

## Pollinator Friendly, Drought Tolerant Plants for Marin

<b>Superfoods and host plants</b>			
Native Wildflowers	Agastache urticifolia (giant hyssop)	Lupinus (lupine)	Symphotrichum (aster)
	Asclepias (milkweed)	Monarda / Monardella (bee balm)	Verbena
	Cirsium (thistle)	Penstemon (beardtongue)	Viola (violet)
	Helianthus (sunflower)	Solidago (goldenrod)	
Native shrubs & trees	Acer (maple)	Prunus (wild plum)	Rubus (blackberry)
	Ceanothus (wild lilac)	Quercus (oak)	Salix (willow)
	Cercis (red bud)	Rhus (sumac, lemonade berry)	Salvia (sage)
	Pinus (pine)	Rosa (wild rose)	Sambucus (elderberry)
Native grasses	Bouteloua (grama)	Elymus (wheatgrass, wildrye)	
	Carex (sedges)	Muhlenbergia (muhly)	
High Value Native plants	Arctostaphylos (manzanita)	Clarkia (clarkia)	Phacelia (phacelia)
	Baccharis (coyotebush)	Eriogonum (wild buckwheat)	Rhamnus (coffeeberry)
	Berberis (barberry)	Grindelia (gumweed)	Sidalcea (checkerbloom)

<b>Other pollinator favorites that do well in Marin</b>			
Native Plants	Arbutus (strawberry tree)	Fremontodendron (flannelbush)	Nemophila (five spot)
	Collinsia (Chinese houses)	Gilia (gilia)	Romneya (matilja poppy)
	Eryngium (sea holly)	Heteromeles (toyon)	Sisyrinchium (blue eyed grass)
	Eschscholzia (California poppy)	Holodiscus (cream bush)	Umbellularia californica (bay laurel)
	Epilobium (California fuschias)	Mimulus (sticky monkey flower)	
Exotic Plants	Achillea (yarrow)	Cosmos (cosmos)	Nepeta (catmint)
	Agapanthus (lily of the Nile)	Cuphea (bat faced flower)	Pelargonium (scented geranium)
	Agastache (hyssop)	Erigeron (English daisy)	Perovskia (Russian sage)
	Albizia (silk tree)	Escallonia	Pittosporum
	Aloe (aloe)	Gaillardia (blanketflower)	Plumbago (cape leadwort)
	Armeria (sea thrift)	Geranium	Robinia (black locust)
	Bacopa (water hyssop)	Grevillea	Rosmarinus (rosemary)
	Borago (borage)	Koelreuteria (golden rain tree)	Salix (willow)
	Buddleia (butterfly bush)	Lagerstroemia (Crepe myrtle)	Scabiosa (pincushion flower)
	Calamintha (catmint)	Lantana (lantana)	Sedum, especially 'Autumn Joy'
	Calandrinia (rock purslane)	Lavandula (lavender)	Stachys (lamb's ear)
	Callistemon (bottle brush)	Leptospermum (manuka)	Teucrium (germander)
	Caryopteris (blue beard)	Linaria purpurea (toadflax)	Tristaniopsis laurina (water gum)
	Centaurea (bachelor's button)	Lonicera (honeysuckle)	Verbena (verbena)
	Cistus (rock rose)	Magnolia grandiflora (southern magnolia)	Vicia (hairy vetch)
	Coreopsis (tickseed)	Mahonia (mahonia)	Vitex (chaste tree)
	Correa (white correa)	Melissa (bee balm)	
	Corymbia ficifolia (red flowered gum)	Metrosideros (New Zealand Christmas tree)	

<b>Naturally occurring plants (aka "weeds") that benefit pollinators</b>			
Cirsium (thistle)	Hypochaeris radicata (hairy cat's ear)	Taraxacum (dandelion)	
Conium maculatum (hemlock)	Lotus corniculatus (bird's-foot trefoil)	Toxicodendron diversilobum (poison oak)	
Foeniculum vulgare (fennel)	Silybum (milk thistle)		

<b>Lawn alternatives</b>			
Myoporum parvifolium (myoporum)	Thymus "Elfin" or "Wooly" (thyme)		
Portulaca oleracea (purslane)	Trifolium (clover)		

<b>Edible Landscaping Plants with Value to Pollinators</b>			
Allium (chives, garlic, leek, onions)	Feijoa (pineapple guava)	Persea (avocado)	
Brassica (broccoli, cabbage, kale)	Helianthus (sunflower)	Prunus (cherry, plum)	
Calendula (calendula)	Malus (apple)	Punicum (pomegranate)	
Capsicum (peppers (bell, chili))	Mentha (mint)	Rhaphiolepis (indian hawthorne)	
Citrus (lemon, lime, tangerine)	Nasturtium (nasturtium)	Rubus (blackberry, raspberry)	
Coriandrum (coriander / cilantro)	Ocimum (basil)	Solanum (eggplant, potato, tomato)	
Cucumis (cucumber, melon)	Opuntia (prickly pear)	Thymus (thyme)	
Diospyros (persimmon)	Origanum (Oregano)	Vicia (fava bean, vetch)	
Eriobotrya (loquat)	Passiflora (passionfruit)		

<b>Plants on the California Invasive Plant Council list</b>			
	Invasive species	Benefit	Plant this instead
Invasive species are not appropriate for the Wild Urban Interface (WUI)	Centranthus (valerian)	Easy to grow, blooms for pollinators	Sedum "Autumn Joy"
	Cotoneaster (cotoneaster)	Blooms for pollinators, berries for birds	Heteromeles (toyon)
	Crococsmia (copptertips)	late winter blooms, hummingbirds	Lupinus (lupine)
	Echium (pride of Madeira)	late winter blooms	Ceanothus (California lilac)
	Hedera helix (English ivy)	summer blooms	Arctostaphylos uva-ursi (kinnikinnick)
	Kniphofia (red hot poker)	hummingbirds	Epilobium (California fuschias)
	Ligustrum (privet)	summer blooms	Heteromeles (toyon)

[For more information on ways to protect pollinators, check out Habitat Assessment Guide for Pollinators at xerces.org](https://www.xerces.org/resources/publications/habitat-assessment-guide-for-pollinators)

This list was compiled based on commonly available plants. As offerings evolve based on consumer demand (hopefully going more toward native!), it will be periodically updated.