Sampling of Native Plants Appropriate for San Joaquin County

Perennial Plant Type	Common Name	Scientific Name	Exposure			Water Needs				Size			Blooms				Flower/Berry Color
			Full Sun	Part Shade	Full Shade	Very Low	Low	Medium	High	Large	Medium	Small	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	
Trees	Western redbud	*Cercis occidentalis*	x	x			x					x	x				magenta
	Valley oak, white oak	*Quercus lobata*	x			x	x			x							N/A
	California buckeye	*Aesculus californica*	x			x					x		x				white
Shrubs	toyon, California holly	*Heteromeles arbutifolia*	x	x	x		x			x			x				white/red
	California lilac	*Ceanothus maritimus* 'Valley Violet'	x	x		x	x					x				x	bluish purple
	coffeeberry	*Rhamnus californica*	x	x			x				x						white /red-black
	tree manzanita	*Arctostaphylos* 'Dr. Hurd'	x			x	x			x						x	white/red
Grasses	deer grass	*Muhlenbergia rigens*	x	x		x	x			x							N/A
	purple needlegrass	*Nassella pulchra*	x			x	x				x						N/A
	blue gramma grass	*Bouteloua gracilis*	x	x			x	x			x						N/A
Flowers	foothill penstemon	*Penstemon heterophyllus* 'Margarita BOP'	x	x			x					x	x	x			blue/pink
	California fuchsia	*Epilobium canum*	x	x		x	x				x			x	x		bright red
	hummingbird sage	*Salvia spathacea*	x	x			x	x			x		x			x	magenta
	California buckwheat	*Eriogonum fasciculatum foliolosum*	x	x		x	x					x	x	x	x		white, pink, rust
	alum root	*Heuchera micrantha* 'Martha Roderick'		x	x		x					x	x	x			med pink
	yarrow	*Achillea millefolium californica*		x			x				x			x			white
	coyote mint	*Monardella villosa*	x	x			x					x		x			violet

Native Plant Book List

California Native Plant Gardening: A Month-By-Month Guide, by Helen Popper
California Native Plants for the Garden, by Carol Bornstein, David Fross, Bart O'Brien
Designing California Native Gardens: The Plant Community Approach to Artful, Ecological Gardens, by Glenn Keator, Alrie Middlebrook, Phyllis Faber
Growing California Native Plants, by Marjorie Schmidt

Native Plant Websites

California Native Plant Society, (including the Sacramento Valley Chapter site)
California Native Plant Link Exchange
California Garden and Landscape Design with Native Plants, a free design tool offered by Las Pilitas Nursery in southern California.

Local Native Plant Sources

Elderberry Farms Native Plant Nursery, 2140 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova
Operated by the Sacramento Valley Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS), serving Sacramento and San Joaquin Counties, with plant sales.

Cornflower Farms, 9811 Sheldon Road, Elk Grove
This is a wholesale native plant nursery that offers occasional public retail sales.

U.C. Davis Arboretum, Arboretum Nursery on Garrod Drive, Davis
This arboretum has a native plant area and hosts occasional plant sales that include California natives.