

Claremont Natives for Your Garden

Perennials (most die back late summer or fall)

Whole

Leaves

Flowers

Fruit/other

Aesclepias eriocarpa

(milkweed)

Perennial to 2ft; covered in white hairs; leaves opposite, folded, wavy, to about 5"; pink flowers in late spring; fruits open to release seeds with fluffy white hairs; food plant for Monarch butterfly caterpillars; dies down in late summer



Chloragalum pomeridianum

(soap plant)

Perennial, dies down in late summer; clump of leaves from which arises a tall flowering stalk; leaves wavy to 1ft; flowers white to 1" wide, open in evening, on stalk to 6ft



Croton californicus

(croton)

Perennial to 2ft x 2ft; leaves hairy, light green, to about 2"; small cream flowers either male or female



Male flowers



Female flowers and fruit

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Datura wrightii

(jimson weed)

all parts poisonous

Perennial to 2ft x 4ft; large blue-green leaves to 8"; huge flowers to 8" long by 6" wide, unfurl to white trumpet often with purple tinge; ping pong ball-sized spiny fruit



Delphinium cardinale

(scarlet larkspur)

Perennial to 6ft; flowering stems arise from basal rosette of leaves; leaves to 4", deeply divided; red flowers in early summer



Delphinium parryi

(blue larkspur)

Perennial to 3ft, forming clumps with age; deeply divided leaves to about 3"; bright blue flowers about 1"



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Dichelostemma capitatum
(blue dicks)
Perennial bulb; basal leaves about 1ft; a single slender stem to 18" with a 1-2" wide cluster of flowers from pale lilac to purple; best in groups, blooms mid-spring



Leymus condensatus
(giant ryegrass)
Perennial grass; leaves to 3ft in a large clump; flower stalks to 6ft in spring



Mimulus aurantiacus
(sticky-leaved monkey flower)
Perennial, forms clumps to 3ft by 3ft; tends to sprawl; Claremont's official flower; leaves to 3", sticky; flowers about 2", yellow-orange in spring; short-lived



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Mirabilis laevis

(four o'clock)

Perennial to 1ft by 2ft; purple stems; heart-shaped leaves to 1" with purple edges; magenta flowers to 1" in spring



Paeonia californica

(California peony)

Perennial to 2ft x 1ft; deeply divided blue-green leaves to 6"; small, maroon flowers to 2" in spring; interesting fruit



Penstemon spectabilis

(royal penstemon)

Perennial to 4ft x 3 ft; stiff, gray-green leaves; stunning spires of pink to blue and purple flowers



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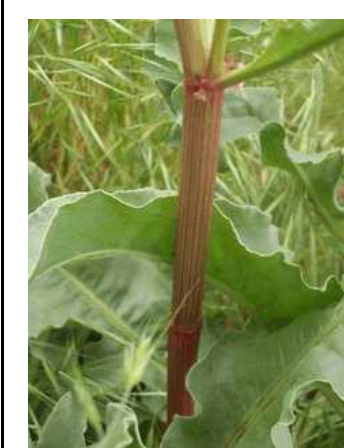
(gold-backed fern)

Perennial, forms slow spreading mat, dies down in late spring; fronds to 6", bright green with black stems, golden backs

***Rumex hymenoccephalus***

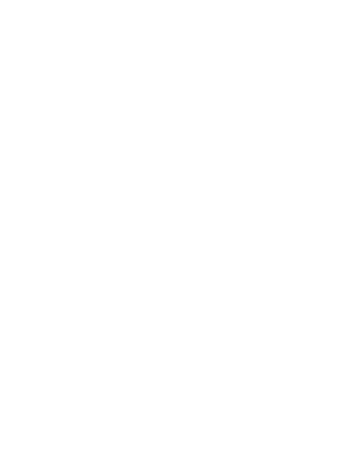
(wild rhubarb-not edible)

Perennial, spreading, to about 2ft; dies down in May; red striped stems; long, wavy, gray-green leaves; 3ft stalks with masses of small pink flowers

***Sisyrinchium bellum***

(blue-eyed grass)

Perennial, forming clumps; leaves long and thin to about 1ft; purple-blue flowers about 1" on stalks to 2ft



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Solanum douglasii

(white nightshade)

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Perennial to 4ft x 4ft, usually smaller; many thin branches; smooth, kite-shaped leaves from 2-6"; groups of small white flowers with green spots; black fruit



Solanum xanti

(purple nightshade)

fruit is poisonous

Perennial to 2ft x 3ft; fuzzy leaves to 3", wavy edges; groups of 1" lavender to purple flowers; black fruit



Yucca whipplei

(our Lord's candle)

Perennial; leaves form spiky blue-green hemisphere; after several years, plant produces a flowering stem to 8ft with thick-petaled, bell-shaped white flowers; plant dies after flowering but usually produces 'pups'

