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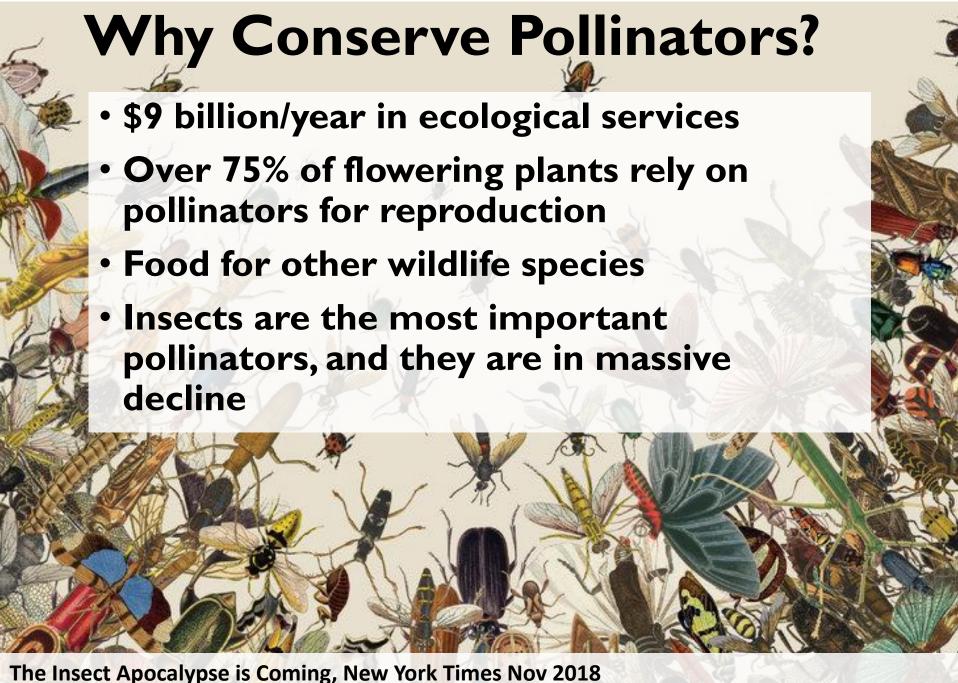


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Every Project Can Support Native Insect Pollinators



- I. You are probably already doing it
- 2. Small efforts can make a big difference

https://www.nature.com/articles/s41559-018-0769-y

"Eat food. Not too much. Mostly plants."

— Michael Pollan, In Defense of Food: An

Eater's Manifesto

"Plant native. As many species as possible. No pesticides. Have fun."

Carianne Campbell's Pollinator Manifesto





Systemic Insecticides: Neonicotinoids

- Very common in garden use
 - Used for sap-sucking and leafchewing pests
- Insect neurotoxins, effects on bees well-established
 - body of evidence is forming regarding impacts to other species
- SYSTEMIC: absorbed throughout the plant tissues *INCLUDING POLLEN AND NECTAR*
- Moves though soil to other plants

Neonics in Container Plants??

- Be sure your plants were also grown without them
 - Commonly used to treat aphids on milkweed plants
 - Most big box stores and nurseries are phasing out plants grown with them, but this is voluntary, not mandatory
 - Public pressure made this happen
- Did your plant materials cross a state line?
- Talk to your nurseries all the time; better yet, KNOW your growers!





- If you have aphids, CONGRATULATIONS! Your plants were not treated with systemic pesticides!
- Tips:

https://monarchjointventure.org/resources/faq/aphids-on-milkweed

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Aphid May 2010-5.jpg





Project Goals and Constraints Drive Plant Selection



Pollination Syndromes

Type of Pollinator							
Bat	Bee	Beetle	Bird	Butterfly	Fly	Moth	Wind
White, green or purple	Bright white, yellow, blue, or UV	White or green	Scarlet, orange, red or white	Bright red and purple	Pale,or dark brown, purple	Pale red, purple, pink or white	Pale green, brown, or colorless
None	Present	None	None	Present	None	None	None
Strong and musty; emitted at night	Fresh, mild, pleasant	None to strongly fruity or foul	None	Faint but fresh	Putrid	Strong sweet; emitted at night	None
Abundant; somewhat hidden	Usually present	Sometimes present	Ample; deeply hidden	Ample; deeply hidden	Usually absent	Ample; deeply hidden	None
Ample	Limited; often sticky, scented	Ample	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Abundant; small, smooth
Bowl shaped; closed during day	Shallow; with landing platform; tubular	Large and bowl- shaped	Large, funnel -like; strong perch support	Narrow tube with spur; wide landing pad	Shallow; funnel- like or complex with trap	Regular; tubular without a lip	Regular and small
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Nativars and Hybrids

Avoid double blooms and flower color changes

Nativars may be cloned from a single plant

- Lower genetic diversity lowers potential resilience to climate change
- Examples
 - Desert Museum paloverde– clone of a hybrid
 - Desert willow seedless, deep ruby coloration



From the Xerces Society....

Blogpost: Picking Plants for Pollinators, the Cultivar Conundrum by Justin Wheeler

"So how are you to know if a cultivar is "good" or "bad"? Unfortunately, it's hard to tell and there isn't a ton of research out there. You'd have to do your due diligence and try to figure out what the plant was bred for. If it has double blooms it's an absolute no-no as they prohibit pollinators from accessing the pollen or nectar, and are almost always sterile. If they've been cultivated to change the flower color, they are almost certainly going to be less attractive than the straight species. If however their cultivated trait is just a larger flower or shorter habit, they may be ok.

The bottom line is that, when you can get your hands on the straight species, you're always going to have the best possible plant for pollinators."

Non-Natives in Natural Areas May Be Providing Critical Resources

- Consider phased approach for treatment/removal
 - Example Marrubium vulgare at Ash Spring
- Tolerate it?
 - Example Caesalpinia gillesii in Patagonia

Yellow bird of paradise (Caesalpinia gillesii)

https://www.fireflyforest.com/flowers/2774/caesalpinia-gilliesii-bird-of-paradise-shrub/



- HONEYBEES ARE NOT NATIVE BEES!
- Native bees are generally solitary, don't sting, and nest in holes in the ground or in tunnels

Native Bees

Are more the MOST excellent pollinators

- Hairs that pollen sticks to
- Enthusiastic feeding style
- Extensive daily foraging
- ❖ Buzz pollination

BUT REMEMBER – they have to meet all of their life needs within a small area – your project is probably a great scale!

FORAGE/FLOWERS * NESTING SITES



Excellent Resources Available at www.xerces.org

INVERTEBRATE CONSERVATION FACT SHEET

Tunnel Nests for Native Bees

Nest Construction and Management

There are many simple and successful ways to make artificial nests for native bees.

However, keeping the nests clean is important to limit disease build-up and maintain healthy bee populations.



Photograph by Eric Mader

native to North America nest in small tunnels such as hollow plant stems, abandoned borer-beetle holes in snags, and similar locations. This includes some of our best known native bees, the blue orchard bees and leafcutters. The absence of these features in intensively farmed landscapes can limit nesting opportunities for these important crop pollinators.

About 30 percent of the four thousand species of bees

Artificial nests consisting of wood blocks drilled with a large number of dead-end tunnels have been promoted as a way to attract bees and boost their local populations. This can be an effective way to enhance bee populations but these nests do need some tending to maintain the benefits. This fact sheet provides an overview of tunnel-nesting bee biology, and guidance on how to make and manage nests.

TUNNEL-NESTING BEE BIOLOGY

tunnel-nesting bees, lead solitary lives. While they may have gregarious tendencies, preferring to nest near other members of their species, each female individually constructs her own nest and provisions it with

To make a nest, a female bee builds partitions to divide the tunnel into a linear row of brood cells. Depending on the species, the partitioning walls may be constructed of mud, plant resins, leaf pieces, flower petals, and even cellophane-like glandular se-

mixture of pollen and nectar, onto which she lays a

INVERTEBRATE CONSERVATION FACT SHEET

Nests for Native Bees

Pollinators are a vital part of a healthy environment.

Native bees are North America's most important group pollinators.

Nest sites are simple to make, and can be added to any area of greenspace, large or small.

Written by Matthew Shepherd

The Xerces Society

for Invertebrate Conservation

www.xerces.org



A selection of home-made bee nests; (clockwise from left) wooden block, bamboo bundle, and bumble bee box.

Pollinators are a diverse and fascinating group of animals. In addition to their beauty, pollinators provide an important link in our environment by moving pollen between flowers and ensuring the growth of seeds and fruits. The work of pollinators touches our lives every day through the food we eat. Even our seasons are marked by their work: the bloom of springtime meadows, summer berry picking, pumpkins in the fall.

There are 4,000 species of native bees in North America. Together they form the most important group of pollinators. Like all wildlife they are affected by changes in our landscapes, especially the loss of nesting sites. Bees make nests in which they create and provision brood cells for their offspring. In many modern landscapes, a desire for neatness has usually resulted in the removal of bare ground, dead trees, and untidy corners of rough grass—all important nesting sites for bees.

This fact sheet gives information on how to provide nest sites for native bees, including nest blocks and bare ground for solitary-nesting bees, and nesting boxes for bumble bees.

For more information, visit our web site, www.xerces.org, where you will find other fact sheets and more detailed guidelines on how to enhance habitat for pollinators. You'll also find information about Attracting Native Pollinators. Protecting North America's Bees and Butterflies.

The vast majority of native bee species, including food for her offspring.

The female provisions each brood cell with a



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Ground Nesters



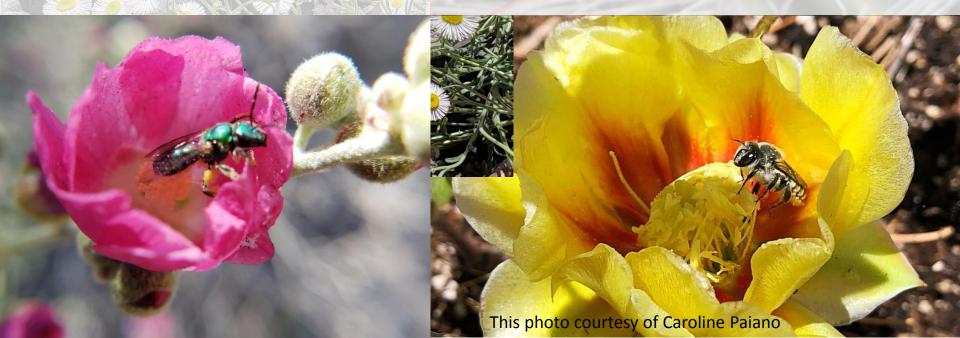
- Majority of native bees, including bumblebees
- Need bare soil not covered with gravel or lawn

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- Purple, blue, yellow, white non-tubular flowers
 - Cactus, mallows, asters, milkweeds, verbena









Asclepias of California of Games Authors: Nabhan, Buckley, and Fishbein Families: 1

Genera: 1 Species: 16

Total Taxa (details): 19

















Asclepias albicans [APOCYNACEAE]

Asclepias asperula

Asclepias asperula subsp. asperula

Asclepias californica

Asclepias californica subsp. californica

Asclepias californica subsp. greenei

Asclepias cordifolia

Asclepias cryptoceras subsp. cryptoceras



subsp. davisii



Asclepias cryptoceras Asclepias curassavica



Asclepias eriocarpa



Asclepias erosa



Asclepias fascicularis



Asclepias fruticosa



Asclepias linaria







Asclepias speciosa



Asclepias subulata



Asclepias vestita



not yet available





- 16 species in CA
- Wide elevation range and habitat types
- Several widely available, and supply is increasing



white-stem milkweed (Asclepias albicans)

- <2,500 ft
- North-facing rock outcrops, granitic ranges
- Upright form, sculptural
- Low water use, great in xeriscape; FULL SUN
- Harder to find





Antelope horns / Spider Milkweed (Asclepias asperula)

- 3,000 9,000 ft
- Sprawly, taproot, dies back in winter
 - I-gal, not treepot
- Finicky to get established, transplant shock





showy milkweed (Asclepias speciosa)

- 5,000 8,500 ft
- Meadows, open woodlands, streams, roadsides, disturbed areas



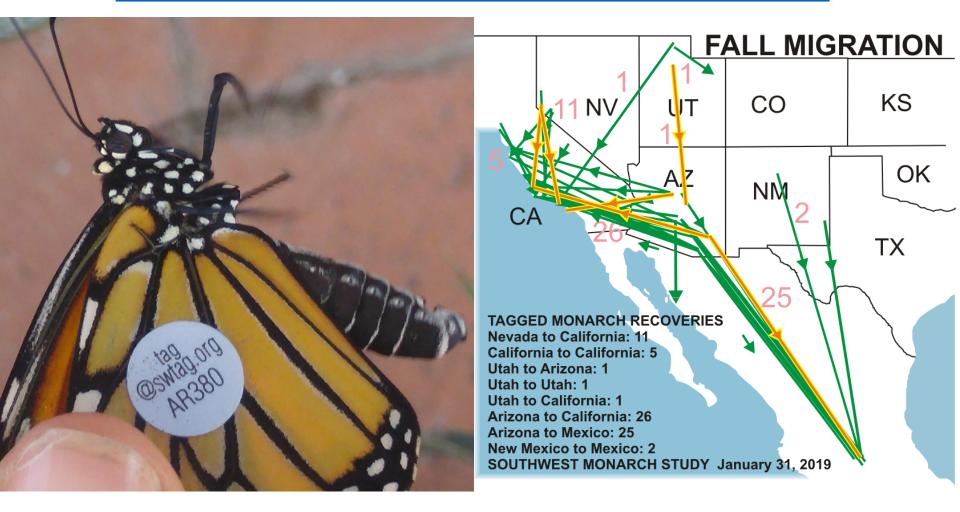
Milkweeds benefit a wide variety of species

- Other butterflies and moths
- 104 species of bees
- Flies, beetles, wasps and other beneficial species that eat aphids, mealy bugs, mites, white flies...
- AND PREDATORS OF ALL OF THE ABOVE



Southwest Monarch Study

HTTPS://WWW.SWMONARCHS.ORG/



- 10 years of citizen science data
- Importance of riparian areas as migration corridors



Monarch Butterflies Need Nectar!

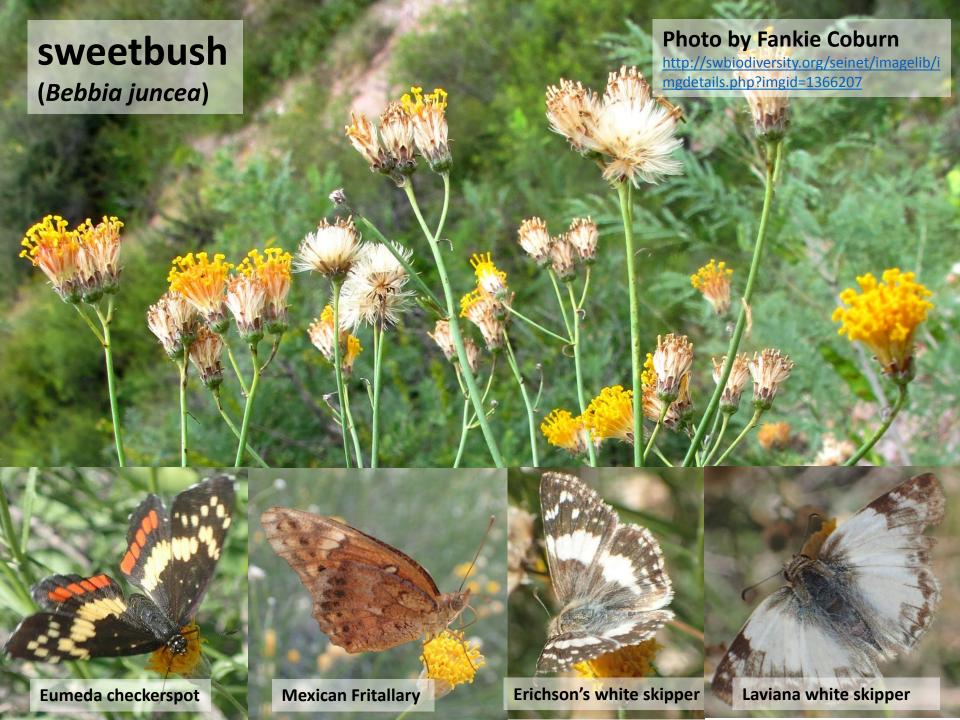
Milkweed Not the Limiting Factor?



- Cornell study analyzed 22 years of citizen science data and monarch phenology to determine at when declines are happening
- Key finding: monarch populations decline with the fall migration
- Restoration implication
 - Late season nectar sources
 - Other habitat resources water, roosting trees, etc.

Inamine, H., Ellner, S. P., Springer, J. P. and Agrawal, A. A. (2016), Linking the continental migratory cycle of the monarch butterfly to understand its population decline. Oikos, 125: 1081-1091. doi: 10.1111/oik.03196





Under-appreciated Over-achievers: **Thistles**



Native Thistles

A Conservation Practitioner's Guide

Plant Ecology, Seed Production Methods, and Habitat Restoration Opportunities



- Lovely, but maligned
- Large flower heads encourage lots of visitation
- High flower and patch density
- 200 pollinator species have been documented visiting native thistles in North America
- Seeds eaten by finches and sparrows, nectar with high sugar content for hummingbirds
- PLANT SEEDS IN THE FALL

- Cirsium neomexicanum
- C. undulatum
- C. arizonicum









Steps to Create Your Own Site-Specific Pollinator Plant Palette

- I. Inventory
- 2. Map Floral Resources
- 3. Identify Species to Add to Palette
- 4. Install Plant Materials
- 5. Monitor, Refine, Adapt!



http://swbiodiversity.org

friend!

#I:Inventory

- What is already growing onsite?
 - Casual list or detailed inventory
 - Consider spring and fall flora
 - Are there invasive species that should be addressed?
- Put your list into an Excel spreadsheet



#2: Map the Floral Resources

- Add columns in your spreadsheet for:
 - Family
 - Latin Name
 - Common Name
 - Elevation Range
 - Growth Form
 - Each Month of the Year
 - Other

Master	Plant and I	Bloom List														
Family	Latin name	Common name	Growth	Elevation range	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Acanthaceae	Anisacanthus thurberi	desert honeysuckle	shrub	2000-5000 ft												
Acanthaceae	Dicliptera resupinata	Arizona foldwing	shrub	3000-6000 ft												
Acanthaceae	Justicia californica	chuparosa	shrub	<2500 ft												
Acanthaceae	Justicia candicans	jacobina	shrub	<2500 ft												
Adoxaceae	Sambucus cerulea	Mexican elderberry	tree	2500-5000 ft												
Amaranthaceae	Atriplex canescens	four-wing saltbush	shrub	300-6500 ft												
Amaranthaceae	Salsola tragus	Russian thistle	annual	0-8000 ft												
Apiaceae	Conium maculatum	poison hemlock	annual	5000-7500 ft												

Use SEINet (http://swbiodiversity.org/seinet/index.php) to fill in information



Dicliptera resupinata (Vahl) Juss. →
Go To Encyclopedia of Life...

Family: Acanthaceae

alfalfilla, more...

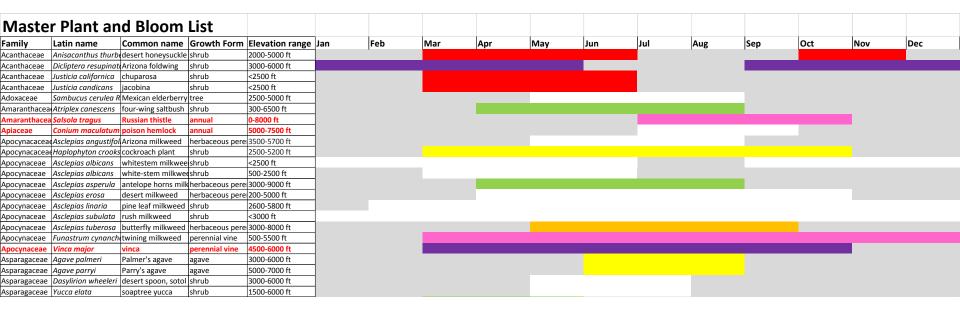
[Diapedium resupinatum (Vahl) Kuntze, more]



Anthony Mendoza

> Wiggins 1964, Daniel 1984, Kearney and Peebles 1969, Felger et al 2014

Duration: Perennial **Nativity**: Native **Lifeform**: Forb/Herb **General**: Herbaceous perennial, ascending to erect and often bushy, to 80 cm tall; stems branching, glabrous or sparingly puberulous around nodes, hairs curved. Leaves: Opposite and petiolate; petioles to 2 cm long; blades lanceolate to lanceoblong or ovate, to 8 cm long with a blunt tip, narrowed at base, glabrous or nearly so, inconspicuously ciliolate at margins. Flowers: Umbels in leaf axils; peduncles short or elongate, branching into 3-5 pedicels, each topped with a single purple flower; involucral bracts cordate to round-obovate, to 7 mm long and 8 mm wide, very flat, veiny, glabrous or nearly so; corolla bilabiate, purple with darker purple dots, about 1.5 cm long, lips obovate. Fruits: Capsules about 5 mm long, slabrous, flat, obovoid, with 4 ceas. **Ecology:** Found on dry wooded slopes or flats from 3,000-6,000 ft (9)4-1829 m); flowers September-May. Distribution: sw US through w and wc Mexico to the state of Guerrero. Notes: becommon in the US; range extends into Mexico. Distinct due to showy, purple, 2-lipped flowers in the leaf axils, each flower subtended by a pair of heart-shaped bracts. With age the plants are usually leafless and the bracts cling to the plant, becoming papery, white and conspicuous. Ethnobotany: Unknown, but other species in the genus have uses. **Etymology**: Dicliptera is from Greek referring to two folded wings, while resupinata means upside down due to twisting of the pedicel. Synonyms: Diapedium resupinatum, Diapedium torreyi, Dicliptera pseudoverticillaris, Dicliptera torreyi, Justicia resupinata Editor: SBuckley 2010, FSCoburn 2015, AHazelton 2015



You can sort by family, flower color, phenology, or elevation - according to your project goals

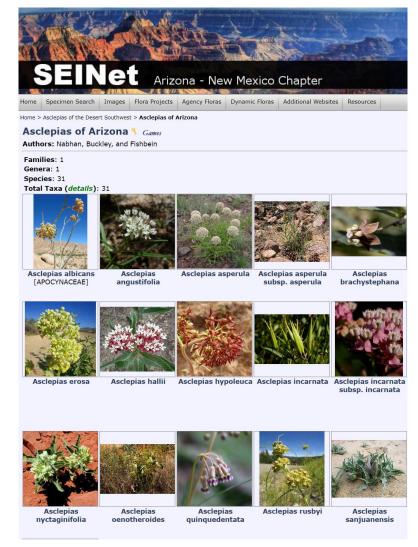
#3: Identify New Species to Add to Your Palette

SEINet Again

Agency Lists http://swbiodiversity.org/seinet/projects/ index.php?pid=5

Dynamic Flora Checklist http://swbiodiversity.org/seinet/checklists/dynamicmap.php?interface=checklist

Map Search (allows custom polygons) http://swbiodiversity.org/seinet/checklists/dynamicmap.php?interface=checklist



Which Species to Consider?



Look for species that:

- Will help to provide year-round, overlapping blooms
- Support species that you are interested in helping to conserve
- Lower elevation / broad elevation species that are likely to be successful now AND IN THE FUTURE

Add Species that Expand Resources & Fill Gaps

		tElevation Rang	Bloom Time and Flower Color													
Species	General Habitat		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
Acaciella angustissima	gravel soil/slopes	3000-6500 ft														
Aloysia wrightii	gravel slopes in ca	1500-6000 ft														
Anemposis californica	streams/meadow	1000-6000 ft														
Asclepias linaria	dry rocky slopes/	1000-6000 ft														
Bothriochloa barbinodis	open rangeland,	1000-6000 ft														
Brickellia floribunda	canyon bottom/s	3000-5500 ft														
Cephalanthus occidentalis	streams/rocky ca	1500-4500 ft														
Clematis drummondii	streams/slopes	<4500 ft														
Gossypium thurberi	rocky hillsides/arı	2500-8000 ft														
Marah gilenis	canyons/streams	<5000 ft														
Vitis arizonica	canyons/streams	2000-7500 ft					\									
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Bouvardia ternifolia	rocky slopes/cany	2500ft-8000ft			``.		'									
Epilobium canum	dry slope/wet stre	4000-7000 ft														
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Dicliptera resupinata	dry wooded slope	3000-6000 ft					1			,	/					
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Penstemon parryi	hillsides/slopes/ca	1500-5000 ft						·								
Penstemon pseudospectab	wash/canyon/jun	2000-7000 ft														
Funastrum cynanchoides	canyon/washes/c	500-5500 ft														
Cucurbita digitata	sandy soil/washes	<5000 ft														
Mimulus guttatus	wet areas	1000-9500 ft														
Psilostrophe cooperi	wash/slopes/rock	2000-5000 ft														
Tecoma stans	canyons/grasslan	3000-5000 ft														
Fraxinus velutina	riparian	3000-7000 ft														
Juglans major	streams/canyons	3500-7000 ft														
Glandularia gooddingii	dry slopes	<5000 ft														
Hyptis emoryi	desert wash/hil	500-4000 ft						()				
Lycium andersonii	washes/foothills/	<5500 ft														
Lotus rigidus	desert flats/wash	<5100 ft	~							1						
Sphaeralcea ambigua	dry/rocky slopes/	<3500 ft														

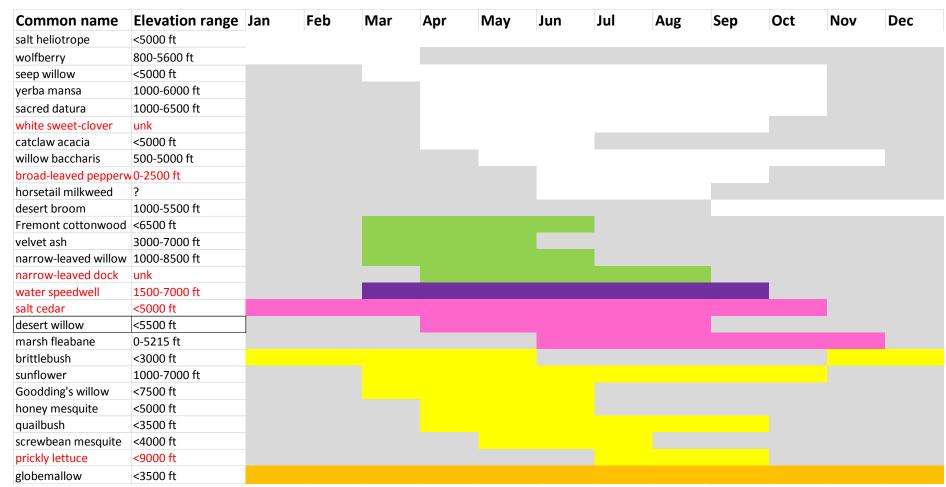


#5: Monitor, Refine, Adapt

- Update with your phenology observations
 - Improve accuracy regarding bloom periods and flower color
 - What is actually happening at your site versus what is in the literature
- The spreadsheet can be used as a monitoring tool
 - Plant replacements and additions
 - Survival
 - Pollinator species observed on plants



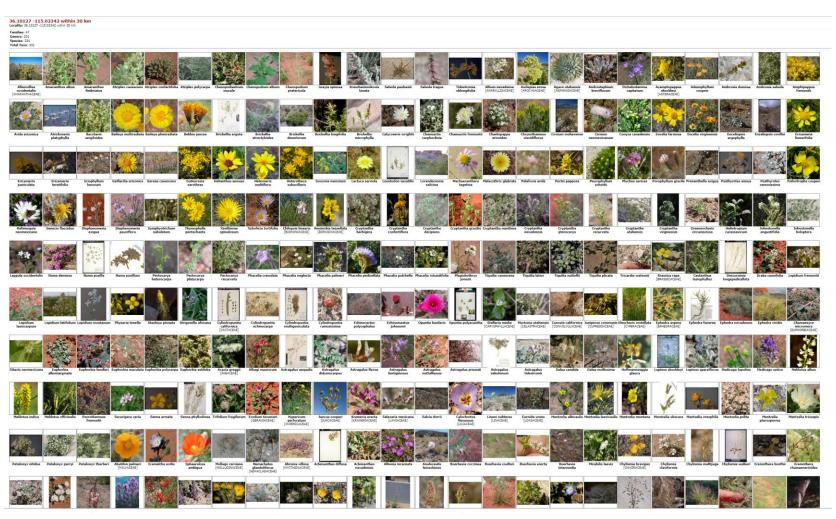
Clark County Wetlands Plant List – Existing Species



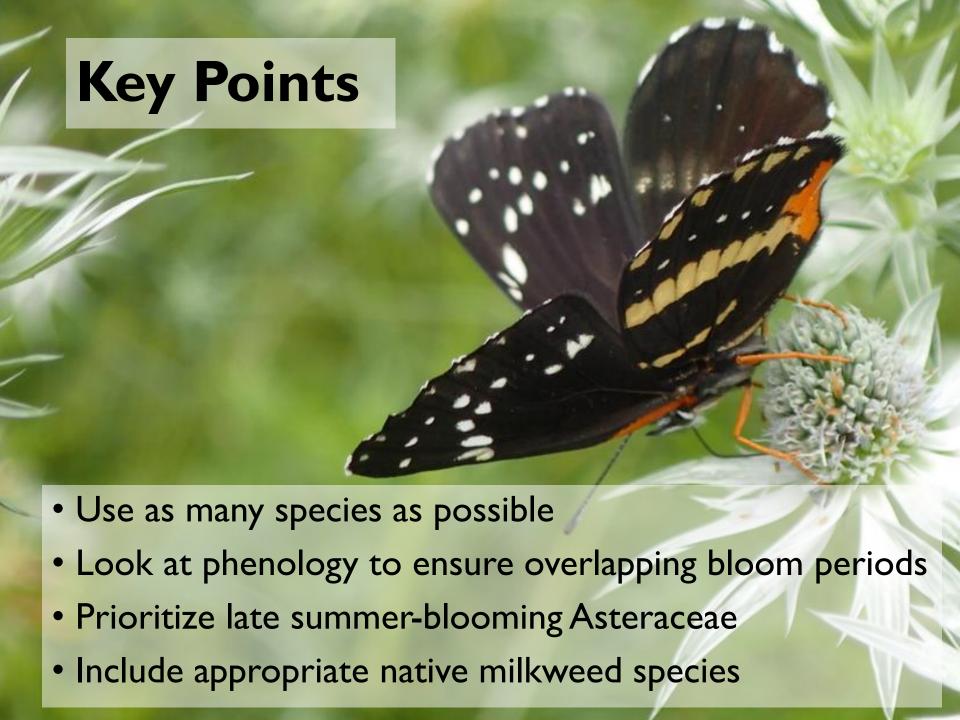
(Includes invasives)

Conducted SEINet Search

Dynamic map search within 30 km; 331 species



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Latin name	Common name	Elevation range	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
·	salt heliotrope	<5000 ft												
	wolfberry	800-5600 ft			_									
-	seen willow	<5000 ft												
Asclepias erosa	desert milkweed	200-5000 ft												
Anemopsis californica	yerba mansa	1000-6000 ft												
Datura wrightii	sacred datura	1000-6500 ft												
Melilotus alba	white sweet-clover	unk												
Acacia greggii	catclaw acacia	<5000 ft												
	willow baccharis	500-5000 ft												
Lepidium latifolium	broad-leaved pepperwee	e 0-2500 ft												
Asclepias verticillata	horsetail milkweed	?												
Baccharis sarothroides	desert broom	1000-5500 ft												
Populus fremontii	Fremont cottonwood	<6500 ft												
	velvet ash	3000-7000 ft												
Salix exigua	narrow-leaved willow	1000-8500 ft												
Rumex stenophyllus	narrow-leaved dock	unk												
Veronica anagallis-aquatica	water speedwell	1500-7000 ft									· — .	-		
Cirsium undulatum	wavy leaf thistle	300-9000 ft												
Tamarix ramossisima	salt cedar	<5000 ft							• =					
Chilopsis linearis	desert willow	<5500 ft												
Pluchea odorata	marsh fleabane	0-5215 ft												
Encelia farinosa	brittlebush	<3000 ft												
Helianthus annuus	sunflower	1000-7000 ft												
Salix gooddinggi	Goodding's willow	<7500 ft										· — .		
Baileya multiradiata	desert marigold	1000-3000 ft			•									
Prosopis glandulosa	honey mesquite	<5000 ft						. — .						
Atriplex lentiformis	quailbush	<3500 ft												
Prosopis pubescens	screwbean mesquite	<4000 ft									_ , _			
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	yellow rabbitbrush	2600-11000 ft						4				•		
Lactuca serriola	prickly lettuce	<9000 ft							' -					
Sphaeralcea ambigua	globemallow	<3500 ft												
Bebbia juncea	sweetbush	<4000 ft												
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