

Coast Red-flowering Currant

Ribes sanguineum var. glutinosum



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Type	Tree
Biodiversity value	High, 122+ species
Description	A native shrub in the Currant and Gooseberry family. This species grows in northern and central California, often in moist and partly shaded areas. Drought-tolerant closer to the coast. Suitable for woodland or formal gardens. The fruit is a dark purple oval berry 1 cm long.

Size	13' tall 7' wide
Water	Low or very low
Soil	Tolerates a variety of soils
Area to plant	Sun or Part Shade
Interesting feature	Insects and hummingbirds are attracted to the flowers and berries

Beach Strawberry

Fragaria chiloensis



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Type	Groundcover
Biodiversity value	Medium, 58+ species
Description	One of two species of strawberry that were hybridized to create the modern garden strawberry. It is noted for its large edible berries. Migratory birds dispersed it from the Pacific coast of North America to HI, Chile, and Argentina. In California, it grows coastal from San Luis Obispo County north. Evergreen glossy green leaves 2" long. The flowers are white.

Size	.49" – 1' tall
Water	Low
Soil	Prefers sandy soils
Area to plant	Shade or full sun.
Interesting feature	Birds eat the fruit. Drought tolerant, Fire resistant.

Coffeberry

Frangula californica



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Type	Bush
Biodiversity value	Medium, 25+ species
Description	A fairly common plant native to California, coffeberry is a dense evergreen shrub with dark red branches. The dark green leaves 1-3" long curls at the edges. The flowers are inconspicuous, small and greenish white in five petal clusters. The berry prized by birds is 10-15 mm in diameter. Beautiful and easy to grow, coffeberry is dense in form and easy to prune. It is a fire resistant hedge.

Size	6-15' tall 5-15' wide
Water	Low or very low
Soil	Tolerates a variety of soils
Area to plant	Full sun, part shade.
Interesting feature	Berries attract Towhees, Waxwings and Thrushes. Provides nesting habitat.

California Honeysuckle

Lonicera Hispidula



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Type	Vine
Biodiversity value	Medium, 30 species
Description	This native vine or shrub is found along the coast. It tends to grow on slopes and streambanks from sea level to 2500 ft. The tubular pink flowers attract hummingbirds. It will climb up shrubs or a trellis; otherwise it will spread along the ground. It does well in soils that are moist year round or dry in the summer but with minimal irrigation. Very easy to grow and a nice landscaping choice.

Size	4' tall x 8' wide
Water	Low
Soil	Variety of soils including clay.
Area to plant	Part Shade
Interesting feature	Hummingbirds are attracted to the flowers while other birds are attracted to the fruit.



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