

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

CHAPARRAL WORDSEARCH

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CAN YOU FIND THESE WILDFLOWERS?

BIGPOD CEANOTHUS
 BLACK SAGE
 BUCKWHEAT
 BUSH LUPINE
 CHAMISE
 CLARKIA
 CLEMATIS
 DEERWEED
 ELDERBERRY
 FIESTA FLOWER
 FUCHSIA
 HOLLYLEAF CHERRY
 INDIAN PINK
 MALLOW

MANZANITA
 MONKEYFLOWER
 OAK
 PEONY
 PHACELIA
 POPPY
 PURPLE SAGE
 REDBERRY
 SUGAR BUSH
 TOYON
 WALNUT
 YARROW
 YUCCA

CHAPARRAL

In southern California chaparral usually grows on slopes away from the coast up to elevations of 5000 feet. Chaparral occurs in nutrient-poor soils without year-round surface water.

Chaparral on cooler north-facing or east-facing slopes tend to have both tall and shorter shrubs and some trees. Chaparral on hotter, west-facing or south-facing slopes tend to have shorter shrubs and no trees.

Chaparral has many perennials, annuals, bulbs, ferns, vines and grasses.

The plant community called chaparral is not dependent on fire for renewal. Many chaparral plants will root-sprout or crown sprout if main stems or trunks are lost, as long as the roots are healthy. Even chaparral plants that only come up from seeds may have their seeds germinated when the seed hulls are cracked through soil erosion, slides, and other soil disturbances.

The historic average between wildfires for chaparral in southern California is 40 to 100 years. Too frequent wildfires do not give the chaparral plants time to mature and to produce fertile seeds. When chaparral dies as a plant community, weedy annual non-native grasses and annual flowers move in, fueling even more frequent fires.

Here are some native plants found in chaparral:

TREES

California walnut
Coast live oak
Mexican elderberry

PERENNIALS

Bush lupine
California peony
Collarless poppy
Deerweed
Golden yarrow
Indian pink
Our lord's candle yucca

ANNUALS

Clarkia
Phacelia

SHRUBS

Bigpod ceanothus
Black sage
Bush mallow
Bush monkeyflower
California buckwheat
California fuchsia
Chamise
Hollyleaf cherry
Manzanita
Purple sage
Redberry
Sugarbush
Toyon