

## Plant List for a Bird-Friendly Garden in Orange County, CA

These plants are mostly Orange County natives that benefit birds, are drought-tolerant (summer water once a month) and can live in full sun and clay soil.

		Height	Width	Flower	Flower Season	Comment	Birds
<b>Plants 5 ft +</b>	Arctostaphylos rainbowensis–Rainbow (Peninsular) Manzanita	5'	5-8'	white	winter, spring	From San Diego-Baja	nectar-eater
	Ceanothus spinosus – Greenbark Ceanothus	6-8'	8'	blue	spring		seed-eater
	Cercis occidentalis – Western Redbud	10-20'	10-15'	pink	spr, sum	Winter deciduous	seed-eater
	Heteromeles arbutifolia - Toyon	6-30'	10-15'	white	summer	Red berries fall-winter	fruit-eater
	Sambucus nigra (formerly mexicana) – Western Elderberry	6-24'	6-24'	yellow	spring	Winter deciduous	fruit-eater
<b>Plants between 3 ft -5 ft</b>	Encelia californica - Coastal Bush Sunflower	2-5'	3-7'	yellow	winter, spring		seed-eater
	Erigonum fasciculatum – California Buckwheat	3-4'	4'	white	summer		seed-eater
	Frangula (formerly Rhamnus) californica – Coffeeberry	8'	10'	yellow	spring		fruit-eater
	Gambelia (Galvesia) speciosa – Island Bush Snapdragon	3'	5'	red	spr, sum, fall	From Channel islands	nectar-eater
	Peritoma arborea (formerly Cleome isomeris) – Bladderpod	3-5'	5'	yellow	year-round		nectar-eater
	Rhus integrifolia – Lemonade Berry/Sumac	3-30'	3-20'	pink	wint, spr, sum		fruit-eater
	Malacothamnus clementinus-San Clemente Isl. Bush Mallow	4-5'	8'	pink	spring	From Channel islands	insect-eater
	Salvia apiana – White Sage	3-5'	5'	white	spr, sum		seed-eater
	Salvia clevelandia – Cleveland Sage	5'	3'	purple	spr, sum		seed-eater
	Salvia mellifera – Black Sage	3-5'	6'	white	spr, sum		seed-eater
	Sphaeralcea ambigua – Apricot (Desert) Mallow	3'	4'	orange	winter, spring	From Calif. deserts	insect-eater
<b>Plants less than 3 ft tall</b>	Dudleya lanceolata – Lance-leaved Live-forever	1'	1'	white	spr, sum		nectar-eater
	Epilobium canum – California Fuchsia	2'	4'	red	summer, fall	Semi-deciduous	nectar-eater
	Mimulus auranticus – Sticky Monkeyflower	2'	3'	orange	spring	Semi-deciduous	nectar-eater
	Oenothera elata ssp. hookeri – Hooker’s Evening Primrose	5'	5'	yellow	summer, fall	Winter deciduous	seed-eater
	Penstemon centranthifolius – Scarlet Bugler	2'	1'	red	spring		nectar-eater
	Penstemon spectabilis – Showy Penstemon	2-3'	3'	purple	spr, sum		nectar-eater
	Salvia spathica – Hummingbird Sage	2'	spread	purple	spr, sum	Best under shade	nectar-eater
	Stipa pulchra – Purple Needlegrass	2'	2'	purple	spring	Official state grass	seed-eater

Prepared by Trude Hurd, Project Director of Education, Sea and Sage Audubon Society, 2018, email seaandsage@sbcglobal.net.