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Scientific Name	Common Name	Habit	Family
<i>Abies concolor/lowiana</i>	California White Fir	T	Pinaceae
<i>Abies magnifica</i>	Red Fir	T	Pinaceae
<i>Abronia</i> spp.	Sand-verbena	PH	Nyctaginaceae
<i>Acacia dealbata</i> *	Silver Wattle	S/T	Fabaceae
<i>Acer glabrum</i>	Rocky Mountain Maple	S	Sapindaceae
<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>	Bigleaf Maple	T	Sapindaceae
<i>Acer negundo</i>	Box Elder	S/T	Sapindaceae
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	White Yarrow	PH	Asteraceae
<i>Achyrachaena mollis</i>	Blow-Wives	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Acmispon [Lotus]</i> spp.	Lotus or Hosackia species	AH/PH	Fabaceae
<i>Aconitum columbianum</i>	Monkshood	PH	Ranunculaceae
<i>Acourtia microcephala</i>	Sacapellote	PH	Asteraceae
<i>Adenostoma fasciculatum</i>	Chamise	S	Rosaceae
<i>Adiantum aleuticum</i>	Five-finger Maidenhair	PF	Pteridaceae
<i>Adiantum jordanii</i>	California Maidenhair	PF	Pteridaceae
<i>Aegilops</i> spp. *	Goatgrass	AG	Poaceae
<i>Aesculus californica</i>	California Buckeye	S/T	Sapindaceae
<i>Agave deserti</i>	Desert Agave	P	Agavaceae
<i>Agoseris retrorsa</i>	Spear-leaved Mountain Dandelion	PH	Asteraceae
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i> *	Tree of Heaven	T	Simaroubaceae
<i>Allenrolfea occidentalis</i>	Iodine Bush	S	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Allium</i> spp.	Onions	PG	Alliaceae
<i>Allophyllum glutinosum</i>	Sticky Allophyllum	AH	Polemoniaceae
<i>Alnus rhombifolia</i>	White Alder	T	Betulaceae
<i>Amaranthus</i> spp. *	Amaranths, Pigweeds	AH	Amaranthaceae
<i>Ambrosia acanthicarpa</i>	Burweed, Annual Bur-sage	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Ambrosia chamissonis</i>	Beach Bur	PH/S	Asteraceae
<i>Ambrosia psilostachya</i> var. <i>californica</i>	Western Ragweed	BH	Asteraceae
<i>Ambrosia salsola</i>	Burrobrush	S	Asteraceae
<i>Ammophila arenaria</i> *	European Beachgrass	PG	Poaceae
<i>Amorpha californica</i>	California False Indigo	S	Fabaceae
<i>Amsinckia</i> spp.	Fiddlenecks	AH	Boraginaceae
<i>Anemopsis californica</i>	Yerba Mansa	PH	Saururaceae
<i>Antirrhinum multiflorum</i>	Sticky Snapdragon	S	Plantaginaceae
<i>Apiastrum angustifolium</i>	Wild Celery, Mock Parsley	AH	Apiaceae
<i>Apium graveolens</i> *	Celery	PH	Apiaceae
<i>Apocynum androsaemifolium</i>	Bitter Dogbane	PH	Apocynaceae
<i>Apocynum cannabinum</i>	Indian Hemp	PH	Apocynaceae
<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	Western Columbine	PH	Ranunculaceae
<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>	Pacific Madrone	T	Ericaceae
<i>Arceuthobium campylopodum</i>	Western Dwarf Mistletoe	PH	Viscaceae
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> spp.	Manzanitas	S	Ericaceae
<i>Argemone munita</i>	Prickly Poppy, Chicalote	AH	Papaveraceae
<i>Artemisia californica</i>	California Sagebrush	S	Asteraceae
<i>Artemisia douglasiana</i>	Mugwort	PH	Asteraceae
<i>Artemisia dracuncululus</i>	Tarragon, Dragon Tarragon	PH	Asteraceae
<i>Artemisia tridentata</i>	Great Basin Sagebrush	S	Asteraceae
<i>Arundo donax</i> *	Giant Reed	PG	Poaceae
<i>Asclepias</i> spp.	Milkweeds	PH	Apocynaceae

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<i>Aspidotis densa</i>	Lace Fern	PF	Pteridaceae
<i>Astragalus</i> spp.	Milkvetches, Locoweeds,	AH	Fabaceae
<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	Lady Fern	PF	Woodsiaceae
<i>Athysanus pusillus</i>	Athysanus	AH	Brassicaceae
<i>Atriplex canescens</i>	Fourwing or Hoary Saltbush	S	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Atriplex semibaccata</i> *	Australian Saltbush	PH	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Avena</i> spp. *	Oats	AG	Poaceae
<i>Azolla filiculoides</i>	Duckweed Fern	AF	Azollaceae
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	Coyote Brush	S	Asteraceae
<i>Baccharis salicifolia</i>	Mulefat, Seep-willow, Water-wally	S	Asteraceae
<i>Barbarea orthoceras</i>	American Rocket	PH	Brassicaceae
<i>Berberis aquifolium</i>	Oregon-grape	S	Berberidaceae
<i>Blennosperma nanum</i>	Common Stickyseed	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Bloomeria crocea</i>	Goldenstars	PG	Themidaceae
<i>Boechera</i> spp.	Rock Cresses	PH	Brassicaceae
<i>Bolboschoenus maritimus</i> var. <i>paludosus</i>	Saltmarsh Bulrush	PG	Cyperaceae
<i>Brassica nigra</i> *	Black Mustard	AH	Brassicaceae
<i>Brickellia californica</i>	California Brickellbush	S	Asteraceae
<i>Briza</i> spp. *	Quaking Grasses	AG	Poaceae
<i>Brodiaea</i> spp.	Brodiaeas	PG	Themidaceae
<i>Bromus carinatus</i>	California Brome	PG	Poaceae
<i>Bromus diandrus</i> *	Ripgut Grass	AG	Poaceae
<i>Bromus hordeaceus</i> *	Soft Chess	AG	Poaceae
<i>Bromus madritensis</i> ssp. <i>rubens</i> *	Red Brome	AG	Poaceae
<i>Bromus tectorum</i> *	Downy Brome, Cheat Grass	AG	Poaceae
<i>Cakile maritima</i> *	Sea Rocket	AH	Brassicaceae
<i>Calandrinia ciliata</i>	Redmaids	AH	Montiaceae
<i>Calocedrus decurrens</i>	Incense-cedar	T	Cupressaceae
<i>Calochortus</i> spp.	Mariposa Lilies	PG	Liliaceae
<i>Calycanthus occidentalis</i>	Spicebush	S	Calycanthaceae
<i>Calyptridium monandrum</i>	Common Calyptridium, Sand Cress	AH	Montiaceae
<i>Calyptridium umbellatum</i>	Pussy Paws	AH	Montiaceae
<i>Calystegia</i> spp.	Morning-glorys	PV	Convolvulaceae
<i>Camissonia campestris</i>	Mojave Sun-cup	AH	Onagraceae
<i>Camissoniopsis cheiranthifolia</i>	Beach Primrose	PH	Onagraceae
<i>Camissoniopsis hirtella</i>	Small-haired Primrose	AH	Onagraceae
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i> *	Shepherd's Purse	AH	Brassicaceae
<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i> *	Italian Thistle	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Carex</i> spp.	Sedges	PG	Cyperaceae
<i>Carpobrotus</i> spp. *	Sea Fig & Hottentot Fig	PH/S	Aizoaceae
<i>Castilleja affinis</i>	Lay-and-Collie's Indian Paintbrush	PH	Orobanchaceae
<i>Castilleja applegatei</i> ssp. <i>martinii</i>	Martin Indian Paintbrush	PH	Orobanchaceae
<i>Castilleja exserta</i>	Purple Owl's Clover	AH	Orobanchaceae
<i>Castilleja miniata</i>	Great Red Paintbrush	PH	Orobanchaceae
<i>Castilleja subinclusa</i>	Long-leaved Indian Paintbrush	PH	Orobanchaceae
<i>Caulanthus inflatus</i>	Desert Candle	AH	Brassicaceae
<i>Ceanothus</i> spp.	Ceanothus	S	Rhamnaceae
<i>Centaurea melitensis</i> *	Tocalote, Napa Thistle	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i> *	Yellow Star-thistle	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Centromadia pungens</i>	Common Spikeweed	AH	Asteraceae

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<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Button Willow	S	Rubiaceae
<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	Western Redbud	S/T	Fabaceae
<i>Cercocarpus betuloides</i>	Birchleaf Mountain Mahogany	S	Rosaceae
<i>Cercocarpus ledifolius</i>	Curl Leaf Mountain Mahogany	S	Rosaceae
<i>Chaenactis</i> spp.	Douglas' Dustymaiden	A/PH	Asteraceae
<i>Chamaebatia foliolosa</i>	Mountain Misery	S	Rosaceae
<i>Chamaesyce</i> [<i>Euphorbia</i>] <i>albomarginata</i>	Rattlesnake Spurge	AH	Euphorbiaceae
<i>Chamerion</i> [<i>Epilobium</i>] <i>angustifolium</i>	Fireweed	PH	Onagraceae
<i>Chenopodium album</i> *	Lamb's Quarters, Pigweed	AH	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Chenopodium californicum</i>	California Goosefoot, Soap Plant	PH	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Chenopodium murale</i> *	Nettle-leaved Goosefoot	AH	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Chlorogalum pomeridianum</i>	Soap Lily/Plant	PG	Agavaceae
<i>Chrysolepis chrysophylla</i>	Giant Chinquapin	T	Fagaceae
<i>Chrysolepis sempervirens</i>	Bush Chinquapin	S	Fagaceae
<i>Cirsium arvense</i> *	Canada Thistle	BH	Asteraceae
<i>Cirsium occidentale</i>	California Thistle	BH	Asteraceae
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i> *	Bull Thistle	BH	Asteraceae
<i>Clarkia</i> spp.	Clarkia	AH	Onagraceae
<i>Claytonia parviflora</i>	Small-flowered Miner's Lettuce	AH	Montiaceae
<i>Claytonia perfoliata</i>	Miner's Lettuce	AH	Montiaceae
<i>Clematis lasiantha</i>	Pipestem Clematis	PV	Ranunculaceae
<i>Clematis ligusticifolia</i>	Virgin's Bower, Old Man's Beard	PV	Ranunculaceae
<i>Collinsia heterophylla</i>	Chinese Houses	AH	Plantaginaceae
<i>Collomia grandiflora</i>	Large-flowered Collomia	AH	Plantaginaceae
<i>Conium maculatum</i> *	Poison-hemlock	AH	Apiaceae
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i> *	Bindweed	PV	Convolvulaceae
<i>Conyza</i> [<i>Erigeron</i>] <i>canadensis</i>	Common Horseweed	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Corallorhiza maculata</i>	Spotted Coralroot	PH	Orchidaceae
<i>Cordylanthus rigidus</i>	Rigid Birds-beak	AH	Orobanchaceae
<i>Corethrogyne filaginifolia</i>	California Cudweed-aster	PH	Asteraceae
<i>Cornus nuttallii</i>	Western Dogwood	T	Cornaceae
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Creek Dogwood	S	Cornaceae
<i>Corylus cornuta</i>	Beaked Hazelnut	S	Betulaceae
<i>Crassula connata</i>	Pygmy [Sand-]Weed	AH	Crassulaceae
<i>Croton californicus</i>	California Croton	PH	Euphorbiaceae
<i>Cryptantha</i> spp.	Forget-Me-Nots	AH	Boraginaceae
<i>Cucurbita foetidissima</i>	Calabazilla	PV	Cucurbitaceae
<i>Cuscuta californica</i>	California Dodder	AV	Convolvulaceae
<i>Cylindropuntia bigelovii</i>	Teddybear Cholla	S	Cactaceae
<i>Cynara cardunculus</i> *	Artichoke Thistle	PH	Asteraceae
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i> *	Bermuda Grass	PG	Poaceae
<i>Cynoglossum grande</i>	Hound's Tongue	PH	Boraginaceae
<i>Cyperus eragrostis</i>	Umbrella-sedge	PG	Cyperaceae
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i> *	Scotch Broom	S	Fabaceae
<i>Darlingtonia californica</i>	California Pitcher Plant	PH	Sarraceniaceae
<i>Datisca glomerata</i>	Durango Root	PH	Datisceae
<i>Datura wrightii</i>	Jimson Weed	AH	Solanaceae
<i>Daucus pusillus</i>	Southwestern Carrot	AH	Apiaceae
<i>Deinandra fasciculata</i>	Fasciculed Tarplant	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Delphinium cardinale</i>	Scarlet or Cardinal Larkspur	PH	Ranunculaceae

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<i>Delphinium nudicaule</i>	Canyon Larkspur	PH	Ranunculaceae
<i>Delphinium parishii</i>	Pale-flowered Larkspur	PH	Ranunculaceae
<i>Delphinium parryi</i>	Parry Larkspur	PH	Ranunculaceae
<i>Dendromecon rigida</i>	Bush Poppy	S	Papaveraceae
<i>Dicentra formosa</i>	Bleeding Heart	PH	Papaveraceae
<i>Dichelostemma capitatum</i>	Blue Dicks	PG	Themidaceae
<i>Diplacus [Mimulus] aurantiacus</i>	Bush Monkeyflower	S	Phrymaceae
<i>Diplacus [Mimulus] calycinus</i>	Fuzzy Bush Monkeyflower	S	Phrymaceae
<i>Diplacus [Mimulus] longiflorus</i>	Sticky Bush Monkeyflower	S	Phrymaceae
<i>Dipsacus fullonum & sativus</i> *	Teasel	BH	Dipsacaceae
<i>Distichlis spicata</i>	Saltgrass	PG	Poaceae
<i>Dittrichia graveolens</i> *	Stinkwort	PH	Asteraceae
<i>Drymocalis glandulosa</i>	Sticky Cinquifol	PH	Rosaceae
<i>Dryopteris arguta</i>	Coastal or Marginal Wood Fern	PF	Dryopteridaceae
<i>Dudleya cymosa</i>	Canyon Live-forever	PH	Crassulaceae
<i>Dudleya pulverulenta</i>	Chalky Live-forever	PH	Crassulaceae
<i>Ehrendorferia chrysantha</i>	Golden Eardrops	PH	Fumariaceae
<i>Eleocharis macrostachya</i>	Common Spikerush	PG	Cyperaceae
<i>Eleocharis parishii</i>	Parish Spikerush	PG	Cyperaceae
<i>Elymus caput-medusae</i> *	Medusa Head	PG	Poaceae
<i>Elymus condensatus</i>	Giant Wildrye	PG	Poaceae
<i>Elymus elymoides</i>	Bottlebrush Squirreltail	PG	Poaceae
<i>Elymus glaucus</i>	Blue or Woodland Wildrye	PG	Poaceae
<i>Elymus triticoides</i>	Creeping Wildrye	PG	Poaceae
<i>Emmenanthe penduliflora</i>	Whispering Bells	AH	Boraginaceae
<i>Encelia californica</i>	California Bush Sunflower	S	Asteraceae
<i>Ephedra viridis</i>	Green Ephedra or Mormon-tea	S	Ephedraceae
<i>Epilobium canum</i>	California Fuchsia	PH	Onagraceae
<i>Epilobium ciliatum</i>	Northern Willow-herb	AH	Onagraceae
<i>Epipactis gigantea</i>	Stream Orchid	PH	Orchidaceae
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	Common Horsetail Rush	PF	Equisetaceae
<i>Equisetum laevigatum</i>	Smooth Scouring-Rush	PF	Equisetaceae
<i>Eremalche rotundifolia</i>	Desert Five-spot	AH	Malvaceae
<i>Eremocarpus [Croton] setiger</i>	Dove Weed, Turkey Mullein	AH	Euphorbiaceae
<i>Eremothera boothii</i> ssp.	Booth Shreading Primrose	AH	Onagraceae
<i>Eriastrum signatum</i>	Maroon-spotted Woolly Star	AH	Polemoniaceae
<i>Ericameria bloomeri</i>	Bloomer's Goldenbush	S	Asteraceae
<i>Ericameria linearifolia</i>	Interior Goldenbush, Stenotopsis	S	Asteraceae
<i>Ericameria nauseosa</i>	Rubber Rabbitbrush	S	Asteraceae
<i>Erigeron foliosus</i>	Leafy Fleabane or Daisy	PH	Asteraceae
<i>Eriodictyon californicum</i>	California Yerba Santa	S	Boraginaceae
<i>Eriodictyon crassifolium</i>	Thickleaf Yerba Santa	S	Boraginaceae
<i>Eriogonum cinereum</i>	Ash or Gray Coast Buckwheat	S	Polygonaceae
<i>Eriogonum elongatum</i>	Long-stemmed Buckwheat	PH	Polygonaceae
<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i>	Leafy California Buckwheat	S	Polygonaceae
<i>Eriogonum nudum</i>	Barestem Buckwheat	PH	Polygonaceae
<i>Eriogonum parvifolium</i>	Dune Buckwheat	S	Polygonaceae
<i>Eriogonum</i> spp.	annual buckwheat species	AH	Polygonaceae
<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i>	Munz Yellow Buckwheat	S	Polygonaceae
<i>Eriophyllum confertiflorum</i>	Golden Yarrow	PH	Asteraceae

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<i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i>	Woolly Sunflower	PH	Asteraceae
<i>Erodium botrys</i> *	Broadleaf Filaree	AH	Geraniaceae
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i> *	Redstem Filaree	AH	Geraniaceae
<i>Eryngium</i> spp.	Coyote Thistle	PH	Apiaceae
<i>Erysimum capitatum</i>	Western Wallflower	AH/BH	Brassicaceae
<i>Erythranthe guttata</i> [<i>Mimulus guttatus</i>]	Common Streamside Monkeyflower	A/PH	Phrymaceae
<i>Erythronium</i> spp.	Fawn Lily	PG	Liliaceae
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	California Poppy	AH	Papaveraceae
<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> *	River Red Gum	T	Myrtaceae
<i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> *	Tasmanian Blue Gum	T	Myrtaceae
<i>Euphorbia</i> spp. *	Spurges	PH	Euphorbiaceae
<i>Euthamia occidentalis</i>	Western Goldenrod	PH	Asteraceae
<i>Extriplex</i> [<i>Atriplex</i>] <i>californica</i>	California Orach	S	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Festuca arundinacea</i> *	Tall Fescue	PG	Poaceae
<i>Festuca californica</i>	California Fescue	PG	Poaceae
<i>Festuca idahoensis</i>	Blue Fescue	PG	Poaceae
<i>Festuca rubra</i>	Red Fescue	PG	Poaceae
<i>Ficus carica</i> *	Common Fig	T/S	Moraceae
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> *	Sweet Fennel	PH	Apiaceae
<i>Frangula californica</i> ssp. <i>tomentella</i>	Hoary Coffeeberry	S	Rhamnaceae
<i>Frankenia salina</i>	Alkali Heath	PH	Frankeniaceae
<i>Fraxinus dipetala</i>	California Flowering Ash	T	Oleaceae
<i>Fraxinus latifolia</i>	Oregon Ash	T	Oleaceae
<i>Fremontodendron californicum</i>	California Flannel Bush	S	Malvaceae
<i>Fritillaria</i> spp.	Fritillaria	PG	Liliaceae
<i>Galium andrewsii</i>	Pine Mat, Phlox-leaved Bedstraw	PH	Rubiaceae
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Goosegrass	AH	Rubiaceae
<i>Galium</i> spp.	Bedstraws	S	Rubiaceae
<i>Garrya</i> spp.	Silk-tassel Bushes	S	Garryaceae
<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>	Salal	S	Ericaceae
<i>Gayophytum diffusum</i>	Diffuse Gayophytum	AH	Onagraceae
<i>Genista monspessulana</i> *	French Broom	S	Fabaceae
<i>Gilia capitata</i> ssp. <i>abrotanifolia</i>	Blue Field Gilia	AH	Polemoniaceae
<i>Gilia ochroleuca</i>	Desert Gilia	AH	Polemoniaceae
<i>Gilia tricolor</i>	Bird's Eye Gilia	AH	Polemoniaceae
<i>Gnaphalium palustre</i>	Lowland Cudweed	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Hazardia squarrosa</i>	Sawtooth Goldenbush	S	Asteraceae
<i>Hedera</i> spp. *	Ivy	PV	Araliaceae
<i>Helenium bigelovii</i>	Sneezeweed	PH	Asteraceae
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Common Sunflower	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Helminthotheca</i> [<i>Picris</i>] <i>echioides</i> *	Bristly Ox-tongue	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Heracleum maximum</i>	Cowparsnip	PH	Apiaceae
<i>Hesperocyparis</i> spp.	Cypress	T	Cupressaceae
<i>Hesperoyucca whipplei</i>	Our Lord's Candle	S	Agavaceae
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Toyon, Christmas Holly,	S	Rosaceae
<i>Heterotheca grandiflora</i>	Telegraph Weed	PH	Asteraceae
<i>Heterotheca sessiliflora</i>	Hairy Goldenaster	PH	Asteraceae
<i>Heuchera micrantha</i>	Crevice Alumroot	PH	Saxifragaceae
<i>Hirschfeldia incana</i> *	Summer Mustard	PH	Brassicaceae
<i>Holocarpha virgata</i>	Common Tarweed	AH	Asteraceae

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<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	Cream Bush	S	Rosaceae
<i>Hordeum marinum</i> *	Mediterranean Barley	AG	Poaceae
<i>Hordeum murinum</i> *	Summer Barley	AG	Poaceae
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i> *	St. John's Wort	PH	Hypericaceae
<i>Ipomopsis aggregata</i>	Scarlet Gilia	PH	Polemoniaceae
<i>Iris douglasiana</i>	Douglas Iris	PG	Iridaceae
<i>Iris macrosiphon</i>	Ground Iris	PG	Iridaceae
<i>Iris missouriensis</i>	Missouri Iris	PG	Iridaceae
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i> *	Iris	PG	Iridaceae
<i>Isocoma menziesii</i>	Coastal Goldenbush	S	Asteraceae
<i>Juglans californica</i>	Southern California Black Walnut	T	Juglandaceae
<i>Juglans hindsii</i>	Northern California Black Walnut	T	Juglandaceae
<i>Juncus balticus</i>	Baltic Rush	PG	Juncaceae
<i>Juncus bufonius</i>	Common Toad Rush	AG	Juncaceae
<i>Juncus mexicanus</i>	Mexican Rush, Wire Grass	PG	Juncaceae
<i>Juncus xiphioides</i>	Iris-leaved Rush	PG	Juncaceae
<i>Juniperus californica</i>	California Juniper	S	Cupressaceae
<i>Juniperus occidentalis</i>	Western Juniper	S	Cupressaceae
<i>Kalmia polifolia</i>	Mountain Laurel	S	Ericaceae
<i>Keckiella</i> spp.	Bush Penstemons	S	Plantaginaceae
<i>Koeleria macrantha</i>	Junegrass	PG	Poaceae
<i>Lactuca serriola</i> *	Prickly Wild Lettuce	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Lamarckia aurea</i> *	Goldentop	AG	Poaceae
<i>Larrea tridentata</i>	Creosote Bush	S	Zygophyllaceae
<i>Lasthenia</i> spp.	Goldfields	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Lathyrus latifolius</i> *	Everlasting Pea	PV	Fabaceae
<i>Lathyrus sulphureus</i>	Snub Pea	PV	Fabaceae
<i>Lathyrus vestitus</i>	Pacific Peavine	PV	Fabaceae
<i>Layia glandulosa</i>	White Layia	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Lepidospartum squamatum</i>	Scalebroom	S	Asteraceae
<i>Leptosiphon aureus</i>	Desert Gold	AH	Polemoniaceae
<i>Leptosiphon parviflorus</i>	Yellow Linanthus	AH	Polemoniaceae
<i>Leptosyne bigelovii</i>	Bigelow Coreopsis	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Lilium humboldtii</i>	Humboldt Lily	PG	Liliaceae
<i>Lilium pardalinum</i>	Leopard Lily	PG	Liliaceae
<i>Limnanthes alba</i>	White Meadowfoam	AH	Limnanthaceae
<i>Linanthus pungens</i>	Granite Prickly Phlox	S	Polemoniaceae
<i>Linaria dalmatica</i> *	Dalmatian Toadflax	PH	Linaceae
<i>Lolium multiflorum</i> [<i>Festuca perennis</i>] *	Italian Ryegrass	AG	Poaceae
<i>Lomatium dasycarpum</i>	Hog Fennel	PH	Apiaceae
<i>Lonicera interrupta</i>	Chaparral Honeysuckle	PV	Caprifoliaceae
<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	Twinberry Honeysuckle	S	Caprifoliaceae
<i>Lonicera subspicata</i>	Southern or San Diego	S	Caprifoliaceae
<i>Lupinus</i> spp.	Lupines	S	Fabaceae
<i>Lysimachia arvensis</i> [<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>]*	Scarlet Pimpernel	AH	Myrsinaceae
<i>Lythrum hyssopifolia</i> *	Hyssop Loosestrife	PH	Lythraceae
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i> *	Purple Loosestrife	PH	Lythraceae
<i>Madia elegans</i>	Common Tarplant or Madia	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Maianthemum racemosum</i>	False Solomon Seal	PH	Ruscaceae
<i>Malacothamnus</i> spp.	Bushmallows	S	Malvaceae

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<i>Malacothrix coulteri</i>	Snake Heads	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Malacothrix saxatilis</i>	Tenuated Cliff-aster	PH	Asteraceae
<i>Malosma laurina</i>	Laurelleaf Sumac	S	Anacardiaceae
<i>Malva parviflora</i> *	Cheeseweed	AH	Malvaceae
<i>Marah fabacea</i>	California Man-root	PV	Cucurbitaceae
<i>Marrubium vulgare</i> *	White Horehound	S	Lamiaceae
<i>Marsilea vestita</i>	Hairy Waterclover	PF	Marsileaceae
<i>Matricaria discoidea</i> *	Pineappleweed	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Medicago polymorpha</i> *	Common Burclover	AH	Fabaceae
<i>Melica californica</i>	California Melic Grass	PG	Poaceae
<i>Melica imperfecta</i>	Coast Melic Grass	PG	Poaceae
<i>Melilotus alba</i> *	White Sweetclover	A/BH	Fabaceae
<i>Melilotus indica</i> *	Sourclover, Yellow Sweetclover	AH	Fabaceae
<i>Mentzelia laevicaulis</i>	Blazing Star	PH	Loasaceae
<i>Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum</i> *	Slenderleaf Iceplant	AH	Aizoaceae
<i>Minuartia douglasii</i>	Douglas Sandwort	AH	Caryophyllaceae
<i>Monardella</i> spp.	Coyote Mint	A/PH	Lamiaceae
<i>Morella</i> [<i>Myrica</i>] <i>californica</i>	California Myrtle	T/S	Myricaceae
<i>Nasturtium officinale</i> *	Water Cress	PH	Brassicaceae
<i>Nemophila maculata</i>	Five Spot	AH	Hydrophyllaceae
<i>Nemophila menziesii</i>	Baby Blue-eyes	AH	Hydrophyllaceae
<i>Nicotiana glauca</i> *	Tree Tobacco	S	Solanaceae
<i>Notholithocarpus densiflorus</i>	Tanoak	ST	Fagaceae
<i>Oemleria cerasiformis</i>	Oso Berry	S	Rosaceae
<i>Opuntia basilaris</i>	Beavertail Cactus	S	Cactaceae
<i>Opuntia littoralis</i>	Coastal Prickly Pear	S	Cactaceae
<i>Orobanche fasciculata</i>	Clustered Broom-rape	PH	Orobanchaceae
<i>Oxalis oregana</i>	Redwood Sorrel	PH	Oxalidaceae
<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> *	Bermuda Buttercup	PH	Oxalidaceae
<i>Pectocarya setosa</i>	Setose Pectocarya	AH	Boraginaceae
<i>Pedicularis densiflora</i>	Indian Warrior	PH	Orobanchaceae
<i>Pellaea andromedifolia</i>	Coffee Fern	PF	Pteridaceae
<i>Pellaea mucronata</i>	Birdsfoot Cliffbrake or Fern	PF	Pteridaceae
<i>Pennisetum setaceum</i> *	African Fountain Grass	PG	Poaceae
<i>Penstemon centranthifolius</i>	Scarlet Bugler	PH	Plantaginaceae
<i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i>	Mountain Penstemon	PH	Plantaginaceae
<i>Pentagramma triangularis</i>	Goldenback Fern	PF	Pteridaceae
<i>Peritoma arborea</i>	Bladderpod	S	Cleomaceae
<i>Phacelia</i> spp.	Phacelias	AH	Boraginaceae
<i>Phoradendron leucarpum</i> ssp. <i>tomentosum</i>	Oak or Hairy Mistletoe	PH	Viscaceae
<i>Pickeringia montana</i>	Chaparral Pea	S	Fabaceae
<i>Pinus attenuata</i>	Knobcone Pine	T	Pinaceae
<i>Pinus contorta</i>	Lodgepole Pine, Beach Pine	T	Pinaceae
<i>Pinus jeffreyi</i>	Jeffrey Pine	T	Pinaceae
<i>Pinus lambertiana</i>	Sugar Pine	T	Pinaceae
<i>Pinus monophylla</i>	Singleleaf Pinyon Pine	T	Pinaceae
<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	Ponderosa Pine	T	Pinaceae
<i>Pinus radiata</i>	Monterey Pine	T	Pinaceae
<i>Pinus sabiniana</i>	Gray or Foothill Pine	T	Pinaceae
<i>Plantago erecta</i>	California Plantain	AH	Plantaginaceae

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<i>Plantago lanceolata</i> *	Narrowleaf or English Plantain	PH	Plantaginaceae
<i>Plantago major</i> *	Broadleaf Plantain	PH	Plantaginaceae
<i>Platanthera dilatata</i>	Sierra Bog Orchid	PH	Orchidaceae
<i>Platanus racemosa</i>	California or Western Sycamore	T	Platanaceae
<i>Platystemon californicus</i>	Cream Cups	AH	Papaveraceae
<i>Poa bulbosa</i> *	Bulbous Bluegrass	PG	Poaceae
<i>Poa pratensis</i> *	Kentucky Bluegrass	PG	Poaceae
<i>Poa secunda</i>	One-sided Bluegrass	PG	Poaceae
<i>Pogogyne</i> spp.	Mesamint	AH	Lamiaceae
<i>Polygala cornuta</i>	Milkwort	S	Polygalaceae
<i>Polygonum aviculare</i> ssp. <i>depressum</i> *	Common Knotweed, Doorweed	AH	Polygonaceae
<i>Polypodium</i> spp.	Polypody Fern	PF	Polypodiaceae
<i>Polypogon monspeliensis</i> *	Rabbistsfoot or Annual Beardgrass	AG	Poaceae
<i>Polystichum</i> spp.	Sword Ferns	PF	Dryopteridaceae
<i>Populus fremontii</i>	Fremont Cottonwood	T	Salicaceae
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Quaking Aspen	T	Salicaceae
<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black Cottonwood	T	Salicaceae
<i>Portulaca oleracea</i> *	Common Purslane	AH	Portulacaceae
<i>Primula</i> [<i>Dodecatheon</i>] <i>hendersonii</i>	Henderson's Shooting-star	PH	Primulaceae
<i>Primula</i> [<i>Dodecatheon</i>] <i>jeffreyi</i>	Sierra Shooting-star	PH	Primulaceae
<i>Prosopis glandulosa</i>	Honey Mesquite	S/T	Fabaceae
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Selfheal	PH	Lamiaceae
<i>Prunus emarginata</i>	Bitter Cherry	S	Rosaceae
<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>	Hollyleaf Cherry	S	Rosaceae
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Western Chokecherry	S	Rosaceae
<i>Pseudognaphalium bioletti</i>	Bicolored Everlasting	A/BH	Asteraceae
<i>Pseudognaphalium californicum</i>	Green Everlasting	A/BH	Asteraceae
<i>Pseudognaphalium luteoalbum</i> *	Cudweed Everlasting	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Pseudognaphalium microcephalum</i>	White Everlasting	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Pseudognaphalium stramineum</i>	Western Everlasting, Cotton-batting	A/BH	Asteraceae
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	Douglas-fir	T	Pinaceae
<i>Psoralea argophylla</i>	Smoke Tree	T	Fabaceae
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Western Brackenfern	PF	Dennstaedtiaceae
<i>Pterospora andromedea</i>	Pinedrops	PH	Ericaceae
<i>Purshia tridentata</i>	Bitterbrush	S	Rosaceae
<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast Live Oak	T	Fagaceae
<i>Quercus berberidifolia</i>	California Scrub Oak	S	Fagaceae
<i>Quercus chrysolepis</i>	Canyon Live or Goldencup Oak	T	Fagaceae
<i>Quercus douglasii</i>	Blue Oak	T	Fagaceae
<i>Quercus garryana</i>	Oregon White Oak	T	Fagaceae
<i>Quercus john-tuckeri</i>	Tucker Oak, Desert Scrub Oak	S	Fagaceae
<i>Quercus kelloggii</i>	Black Oak	T	Fagaceae
<i>Quercus lobata</i>	Valley Oak	T	Fagaceae
<i>Quercus vaccinifolia</i>	Huckleberry Oak	S	Fagaceae
<i>Quercus wislizeni</i>	Interior Live Oak	T	Fagaceae
<i>Rafinesquia californica</i>	California Rafinesquia or Chicory	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Ranunculus occidentalis</i>	Western Buttercup	PH	Ranunculaceae
<i>Raphanus sativus</i> *	Wild Radish	AH	Brassicaceae
<i>Rhamnus crocea</i>	Spiny Redberry	S	Rhamnaceae
<i>Rhamnus ilicifolia</i>	Hollyleaf Redberry, Buckthorn	S	Rhamnaceae

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<i>Rhododendron columbianum</i>	Western Labrador Tea	S	Ericaceae
<i>Rhododendron macrophyllum</i>	Coast Rhododendron	S	Ericaceae
<i>Rhododendron occidentale</i>	Western Azalea	S	Ericaceae
<i>Rhus integrifolia</i>	Lemonade Berry	S	Anacardiaceae
<i>Ribes aureum</i>	Golden Currant	S	Grossulariaceae
<i>Ribes cereum</i>	Wax Currant	S	Grossulariaceae
<i>Ribes malvaceum</i>	Chaparral Currant	S	Grossulariaceae
<i>Ribes nevadense</i>	Sierra Currant	S	Grossulariaceae
<i>Ribes roezlii</i>	Sierra Gooseberry	S	Grossulariaceae
<i>Ricinus communis</i> *	Castor Bean	S	Euphorbiaceae
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> *	Black Locust	T	Fabaceae
<i>Rosa californica</i>	California Wild Rose	S	Rosaceae
<i>Rosa gymnocarpa</i>	Wood Rose	S	Rosaceae
<i>Rubus armeniacus</i> *	Himalayan Blackberry	S	Rosaceae
<i>Rubus parviflorus</i>	Thimbleberry	S	Rosaceae
<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>	Salmonberry	S	Rosaceae
<i>Rubus ursinus</i>	Pacific Blackberry	S	Rosaceae
<i>Rumex acetosella</i> *	Sheep Sorrel	PH	Polygonaceae
<i>Rumex crispus</i> *	Curly Dock	PH	Polygonaceae
<i>Salix</i> spp.	Willows	S	Salicaceae
<i>Salsola tragus</i> *	Russian Thistle, Tumbleweed	AH	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Saltugilia splendens</i>	Splendid Woodland-gilia	AH	Polemoniaceae
<i>Salvia apiana</i>	White Sage	S	Lamiaceae
<i>Salvia columbariae</i>	Chia	AH	Lamiaceae
<i>Salvia leucophylla</i>	Purple Sage	S	Lamiaceae
<i>Salvia mellifera</i>	Black Sage	S	Lamiaceae
<i>Salvia sonomensis</i>	Sonoma Sage	S	Lamiaceae
<i>Sambucus nigra</i> ssp. <i>caerulea</i>	Blue Elderberry	S	Adoxaceae
<i>Sambucus racemosa</i>	Red Elderberry	S	Adoxaceae
<i>Sanicula arguta</i>	Southern California Sanicle	PH	Apiaceae
<i>Sanicula bipinnatifida</i>	Purple Sanicle	PH	Apiaceae
<i>Sanicula crassicaulis</i>	Pacific Sanicle	PH	Apiaceae
<i>Schinus molle</i> *	Peruvian Pepper Tree	T	Anacardiaceae
<i>Schinus terebinthifolius</i> *	Brazilian Pepper Tree	T	Anacardiaceae
<i>Schoenoplectus americanus</i>	American Bulrush	PG	Cyperaceae
<i>Scrophularia californica</i>	California Figwort	PH	Scrophulariaceae
<i>Sedum spathulifolium</i>	Pacific Stonecrop	PH	Crassulaceae
<i>Senecio aronicoides</i>	California Groundsel	PH	Asteraceae
<i>Senecio flaccidus</i> var. <i>douglasii</i>	Shrubby Butterweed	S	Asteraceae
<i>Senecio triangularis</i>	Arrowleaf Ragwort	PH	Asteraceae
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i> *	Common Groundsel	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Senegalia greggii</i>	Catclaw	T	Fabaceae
<i>Sequoiadendron giganteum</i>	Big Tree, Giant Sequoia	T	Cupressaceae
<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>	Coast Redwood	T	Cupressaceae
<i>Sidalcea</i> spp.	Checkerblooms, Globemallows	PH	Malvaceae
<i>Silene gallica</i> *	Windmill Pink	AH	Caryophyllaceae
<i>Silene laciniata</i>	Mexican or Indian Pink	PH	Caryophyllaceae
<i>Silybum marianum</i> *	Milk Thistle	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Sisymbrium orientale</i> *	Eastern Mustard	AH	Brassicaceae
<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>	Blue-eyed Grass	PH	Iridaceae

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<i>Solanum douglasii</i>	Douglas Nightshade	PH	Solanaceae
<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i> *	Silverleaf Nightshade	S	Solanaceae
<i>Solanum xanti</i>	Chaparral Nightshade	S	Solanaceae
<i>Sonchus asper</i> *	Prickly Sow-thistle	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i> *	Common Sow-thistle	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Spartium junceum</i> *	Spanish Broom	S	Fabaceae
<i>Stachys</i> spp.	Hedge Nettles	PH	Lamiaceae
<i>Stanleya pinnata</i>	Desert Princesplume	PH/S	Brassicaceae
<i>Stephanomeria virgata</i>	Twiggy Wreath Plant	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Stipa hymenoides</i>	Indian Ricegrass	PG	Poaceae
<i>Stipa miliacea</i> *	Smilo Grass	PG	Poaceae
<i>Stipa pulchra</i>	Purple Needlegrass	PG	Poaceae
<i>Streptanthus tortuosus</i>	Mountain Jewelflower	AH/PH	Brassicaceae
<i>Suaeda nigra</i>	Bush Seepweed	S	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Suaeda taxifolia</i>	Woolly Seablite	S	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Tamarix</i> spp. *	Tamarisks	T/S	Tamaricaceae
<i>Tauschia</i> spp.	Tauschias	PH	Apiaceae
<i>Taxus brevifolia</i>	Pacific Yew	T	Taxaceae
<i>Thermopsis californica</i>	California False-lupine	PH	Fabaceae
<i>Thysanocarpus</i> spp.	Fringe & Lace Pods	AH	Brassicaceae
<i>Torilis arvensis</i> *	Hedge Parsley	AH	Apiaceae
<i>Toxicodendron diversilobum</i>	Western Poison Oak	S/V	Anacardiaceae
<i>Toxicoscordion</i> [<i>Zigadenus</i>] <i>fremontii</i>	Star Lily	PH	Melanthiaceae
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i> *	Puncture Vine	AH	Zygophyllaceae
<i>Trichostema lanatum</i>	Woolly Bluecurls, Romero	S	Lamiaceae
<i>Trifolium</i> spp.	Clovers	AH	Fabaceae
<i>Triphysaria eriantha</i>	Johnny-tuck	AH	Plantaginaceae
<i>Triteleia hyacinthina</i>	Wild Hyacinth	PH	Themidaceae
<i>Triteleia laxa</i>	Grass Nuts, Ithuriel's spear	PH	Themidaceae
<i>Tsuga mertensiana</i>	Western Hemlock	T	Pinaceae
<i>Typha</i> spp.	Cattail	PH	Typhaceae
<i>Umbellularia californica</i>	California Bay	T	Lauraceae
<i>Uropappus lindleyi</i>	Silver Puffs	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Urtica dioica</i> ssp. <i>holosericea</i>	Hoary or Giant Stinging Nettle	PH	Urticaceae
<i>Vaccinium ovatum</i>	Evergreen Huckleberry	S	Ericaceae
<i>Vaccinium parvifolium</i>	Red Huckleberry	S	Ericaceae
<i>Veratrum californicum</i>	California Corn-lily	PH	Melanthiaceae
<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	Woolly Mullein	BH	Scrophulariaceae
<i>Verbena lasiostachys</i>	Western Verbena	AH	Verbenaceae
<i>Veronica anagallis-aquatica</i>	Water or Common Speedwell	PH	Plantaginaceae
<i>Veronica peregrina</i> ssp. <i>xalapensis</i>	Purslane Speedwell	AH	Plantaginaceae
<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Common Vetch	AH	Fabaceae
<i>Vicia villosa</i>	Winter/Hairy Vetch	AH	Fabaceae
<i>Viola purpurea</i>	Goosefoot Violet	PH	Violaceae
<i>Vitis californica</i>	California Wild Grape	PV	Vitaceae
<i>Vulpia</i> [<i>Festuca</i>] spp.	Fescue	AG	Poaceae
<i>Washingtonia robusta</i>	Mexican Fan Palm	T	Arecaceae
<i>Woodwardia fimbriata</i>	Giant Chain Fern	PF	Blechnaceae
<i>Wyethia</i> spp.	Mule Ears	PH	Asteraceae
<i>Xanthium</i> spp.	Spiny or Spring Clotbur	AH	Asteraceae

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<i>Yucca brevifolia</i>	Joshua Tree	T	Agavaceae
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Scientific nomenclature follows the Flora of North America Editorial Committee (1993+),			
<i>The Jepson Manual</i> (2012), and more recent publications for selected taxa.			
Most current taxomomy is followed when changed have occurred since publication of the above listed refer			
Common names follow Abrams and Ferris (1960), Neihaus and Ripper (1976), and DeGarmo (1980).			
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common but ID required at the genus level as indicated. Some taxa are only represented by a subspecific			
rank in California.			
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BH = biennial herb.	S = shrub.		
PF = perennial fern or fern ally.	T = tree.		