

Marin Chapter
California Native Plant Society
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NATIVES FOR DRY SHADE UNDER NATIVE OAKS

Oak woodlands occur on dry slopes and the particular exposure (south-facing or north-facing) helps determine the understory plant community. Soils are typically clay, which hold moisture in the rainy season but are very dry in summer. The soil, particularly under the canopies of the live oaks, is covered by leaf litter. The most common oaks in Marin are Coast Live Oak, Black Oak, and Blue Oak (Novato only).

SMALL TREES AND LARGE SHRUBS

Aesculus californica / Buckeye

Arctostaphylos spp. / Manzanita *

Ceanothus thyrsiflorus / Blueblossom *

Corylus cornuta var. *californica* / Hazelnut

Garrya elliptica / Silk Tassel Bush

Heteromeles arbutifolia / Toyon *

Prunus ilicifolia / Holly-leaf Cherry *

Sambucus nigra ssp. *caerulea* / Blue Elderberry

MEDIUM AND SMALL SHRUBS

Berberis (Mahonia) aquifolium / Oregon Grape

Carpenteria californica / Bush Anemone

Ceanothus species and cultivars*

Frangula (Rhamnus) californica / Coffeeberry

Gambelia speciosa / Island Bush Snapdragon **

Holodiscus discolor / Ocean Spray or Cream Bush

Keckiella cordifolia / Heart-leaf Penstemon

Lepechinia fragrans / Pitcher Sage

Mimulus aurantiacus / Sticky Monkeyflower & hybrids

Philadelphus lewisii / Mock Orange

Rhus integrifolia / Lemonade Berry

Ribes aureum / Golden Currant

Ribes sanguineum var. *glutinosum* / Pink-flowering Currant

Ribes speciosum / Fuchsia-flowered Gooseberry

Ribes viburnifolium / Catalina Perfume

Rosa californica / California Rose

Symphoricarpos albus var. *laevigatus* / Snowberry

PERENNIALS AND BULBS

Chlorogalum pomeridianum / Soap Lily

Heuchera maxima and hybrids / Alum Root

Iris douglasiana / Douglas Iris; Pacific Coast

Iris hybrids

Phacelia bolanderi / Bolander's Phacelia

Salvia spathacea / Hummingbird Sage

Scrophularia californica / Beeplant

Tellima grandiflora / Fringecups

Triteleia laxa / Ithuriel's Spear

Solanum xantii / Blue Nightshade

GRASSES, RUSHES AND SEDGES

Carex tumulicola / Foothill Sedge

Elymus glaucus / Blue Wildrye

Festuca californica / California Fescue

Juncus patens / Grey Rush

Melica harfordii / Harford Melicgrass

Melica torreyana / Torrey's Melic

GROUNDCOVERS

Berberis aquifolium var. *repens* / Creeping Barberry

Fragaria vesca ssp. *californica* / Woodland Strawberry

Salvia sonomensis / Sonoma Sage

Satureja douglasii / Yerba Buena

Symphoricarpos mollis / Creeping Snowberry

Whipplea modesta / Modesty

FERNS

Blechnum spicant / Deer Fern

Dryopteris arguta / Coastal Wood Fern

Polypodium californicum / California Polypody Fern

Polystichum munitum / Western Swordfern

VINES

Clematis ligusticifolia / Western Virgin's Bower

Lonicera hispidula var. *vacillans* / Hairy Honeysuckle

* place in the sunny spots

** frost tender