« Otay Tarweed

(Hemizonia fasciculata)

Annual Herb - Each flower has a center of six yellowish disc florets with black stamens, surrounded by five yellow ray florets.

« Coast Prickly Pear

(Opuntia littoralis)

Succulent - This cactus is covered in clusters of yellowish spines. Flowers are yellow or red, fruit is purplish-red.

« San Diego Sunflower

(Viguiera laciniata)

Perennial Herb - Multi-branched shrub with light green leaves; resinous. Produces large quantities of bright yellow flowers.

« Spanish Dagger

(Yucca schidigera)

Evergreen Tree/Shrub - Short-stemmed spiny plant that grows to 3-12 feet tall. Purple-tinted white flowers in spring.

« California Sycamore

(Platanus racemosa)

Deciduous Tree - Large maple like leaves; round, spiked seed pods.

« Snake Cholla

(Cylindropuntia californica)

Succulent - This sprawling cactus can approach 10 feet; flowers are yellow and sometimes tinged with green or purple.

« Sugarbush

(Rhus ovata)

Evergreen Shrub - Small flowers are white to rose-pink with dark reddish bracts; they bloom at the tips of branches from March to May.

« Shooting Star

(Dodecatheon clevelandii)

Perennial Herb - Spikes to 1 foot high; cluster of flowers resemble shooting stars and can be magenta to deep lavender to white.

« Star Lily
(also called Fremont Camas)

(Zigadenus fremontii)

Perennial Herb - Flower spike has showy star-shaped flowers; its spikes are white with green centers.

« Toyon

(Heteromeles arbutifolia)

Evergreen Shrub - Dark green leaves; small white flowers in the summer, red berries in the winter.

« Arroyo Willow

(Salix lasiolepis)

Deciduous Tree/Shrub - Narrow leaves, flowers early spring; produces white fuzzy seeds called catkins.

« White Sage

(Salvia apiana)

Perennial Shrub - Grayish green foliage; flowers emerge in the summer and are white with a little lavender.

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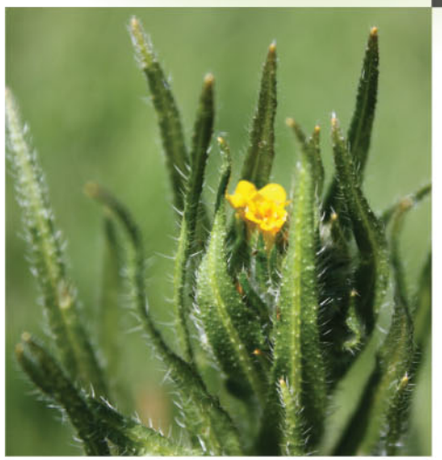

On this Panel:

From top to bottom:

Wild Hyacinth
(Dichelostemma capitatum ssp.)
Perennial Herb

Ranchers Fiddleneck
(Amsinckia menzieii)
Annual Herb

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From top to bottom:

Rice Canyon Creek

Coast Prickly Pear
(Opuntia littoralis)
Succulent

Chalk Live-Forever
(Dudleya pulverulenta)
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« Bladderpod
(Isomeris arborea)
Perennial Shrub - Yellow flowers; dried fruit resembles a paper lantern that rattles.

« Bush Monkeyflower
(Mimulus aurantiacus)
Perennial Shrub - Sticky leaves with a 1-inch flower; it is semi-dormant in the summer.

« Blue-Eyed Grass
(Sisyrinchium bellum)
Perennial Herb - Six-tepaled blue-violet flowers with a yellow center.

« Bush Mallow
(Malacothamnus fasciculatus)
Evergreen Shrub - Thin slender branches produce an abundance of pink flowers; blooms most of the summer.

« California Buckwheat
(Eriogonum fasciculatum)
Evergreen Shrub - Dense clusters of pinkish white fuzzy flowers; long bloom period from March through November.

« Black Sage
(Salvia mellifera)
Evergreen Shrub - A flat fragrant shrub with darker green textured foliage; light blue flowers.

« Southern Cattail
(Typha domingensis)
Perennial Herb - Grows in boggy pond margins or shallow water.

« Chapparal Broom
(Baccharis sarothroides)
Deciduous Shrub - Large bush has broom-like features; blooms in the fall with small white flowers.

« Coast Barrel Cactus
(Ferocactus viridescens)
Succulent - Bright green flesh is arranged into several ribs covered in an array of needles.

« Dove Lupine
(Lupinus bicolor)
Perennial Herb - Sweet pea-like flowers are borne in dense spikes at ends of tall stems.

« Elderberry
(Sambucus mexicana)
Deciduous Tree/Shrub - Blooms have creamy white flowers from April to August, then green berry clusters turn blackish-blue.

« Fish-Hook Cactus
(Mammillaria diocia)
Succulent - Solitary to small family clusters; flowers from February to April. Needles form a hook at the ends.

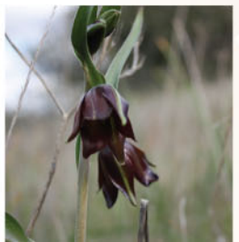
« Jojoba
(Simmondsia chinensis)
Perennial Shrub - Three to six feet in height; leaves are thick, leathery, and bluish-green. Flowers are inconspicuous.

« Lemonadeberry
(Rhus integrifolia)
Evergreen Shrub - Leathery dark green leaves; white to pinkish flowers in midwinter to spring develop into hairy, sticky red berries.

« Cholla Cactus
(Cylindropuntia prolifera)
Succulent - Tubular stems with spines; red flowers in the summer.

« Cottonwood
(Populus fremontii)
Deciduous Tree - Native to riparian zones; grows 40-60 feet tall with glossy yellow-green leaves.

« Chalk Live-Forever
(Dudleya pulverulenta)
Succulent - This plant grows a rosette from which a 1 ½ foot spike of red flowers emerges.



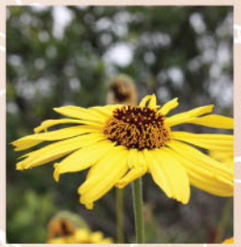
« Chocolate Lily
(Fritillaria biflora)
Perennial Herb - This species grows on open grassy slopes; it has dark brownish, unmottled flowers.

« Cleveland Sage
(Salvia clevelandii)
Perennial Shrub - Attractive flowering spikes on branch terminals; purple or lavender trumpet shaped clusters.

« Common Golden Stars
(Bloomeria crocea)
Perennial Herb - This plant produces six-petaled golden flowers that are clustered in a loose umbel.

« California Rose
(Rosa californica)
Deciduous Shrub - Produces 1-2 inch pink flowers, rose hips are fragrant.

« California Sagebrush
(Artemisia californica)
Perennial Shrub/Herb - Light green to gray shrub 3-4 feet in height, very aromatic.



« California Sunflower
(Encelia californica)
Perennial Shrub - Stands 3-4 feet high with 2-inch yellow ray flowers surrounded by a reddish-purple center disk.

« Mule-Fat
(Baccharis salicifolia)
Perennial Shrub - This bush has sticky foliage; bears small, fuzzy, pink or red-tinged white flowers.