



Bloom Period	Common Name	Scientific Name	Annual, Perennial, or Biennial	Flower Color	Max. Height (feet)	Water Needs	Notes
Forbs							
Early	1 Baby blue eyes	<i>Nemophila menziesii</i>	A	blue	0.25	L	Stunning sky blue flowers attract native bees, including mason bees (<i>Osmia</i> spp.); tolerates moderate shade and moisture
	2 Common tidytips	<i>Layia platyglossa</i>	A	yellow	0.25	L	Sunny yellow and white flowers are very attractive to butterflies and native bees; tolerates clay soils
	3 Lacy phacelia	<i>Phacelia tanacetifolia</i>	A	purple	3	L	Easy to establish, with prolific, showy blooms; tolerates clay soils
Early – Mid	4 California poppy	<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	A, P	orange	0.5	L	Easy to establish and long blooming; attracts a diversity of bees, bumble bees in particular
	5 Elegant clarkia	<i>Clarkia unguiculata</i>	A	pink	0.5	L	Strikingly unique flowers attract bees and butterflies; larval host for Clark's sphinx moth
	6 Globe gilia	<i>Gilia capitata</i>	A, P	blue	1	M	Globe-shaped, periwinkle-blue flower clusters attract a diversity of bees and butterflies
Mid	7 California phacelia	<i>Phacelia californica</i>	P	purple	1	L	Tightly coiled flower heads are very attractive to bumble bees and other native bees; tolerates clay soils
	8 Cleveland sage	<i>Salvia clevelandii</i>	P	purple	3	L	Showy flowers attract bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds; extremely fragrant foliage; requires good drainage
	9 Foothill penstemon	<i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i>	P	blue	3	L	Iridescent violet flowers attract bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds; requires good drainage; heat and drought tolerant
Mid – Late	10 Narrowleaf milkweed	<i>Asclepias fascicularis</i>	P	pink/white	1.5	M	Monarch butterfly host plant; high-quality nectar source for many bees; easier to establish from transplants than from seed
	11 Summer lupine	<i>Lupinus formosus</i>	P	purple	1.5	L	This and other lupines are highly attractive to bumble bees and visited by many other native bees
	12 Common sunflower	<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	A	yellow	5	M	Sunflowers are a favorite of many bee species; easy to establish and tolerant of clay soils
Late	13 Gumplant	<i>Grindelia camporum</i>	P	yellow	4	L	Long-lasting flowers; attracts small, native bees; tolerates clay soils and wet or dry conditions
	14 California aster	<i>Symphyotrichum chilense</i>	P	purple	5	L	One of the latest fall blooming plants; important for pre-hibernation bumble bee queens; tolerates clay soils
	15 California fuchsia	<i>Epilobium canum</i>	P	orange/red	3	L	Abundant scarlet-colored flowers; critical late-season nectar source for hummingbirds and bees
16 California goldenrod	<i>Solidago californica</i>	P	yellow	3	M	Important late-season forage for bees, butterflies, beneficial solitary wasps, pollen-eating soldier beetles, and more	
Shrubs							
Early	17 California lilac	<i>Ceanothus 'Concha'</i>	P	purple	4	L	Attracts bees and butterflies with a profusion of bright violet-blue flowers; tolerates clay soils
	18 McMinn manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos 'McMinn'</i>	P	white	5	L	Clusters of small, bell-shaped flowers provide early season forage for bumble bees and other spring bees; tolerates clay soils
	19 Oregon grape	<i>Berberis aquifolium</i>	P	yellow	5	L	Attracts honey bees and native bees, including mason bees (<i>Osmia</i> spp.); tolerates shade and wet or dry conditions
Early – Mid	20 Redbud	<i>Cercis orbiculata</i>	P	pink/red	15	M	Rose-colored blooms clustered on bare branches; tolerates some shade and moisture; can be pruned to a shrub or small tree
	21 California buckthorn	<i>Frangula californica</i>	P	white	5	L	Attractive, evergreen shrub that attracts small, native bees; its berries are a favorite of birds; tolerates some shade
	22 California flannelbush	<i>Fremontodendron californicum</i>	P	yellow	15	L	Prolific bloomer with large, bell-shaped yellow flowers; does not need summer water
Mid	23 Silver bush lupine	<i>Lupinus albifrons</i>	P	purple	3	L	Showy, deep purple flowers with contrasting silver foliage; attracts numerous bee species; requires good drainage
24 California buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i>	P	white	2.5	L	Favored nectar source of many blue and hairstreak butterflies, also very attractive to native bees; drought tolerant	

