

Plants for Slopes

Many attractive low to very low water use California native plants and grasses have deep and spreading roots that hold the soil in place and control erosion. They can tolerate the hot sun exposure especially on south facing slopes where other plants would perish. A mixture of plants with various root depths is best; mix trees, groundcovers, grasses and annual wildflowers.

John Dourley Manzanita *Arctostaphylos 'John Dourley'*

Arctostaphylos 'John Dourley' (John Dourley Manzanita), evergreen shrub, 2-4 feet tall and 6-8 feet wide, with leathery, gray-green to bluish gray leaves, new growth red-orange, and reddish brown bark. Clusters of small, pink, urn-shaped flowers in late winter are followed by purplish red, berrylike fruit. Garden hybrid of uncertain parentage, possibly involving *A. pajaroensis* and *A. bakeri*. Sun, most well-drained soils. Adaptable.

Sunset: 6-9,14-24



Pacific Mist Manzanita *Arctostaphylos 'Pacific Mist'*

Arctostaphylos 'Pacific Mist' (Pacific Mist Manzanita), fast growing to 2-3 feet tall and 6-12 feet wide, with gray-green, narrowly oval to lance-shaped leaves, pink-tinged new growth, purplish brown stems upturned at the ends, and a few white flowers. Hybrid of garden origin, believed to involve *A. silvicola*, a gray-leaved plant from the mountains of coastal central California. Sun to light shade, good drainage. Good for dryish shade.

Sunset: 7-9,14-24

Prostrate California Sagebrush *Artemisia californica 'Canyon Grey'*

Artemisia californica 'Canyon Grey' (Prostrate California Sagebrush), evergreen shrub, 1-2 feet tall and 6-10 feet wide, with narrow, feathery, aromatic, gray-green leaves divided into threadlike lobes and small, inconspicuous, creamy yellow flowers in summer. Species is native along the coast from central California to northern Baja California. 'Canyon Grey' is from San Miguel Island. Cool sun to light shade, good drainage. Best near the coast.

Sunset: 7-9,14-24



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Yellow Sundrops *Calylophus berlandieri*

Calylophus berlandieri (Sundrops), perennial or subshrub, 8-12 inches tall and 2-3 feet wide, with narrow, fine-textured, dark green leaves and bright yellow, bowl-shaped flowers in spring and summer. Cascades over walls. Native to dry, sandy or rocky soils from New Mexico and Oklahoma to Texas and northern Mexico. Sun to part shade or afternoon shade, well-drained soils. Cut back in late winter to renew. May be offered as a variety or subspecies of *C. drummondianus*.

Sunset: 1-3,6-16,18-24



Yankee Point Ceanothus *Ceanothus griseus horizontalis 'Yankee Point'*

Ceanothus thyrsoiflorus var. *griseus* 'Yankee Point' (Yankee Point Ceanothus), evergreen shrub, fast growing to 3 feet tall and 10-12 feet wide, with glossy, dark green leaves and bright blue flowers in spring. Selection from exposed rocky bluffs overlooking the ocean in coastal Monterey County. Cool sun to part shade, well-drained soils. Best along the coast but adaptable inland with part shade.

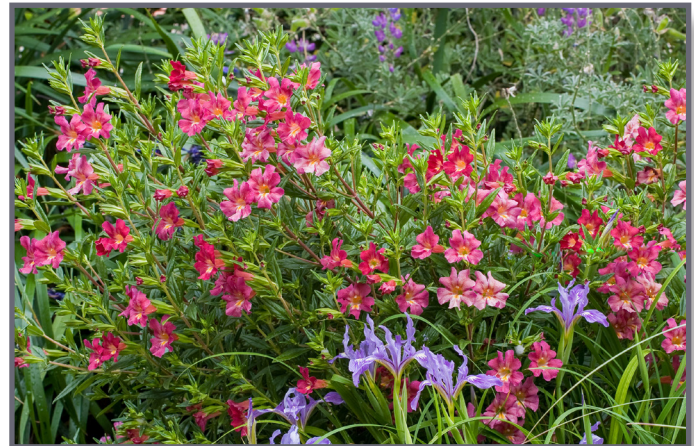
Sunset: 5-9,14-24

Monkeyflower *Diplacus 'Trish'*

Diplacus 'Trish' (Monkeyflower), evergreen subshrub or perennial, 1-2 feet tall and 2-3 feet wide, with glossy, dark green, resinous leaves and purplish pink flowers in spring.

Dormant and semi-deciduous where summers are hot, perking up again with fall rains. Hybrid selection of *D. aurantiacus*. Species is native to rocky or sandy soils in many habitats from southwestern Oregon to Baja California. Sun along the coast, part shade inland, fast drainage. May be offered as *Mimulus*.

Sunset: N/A



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Ashy Leaf Buckwheat

Eriogonum cinereum

Eriogonum cinereum (Ashy Leaf Buckwheat), evergreen shrub, 2-4 feet tall and 4-6 feet wide, with oval, woolly, wavy-margined, gray-green leaves, silvery white beneath, and tight, round clusters of tiny, pale pink to white flowers in spring and summer. Flowers age to reddish brown, giving plants a multicolored effect in late summer and fall. Native to coastal bluffs and foothills in southern California. Sun to light shade, most well-drained soils. Sunset: 5,14-17,19-24

Arrow Leaf Buckwheat

Eriogonum compositum var. *compositum*

Eriogonum compositum var. *compositum* (Arrow Leaf Buckwheat), perennial or subshrub, 1-3 feet tall and 2-3 feet wide, with felted, dark grayish green, oval leaves with a heart-shaped base, silvery white beneath. Broad, flat-topped clusters of tiny, creamy white or sometimes yellow flowers in spring and summer. Flowers age to reddish brown, giving plants a multicolored effect in late summer and fall. Native to rocky or gravelly soils from the eastern slopes of the Cascade Range in central Washington east and south through western Idaho to northern California.

Sun to part shade, fast drainage.

Sunset: N/A



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Saffron Buckwheat

Eriogonum crocatum

Eriogonum crocatum (saffron buckwheat), evergreen shrub, 1-2 feet tall and 2-3 feet wide, with woolly, silvery gray-white leaves and stems and flat-topped clusters of tiny, saffron yellow flowers in spring and summer. Flowers age to reddish brown, giving a multi-colored effect in late summer and fall. Native to dry, rocky slopes in the northwestern Santa Monica Mountains in Ventura County. Cool sun to light shade, good drainage. Best along the coast in southern California.

Sunset: 14-24



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St. Catherine's Lace *Eriogonum giganteum*

Eriogonum giganteum (St. Catherine's Lace), evergreen shrub, variable, 4-8 feet tall and wide, with branches sparsely covered in woolly, oval, silvery gray-green leaves and flat-topped clusters of white or pinkish white flowers in spring and summer. Flowers age to rusty brown, giving the plant a multicolored effect in late summer and fall. Native to the Channel Islands off the coast of southern California. Adaptable inland as well as seaside. Sun, fast drainage.

Sunset: 5,7-9,14-24



Hairy Awn Muhly *Muhlenbergia 'Pink Flamingo'*

Muhlenbergia 'Pink Flamingo' (Hairy Awn Muhly), warm-season bunchgrass, 3-4 feet tall and 2-3 feet wide, with fine-textured, bluish gray-green leaves and tall plumes of pale pinkish gray flowers on 5-foot stems in fall. Flowers are followed by a haze of airy, purplish pink seedheads in late summer and fall. Natural hybrid discovered in Texas and believed to be between *M. lindheimeri* and *M. capillaris*. Sun to light shade, most well-drained soils, good air circulation.

Sunset: N/A

Pine Muhly *Muhlenbergia dubia*

Muhlenbergia dubia (Pine Muhly), warm-season bunchgrass, 1-2 feet tall and 2 feet wide, with fine-textured, bright green leaves and tall plumes of purple-tinged, creamy white flowers in late summer and fall. Self-sows but not aggressively. Native to desert mountains from Arizona to southwestern Texas and northern Mexico. Sun to light shade, fast drainage, good air circulation.

Sunset: 3b,7-24



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Lindheimer Muhly

Muhlenbergia lindheimeri 'Autumn Glow'

Muhlenbergia lindheimeri 'Autumn Glow', Lindheimer muhly, warm-season bunchgrass, upright to 3-4 feet tall and wide, with fine-textured, medium green to bluish gray leaves and 5- to 6-foot stems with pale yellow, late-summer flowers that age to tan. Self-sows but not aggressively. Species is native to Texas and northern Mexico and has creamy white flowers that age to silvery gray. Sun to light shade, most soils, good air circulation. Accepts periodic flooding.

Sunset: 6-24

Beard Tongue

Penstemon heterophyllus 'Margarita BOP'

Penstemon heterophyllus 'Margarita BOP' (Beard Tongue), perennial, 1-2 feet tall and 2-3 feet wide, with glossy, silvery blue-green, narrowly oval to linear leaves and showy, tubular, summer flowers in an electric combination of pinkish purple and bright blue. Species is native to coastal mountains of northern and southern California and the northern Sierra Nevada foothills. 'Margarita BOP' is a garden selection, possibly a hybrid but usually offered as a selection of the species. Sun or afternoon shade, fast drainage. Adaptable.

Sunset: 7-24



Dara's Choice Sage

Salvia 'Dara's Choice'

Salvia 'Dara's Choice' (Dara's Choice Sage), evergreen shrub, fast growing to 1-2 feet tall and 3-6 feet wide, with aromatic, grayish green, lance-shaped leaves and widely spaced clusters of blue-violet, tubular flowers in spring and summer. Cascades over walls. Hybrid of garden origin believed to be between *S. sonomensis* and *S. mellifera*. Sun to light shade, afternoon shade inland, fast drainage, good air circulation. Best near the coast.

Sunset: 7, 14-24

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Purple Leaf Sage *Salvia leucophylla* 'Pt. Sal'

Salvia leucophylla 'Point Sal' (Purple Leaf Sage), evergreen shrub, 1-3 feet tall and 8-10 feet wide, with aromatic, whitish gray, lance-shaped leaves, new growth green, and pinkish lavender, tubular flowers in spring and summer. Species is native to gravelly soils on hot, dry hillsides in coastal southern California and Baja California. Sun, fast drainage. Tip prune only. Sunset: 8-9,14-17,19-24



Bee's Bliss Sage *Salvia* 'Bee's Bliss'

Salvia 'Bee's Bliss' (Bee's Bliss Sage), evergreen shrub, 1-2 feet tall and 6-8 feet wide, with lightly hairy, silvery gray-green, aromatic leaves and long spikes of lavender-blue flowers in mid-spring and early summer. Hybrid of garden origin, believed to be a cross between *S. leucophylla* and either *S. clevelandii* or *S. sonomensis*. May drop leaves in summer if grown dry. Sun to part shade, afternoon shade inland, fast drainage. Cut back in late fall to renew.

Sunset: 7-9,14-24

Purple Nightshade *Solanum xanti* 'Mountain Pride'

Solanum xanti 'Mountain Pride' (Purple Nightshade), evergreen or semi-deciduous shrub, 2-4 feet tall and wide, with oval, dark green leaves and showy clusters of dark bluish purple flowers in late winter and spring. Species is native to the San Francisco Bay Area, the Sierra Nevada foothills, and coastal mountains of southern California and Baja California. 'Mountain Pride' is a selection from the foothills above Santa Barbara. Cool sun to light shade, well-drained soils. Best in part shade.

Sunset: 7-9,11,14-24

