



11.1 Mediterranean California



Cobweb thistle

(Cirsium occidentale)



LIGHT: Full sun to partial Sun
WATER: Low
SEASON OF INTEREST: All year
HEIGHT: 2-5 ft
DURATION: Perennial
 This striking thistle produces large rose-purple flowers and is covered in lacy, white hair. The flowers attract numerous pollinators.



Great Valley Gumplant

(Grindelia camporum)



LIGHT: Full sun
WATER: Low
SEASON OF INTEREST: Late spring through fall
HEIGHT: 2-6 ft
DURATION: Perennial
 This late season flower provides nectar and pollen to many pollinators from its yellow flowers. It is drought tolerant and is naturally resistant to deer and pests.



Bigelow's sneezeweed

(Helenium bigelovii)



LIGHT: Full sun
WATER: Average to high
SEASON OF INTEREST: Mid through late summer
HEIGHT: 2-3 ft
DURATION: Perennial
 Showy yellow flowers with a dark brown-purple center that love wet bog-like conditions. This plant is also deer and disease resistant.



Common Sunflower

(Helianthus annuus)



LIGHT: Full sun
WATER: Low to average
SEASON OF INTEREST: Mid through late summer
HEIGHT: 3-10 ft
 (dwarf varieties available)
DURATION: Annual
 These tall and showy flowers are easy and fun to grow, and the seeds are great for birds. Put only one plant in each pot and provide support as the plant grows.



Silvery Lupine

(Lupinus argenteus)



LIGHT: Full sun
WATER: Low
SEASON OF INTEREST: Summer
HEIGHT: 1-3 ft
DURATION: Perennial
 This species has stunning silvery-green leaves with spikes of blue to violet flowers. They are particularly attractive to hummingbirds and butterflies. Plant in a deep pot due to long roots.



Lacy Phacelia or Fiddleneck

(Phacelia tanacetifolia)



LIGHT: Full sun
WATER: Low
SEASON OF INTEREST: Late spring through fall
HEIGHT: 1-4 ft
DURATION: Annual
 This unique flower is a favorite of bees and can bloom for 5 months. This species is deer resistant, relatively pest and disease free, and self seeds. The stem bristles can be mildly irritating.



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Western Coneflower

(*Rudbeckia occidentalis*)



LIGHT: Full sun

WATER: Average

SEASON OF INTEREST:

Summer through fall

HEIGHT: 2-6 ft

DURATION: Perennial

This unique flower has a large central cone with abundant pollen and nectar. Deadheading promotes further blooms, and this species is deer resistant with no serious pests or diseases.

**Not native to southern parts of ecoregion*



Desert or Globe Mallow

(*Sphaeralcea ambigua*)



LIGHT: Full sun

WATER: Low

SEASON OF INTEREST:

Spring through fall

HEIGHT: 2-4 ft

DURATION: Perennial

This bushy plant has striking flowers that are typically orange, but other varieties are available. Disease and drought resistant. Cut back the plant after it flowers to get more blooms.

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Pacific Aster

(*Symphyotrichum chilense*)



LIGHT: Full sun to partial sun

WATER: Low

SEASON OF INTEREST:

Mid summer through fall

HEIGHT: 1-4 ft

DURATION: Perennial

This species boasts a profusion of star shaped flowers that provide a late season food source for a variety of pollinators. Cut back in early spring to encourage bushiness. No serious pests or diseases and deer resistant.