

REPLACE YOUR THIRSTY LAWN WITH CA NATIVES

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WHY NATIVES?

- California has a very unique flora
- Plants and pollinators interdependent
- Ecological - use less chemicals
- Economical – use less water
- Smart gardening – use less labor

Garden/garden comparison (Santa Monica)

- 1/10 of the water
- ¼ of the maintenance labor
- 3/5 of the green waste

For more information online:

<http://www.sustainablesites.org/cases/show.php?id=1>

NO MOW GRASSES / MEADOWS

- Seasonal changes
- Flowers sway in the breeze
- Can be weed whacked annually
- Provide habitat for birds, butterflies
- Can be inter-planted with wildflowers

Clumping Grasses for Meadows

- California Fescue *Festuca. californica*
- June Grass *Koeleria macrantha*
- Purple Needle Grass *Nasella pulchra*
- Leafy Reed Grass *Calamogrostis foliosa*
- Berkeley Sedge *Carex divulsa* (non-native)

Spreading Grasses for Meadows

- Red Fescue *Festuca rubra*
- Dune Sedge *Carex pansa*
- Foothill Sedge *Carex praegracilis*
- Idaho Fescue *Festuca idahoensis*

ESTABLISHING A MEADOW

- Relaxed attitude around perfection/change
- Decide on type of grass
- Mixed with flowers?
- Transplants or seed?
- Pre-germination of existing weed seeds
- Weeding important until established

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HERBAL “LAWNS”

- Wooly Thyme, Creeping Thyme, Elfin Thyme
- Chamomile
- Yarrow
- Sweet Woodruff
- Corsican Mint
- Yerba Buena

ECO-LAWN: Mixture of clover, yarrow & dwarf fescues

ARTIFICIAL LAWN: never needs mowing or watering – but can’t recycle it and doesn’t cool or give anything back to the Earth

DROUGHT TOLERANT GROUND COVERS

Manzanita, Dwarf Coyote Bush, Dwarf Ceanothus, Strawberry, (non-natives:) Dymondia, Lowfast Cotoneaster, Rosemary

SUNNY & DRY: CHAPPARAL, GRASSLAND & DESERT PLANTS, Manzanita, Sage, Ceanothus (some), Coyote Bush, Matilija Poppy, Woolly Blue Curls, California Fuchsia, Buckwheats, Deer Grass, Monkey Flower, Foothill Penstemon, Yarrow

SHADY & DRY: OAK WOODLAND

Coffeeberry, Toyon, Hummingbird Sage, Coral Bells, Douglas Iris, California Grape, Coyote Mint,

SUNNY WITH MODERATE WATER: RIPARIAN & COASTAL PLANTS

Sandhill Sagebrush, Vine Maple, Beach Strawberry, Beach Aster, Siskyou Blue Fescue, Cedros Island Verbena, Ground cover Manzanita

SHADE WITH REGULAR WATER: REDWOOD FOREST

Wild Ginger, Bleeding Heart, Flowering Currant, Western Columbine, Western Azalea, Sword Fern, Wax Myrtle, Spicebush

RESOURCES

Going Native Garden Tour - April

goingnativegardentour.org

California Native Plant Society

www.cnps.org

Yerba Buena Demonstration Garden

www.yerbabuenanursery.com

Low Cost Professional Lawn Replacement

www.naturalfrontyards.com

Sustainable Landscaping Site with lists of professionals and pictures

www.landscapestandards.com