

# List of California Native Plants in Michael Charnofsky's Garden 2170 41st Ave, Oakland, CA 94601 March 24, 2026

Size: 1 = a small, new plant. 10=the biggest the plant might possibly get (if never pruned, and some do get pruned).

Common Name	Latin Name	Quantity	Size	Comments
Coast live oak	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	1	6/10	
Elderberry	<i>Sambucus mexicana</i>	2	6/10, 6/10	multitrunked
Redbud	<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	3	2/10, 3/10, 5/10	all nicely established
Dr Hurd Manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos</i> 'Dr. Hurd'	1	8/10	dominant in front of house. Trunk visible. Feb, March bloom
Austin Griffiths Manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos</i> 'austin griffiths'	1	3/10	Blooms in March
Louis Edmunds Bakers Manzanita	<i>Arcostaphylos bakeri</i> 'Louis Edmunds'	1	7/10	Blooms in Jan, Feb
Flannel Bush	<i>Fremontodendron californicum</i>	1	2/10	An established volunteer in bad place, "bonsaid"
Ceanothus	<i>Ceanothus maritimus</i> 'valley violet'	4	All 6/10	blooms in Feb. I'm not positive all 4 are this variety
Ceanothus	<i>Ceanothus concha</i> (I think)	1	7/10	blooms in March
CA sage		1	6/10	dense, low
Pozo blue sage	<i>Salvia</i> x 'Pozo Blue'	1	6/10	
Monkeyflower	<i>Diplacus aurantiacus</i>	2 + young volunteers	6/10	

Coyote Bush	<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	1	7/10	Pruned to be open (and tall) for safety
Mock orange	<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>	2	4/10, 3/10	
Mock orange	<i>Philadelphus microphyllus</i>	1	5/10	
Pink-flowering currant	<i>Ribes sanguineum</i> var. <i>glutinosum</i>	1	5/10	
Chaparral currant	<i>Ribes malvaceum</i> 'dancing tassels'	1	4/10	
Catalina currant	<i>Ribes viburnifolium</i>	2	4/10	
Oceanspray	<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	3	5/10, 5/10, 3/10	
Hazelnut	<i>Corylus cornuta</i> var. <i>californica</i>	1	5/10	
Snowberry Tilden	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i> 'Tilden Park'	4	5/10, 5/10, 2/10, 2/10	4 areas, 2 well established
Elizabeth bush anemone	<i>Carpenteria californica</i> 'Elizabeth'	2	3/10	Planted 10/25
Red-flowered buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum grande</i> var. <i>rubescens</i>	Numerous		Grows like a "weed"
Sulfur flowered buckwheat ?	<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i>	3	5/10, 4/10, 3/10	
Santa Cruz Island Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum arborescens</i>	1	5/10	
California Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i>	2	4/10, 4/10	
Giant Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum giganteum</i>	1	6/10	Seedlings pop up nearby, and I have some in pots
Penstemon	<i>Penstemon hereophyllus</i> 'Electric Blue'	2	5/10, 5/10,	
Penstemon	<i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i>			
Wild grape	<i>Vitis californica</i>	2	2/10	Now established, in second growing season.
Yarrow	<i>Achilea millefolium</i>	3+	4/10, 3/10, 3/10	3 established, many becoming established in wildflower areas

Yarrow (yellow)	<i>Achillea</i> 'Moonshine'	3	5/10, 4/10, 4/10	
Yarrow (pink)	<i>Achillea millefolium</i> 'Island Pink'	2	2/10, 2/10	
Iris	<i>Iris douglasiana</i>	Numerous	Many established areas	Pink/purple. Grows like a weed
Soap plant	<i>Chlorogalum pomeridianum</i>	Numerous	Many established areas, including vegetable garden	A few beds have soap root dominating, but it grows like a weed in 1/4 of the garden now.
Huckleberry	<i>Vaccinium ovatum</i>	1	3/10	Doing okay
Western ninebark	<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	1	4/10	
Pacific hound's tongue	<i>Adelinia grandis</i>	1 area	Spreading slowly	
Turkey tangle frog fruit	<i>Phyla nodiflora</i>	2 areas		Dominates in summer
Goldenrod	<i>Solidago velutina</i> ssp. <i>californica</i>	3	2/10	Planted 10/25
Yerba buena	<i>Clinopodium douglasii</i>	5	6/10, 3/10, 2/10, 2/10	One is growing fiercely
Sword fern	<i>Polystichum munitum</i>	1	3/10	
Coastal wood fern	<i>Dryopteris arguta</i>	2	3/10	Damaged by the March heat wave
Heuchera	<i>Heuchera mazima</i>	2	4/10	
Heuchera Cardinal red	<i>Heuchera</i> 'Santa Ana Cardinal'	1	4/10	
Woodland strawberry	<i>Fragaria vesca</i> ssp. <i>Californica</i> 'Montana de Oro'	3	5/10	Planted 10/25, spreading quickly
Pipevine	<i>Aristolochia californica</i>	Numerous, Many areas	About 300 square feet of fence covered	Has become a "weed"
Island Morning glory (pink)	<i>Calystegia macrostegia</i>	2	6/10	On fences, trellises
Morning glory (white)	<i>Calystegia occidentalis</i>	2	5/10	On fences, trellises

Chaparral Clematis	<i>Clematis lasiantha</i>	6	5/6 already very large	On fences, trellises
Clematis	<i>Clematis ligusticifolia</i>	3	4/10, 3/10, 2/10	On fences, trellises
Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera hispidula</i>	5	6/10, 5/10, 4/10, 3/10, 2/10	On fences, trellises
Seashore bentgrass	<i>Agrostis palens</i>	15x25 lawn!		A good example of a native grass lawn = half the water and 1/3 the mowing. Has also seeded in the garden.
Deer Grass	<i>Muhlenberia rigens</i>	2	6/10	
Mendocino reedgrass	<i>Calamagrostis foliosa</i>	Many		
Purple needlegrass	<i>Nassella pulchra</i>	Many		A "weed"
CA fescue	<i>Festuca californica</i>	Many		A "weed"
Blue grama	<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i> 'blonde ambition'	5	6/10, 6/10, 6/10, 3/10, 3/10	
Idaho fescue 'Siskiyou blue'	<i>Festuca idiahoensis</i> 'siskiyou blue'	3	6/10	
WILDFLOWERS				
CA poppies				
Farewell to spring				
Elegant clarkia				
Yellow lupine				
Blue lupine				
Blue eyed grass				
Chinese houses				
Baby blue eyes				
Tidy tips				
Globe gilia				
Chalk dudleya	<i>Dudleya pulverulenta</i>	3	6/10 x3	
Anthony's Liveforever	<i>Dudleya anthonyi</i>	3	3/10, 5/10, 6/10	

Palmer's dudleya	<i>Dudleya palmeri</i>	2-3	4-6/10	
Lance leaf liveforever	<i>Dudleya lanceolata</i>	2-3	3-6/10	
Sea lettuce	<i>Dudleya caespitosa</i>	3-4	3-6/10	
Catalina Island liveforever	<i>Dudleya hassei</i>	3-4	3-6/10	
Bluff lettuce	<i>Dudleya farinosa</i>	3-4	3-6/10	