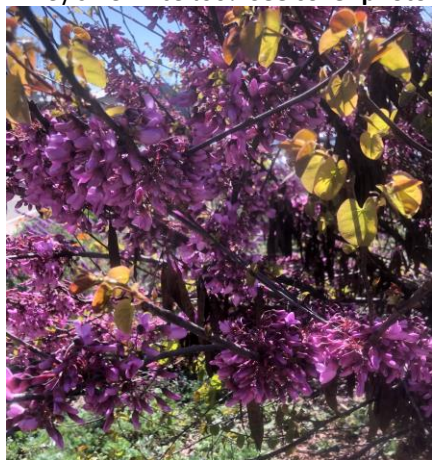


**Ceanothus (California Lilac)** – One of the glories of our native flora, these come in all shapes and sizes and are attractive to butterflies, bees, and other insects. They smell nice too! **See cover photo.**



Western Redbud © Amy Weiser

**Western Redbud** – a deciduous shrub/small tree with glorious spring flowers.

### Resources

- \*University of the Pacific and Stockton's Cabral Agriculture Center have **model native plant gardens.**
  - \*Does the plant need lots of sun? How high does it grow? For more information, check:
  - \*California Native Plant Society:  
<https://gardenplanner.calscape.org>
  - \*UC Davis All-Stars:  
<https://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/arboretum-all-stars>
  - \*Bornstein, Fross, O'Brien, *California Native Plants for the Garden.* Book.
  - \*[www.laspilitas.com](http://www.laspilitas.com) – general info.
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Call a nursery to check if the plant is available. Locally, Delta Tree, In Season, Alden Lane, and Big Oak Nursery are worth trying, and big box stores have some of the plants we've included.

Other Plant Favorites – Desert mallow, Jerusalem sage, sticky monkeyflower, dwarf coyote brush.



Anna's Hummingbird at Manzanita © Kasey Foley

**Manzanita (Harmony)** – a small shrub with beautiful foliage and bark year-round. Pink flowers attract both hummers and butterflies.



Black-chinned Hummingbird at Hot Lips Sage © Kasey Foley

**"Hot Lips" Sage** – Long-blooming, attracts hummingbirds. Easy to find and no maintenance!



Painted Lady on Ceanothus © Susan Schneider

## Native/Drought-tolerant Plants: Getting Started

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In our semi-arid region, replacing lawns with waterwise, eco-friendly plants can bring colorful flowers, butterflies, and hummingbirds as well as help the environment. (Indeed, Sacramento has been *paying* people to replace their lawns.) Here's a few ideas from experienced Audubon members to help get you started. All plants are low-maintenance perennials that require little or no extra water, once established. All are easy to grow.



**Cleveland Sage** - Smallish blooms for 2 months. Trim occasionally. Looks good always. Native.



**California Buckwheat** – 4 months of blooming, wonderful for insect pollinators. **You will see native bees!** Trim some of the seedheads in winter.



**Little Miss Sunshine (Cistus)** – Pretty leaves, which is good, since it doesn't flower profusely and the blooms don't last long. Looks nice year-round. Not native.



**California Fuchsia for Hummingbird Wars!** – and it blooms for 5 months. But looks rather dead for 2 months, so best for the backyard. Cut back once a year. Sometimes spreads.



**Rock Purslane** - not a native, but easy to grow, waterwise, and looks great year-round. Flowers have a pretty long blooming season too, and attract a few insects.



Anna's Hummingbird at Hummingbird Sage © Susan Schneider

**Hummingbird Sage** – Native, and yes, hummers love it. Handles shade well. Blooms in winter-spring.