

# Vascular Plants of McGrath State Beach, Ventura County, California

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Scientific Name	Common Name	Habit	Family
<i>Abronia maritima</i>	Red Sand-verbena	PH	Nyctaginaceae
<i>Abronia umbellata</i>	Beach Sand-verbena	PH	Nyctaginaceae
<i>Allenrolfea occidentalis</i>	Iodinebush	S	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Amaranthus albus</i> *	Prostrate Pigweed	AH	Amaranthaceae
<i>Amblyopappus pusillus</i>	Dwarf Coastweed	PH	Asteraceae
<i>Ambrosia chamissonis</i>	Beach-bur	S	Asteraceae
<i>Ambrosia psilostachya</i>	Western Ragweed	PH	Asteraceae
<i>Amsinckia spectabilis</i> var. <i>spectabilis</i>	Seaside Fiddleneck	AH	Boraginaceae
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i> *	Scarlet Pimpernel	AH	Primulaceae
<i>Anemopsis californica</i>	Yerba Mansa	PH	Saururaceae
<i>Apium graveolens</i> *	Wild Celery	PH	Apiaceae
<i>Artemisia biennis</i>	Biennial Wormwood	BH	Asteraceae
<i>Artemisia californica</i>	California Sagebrush	S	Asteraceae
<i>Artemisia douglasiana</i>	Douglas' Sagewort	PH	Asteraceae
<i>Artemisia dracunculus</i>	Wormwood	PH	Asteraceae
<i>Artemisia tridentata</i> ssp. <i>tridentata</i>	Big Sagebrush	S	Asteraceae
<i>Arundo donax</i> *	Giant Reed	PG	Poaceae
<i>Aster subulatus</i> var. <i>ligulatus</i>	Annual Water Aster	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Astragalus pycnostachyus</i> ssp. <i>lanosissimus</i>	Ventura Marsh Milkvetch	PH	Fabaceae
<i>Atriplex californica</i>	California Saltbush	PH	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Atriplex lentiformis</i> ssp. <i>breweri</i>	Big Saltbush	S	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Atriplex patula</i> ssp. <i>hastata</i>	Arrowleaf Saltbush	AH	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Atriplex patula</i>	Spear Saltbush	AH	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Atriplex semibaccata</i>	Australian Saltbush	PH	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Atriplex triangularis</i>	Spearscale	AH	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Avena barbata</i> *	Slender Oat	AG	Poaceae
<i>Avena fatua</i> *	Wild Oat	AG	Poaceae
<i>Baccharis douglasii</i>	Saltmarsh Baccharis	S	Asteraceae
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	Coyote Brush	S	Asteraceae
<i>Baccharis salicifolia</i>	Mulefat	S	Asteraceae
<i>Bassia hyssopifolia</i> *	Fivehorn Smotherweed	AH	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Berula erecta</i>	Cutleaf Waterparsnip	AH	Apiaceae
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> *	Common Beet	AH	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Bidens laevis</i>	Smooth Beggartick	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Brassica nigra</i> *	Black Mustard	AH	Brassicaceae
<i>Brassica rapa</i> *	Rape Mustard	AH	Brassicaceae
<i>Bromus carinatus</i>	California Brome	PG	Poaceae
<i>Bromus diandrus</i> *	Ripgut Brome	AG	Poaceae
<i>Bromus hordeaceus</i> ssp. <i>molliformis</i> *	Soft Chess	AG	Poaceae
<i>Bromus laevipes</i> *		AG	Poaceae
<i>Bromus madritensis</i> ssp. <i>rubens</i> *	Red Brome	AG	Poaceae
<i>Bromus tectorum</i> var. <i>tectorum</i> *	Cheat Grass	AG	Poaceae

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<i>Cakile maritima</i> *	European Sea Rocket	AH	Brassicaceae
<i>Calystegia macrostegia</i> var. ?	Island False Bindweed	PV	Convolvulaceae
<i>Calystegia soldanella</i>	Seashore False Bindweed	PH	Convolvulaceae
<i>Camissonia bistorta</i>	California Sun-cups	AH	Onagraceae
<i>Camissonia cheiranthifolia</i>	Beach Evening Primrose	PH	Onagraceae
<i>Carex praegracilis</i>	Clustered Field Sedge	PG	Cyperaceae
<i>Carpobrotus chilensis</i> *	Hottentot Fig	S	Aizoaceae
<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i> *	Sea Fig	S	Aizoaceae
<i>Centaurea melitensis</i> *	Tocalote	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Chenopodium album</i> *	Lambsquarters	AH	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Chenopodium ambrosioides</i> *	Mexican Tea	PH	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Chenopodium macrospermum</i> var. <i>halophilum</i>	Saltloving Goosefoot	AH	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Chenopodium murale</i> *	Nettleleaf Goosefoot	AH	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Cirsium occidentale</i>	Cobwebby Thistle	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i> *	Bull Thistle	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Clematis ligusticifolia</i>	Virgin's Bower	PV	Ranunculaceae
<i>Conium maculatum</i> *	Poison Hemlock	AH	Apiaceae
<i>Conyza canadensis</i>	Canadian Horseweed	AH	Asteraceae
<b><i>Cordylanthus maritimus</i> ssp. <i>maritimus</i></b>	<b>Saltmarsh Birds-beak</b>	AH	Scrophulariaceae
<i>Cortaderia selloana</i> *	Uruguayan Pampas Grass	PG	Poaceae
<i>Cotula coronopifolia</i> *	Common Brassbuttons	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Crassula connata</i>	Pygmy-weed	AH	Crassulaceae
<i>Cupressus macrocarpa</i> +	Monterey Cypress	T	Cupressaceae
<i>Cuscuta californica</i>	Chaparral Dodder	AV	Cuscutaceae
<i>Cuscuta salina</i>	Saltmarsh Dodder	AV	Cuscutaceae
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i> *	Bermuda Grass	PG	Poaceae
<i>Cyperus involucratus</i>	Umbrella-sedge	PG	Cyperaceae
<i>Cyperus odoratus</i>	Fragrant Flatsedge	PG	Cyperaceae
<i>Datura stramonium</i>	Jimson Weed	AH	Solanaceae
<i>Datura wrightii</i>	Western Jimson Weed	AH	Solanaceae
<i>Distichlis spicata</i>	Inland Saltgrass	PG	Poaceae
<i>Eleocharis parishii</i>	Parish's Spikerush	PG	Cyperaceae
<i>Elymus glaucus</i>	Blue Wildrye	PG	Poaceae
<i>Encelia californica</i>	California Brittlebush	S	Asteraceae
<i>Epilobium ciliatum</i> ssp. <i>ciliatum</i>	Northern Willow-herb	AH	Onagraceae
<i>Equisetum laevigatum</i>	Smooth Horsetail	PF	Equisetaceae
<i>Eragrostis mexicana</i>	Mexican Lovegrass	AG	Poaceae
<i>Ericameria ericoides</i>	Mock Heather	S	Asteraceae
<i>Eriodictyon crassifolium</i>	Thickleaf Yerba Santa	S	Hydrophyllaceae
<i>Eriogonum cinereum</i>	Coastal Buckwheat	S	Polygonaceae
<i>Eriogonum parvifolium</i>	Seacliff Buckwheat	PH	Polygonaceae
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i> *	Redstem Stork's Bill	AH	Geraniaceae

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<i>Erodium moschatum</i> *	Whitestem Filaree	AH	Geraniaceae
<i>Euphorbia peplus</i> *	Petty Spurge	AH	Euphorbiaceae
<i>Euthamia occidentalis</i>	Western Goldenrod	PH	Asteraceae
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> *	Sweet Fennel	PH	Apiaceae
<i>Frankenia salina</i>	Alkali Heath	PH	Frankeniaceae
<i>Gnaphalium californicum</i>	Green Everlasting	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Gnaphalium canescens</i> ssp. <i>microcephalum</i>	White Everlasting	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Gnaphalium luteo-album</i>	Everlasting Cudweed	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Common Sunflower	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Heliotropium curassavicum</i>	Salt Heliotrope	PH	Boraginaceae
<i>Herniaria hirsuta</i> ssp. <i>cinerea</i> *	Hairy Rupturewort	AH	Caryophyllaceae
<i>Heterotheca grandiflora</i>	Telegraph Weed	BH	Asteraceae
<i>Hirschfeldia incana</i> *	Mediterranean Mustard	BH	Brassicaceae
<i>Hydrocotyle umbellata</i>	Marsh Pennywort	PH	Apiaceae
<i>Hydrocotyle verticillata</i>	Whorled Marshpennywort	PH	Apiaceae
<i>Isocoma menziesii</i> var. <i>vernonioides</i>	Menzies' Jimmyweed	S	Asteraceae
<i>Isocoma menziesii</i> var. <i>menziesii</i>	Menzies' Jimmyweed	S	Asteraceae
<i>Jaumea carnosa</i>	Marsh Jaumea	PH	Asteraceae
<b><i>Juncus acutus</i> ssp. <i>leopoldii</i></b>	<b>Southwestern Spiny Rush</b>	PG	Juncaceae
<i>Juncus balticus</i>	Baltic Rush	PG	Juncaceae
<i>Juncus patens</i>	Common Rush	PG	Juncaceae
<i>Juncus rugulosus</i>	Wrinkled Rush	PG	Juncaceae
<i>Lamarckia aurea</i> *	Goldentop	AG	Poaceae
<i>Leptochloa uninervia</i>	Mexican Sprangletop	PG	Poaceae
<i>Lessingia filaginifolia</i> var. <i>filaginifolia</i>	California Woolly Aster	PH	Asteraceae
<i>Lobularia maritima</i> *	Sweet Alyssum	AH	Brassicaceae
<i>Lotus scoparius</i>	Deerweed	S	Fabaceae
<i>Lupinus arboreus</i>	Coastal Bush Lupine	S	Fabaceae
<i>Lupinus chamissonis</i>	Dune Lupine	S	Fabaceae
<i>Malva parviflora</i> *	Cheeseweed	AH	Malvaceae
<i>Malvella leprosa</i>	Alkali Mallow, Whiteweed	PH	Malvaceae
<i>Marrubium vulgare</i> *	White Horehound	PH	Lamiaceae
<i>Medicago polymorpha</i> *	Burclover	AH	Fabaceae
<i>Melilotus alba</i> *	White Sweetclover	AH	Fabaceae
<i>Melilotus indica</i> *	Sourclover	AH	Fabaceae
<i>Melilotus officinalis</i> *	Yellow Sweetclover	AH	Fabaceae
<i>Mesembryanthemum crystallinum</i> *	Crystalline Iceplant	AH	Aizoaceae
<i>Mimulus aurantiacus</i>	Orange Bush Monkeyflower	S	Scrophulariaceae
<i>Myoporum laetum</i> *	Ngaio Tree	S/T	Myoporaceae
<i>Nicotiana glauca</i> *	Tree Tobacco	S	Solanaceae
<i>Oenothera elata</i> ssp. <i>hirsutissima</i>	Hirsute Evening Primrose	AH	Onagraceae
<i>Oenothera elata</i> ssp. <i>hookeri</i>	Showy Evening Primrose	AH	Onagraceae

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<i>Opuntia littoralis</i>	Coast Prickly Pear	S	Cactaceae
<i>Opuntia prolifera</i>	Coast Cholla	S	Cactaceae
<i>Parapholis incurva</i> *	Sickle Grass	AG	Poaceae
<i>Pennisetum clandestinum</i> *	Kikuyu Grass	PG	Poaceae
<i>Picris echinoides</i> *	Bristly Ox-tongue	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Piptatherum miliaceum</i> *	Smilo Grass	PG	Poaceae
<i>Plantago major</i> *	Big Plantain	AH	Plantaginaceae
<i>Pluchea odorata</i>	Saltmarsh Fleabane	S	Asteraceae
<i>Polygonum arenastrum</i>	Common Knotweed	AH	Polygonaceae
<i>Polygonum lapathifolium</i>	Willow Weed	AH	Polygonaceae
<i>Polypogon monspeliensis</i> *	Rabbitsfoot Grass	AG	Poaceae
<i>Populus balsamifera</i> ssp. <i>trichocarpa</i>	Black Cottonwood	T	Salicaceae
<i>Potamogeton foliosus</i>	Leafy Pondweed	AH	Potamogetonaceae
<i>Potentilla anserina</i> ssp. <i>pacifica</i>	Pacific Cinquifol	PH	Rosaceae
<i>Raphanus sativus</i> *	Wild Radish	AH	Brassicaceae
<i>Ricinus communis</i> *	Castor Bean	S	Euphorbiaceae
<i>Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum</i>	Water Cress	AH	Brassicaceae
<i>Rubus ursinus</i>	California Blackberry	PV	Rosaceae
<i>Rumex crispus</i> *	Curly Dock	PH	Polygonaceae
<i>Rumex hymenosepalus</i>	Wild Rhubarb	PH	Polygonaceae
<i>Ruppia maritima</i>	Ditch Grass	AH	Potamogetonaceae
<i>Salicornia subterminalis</i>	Parish's Glasswort	S	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Salicornia virginica</i>	Pickleweed	S	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Salix hindsiana</i>	Sandbar Willow	S	Salicaceae
<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	Arroyo Willow	T	Salicaceae
<i>Salsola tragus</i> *	Russian Thistle	AH	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Salvia leucophylla</i>	Purple Sage	S	Lamiaceae
<i>Salvia mellifera</i>	Black Sage	S	Lamiaceae
<i>Sambucus mexicana</i>	Blue Elder	S	Caprifoliaceae
<i>Scirpus californicus</i>	California Tule	PG	Cyperaceae
<i>Scirpus robustus</i>	Alkali Bulrush	PG	Cyperaceae
<i>Scrophularia californica</i>	California Figwort	PH	Scrophulariaceae
<i>Senecio flaccidus</i> var. <i>douglasii</i>	Douglas Ragwort	PH	Asteraceae
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i> *	Common Groundsel	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Silybum marianum</i> *	Milk Thistle	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Solanum douglasii</i>	Douglas Nightshade	PH	Solanaceae
<i>Solanum nigrum</i> *	Black Nightshade	PH	Solanaceae
<i>Solanum xanti</i>	Purple Nightshade	S	Solanaceae
<i>Sonchus asper</i> ssp. <i>asper</i> *	Prickly Sowthistle	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i> *	Common Sowthistle	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Spergularia bocconei</i>	Sand Spurry	AH	Caryophyllaceae
<i>Spergularia marina</i>	Salt Sandspurry	AH	Caryophyllaceae

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<i>Stephanomeria virgata</i> ssp. <i>pleurocarpa</i>	Wand Chicory	AH	Asteraceae
<b><i>Suaeda californica</i></b>	<b>California Seablite</b>	S	Chenopodiaceae
<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i> *	Saltcedar	S/T	Tamaricaceae
<i>Tetragonia tetragonioides</i> *	New Zealand Spinach	AH	Aizoaceae
<i>Toxicodendron diversilobum</i>	Poison Oak	PV	Anacardiaceae
<i>Typha domingensis</i>	Southern Cattail	PG	Typhaceae
<i>Typha latifolia</i>	Broadleaf Cattail	PG	Typhaceae
<i>Urtica dioica</i> ssp. <i>holosericea</i>	Giant Creek Nettle	PH	Urticaceae
<i>Verbena lasiostachys</i> var. <i>lasiostachys</i>	Western Verbena	BH	Verbenaceae
<i>Xanthium spinosum</i> *	Spiny Cocklebur	AH	Asteraceae
<i>Xanthium strumarium</i>	Cocklebur	AH	Asteraceae

Notes: Scientific nomenclature follows Hickman (1993 - *The Jepson Manual*). Common names follow Abrams and Ferris (1960 - *Illustrated Flora of the Pacific States*), Niehaus and Ripper (1976 - *A Field Guide to Pacific States Wildflowers*), and DeGarmo (1980 - *California List of Scientific and Common Plant Names*). Plants in **bold** are rare in California.

An "\*" indicates non-native species which have become naturalized or persist without cultivation.

A "+" indicates ornamental or agricultural plant species that are actively cultivated.

Growth habit definitions:

AG = annual grass or monocot.

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S = shrub.

PG = perennial grass or monocot.

T = tree.