

The most important plants for native bees that visit crops in the Central Valley of California

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Rank*	Common name	Species name	Flowering season
25	Manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos manzanita</i>	very early
20	Willow	<i>Salix sp.</i>	very early to early
14	California redbud	<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	early
15	Hollow leaf lupine	<i>Lupinus succulentus</i>	early
16	Imbricate phacelia	<i>Phacelia imbricata</i>	early
3	Poppy	<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	early to late
13	Mule's fat	<i>Baccharis salicifolia</i>	early to mid
18	California yerba santa	<i>Eriodictyon californicum</i>	early to mid
1	Toyon	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	mid
6	Lupine	<i>Lupinus microcarpus</i>	mid
7	California wild rose	<i>Rosa californica</i>	mid
11	Common deerweed (or western bird's-foot trefoil)	<i>Lotus scoparius</i>	mid
12	Ithurial's spear	<i>Triteleia laxa</i>	mid
21	Eastern Mojave buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i>	mid
22	Chamise	<i>Adenostoma fasciculatum</i>	mid
23	Western dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	mid
24	California coffeeberry	<i>Rhamnus californica</i> (<i>Frangula californica</i>)	mid
2	Vinegar weed	<i>Trichostema lanceolatum</i>	late (rw)
4	Blazing star	<i>Mentzelia laevicaulis</i>	late
5	Gumplant	<i>Grindelia camporum</i>	late (rw)
8	Small flower western rosinweed	<i>Calycadenia pauciflora</i>	late
9	Button bush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	late
19	Common sunflower	<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	late
10	Hayfield tarweed	<i>Hemizonia congesta</i>	late to very late (rw)
17	Rod wirelettuce	<i>Stephanomeria virgata</i>	late to very late
26	Coyotebrush	<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	late to very late
27	Hummingbird trumpet	<i>Epilobium canum</i>	late to very late

* = 1 is the best

rw = potentially considered a rangeland weed.