

# Colorful Pollinator Garden

Flowering perennials not only provide beauty, but also food and habitat for birds and insects. Choose plant varieties from similar climates to ours, such as other parts of California, the Mediterranean, Australia, and South Africa, to create a lush and colorful landscape, support pollinators, and provide habitat for birds. Select native plants that bloom in the spring, summer, and fall to provide a year-round food source.

## Island Pink Yarrow

*Achillea millefolium 'Island Pink'*

*Achillea millefolium* 'Island Pink' (Island Pink Yarrow), perennial, 1 foot tall and 2 feet wide, with dark green, aromatic, finely dissected, dark green leaves and clusters of small, bright pink flowers on 18-inch, leafy stems from spring to fall. Spreads vigorously. Species is native to a wide range of soils, temperatures, elevations, and moisture regimes in temperate regions of Asia, Europe, and much of North America. 'Island Pink' is from the Channel Islands in southern California. Sun to part shade, most soils.

Sunset: 1-24,A1-3



## Moonshine Yarrow

*Achillea x 'Moonshine'*

*Achillea* 'Moonshine' (Moonshine Yarrow), perennial, 1-2 feet tall and wide, upright and clump-forming, with aromatic, deeply dissected, silvery gray-green leaves and broad, flat-topped clusters of tiny, lemon yellow flowers on 2- to 3-foot, leafy stems in summer. Believed to be a hybrid between *A. clypeolata*, a silvery gray-leaved species native to the Balkan Peninsula, and *A. aegyptiaca* (*A. taygetea*), a low-growing, gray-leaved species from Greece. Sun to light shade, well-drained soils.

Sunset: 1-24

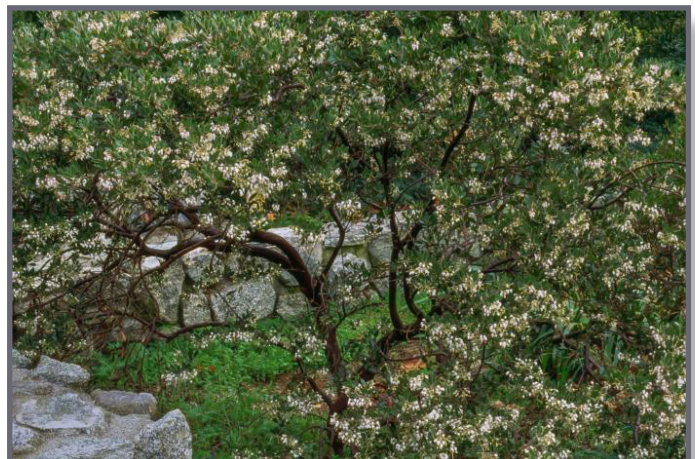


## Howard McMinn Manzanita

*Arctostaphylos densiflora 'Howard McMinn'*

*Arctostaphylos* 'Howard McMinn' (Howard McMinn Manzanita), evergreen shrub, 6-10 feet tall and wider than tall, with small, leathery, dark green, oval leaves and mahogany red bark. Pendant clusters of small, urn-shaped, pink-tinged, white flowers in winter or early spring are followed by small, red, berrylike fruit. Natural hybrid of *A. densiflora* and possibly *A. stanfordiana* discovered in Sonoma County, commonly offered as a selection of *A. densiflora*. Cool sun to part shade, afternoon shade inland, good to excellent drainage, good air circulation.

Sunset: 7-9,14-21





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## Blue Grama

*Bouteloua gracilis* 'Blonde Ambition'

*Bouteloua gracilis* and cultivars (Blue Grama), 6-12 inches tall, clumping or sod-forming, with fine-textured, bluish gray-green leaves that age to purplish golden brown and feathery, purple-tinged flowers held horizontally on 18-inch stalks. Dormant in summer if grown dry. Native to the Great Plains region from Canada to the southwestern United States. 'Blonde Ambition' is 12-18 inches tall and has chartreuse flowers. Can be mowed as rough turf. May be offered as *Chondrosium*.

Sunset: 1-3,7-11,14,18-21

## Stalked Bulbine

*Bulbine frutescens* 'Hallmark'

*Bulbine frutescens* (Stalked Bulbine), perennial from rhizomes, 1-2 feet tall and 2-3 feet wide, rosette of narrow, cylindrical, succulent, light gray-green leaves and conical clusters of bright yellow, star-shaped flowers on tall stems in spring. Native to the southern coast of South Africa north to Mozambique. Sun to part shade, afternoon shade in hot-summer climates, most soils.

Sunset: 8-9,12-24



## Yellow Sundrops

*Calylophus berlandieri*

*Calylophus berlandieri* (Sundrops), perennial or subshrub, 8-12 inches tall and 2-3 feet wide, with narrow, fine-textured, dark green leaves and bright yellow, bowl-shaped flowers in spring and summer. Cascades over walls. Native to dry, sandy or rocky soils from New Mexico and Oklahoma to Texas and northern Mexico. Sun to part shade or afternoon shade, well-drained soils. Cut back in late winter to renew. May be offered as a variety or subspecies of *C. drummondianus*.

Sunset: 1-3,6-16,18-24





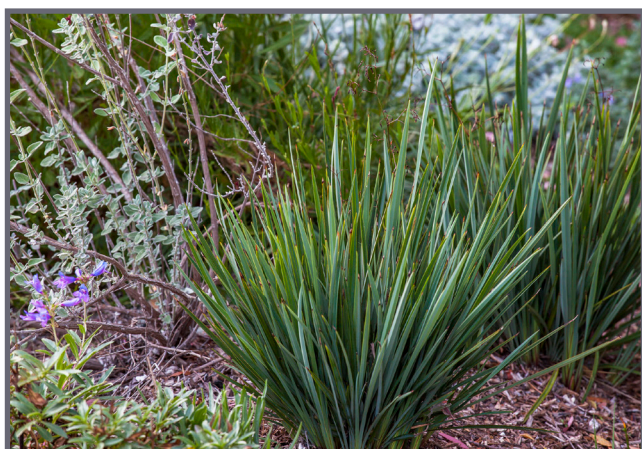
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## Cape Rush

*Chondropetalum tectorum* 'El Campo'

*Chondropetalum tectorum* 'El Campo', perennial, 2-3 feet tall and 3-4 feet wide, with stiff, narrow, dark green, reedlike stems, small, brownish, papery bracts at nodes along the stems, and clusters of tiny, dark brown flowers at stem ends in late summer. Selection of a species native to Western and Eastern Cape provinces, South Africa, near the coast and often in marshes or seeps. Sun to light shade, most soils, including periodically flooded. May be offered as *Elegia*.

Sunset: N/A



## Little Rev Flax Lily

*Dianella revoluta* 'Little Rev'

*Dianella revoluta* 'Little Rev' (Little Rev Flax Lily) perennial from rhizomes, clump forming, 2-3 feet tall and wide, with upright fans of narrowly strap-shaped, bluish gray-green leaves and delicate, branched sprays of small, bluish purple flowers in spring and summer but not every year. Flowers are followed by small, blue berries. Compact selection of a species native to southeastern Australia. May spread slowly by rhizomes to form small colonies. Sun to part shade, most well-drained soils. Good seaside plant. Cut back hard in winter to renew.

Sunset: 8-9,14-24

## Myrtle Spurge

*Euphorbia myrsinites*

*Euphorbia myrsinites* (Myrtle Spurge), perennial, 6 inches to 1 foot tall and 1 foot to 18 inches wide, with oval, blue-green, triangular leaves densely and symmetrically arranged around trailing stems. Showy yellow bracts surrounding small, greenish yellow flowers in late winter or early spring take on red tones in summer. Native from southeastern Europe to central Asia. White sap may be irritating to skin and eyes. Self-sows prolifically. Considered a noxious weed in Washington, Oregon, and Colorado. Sun to part shade, most soils.

Sunset: N/A





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**Yellow Spurge**  
*Euphorbia rigida*

*Euphorbia myrsinites* (Yellow Spurge), perennial, 6 inches to 1 foot tall and 1 foot to 18 inches wide, with oval, blue-green, triangular leaves densely and symmetrically arranged around trailing stems. Showy yellow bracts surrounding small, greenish yellow flowers in late winter or early spring take on red tones in summer. Native from southeastern Europe to central Asia. White sap may be irritating to skin and eyes. Self-sows prolifically. Considered a noxious weed in Washington, Oregon, and Colorado. Sun to part shade, most soils.

Sunset: N/A

**Seascape Mat Rush**  
*Lomandra confertifolia* 'Seascape'

*Lomandra confertifolia* 'Seascape' (Seascape Mat Rush), perennial, 1-2 feet tall and 2-3 feet wide, with narrow, grasslike, dark blue-gray leaves that arch over to the ground and flowering stems, somewhat shorter than the leaves, bearing clusters of creamy yellow, spring or summer flowers with noticeably bristly bracts. Selection of subspecies *rubiginosa*, which is native to open forests in New South Wales, Australia. Sun to part shade, most soils.

Sunset: N/A



**Dwarf Mat Rush**  
*Lomandra longifolia* 'Breeze'

*Lomandra longifolia* 'Breeze' (Dwarf Mat Rush), perennial, clump forming, 2-3 feet tall and wide, with grasslike, bright green leaves and flowering stems, usually shorter than the leaves, bearing clusters of tiny, whitish yellow, spring or summer flowers with noticeably bristly bracts. Compact selection of a species native to varied habitats in eastern Australia. Sun to part shade, most soils.

Sunset: N/A





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## White Muhly Grass

*Muhlenbergia capilaris* 'White Cloud'

*Muhlenbergia capilaris* 'White Cloud' (White Muhly Grass), warm-season bunchgrass, 3-4 feet tall and wide, with narrow, blue-green leaves and a haze of creamy white flowers on stems a foot above the leaves in fall. Species is native to grasslands and open woodlands from Massachusetts to Kansas south to Florida and west to Texas. 'White Cloud' may be a selection of the variety filipes (now *M. sericea*). Sun to light shade, most well-drained soils.

Sunset: 4-24



## Pine Muhly

*Muhlenbergia dubia*

*Muhlenbergia dubia* (Pine Muhly), warm-season bunchgrass, 1-2 feet tall and 2 feet wide, with fine-textured, bright green leaves and tall plumes of purple-tinged, creamy white flowers in late summer and fall. Self-sows but not aggressively. Native to desert mountains from Arizona to southwestern Texas and northern Mexico. Sun to light shade, fast drainage, good air circulation.

Sunset: 3b,7-24

## Lindheimer Muhly

*Muhlenberia lindheimeri* 'Autumn Glow'

*Muhlenbergia lindheimeri* 'Autumn Glow', (Lindheimer Muhly), warm-season bunchgrass, upright to 3-4 feet tall and wide, with fine-textured, medium green to bluish gray leaves and 5- to 6-foot stems with pale yellow, late-summer flowers that age to tan. Self-sows but not aggressively. Species is native to Texas and northern Mexico and has creamy white flowers that age to silvery gray. Sun to light shade, most soils, good air circulation. Accepts periodic flooding.

Sunset: 6-24





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## Turkish Sage

*Phlomis russeliana*

*Phlomis russeliana* (Turkish Sage), perennial, 1-2 feet tall and 4-5 feet wide, with felted, olive green leaves and whorled clusters of soft yellow, tubular flowers at intervals on upright stems in summer. Spreads by rhizomes. Native to forest and woodland openings in the mountains of Turkey. Sun to part shade, fast drainage, good air circulation.

Sunset: 2-24

## Coast Live Oak

*Quercus agrifolia*

*Quercus agrifolia* (Coast Live Oak), evergreen tree, 35-75 feet tall and 35-50 feet wide, dense and broadly rounded, with leathery, dark green leaves with spiny margins and small, reddish brown acorns. Native along the coast and in the coastal mountains from northern California to northern Baja California. Sun to part shade, most well-drained soils. Best in mild climates. Young trees do best in part shade.

Sunset: 7-9, 14-24



## Mexican Blue Sage

*Salvia chamaedryoides*

*Salvia chamaedryoides* (Mexican Blue Sage), perennial, 1 foot tall and spreading to 2-4 feet wide, with small, silvery gray-green, aromatic leaves and small, bright blue flowers on tall stems in late spring and fall and intermittently in summer. Native to the high desert in mountains of eastern Mexico. Sun to light shade, fast drainage.

Sunset: 8-9, 12, 14-24





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## Marine Blue Sage *Salvia x 'Marine Blue'*

*Salvia* 'Marine Blue', (Marine Blue Sage), perennial or subshrub, 2-3 feet tall and slowly spreading by rooting stems to 3-4 feet wide, with aromatic, oval to almost triangular, felted, gray-green leaves, densely hairy and whiter beneath, and dark blue-violet flowers in summer or almost year round in mild-winter climates. Parentage unknown but sometimes offered as a selection of *S. chamaedryoides*. Cool sun to part shade, afternoon shade inland, well-drained soils.

Sunset: N/A



## Green Lavender Cotton *Santolina rosmarinifolia*

*Santolina rosmarinifolia* (Green Lavender Cotton), evergreen shrub, 1-2 feet tall and wide, with narrow, aromatic, dissected and lobed, bright green leaves and small, rounded clusters of tiny, creamy yellow flowers in late spring or summer. Native to Portugal, Spain, and southern France. Full sun, good to excellent drainage. Cut back in late winter or early spring to renew. Plants may need replacing every few years. May be offered as *S. virens* or *S. viridis*.

Sunset: 3-9,14-24

## Germander *Teucrium majoricum*

*Teucrium majoricum* (Germander), perennial, less than 1 foot tall and 2-3 feet wide, with aromatic, narrow, gray-green leaves, whitish beneath, and pinkish lavender flowers in spring and early summer. Native to rocky soils on the Mediterranean island of Mallorca, Spain. Sun to light shade, perfect drainage. May be offered as a *T. cossonii*.

Sunset: 7-9,14-24d

