



# GETTING WILD(LIFE) IN THE GARDEN!

# Why wildlife, and why native plants?

- **Animals are a lot of fun to watch and they help maintain the health of our gardens and our city.**
- **Native plants support a wider range of species, ones with which they have co-evolved.**
- **Including natives helps to mitigate the loss of habitat due to development.**
- **Native plants are beautiful!**



# What does wildlife need?

- Food
- Water
- Shelter
- Nesting habitat
- A gardener tolerant of damage to plants!



# Attracting Birds



# Attracting Birds: Food

- Fruit
- Seeds
- Insects
- Nectar
- Super plants—oaks, willows, poison oak!
- Bird feeders
  - Use blend designed for feeder and birds you want, without fillers
  - Keep feeder and area around it clean
  - Place so predators can be seen





# **Attracting Birds: Water**

- **Position away from places where predators may lurk**
- **Provide a place for birds to stand**
- **Moving water**
- **Pond**
- **Bird bath: Change water twice a week**



# Attracting Birds: Shelter and nesting sites

- Trees, shrubs, groundcovers
- Brush piles
- Dead trees and branches
- Bird houses



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# Attracting Bees

**Food:** Nectar and pollen, successional flowering

**Water:** Accessible areas at edge  
of bird baths or ponds

**Nesting sites:** Dead stalks, bare ground



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# Attracting Butterflies and Moths

**Food:** Nectar, successional flowering; special food plants

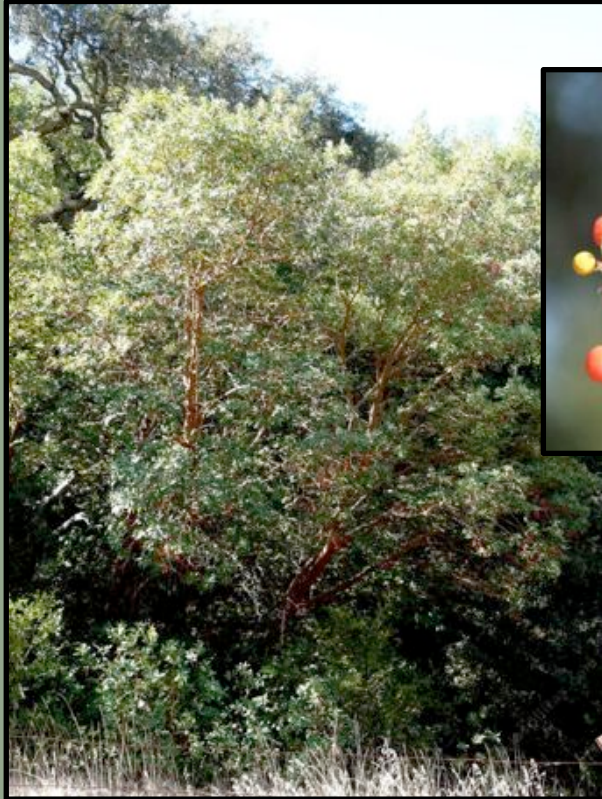
**Water:** Accessible areas at edge of bird baths  
or ponds, damp ground

**Host plants for caterpillars**



# Native plants for fruit

*Arbutus menziesii* (Madrone)





# Native plants for seeds

*Artemisia californica* (California sagebrush)



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# Native plants for fruit

*Berberis nevinii* (Nevin's barberry)





# Native plants for fruit

*Frangula californica* (Coffeeberry)





# Native plants for fruit

*Heteromeles arbutifolia* (Toyon)



# Native plants for fruit

*Mahonia species*





# Native plants for fruit

*Rhamnus crocea* (Redberry)



# Native plants for fruit

*Rhus integrifolia* (Lemonade berry) and *R. ovata* (Sugarbush)





# Native plants for fruit

*Ribes speciosum* (Fuschia-flowered gooseberry)





# Native plants for fruit

*Ribes aureum* (Golden currant)



*Ribes indecorum*  
White-flowering currant



# Native plants for fruit

*Sambucus mexicana* (Elderberry)



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# Nectar and pollen

*Achillea millefolium* (Yarrow)



# Nectar and pollen

*Acemisson glaber* (formerly *Lotus scoparius*, Deerweed)





# Nectar and pollen (and fruit)

*Arctostaphylos species (Manzinita)*





# Nectar and pollen (and caterpillar food)

*Asclepias eriocarpa* (Indian milkweed), *A. fascicularis* (Narrow-leaved milkweed), *A. californica* (California milkweed), *A. speciosa* (Showy milkweed)LP



# Nectar, pollen, and seeds

*Ceanothus species* (California lilac)





# Nectar and pollen

*Corethrogyne filaginifolia* (California aster)



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# Nectar and pollen

*Encelia californica* (California brittlebush), *E. farinosa* (Brittlebush)





# Nectar, pollen and seeds

*Eriogonum fasciculatum* (Buckwheat)



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# Nectar and pollen

*Eriophyllum confertifolium* (Golden yarrow)



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# Nectar and pollen

*Galvezia speciosa* (Island snapdragon)



# Nectar and pollen

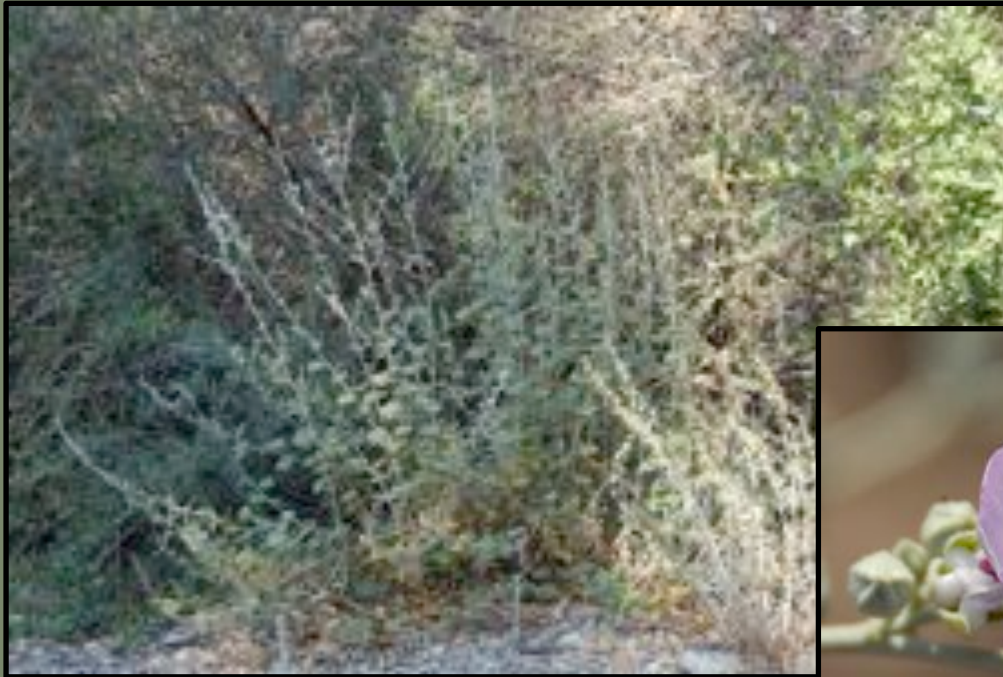
*Keckiella cordifolia* (Heart-leaved penstemon)





# Nectar and pollen

*Malacothamnus fasciculatus* (Bush mallow)



# Nectar and pollen

*Mimulus aurantiacus* (Sticky monkey flower)





# Nectar and pollen

*Monardella villosa* (Coyote mint)





# Nectar and pollen

*Opuntia littoralis* (Prickly pear)



*Cylindropuntia californica*  
(Cane cholla)

# Nectar and pollen

*Penstemon spectabilis* (Royal penstemon)





# Nectar and pollen

*Prosopis glandulosa* (Honey mesquite)



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# Pollen

*Romneya coulteri* (Matilija poppy)



# Nectar and pollen

*Salvia apiana* (White sage)



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# Nectar and pollen

## *Salvia mellifera* (Black sage)



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Top: *S. clevelandii*  
Left: *S. pachyphylla*  
Below: *S. spathacea*  
Below left: *S. leucophylla*





# Nectar and pollen

*Trichostema lanatum* (Woolly blue curls)



# Nectar and pollen

*Zauschneria californica* (California fuchsia)



# Other wildlife

**Insects:** flies, wasps, praying mantises, ladybird beetles, dragonflies

**Lizards:** rocks, mulch, groundcover, compost heap

**Frogs and toads:** a pond

**Bats:** bat house





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Both are terrific resources for anyone interested in native plant gardening, or in identifying the garden visitors!