

# Hydrozones Report

## Hydrozone 1

Zone 1 - plants needing Very Low amounts of water



**Botanical Name:** Calyophus hartwegii  
**Common Name:** Sundrops  
**Plant Type:** Shrub, Ground cover, Perennial  
**Plant Height:** Under 1'  
**Flower Color:** Yellow  
**Sun:** Full, Half

**Water:** Very Low, Medium, Extra in Summer

This low-growing perennial grows 2' x 3' and has woody stems with bright green leaves. It produces large, lemon yellow flowers that are up to 4" across and bloom spring through summer.

**Attracts Wildlife:**

**Leaf Color:** Light Green

**Flower Season:** Spring, Summer, Fall

**Hydrozone:** 1



**Botanical Name:** Eriogonum grande v. rubescens  
**Common Name:** Red Buckwheat  
**Plant Type:** Shrub, Ground cover, Perennial  
**Plant Height:** 1-3'  
**Flower Color:** Pink  
**Sun:** Full, Half  
**Water:** Medium

Red Buckwheat is a low growing, woody perennial 1'-2' high and 3' wide. It has showy, dark pink summer flowers that stand out against small, gray green foliage. It is a CA native that is drought tolerant. It attracts butterflies and beneficial insects. - Cornflower Farms

**Attracts Wildlife:** Butterflies

**Leaf Color:** Green, Grey Green

**Flower Season:** Summer, Fall

**Hydrozone:** 1



**Botanical Name:** Galvezia speciosa  
**Common Name:** Island Bush Snapdragon  
**Plant Type:** Shrub, Ground cover  
**Plant Height:** 3-6'  
**Flower Color:** Red  
**Sun:** Full, Half  
**Water:** Medium

Island Snapdragon is an evergreen shrub or vine that grows from 2'-3' high and 3'-5' across with red spring and summer flowers. This plants needs partial shade in hot inland areas. It is a California native that is drought

**Attracts Wildlife:** Hummingbirds

**Leaf Color:** Green

**Flower Season:** Spring, Summer, Intermittent

**Hydrozone:** 1

tolerant. It attracts hummingbirds. - Cornflower Farms



**Botanical Name:** Iris Pacific Coast Hybrids

**Common Name:** Pacific Coast Irises

**Plant Type:** Perennial

**Plant Height:** 1-3'

**Flower Color:** Blue, Lavender, Purple

**Sun:** Full, Half, Shade

**Water:** Very Low, Low, Medium, Extra in Summer

These Irises are 6"-18" tall and have clumps of grass-like foliage. The flowers are 3"-4" across; it makes good cut flowers and vary from white, yellow, lavender, purple, blue, and reddish purple.

**Attracts Wildlife:**

**Leaf Color:** Green, Dark Green

**Flower Season:** Spring

**Hydrozone:** 1



**Botanical Name:** Verbena lilacina 'De La Mina'

**Common Name:** Cedros Island Verbena cv.

**Plant Type:** Shrub, Perennial

**Plant Height:** 1-3'

**Flower Color:** Purple

**Sun:** Full

**Water:** Medium

Verbena lilacina 'De La Mina' is a selection introduced by the Santa Barbara Botanical Garden. It is a fast-growing shrub that reaches 3' tall and 3' wide. Flowers are purple and fragrant and bloom all year long in coastal areas. These star-shaped flowers are held high above the mound shaped foliage. It does well in sun and part sun and is considered drought tolerant. It is a beautiful shrub that attracts butterflies.

**Attracts Wildlife:** Butterflies

**Leaf Color:** Green, Light Green

**Flower Season:** Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall, Constant

**Hydrozone:** 1



**Botanical Name:** Heuchera 'Santa Ana Cardinal'

**Common Name:** Santa Ana Cardinal Coral Bells

**Plant Type:** Ground cover, Perennial

**Plant Height:** Under 1', 1-3'

**Flower Color:** Pink, Red

**Sun:** Half, Shade

**Water:** Very Low, Medium

This Heuchera is believed to be a hybrid between the native Heuchera maxima and the non-native Heuchera sanguinea. The name is a little misleading as the flower is more pinkish red than it is red or cardinal. It is best used in dry shady conditions with well drained soil. Once established, it requires little care. It is susceptible to mealy bugs and root rot if it receives too much water. It grows to 18"-24" tall and wide. It looks great in mass plantings.

**Attracts Wildlife:** Hummingbirds

**Leaf Color:** Green

**Flower Season:** Spring, Summer

**Hydrozone:** 1

**Botanical Name:** Heuchera 'Wendy'

**Common Name:** Wendy Alum Root

**Attracts Wildlife:** Hummingbirds

**Leaf Color:** Green



**Plant Type:** Perennial

**Plant Height:** 1-3'

**Flower Color:** Pink

**Sun:** Half, Shade

**Water:** Low

Heuchera 'Wendy' belongs to the group of large leaf (H. maxima), native, Heuchera hybrids that prefer, dry, shady conditions. They thrive under native oak trees or in similar situations. Once established, they require virtually no care other than removal of the dead flowers after bloom in the spring. They are most effectively shown when planted in mass.

**Flower Season:** Spring

**Hydrozone:** 1

## Hydrozone 2



Zone 2 - plants needing Low amounts of water



**Botanical Name:** Achillea millefolium

**Common Name:** Common Yarrow

**Plant Type:** Ground cover, Perennial

**Plant Height:** 1-3'

**Flower Color:** White

**Sun:** Full, Half, Shade

**Water:** Low

This Achillea features spreading mats of fern-like rosettes, along with deeply divided leaves of a green or gray green color. In this form, the flowers are usually a white tone. Stems can reach 2'-3' above foliage. Yarrow propagates easily from rooted cuttings or division, which should be performed in the early spring or fall. Following bloom, one should dead head the plant and divide the clumps when it appears crowded.

**Attracts Wildlife:** Butterflies

**Leaf Color:** Green, Grey Green

**Flower Season:** Spring, Summer, Fall

**Hydrozone:** 2



**Botanical Name:** Achillea millefolium rosea

**Common Name:** Rosea Yarrow

**Plant Type:** Perennial

**Plant Height:** 1-3'

**Flower Color:** Pink, Red

**Sun:** Full, Half

**Water:** Low

This Achillea features spreading mats of fern-like rosettes, along with deeply divided leaves of a green or gray green color. In this form, the flowers are usually a pale pink tone. Yarrow propagates easily from rooted cuttings or division, which should be performed in the early spring or fall. Following bloom, one should dead head the plant and divide the clumps when it appears crowded.

**Attracts Wildlife:**

**Leaf Color:** Green, Grey Green

**Flower Season:** Spring, Summer, Fall

**Hydrozone:** 2

**Botanical Name:** Arctostaphylos densiflora 'Howard McMinn

**Common Name:** Howard McMinn Manzanita

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Plant Height:** 3-6'

**Attracts Wildlife:**

**Leaf Color:** Green, Dark Green

**Flower Season:** Winter

**Hydrozone:** 2



**Flower Color:** Pink, White

**Sun:** Full, Half

**Water:** Low

This shrub is highly appreciated for its decorative characteristics, which include a dense show of small, pale pink urn-shaped flowers. Above all, it is the mahogany-red to brown bark (which peels beautifully) that is the major attraction. Its fruit resembles the tike apple, and the flowers contrast perfectly to the light green leaf (which can get rather tough). It blooms from late winter to spring. - Cornflower Farms



**Botanical Name:** *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi* 'Point Reyes'

**Common Name:** Point Reyes Bearberry

**Plant Type:** Shrub, Ground cover

**Plant Height:** 1-3'

**Flower Color:** Pink, White

**Sun:** Full, Half, Shade

**Water:** Low

This is a low growing ground cover 1'-2' high with a 3'-5' spread. It has small leathery leaves, red stems, and pink flowers in winter.

**Attracts Wildlife:** Birds

**Leaf Color:** Green, Dark Green

**Flower Season:** Winter, Spring

**Hydrozone:** 2



**Botanical Name:** *Asteriscus maritimus*

**Common Name:** Compact Gold Coin

**Plant Type:** Perennial

**Plant Height:** 1-3'

**Flower Color:** Gold

**Sun:** Full

**Water:** Low, Extra in Summer

Compact Gold Coin is a water efficient, daisy-like, woody-based, short-lived perennial. Its gold flowers appear in spring and summer but may bloom intermittently at other times. It can tolerate heat as long as it has well draining soil and infrequent watering. It may be used in desert areas if given afternoon shade and moderate amount of water in summer.

**Attracts Wildlife:**

**Leaf Color:** Green

**Flower Season:** Spring, Summer, Intermittent

**Hydrozone:** 2



**Botanical Name:** *Baccharis pilularis* 'Pigeon Point'

**Common Name:** Cushion Coyote Brush/Bush

**Plant Type:** Shrub, Ground cover

**Plant Height:** 1-3'

**Flower Color:** White

**Sun:** Full, Half

**Water:** Low

'Pigeon Point' is a compact, evergreen groundcover that grows 18"- 24" tall and 10'-12' wide. It is the preferred form of the Coyote Bush. Its leaves are green; it has white flowers that bloom in the fall. It is important to

**Attracts Wildlife:** Birds

**Leaf Color:** Green

**Flower Season:** Fall

**Hydrozone:** 2

plant this groundcover that are at least 6' -10' apart. Otherwise they will overgrow each other and create a high groundcover. 'Pigeon Point' is tolerant of ocean spray and is deer resistant.



**Botanical Name:** Erigeron glaucus  
**Common Name:** Blue Beach Aster, Seaside Daisy  
**Plant Type:** Ground cover, Perennial  
**Plant Height:** 1-3'  
**Flower Color:** Lavender  
**Sun:** Full, Half  
**Water:** Low, Medium, Extra in Summer  
 This perennial will grow 1' tall and 1.5' wide. It has blue green foliage and lavender flowers that bloom in spring and summer.

**Attracts Wildlife:** Butterflies  
**Leaf Color:** Green  
**Flower Season:** Spring, Summer  
**Hydrozone:** 2



**Botanical Name:** Mimulus aurantiacus  
**Common Name:** Sticky Monkey Flower  
**Plant Type:** Shrub, Perennial  
**Plant Height:** 1-3'  
**Flower Color:** Orange  
**Sun:** Full, Half  
**Water:** Low  
 Sticky Monkey Flower is a drought tolerant evergreen shrub 4' tall with numerous, orangish yellow flowers in spring and summer. It is a California native that attracts hummingbirds. This shrub can be found on the dry hills and canyon slopes in the Sierra Nevada foothills and the central Coast Ranges. -Cornflower Farms

**Attracts Wildlife:** Hummingbirds  
**Leaf Color:** Green  
**Flower Season:** Spring, Summer  
**Hydrozone:** 2



**Botanical Name:** Rhamnus californica  
**Common Name:** California Coffeeberry  
**Plant Type:** Shrub  
**Plant Height:** 6-12'  
**Flower Color:** Green, Yellow  
**Sun:** Full, Half  
**Water:** Low  
 The California coffeeberry is an evergreen shrub that reaches 6'-8' high. It grows inland and has large green to black berries in late summer. This shrub tolerates sun or partial shade in all soil types. The California coffeeberry is a native to California and is drought tolerant. It is a beneficial insect plant and attracts butterflies. - Cornflower Farms

**Attracts Wildlife:** Birds  
**Leaf Color:** Green, Light Green  
**Flower Season:** Spring, Summer  
**Hydrozone:** 2

**Botanical Name:** Ribes sanguineum glutinosum

**Attracts Wildlife:** Birds, Hummingbirds



**Common Name:** Southern Pink Flowering Currant  
**Plant Type:** Shrub  
**Plant Height:** 3-6', 6-12'  
**Flower Color:** Pink  
**Sun:** Half, Shade  
**Water:** Low

**Leaf Color:** Green  
**Flower Season:** Winter, Spring  
**Hydrozone:** 2

The Pink Flowering Currant is an erect, spreading, deciduous shrub that grows 4'-6' tall. It has lobed, toothed foliage, pink flowers, and black berries between January and March. The Pink Flowering Currant needs shade inland, and is a native to California. It is drought tolerant and attracts hummingbirds. -Cornflower Farms



**Botanical Name:** Ribes viburnifolium  
**Common Name:** Evergreen Currant, Catalina Perfume  
**Plant Type:** Shrub  
**Plant Height:** 3-6'  
**Flower Color:** Pink  
**Sun:** Half, Shade  
**Water:** Low

**Attracts Wildlife:**  
**Leaf Color:** Dark Green  
**Flower Season:** Spring  
**Hydrozone:** 2

The Evergreen Currant is a fragrant evergreen shrub that grows 3'-6' tall and 6'-10' wide. It has red stems and small rose-colored flowers with red berries between February and April. This shrub tolerates moist conditions and needs partial shade inland. The Evergreen Currant is native to California and is drought tolerant. -Cornflower Farms



**Botanical Name:** Salvia greggii 'Red Star'  
**Common Name:** Red Star Autumn Sage  
**Plant Type:** Shrub  
**Plant Height:** 1-3'  
**Flower Color:** Red  
**Sun:** Full, Half  
**Water:** Low

**Attracts Wildlife:** Hummingbirds  
**Leaf Color:** Green, Dark Green  
**Flower Season:** Winter, Spring, Fall  
**Hydrozone:** 2

This shrub will grow 1'-4' tall and 1'-4' wide. It has glossy green leaves with red flowers that bloom from fall to spring.



**Botanical Name:** Salvia spathacea  
**Common Name:** Hummingbird Sage, Pitcher Sage  
**Plant Type:** Shrub, Ground cover  
**Plant Height:** 1-3'  
**Flower Color:** Pink  
**Sun:** Full, Half, Shade  
**Water:** Low

**Attracts Wildlife:** Hummingbirds  
**Leaf Color:** Green, Grey Green  
**Flower Season:** Spring, Summer  
**Hydrozone:** 2

The extravagant leaves of this small clumping sage emit

a perfectly sweet fragrance, which attracts hummingbirds. In the spring, the reddish pink flowering spikes become a deep fuchsia. It is a great plant for dry shade.



**Botanical Name:** Muhlenbergia rigens  
**Common Name:** Deer Grass  
**Plant Type:** Grass  
**Plant Height:** 1-3'  
**Flower Color:**  
**Sun:** Full, Half  
**Water:** Low

The Deer Grass is a warm season perennial that forms dense clumps from the base. The spike-like flower stalks grow 2'-3' tall and this grass has striking foundation form. The Deer Grass is native to California and needs watering once or twice a month after it has been established. The more water it has, the greener it is.

**Attracts Wildlife:**  
**Leaf Color:** Green, Grey Green, Light Green  
**Flower Season:** Summer  
**Hydrozone:** 2

## Hydrozone 3



Zone 3 - plants needing Medium amounts of water



**Botanical Name:** Aster X frikartii  
**Common Name:** Blue Aster  
**Plant Type:** Perennial  
**Plant Height:** 1-3'  
**Flower Color:** Blue, Lavender  
**Sun:** Full, Half  
**Water:** Medium

Blue Aster is a very popular, sky blue flower for herbaceous beds.

**Attracts Wildlife:**  
**Leaf Color:** Green  
**Flower Season:** Summer, Fall  
**Hydrozone:** 3



**Botanical Name:** Polystichum munitum  
**Common Name:** Western Sword Fern, Alaska Fern  
**Plant Type:** Fern  
**Plant Height:** 1-3'  
**Flower Color:**  
**Sun:** Half, Shade  
**Water:** Medium

This Fern produces upright fronds, reaching 4'-5' tall in moist, cool forests in Northern California. This size is usually lower, especially without summer watering. It is great in containers or dry shade landscapes. This species

**Attracts Wildlife:**  
**Leaf Color:** Dark Green  
**Flower Season:**  
**Hydrozone:** 3

is especially useful to give the illusion of lush, moist gardens where little water is actually being used. It should receive part shade to dense shade. -Monterey Bay Nursery



**Botanical Name:** Carex praegracilis  
**Common Name:** California Field Sedge  
**Plant Type:** Grass  
**Plant Height:** Under 1'  
**Flower Color:**  
**Sun:** Half  
**Water:** Medium

This native Carex can be successfully used as a lawn substitute but requires significant water to obtain good coverage. Once coverage is reached, water can be reduced and maintenance is close to zero. Unmowed, the plant can be used effectively in a variety of conditions and will reach a height of 6" or under and spreads up to 2' by rhizomes.

**Attracts Wildlife:**  
**Leaf Color:** Green, Dark Green  
**Flower Season:** Spring, Summer  
**Hydrozone:** 3



**Botanical Name:** Fragaria chiloensis  
**Common Name:** Beach Strawberry, Sand Strawberry  
**Plant Type:** Ground cover, Perennial  
**Plant Height:** Under 1'  
**Flower Color:** White  
**Sun:** Full, Half, Shade  
**Water:** Medium

This perennial grows 4"-8" high with tooth-edged leaves and ornamental strawberries during the fall. Cut back or mow in early spring to encourage new growth.

**Attracts Wildlife:** Birds  
**Leaf Color:** Green, Dark Green  
**Flower Season:** Spring  
**Hydrozone:** 3



**Botanical Name:** Heuchera maxima  
**Common Name:** Island Alum Root  
**Plant Type:** Ground cover, Perennial  
**Plant Height:** 1-3'  
**Flower Color:** Pink, White  
**Sun:** Half, Shade  
**Water:** Medium

This large leaf native Heuchera from which many hybrids have been derived will reach about 3' tall in bloom and has deep green leaves with white flowers with a touch of pink.

**Attracts Wildlife:** Hummingbirds  
**Leaf Color:** Green, Dark Green  
**Flower Season:** Spring  
**Hydrozone:** 3

Zone 4 - plants needing High amounts of water



## Hydrozone 4



**Botanical Name:** Mimulus cardinalis  
**Common Name:** Scarlet Monkey Flower  
**Plant Type:** Ground cover, Perennial  
**Plant Height:** 1-3'  
**Flower Color:** Orange, Red  
**Sun:** Shade  
**Water:** Medium

This herbaceous perennial has soft green leaves with bright red scarlet flowers that bloom in the spring. It requires regular water. Prune back regularly to maintain shape. It is great for natural water gardens and meadows.

**Attracts Wildlife:** Hummingbirds  
**Leaf Color:** Light Green  
**Flower Season:** Spring, Summer  
**Hydrozone:** 4

Check with your local nursery for the suitability of the plants shown above for use in your area

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