

Recommended Low-Water Bee Plants for Northern California

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Plant and approximate bloom period	Resource ¹	Sunset Zone ²	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>)* ³	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>) ²	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 lindheimeri</i>)	NP	2B-24				x	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	x	
Pacific aster (<i>Symphotrichum 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. ¹N=nectar source; P=pollen source. ²Sunset Growing Zone. ³Foliage used by leafcutter bees for nesting material from May to mid-summer