

Monarch Butterfly Habitat Restoration

Native plants to consider

Narrowleaf Milkweed (*Asclepias fascicularis*)

Our local milkweed.

Wild Hyacinth (*Dipterostemon capitatus*)

Geophyte (Corm) - appears in late winter/early spring

Tolerant of a variety of soil types

Full sun to part shade

Moisture tolerant as long as it's kept mostly dry in the summer

Early blooming, good source of nectar for Monarchs

Corms rapidly divide and are edible

Gorgeous in meadow like setting with grasses and milkweeds



Vervain (*Verbena lasiostachys*)

Summer deciduous

Likes areas with higher levels of ground moisture

Full sun

Blooms: Spring-Fall

2.6ft tall x 3ft wide

Reseeds easily, aggressive spreader

Fragrant



Common Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*)

Evergreen, Semi-deciduous in the Summer

Reseeds easily

Looks great meadows with grasses

Full Sun - Full Shade

Popular in teas (used to cure fever, colds)

Blooms: Spring, Summer

1-3ft tall x 1.5ft wide

Important pollinator plant, especially butterflies



California Aster (*Corethrogyne filaginifolia*)

Evergreen

Drought tolerant

Full sun/part shade

Blooms: Summer, Fall, Winter

3ft tall x 6ft wide

Many cultivars available

Loves sloping rock gardens



Seaside Fleabane (*Erigeron glaucus*)

Evergreen

Full Sun

Flowers Winter-Summer

Extremely attractive to butterflies

Low-growing, suitable in rock gardens

1ft tall x 2ft wide

Tolerant of recycled water



California Goldenrod (*Solidago velutina* ssp. *californica*)

Evergreen

Grows fast, spreads fast

Requires higher soil moisture, under oaks

Full sun - Full Shade

Brilliant yellow blooms late in the season

(Blooms: Summer-Fall)

*Pollen might trigger allergies in sensitive people



Great Valley Gumweed (*Grindelia camporum*)

Summer semi-deciduous

Thrives in harsh conditions

Full sun

Blooms Spring-Fall

Highly attractive to pollinators

2-6ft tall x 3ft wide

Reseeds easily



Bladderpod (*Peritoma arborea*)

Evergreen

Full Sun

Blooms year round

Highly attractive to butterflies, bees, hummingbirds

Attractive seedpods

1-6ft tall x 6ft wide (can be pruned)

Fragrant (some don't like the smell)

Tolerant of moisture and drought (upto 1x per week in summer)



Coastal Sunflower (*Encelia californica*)

Summer deciduous (looks pretty bad mid-summer)

Full sun to part shade

Very important pollinator plant in early spring

Drought tolerant

Extremely fast growing

Seeds are an important food source for birds

5ft high by 5ft wide (can be pruned)

Great for color in a younger garden, surrounded by evergreen shrubs



Local Sages (Salvias)

Most common in Ventura County:

Black Sage (*Salvia mellifera*) and Purple Sage (*Salvia leucophylla*)

Keystone species of Coastal Sage Scrub

Full Sun

Drought tolerant - Extremely fragrant

Blooms in late Winter-Spring-early Summer

Summer deciduous however still attractive

6ft high x 6ft wide



Coyote Brush (*Baccharis pilularis* ssp. *consanguinea*)

Evergreen

Full Sun - Part Shade

Tolerant of moisture and drought

Extremely valuable habitat plant

Blooms: Late fall, Winter

Great for erosion control

Somewhat fire resistant

Large shrub, 10ft high by 10ft wide but can tolerate pruning



Arroyo Willow (*Salix lasiolepis*)

Full Sun - Part Shade

Requires moisture year round

Extremely valuable habitat plant

Erosion control

Gets very large (upto 35ft tall and 15ft wide)

Winter deciduous

Flowers Winter, Spring (catkins are incredible source of nectar)



Big Pod Ceanothus (*Ceanothus megacarpus*)

Evergreen

Full Sun

Large shrub 10ft tall x 10ft wide

Flowers in late Winter, Early Spring

Extremely important pollinator plant

Very fragrant

Drought tolerant

Adaptable to poor soils



Hollyleaf Cherry (*Prunus ilicifolia*)

Evergreen

Full Sun

Another extremely valuable wildlife plant, especially for birds

Fire resistant

Drought tolerant

Blooms: Winter, Spring

Large shrub or small tree, can be pruned

Cherries are edible however best left for wildlife



Lemonade Berry (*Rhus integrifolia*)

Evergreen

Full Sun

Blooms Winter - Spring

Drought tolerant

Fire resistant

Extremely valuable habitat plant

Coastal species, for inland - use it's relative Sugar Bush (*Rhus ovata*)

3-30ft tall x 20ft wide (can be pruned)



Big Berry Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos glauca*)

Evergreen

Full Sun

Extremely drought tolerant

Requires well draining soil

Blooms late winter, early spring

Extremely important pollinator plant

Small tree or Large shrub (20ft tall x 20ft wide)

