

Sacramento Valley Chapter of the California Native Plant Society

Kids in Native Gardens (KING) Grant Recommendations

Top 15 Plants for School and Community Gardens (Easy to grow, Attracts wildlife, Edible, Fragrant and Beautiful)

Sun/Part Shade/Drought Tolerant

- Honeysuckle (Vine, attracts hummingbirds, bumble bees and birds; *Lonicera hispidula*)
- Deerweed (*Lotus scoparius* aka *Acmispon glaber*; butterfly host plant)
- Sonoma sage (low growing, fragrant, attracts native bees; *Salvia sonomensis*)
- Coyote mint (medicinal tea, fragrant, attracts butterflies; *Monardella villosa*)
- California yarrow (medicinal tea, attracts beneficial insects; *Achillea millefolium*)
- Milkweed (Host plant Monarch butterflies – plant local natives only; *Asclepias* sp.)

Shade/Part Sun/Wet Tolerant

- Hummingbird sage (edible, fragrant, attracts hummingbirds; *Salvia spathacea*)
- California strawberries (edible and delicious; *Fragaria vesca*)
- California Dutchman's pipevine (Host plant for pipevine swallowtail; *Aristolochia californica*)
- Mugwort (Medicinal, fragrant; *Artemisia douglasiana*)

Trees and Large Shrubs

- Valley oak (Host for multiple birds and insects; *Quercus lobata*)
- Hoary coffeeberry (Butterfly host plant; *Frangula californica tomentella*)

Annual Wildflowers

- California poppies (Attracts native bees; *Eshscholzia californica*)
- Miner's lettuce (Spring annual, edible leaves and seeds; *Claytonia perfoliate*)
- Elegant clarkia (Late Spring annual, edible seeds; *Clarkia unguiculata*)