

Nearby Lagoon

Pollinator Garden

Plant Guide



Welcome to the City of Santa Cruz
Parks and Recreation Department's first pollinator garden.
Discover the native plants aiding our local pollinators.





Lynn Watson (SB)

Achillea Millefolium



“**Common Yarrow**” is a flowering plant in the Sunflower family, native to the Northern Hemisphere. Native Americans had many uses for the plant, including pain relief, fever reduction, and blood issues of all kinds.



2017 Vernon Smith

Armeria Maritima



“**Thrift Seapink**” In the wild, thrift or sea pink commonly grows in saline environments along coastal areas where few other plants can grow well, hence the common name. If planted in its native coastal strand, this plant needs no supplementary irrigation after established.



2016 Steven Thorsted

Epilobium Canum



“**California Fuchsia**” is a beautiful species of willow herb, native to the California foothills and coastal areas. It is a perennial plant, notable for the profusion of bright scarlet flowers in summer and autumn.



2006 Steve Matson

Erigeron Glaucus



“**Seaside Fleabane**” this wildflower is native to the coastline of Oregon and California where it grows on beaches, coastal bluffs and dunes.



Carnivorous Insects



Butterflies and Moths



Hummingbirds and birds



Bees



Insects

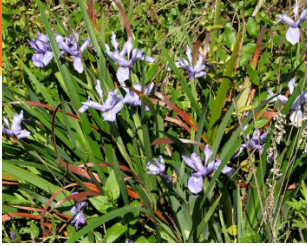


2016 CA Academy of Sciences

Eriophyllum Staechadifolium



“Seaside Woolly Flower” is a native perennial herb in the Sunflower family that grows primarily along the coast from Santa Barbara County northward to Oregon and on the Channel Islands. It tends to grow in dunes and coastal scrub at elevations under 300 feet.



2015 Barry Breckling

Iris Douglasiana



“Douglas Iris” it is most common in grasslands near the coast. It is more drought tolerant near the coast where it benefits from cooler temperatures and fog. The flowers can be highly variable in color.



2017 Michael O'Brien

Mimulus Aurantiacus



“Bush Monkey Flower” is pollinated by bees and hummingbirds. The stigmas are notably sensitive and will close after being touched.



2006 Stan Shebs

Eriogonum Parvifolium



“Sea Cliff Buckwheat” this plant is an important host for a number of pollinating insects including certain endangered species. The flowers, leaves and seeds are all used by many of the smaller animals.



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2008 Zoya Akulova

Symphyotrichum Chilense



“California Aster” is native to western North America from British Columbia to California, where it grows in many types of habitat, especially along the coast and in the coastal mountain ranges.



1995 Saint Mary's College of CA

Eriogonum Latifolium



“Coast Buckwheat” this is a perennial herb which is quite variable in size and flower color, depending on its location along the coast and degree of exposure to the stiff maritime winds of its habitat.



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Salvia



“Bee’s Bliss” or “Bees Bliss Sage” as the name suggests, ‘Bee’s Bliss’ is attractive to pollinators who visit its lavender-pink flowers.

Thank you to **Parks and Recreation Parks Staff**
and volunteers from the
Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History.

Photos of the pollinating flowers are from California Native Plant Society’s website. Please visit calscape.org to see original photos and find more information. Thank you for joining us today to celebrate this beautiful new feature at Neary Lagoon!