

Los Altos Hills Native Plant List

These native plants grow wild in or near Los Altos Hills and will grow easily in your garden.

Botanical Name	Common Name	Foliage	Water Use	Percent of ETo
<i>Trees</i>				
<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>	Big-leaf Maple	deciduous	moderate	40-60
<i>Aesculus californica</i>	California Buckeye	early deciduous	very low	< 10
<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>	Madrone	evergreen	low	10-30
<i>Notholithocarpus densiflora</i>	Tanbark Oak	evergreen	low	10-30
<i>Platanus racemosa</i>	Western Sycamore	deciduous	moderate	40-60
<i>Populus fremontii</i>	Fremont Cottonwood	deciduous	moderate	40-60
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	Douglas Fir	evergreen	low	10-30
<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast Live Oak	evergreen	very low	< 10
<i>Quercus chrysolepis</i>	Canyon Oak	evergreen	very low	< 10
<i>Quercus douglassii</i>	Blue Oak	deciduous	very low	< 10
<i>Quercus kelloggii</i>	California Black Oak	deciduous	low	10-30
<i>Quercus lobata</i>	Valley Oak	deciduous	low	10-30
<i>Sambucus caerulea</i>	Mexican Elderberry	deciduous	low	10-30
<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>	Coast Redwood	evergreen	high	70-90
<i>Torreya californica</i>	California Nutmeg	evergreen	low	10-30
<i>Umbellularia californica</i>	California Bay	evergreen	moderate	40-60
<i>Shrubs</i>				
<i>Amelanchier pallida</i>	Serviceberry	deciduous		
<i>Arctostaphylos andersonii</i> *	Heart-leaved Manzanita	evergreen		
<i>Arctostaphylos glauca</i> *	Big-berried Manzanita	evergreen	very low	< 10
<i>Arctostaphylos dr. Hurd</i>	Dr. Hurd Manzanita	evergreen	low	10-30
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i> *	Dwarf Coyote Bush	evergreen	low	10-30
<i>Ceanothus cuneatus</i> *	Common Buck Brush	evergreen	very low	< 10
<i>Ceanothus thyrsiflorus</i> *	Blue Brush	evergreen	low	10-30
<i>Ceanothus</i> (many species)			low	10-30
<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	Western Redbud	deciduous	very low	< 10
<i>Cercocarpus betuloides</i> *	Mountain Mahogany	evergreen	very low	< 10
<i>Cornus californica</i>	Creek Dogwood	deciduous		
<i>Cornus glabrata</i>	Brown Dogwood	deciduous	moderate	40-60
<i>Corylus cornuta californica</i>	California Hazel	deciduous	low	10-30
<i>Dendromecon rigida</i> *	Tree Poppy	evergreen	very low	< 10
<i>Diplacus aurantiacus</i> (<i>Mimulus</i>)*	Sticky Monkey Flower	shrubby perennial	very low	< 10
<i>Fremontodendron</i> *	Flannel Bush	evergreen	very low	< 10
<i>Garrya elliptica</i>	Coast Silktassel	evergreen	low	10-30
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Toyon	evergreen	low	10-30
<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	Cream Bush	deciduous	low	10-30
<i>Lepechinia calycina</i>	Pitcher Sage	evergreen aromatic	low	10-30
<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	Hairy Honeysuckle/Twinberry	evergreen	low	10-30
<i>Mahonia pinnata</i> (<i>Berberis</i>)*	Shinyleaf Barberry/California Barberry	evergreen	low	10-30
<i>Malacothamnus arcuatus</i>	Northern malacothamnus	evergreen		
<i>Myrica californica</i>	Wax Myrtle	evergreen	moderate	40-60
<i>Oemleria cerasiformis</i>	Oso Berry	deciduous	moderate	40-60
<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	Pacific Ninebark	deciduous	low	10-30
<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i> *	Hollyleaf Cherry	evergreen	low	10-30
<i>Rhamnus californica</i> (<i>Frangula</i>)*	Coffeeberry	evergreen	low	10-30

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<i>Shrubs (cont.)</i>				
Ribes aureum*	Golden Currant	deciduous	unk	
Ribes sanguieum	Red Flowering Currant	deciduous	low	10-30
Ribes speciosum Fuchia	Flowering Gooseberry	deciduous	low	10-30
Rosa californica*	California Wild Rose	deciduous	low	10-30
Salvia leucophylla	Purple Sage	deer proof	low	10-30
Salvia sonomensis*	Sonoma Sage	perennial	low	10-30
Symphoricarpos albus	Common Snowberry	deciduous	low	10-30
Symphoricarpos mollis	Creeping Snowberry	deciduous	low	10-30
Trichostemma lanatum	Woolly Blue Curls	evergreen	very low	< 10
<i>Low-Growing</i>				
Ameria maritima	Sea Pink	evergreen	moderate	40-60
Clarkia amoena (Godetia)	Farwell-to-Spring	annual		
Eriogonum fasciculatum*	California Buckwheat	evergreen	very low	< 10
Eriogonum grande*	Red Buckwheat	evergreen	low	10-30
Eschscholzia calironica	California Poppy	annual	very low	< 10
Heuchera sanguinea	Coral Bells	evergreen	moderate	40-60
I. douglasiana innominata	Pacific Coast Iris/Douglas Iris	evergreen	low	10-30
Zauschneria (Epilobium)	California Fuchsia	deciduous	low	10-30
<i>Grasses</i>				
Elymus glaucus	Blue lyme grass/Sand Ryegrass	perennial/sun	unk	
Festuca californica	California Fescue	grasses/shade	low	10-30
Melica torreyana		grasses/shade	unk	
Nassella cernua (Stipa)	noddling needle grass	bunching/sun	very low	< 10
Nessela pulchra (Stipa)	purple needle grass	bunching/sun	very low	< 10

Native Plant List: Los Altos Hills Landscape Design Guidelines, Environmental Design & Protection Committee
WUCOLS Plant Water Use: http://ucanr.edu/sites/WUCOLS/Plant_Search/