'	20-30'			✓	✓	
	<i>Clematis ligusticifolia</i> Western White Clematis/ Virgin's Bower	spring- summer	white	1-30'	2-6'			✓	✓	
	<i>Lonicera subspicata</i> Southern Honeysuckle	spring- summer	cream/ yellow	8'	20'		✓	✓	✓	
	<i>Vitis girdiana</i> Desert Wild Grape	spring	green	10-50'	4-10'			✓	✓	
Shrubs	<i>Adenostoma fasciculatum</i> Chamise	spring- summer	white	2-13'	1-8'		✓	✓	✓	
	<i>Amelanchier utahensis</i> Utah Serviceberry	spring	white	2-16'	6-10'			✓	✓	
	<i>Arctostaphylos sp.</i> ( <i>A. glandulosa</i> , <i>A. glauca</i> , <i>A. pungens</i> ) Manzanita – Eastwood, Big Berry, Pointleaf	winter- spring	pink/ white	3-20'	6-20'		✓	✓	✓	
	<i>Artemisia sp.</i> ( <i>A. californica</i> , <i>A. douglasiana</i> , <i>A. palmeri</i> , <i>A. tridentata</i> ) Sagebrush – California, Douglas', San Diego, Big)	spring	yellow/ cream	1-15'	2-10'		✓	✓	✓	
	<i>Baccharis pilularis</i> Coyote Bush	winter- fall	white/ yellow	2-10'	12'		✓	✓	✓	

<i>Baccharis salicifolia</i> Mulefat	winter-fall	pink/white	6-12'	3-9'			✓	✓	
<i>Baccharis sarothroides</i> Desertbroom	winter	yellow	3-12'	6'		✓	✓		
<i>Ceanothus sp. (several)</i> Lilac, Buckbrush, Ceanothus, Blueblossom	winter-spring	white/blue/purple	2-30'	2-40'			✓	✓	
<i>Cercocarpus minutiflorus</i> San Diego Mountain Mahogany	winter-spring	cream/white	6-16'	10'		✓	✓	✓	
<i>Cornus sericea</i> Creek Dogwood	summer	white/purple/red	4-13'	9-15'			✓	✓	
<i>Encelia farinosa</i> Brittlebush	winter-spring	yellow	1-5'	1-4'			✓	✓	
<i>Ericameria nauseosa</i> ( <i>Chrysothamnus nauseosus</i> ) Rubber Rabbitbrush	summer-fall	yellow	2-9'	3-9'			✓	✓	
<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i> Eastern Mojave/ Wild Buckwheat	summer	pink	1-6'	3'			✓	✓	
<i>Frangula californica</i> ( <i>Rhamnus californica</i> ) California Buckthorn	spring-summer	cream/green	6-15'	5-15'		✓	✓	✓	
<i>Fremontodendron californicum</i> California Flannelbush	summer	yellow	8-20'	20'		✓	✓	✓	
<i>Gutierrezia californica</i> California Matchweed	spring-fall	yellow	1-2'	3'			✓	✓	

<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i> Toyon	summer	white	5-16'	10-15'		✓	✓	✓	
<i>Isocoma menziesii</i> Coastal Goldenbush	yellow	spring-fall	1-4'	5'			✓	✓	
<i>Keckiella cordifolia</i> Climbing Penstemon	spring-summer	red	3-7'	3-6'			✓	✓	
<i>Lupinus albifrons</i> Silver Lupine	winter-summer	purple/lavender	3-5'	2-3'		✓	✓	✓	
<i>Mimulus (Diplacus) aurantiacus</i> Bush Monkey Flower	winter-summer	orange	4-5'	5'		✓	✓	✓	
<i>Peritoma arborea</i> Bladderpod	winter-fall	yellow	1-7'	6'		✓	✓	✓	
<i>Quercus berberidifolia</i> Scrub Oak	winter-spring	cream/green	15-20'	15'		✓	✓	✓	
<i>Rhus integrifolia</i> Lemonade Berry	winter-spring	pink/white	3-20'	3-20'		✓	✓	✓	
<i>Ribes sp. (R. aureum, R. indecorum, R. malvaceum, R. speciosum)</i> Currant – Golden, White, Chaparral, and Fuchsia Flowering Gooseberry	winter-spring	yellow/white/red/pink/purple	6-10'	5-10'			✓	✓	
<i>Rosa californica</i> California Wildrose	spring-summer	pink	3-9'	15'			✓	✓	
<i>Rubus ursinus</i> Pacific Blackberry	winter-spring	white	2-6'	6'			✓	✓	

	<i>Salvia sp. (S. apiana, S. mellifera)</i> White Sage, Black Sage	winter-summer	white/ lavender / blue	3-6'	3-10'			✓	✓	
	<i>Sambucus nigra</i> Black Elderberry	spring	white/ cream	15-25'	10-20'			✓	✓	
	<i>Trichostemma lanatum</i> Woolly Bluecurls	fall- spring	blue/ purple/ pink	5'	10'			✓	✓	
Trees	<i>Acer macrophyllum</i> Big Leaf Maple	winter- spring	yellow	30-115'	65'			✓	✓	
	<i>Aesculus californica</i> California Buckeye	spring- summer	white/ cream	15-40'	40'			✓	✓	
	<i>Alnus rhombifolia</i> White Alder	fall	green	50-80'	35'			✓		
	<i>Arbutus menziesii</i> Madrone	spring	white/ red	15-100'	5-25'		✓	✓		
	<i>Calocedrus decurrens</i> Incense Cedar	spring	yellow	10-200'	50'		✓	✓		
	<i>Cercis occidentalis</i> Southwestern Redbud	spring	pink	8-18'	6-8'				✓	
	<i>Chilopsis linearis</i> Desert Willow	spring- summer	white/ pink/ purple	15-25'	10'		✓	✓	✓	
	<i>Fraxinus velutina</i> Arizona Ash	spring	yellow	40'	30'			✓		
	<i>Olneya tesota</i> Desert Ironwood	spring	lavender / white/ pink	20-30'	10-20'		✓	✓	✓	

	<i>Parkinsonia florida</i> Blue Paloverde	spring	yellow	30'	20'		✓	✓	✓	
	<i>Platanus racemosa</i> Western Sycamore	winter-spring	yellow/orange	20-115'	50'			✓	✓	
	<i>Populus fremontii</i> Fremont Cottonwood	spring	white/cream	40-90'	35'			✓	✓	
	<i>Prosopis glandulosa</i> Honey Mesquite	spring-summer	yellow/green/white	20-30'	30'		✓	✓	✓	
	<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i> Hollyleaf Cherry	winter-spring	cream/white	30-50'	20'		✓	✓	✓	
	<i>Quercus sp.</i> ( <i>Q. agrifolia</i> , <i>Q. chrysolepis</i> , <i>Q. engelmannii</i> , <i>Q. wislizeni</i> ) Oak - Coast Live, Canyon Live, Engelmann, Interior Live	winter-spring	cream/green	15-85'	15-90'		✓	✓	✓	
	<i>Salix laevigata</i> Red Willow	winter-spring	cream/yellow	30-50'	30-50'			✓	✓	
	<i>Umbellularia californica</i> California Laurel	spring	yellow/cream/green	6-80'	3-30'		✓	✓	✓	



Grasses/ Grass-like	<i>Aristida purpurea</i> Purple Three Awn	summer-fall	purple	1.5'	2'		✓	✓	✓	
	<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i> Blue Grama	summer-fall	yellow	3'	3'			✓	✓	
	<i>Bromus carinatus</i> California Brome Grass	spring	yellow	1-5'	1'			✓		
	<i>Carex barbarae</i> Valley Sedge	summer	cream/ red/ purple	1-4'	3'		✓	✓		
	<i>Carex praegracilis</i> Clustered Field Sedge	spring	green	2-4'	4'		✓	✓		
	<i>Leymus condensatus</i> Giant Wildrye	spring- summer	brown (silver blue foliage)	3-6'	2-8'		✓	✓		
	<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i> Deergrass	spring	yellow	4.5'	2-3'		✓			
	<i>Poa secunda</i> One Sided Blue Grass	spring	yellow	1-4'	2'			✓		
	<i>Stipa pulchra</i> Purple Needlegrass	spring	green/ cream purple/ red	1-4'	2'		✓	✓		
Cacti/ Succulents	<i>Agave desertii</i> Desert Agave	spring- summer	yellow	1-20'	3'		✓	✓	✓	
	<i>Dudleya lanceolata</i> Lanceleaf Liveforever	spring- summer	orange/ red/ pink/ yellow	4-9'	1'			✓	✓	
	<i>Nolina parryi</i> Parry's Nolina	spring	white/ cream	3-7'	4'		✓	✓	✓	
	<i>Yucca brevifolia</i> Joshua Tree	spring	white	15-30'	15-30'		✓	✓	✓	

**Additional Resources:**

NWF Native Plant Finder Host Plants for Butterfly and Moth Caterpillars:

[Mediterranean California](#)

Calflora <https://www.calflora.org/>

Calscape (California Native Plant Society) <https://calscape.org>

California Native Plant Society <https://www.cnps.org/>

Monarch Nectar Plant Guide: [Inland California](#)











Monarch Nectar Plant Guide: [California Coast](#)

[Ecoregional Revegetation Application \(ERA\)](#)

[The Biota of North America Taxonomic Data Center Query Page](#)

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center [Native Plants Database](#)

**Key to Wildlife Details:**

<b>Cover</b>	<b>Plant provides place for wildlife to rest or nest, often evergreen leaves or needles</b>		<b>Keystone species supporting butterflies, moths, and/or pollinator specialist bees critical to maintaining a healthy ecosystem</b>
<b>Host</b>	<b>Host plant to butterfly and/or moth species supporting their caterpillars</b>		<b>Foliage eaten by butterfly and/or moth caterpillars as food source necessary for survival</b>
<b>Nectar/ Pollen</b>	<b>Plant provides nectar and/or pollen as a food source</b>		<b>Nectar used by adult butterflies and/or moths</b>
	<b>Tolerates full sun 6+ hours of sun</b>		<b>Pollen used by bees</b>
	<b>Tolerates part shade 2-6 hours of sun</b>		<b>Nectar used by hummingbirds</b>
	<b>Tolerates full shade &lt;2 hours of sun</b>		<b>Seeds or fruits used by birds and/or plant provides nesting or cover to birds</b>
			<b>Seeds or fruits used by small mammals</b>