

## Recommended Low-Water Bee Plants for Northern California

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Plant and <i>approximate</i> bloom period	Resource <sup>1</sup>	Sunset Zone <sup>2</sup>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Manzanita ( <i>Arctostaphylos</i> spp.)*	N	7-9, 14-21	x	x										x
Germander ( <i>Teucrium fruticans</i> )	N	4-24	x	x	x								x	x
Rosemary ( <i>Salvia rosmarinus</i> )	N	4-24	x	x	x								x	x
California poppy ( <i>Eschscholzia californica</i> )*	P	1-24	x	x	x	x								
Ceanothus ( <i>Ceanothus</i> spp.)*	P	5-9, 14-24	x	x	x	x	x	x						
Redbud ( <i>Cercis occidentalis</i> )* <sup>3</sup>	N	2-24		x	x									
Native sages ( <i>Salvia brandegeei</i> , <i>S. clevelandii</i> , <i>S. sonomensis</i> and their crosses)*	N	15-17, 19-24		x	x	x	x	x	x	x				
Lavender ( <i>Lavandula</i> spp.)	N	4-24		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
Mallow ( <i>Malacothamnus</i> and <i>Sphaeralcea</i> spp.)*	NP	3, 7-24		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
Cedros Island verbena ( <i>Glandularia lilacina</i> 'De La Mina'*)	N	12-24		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Catmint hybrids ( <i>Nepeta x faassenii</i> cultivars)	N	1-24		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Cape balsam ( <i>Bulbine frutescens</i> )	NP	8,9, 12-24		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Santa Barbara daisy ( <i>Erigeron karvinskianus</i> )	NP	8,9, 12-24		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Foothill penstemon ( <i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i> )*	N	7-24			x	x	x	x						
Autumn sage, little-leaved sage, and their hybrids ( <i>Salvia greggii</i> , <i>Salvia microphylla</i> , <i>Salvia x jamensis</i> ) <sup>2</sup>	N	7-24			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Blanketflower ( <i>Gaillardia x grandiflora</i> )	NP	1-24			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Gaura ( <i>Gaura lindheimerii</i> )	NP	2B-24				x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Toyon ( <i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i> )*	NP	5-9, 14-24					x							
Calamint ( <i>Calamintha nepetoides</i> )	N	1-9; 14-24					x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Wall germander ( <i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i> )	N	2-24					x	x	x	x	x	x		
California buckwheat ( <i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i> )*	N	7-9, 14-24						x	x	x	x	x		
Russian sage ( <i>Salvia yangii</i> )	N	2-24						x	x	x	x	x		
California fuchsia ( <i>Epilobium canum</i> )*	N	2-11, 14-24						x	x	x	x	x	x	
Texas ranger ( <i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i> )	N	7-24							x	x	x	x		
Pacific aster ( <i>Symphyotrichum chilense</i> )*	NP	1-24							x	x	x	x	x	
Sedum 'Autumn Joy' ( <i>Hylotelephium telephium</i> x <i>spectabile</i> )	N	1-24								x	x	x	x	

\* = California native. <sup>1</sup>N=nectar source; P=pollen source. <sup>2</sup>Sunset Growing Zone. <sup>3</sup>Foliage used by leafcutter bees for nesting material from May to mid-summer