

# Claremont Natives for Your Garden

**Shrubs** (sizes approximate)

**Whole**

**Leaves**

**Flowers**

**Fruit/Other**

<p><b><i>Artemisia californica</i></b> (sagebrush) Small shrub, about 3ft x 3ft; narrow, aromatic, grayish leaves, with 3-5 fine lobes at end; stops growth in summer and starts looking dormant; flowers green, tiny and not showy.</p>				
<p><b><i>Baccharis pilularis</i></b> (coyote brush) Medium shrub to 6 ft x 6 ft; small leaves to 1" with soft teeth; white flowers like small brushes in spring; separate male and female plants, male similar to those of <i>B. salicifolia</i> below; fruit fluffy</p>			 Female	
<p><b><i>Baccharis salicifolia</i></b> (mulefat) Larger shrub to 8ft x 8ft, open, arching branches, good near water; leaves to 6", somewhat sticky, stems reddish; flowers white/pink April to October, in clusters to 4" wide, male and female on separate plants.</p>			 Female	 Male

**Shrubs** (sizes approximate)**Whole****Leaves****Flowers****Fruit/Other*****Berberis nevinii***

(Nevin's barberry)

Shrub to 5 ft x 6 ft; leaves to 6" with 3-5 pointed leaflets with prickly edges; in spring, small yellow flowers in clusters cover the plant; masses of red fruit; a favorite of wildlife; endangered but available from nurseries.

***Cylindropuntia* species**

(cholla)

Cactus, forms clump to 4ft x 6 ft; hooked spines, very nasty, makes good barrier; small yellow flowers in spring with red fruit; home for rare Cactus Wrens.

***Encelia californica***

(no common name)

Small shrub to 4ft x 4ft, may lose leaves in summer if not given a little water; many slender stems from base; leaves pointed, green, to about 3"; flowers yellow daisies about 2" in spring, one per stem



**Shrubs** (sizes approximate)**Whole****Leaves****Flowers****Fruit/Other*****Encelia farinosa***

(brittlebush)

Small shrub to 4ft x 4ft, needs a little summer water; fragrant sap; stems from one or two trunks; leaves gray, hairy, about 4"; yellow daisies about 2", in groups at ends of stems, in spring.

***Ericameria pinifolia***

(pinebush)

Shrub to 7ft x 7ft; densely packed, small, dark-green, needle-like leaves; groups of small, yellow daisies at ends of stems in fall; each daisy becomes a group of fluffy fruit.

***Eriogonum fasciculatum***

(buckwheat)

Small, evergreen shrub to 2ft x 4ft; clusters of 3/4" needle-like leaves along unbranched stems; small pink or white flowers in branching clusters at top of long stalk arising from leafy stems; flowers turn russet in late summer/fall



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***Eriophyllum confertiflorum***  
(goldenbush)

Small shrub to 3 ft x 3 ft; deeply lobed leaves, dense white hairs on leaves and stems giving a woolly appearance; yellow daisy flowers in clusters in late spring to early summer



***Lepidospartum squamatum***  
(scalebroom)

Medium evergreen shrub to 5ft x 5ft; masses of thin, droopy green stems; new stems/leaves larger and gray, leaves on older stems tiny and pressed against stem; flowers yellow in clusters in autumn; fluffy fruits; plant needs annual removal of dead stems



***Lotus scoparius***

(deerweed, Calif. broom)  
Small shrub to 3 ft by 4 ft; thin, bright green stems, branching in the upper half; small leaves with three leaflets; small yellow (often with some orange) sweet-pea shaped flowers in late spring to early summer. Leafless and dormant in winter.



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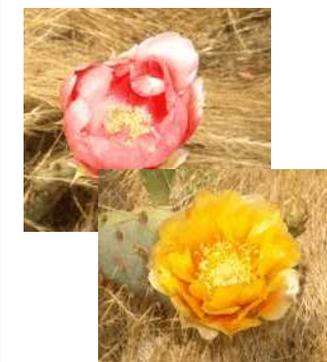
(laurel sumac)

Large shrub to 12ft x 12ft, evergreen; leaves leathery, about 5", folded, new growth red; flowers spring to mid-summer, dense groups of small white flowers at ends of branches; tiny red fruit.

***Opuntia littoralis***

(beavertail cactus)

Forms thickets to 4 ft high; stems gray-green and flattened; leaves reduced to spines; large, silky flowers in shades of yellow, orange, or pink; large reddish fruit

***Rhamnus californica***

(coffeeberry)

Medium evergreen shrub to 8ft x 8ft; leaves about 3" and glossy; flowers in spring, small and greenish-yellow in small groups; fruit cherry-sized, turning bright to dark red.



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***Rhamnus crocea***

(redberry)

Medium evergreen shrub to 8ft by 8ft; small leaves to 1"; many short, stiff branches; small greenish single-sex flowers; masses of bright red fruit on female plants if male nearby, favorite of wildlife



Plant covered in fruit



***Rhus integrifolia***

(lemonadeberry)

Large evergreen shrub to 8ft x 10 ft; leathery leaves to 2" with variable number of teeth; small pink flowers in clusters at ends of branches in spring; disc-shaped pink fruit with sticky coating



***Rhus ovata***

(sugarbush)

Large evergreen shrub to 8ft by 10ft; leathery leaves to 4", pointed, no teeth, more or less folded along midrib; small pink flowers in spring; disc-shaped fruit



Buds (flowers are like *Rhus integrifolia*)



**Shrubs** (sizes approximate)**Whole****Leaves****Flowers****Fruit/Other*****Rhus trilobata***

(squawbush)

Medium deciduous shrub, to 4ft tall and spreading; slightly fuzzy leaves with 3 scalloped leaflets, about 2" long; small, cream flowers in spring; red fruit

***Ribes aureum***

(golden currant)

Medium deciduous shrub to 6 ft x 6ft; lobed leaves about 1½"; clusters of bright yellow flowers, sometimes with orange in January-March; bright golden fruit (on some plants fruit progresses to red and then black), good for jam

***Ribes indecorum***

(white currant)

Medium deciduous shrub, rangy, to 6ft x 6ft; thick, lobed leaves; groups of small white flowers Feb-March; yellow fruit but not as bright as *R. aureum*



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***Ribes speciosum***

(fuchsia-flowered gooseberry)  
Medium deciduous shrub to 5ft x 5ft, arching branches, very spiny; lobed leaves about 2"; many bright pink flowers hanging from branches in spring; hairy fruit



***Romneya coulteri***

(matilija poppy)  
Medium shrub, unbranched stems; thickets produced by creeping underground stems; leaves gray-green, lobed, to about 6"; flowers huge to 6", silky white with mass of yellow stamens



***Salvia apiana***

(white sage)  
Short shrub evergreen to 3ft by 4ft; felty, white leaves, highly aromatic, about 4"; tiny lavender flowers on 6ft tall stems in spring; favorite of pollinators



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***Salvia mellifera***

(black sage)

Small shrub to 4 ft by 4ft; narrow leaves to 2", puckered, aromatic; small, lavender flowers in groups circling ends of stems in spring; dormant in heat



***Tetradymia comosa***

(cotton thorn)

Small shrub to 2ft x 3ft; covered in white hairs; main leaves to 2", at first spine-tipped, then dropping off, other leaves in clusters; groups of yellow daisies at ends of stems in spring to summer; fluffy fruit

