

Riparian Plants for Pollinators

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The following plants are appropriate for enhancing pollinator habitat in riparian areas – they are native plants, and they tolerate shade and/or wet winter soils. When planting in natural areas like riparian zones, it is highly desirable to use plants of local origin (propagules collected as close as possible to the planting area) to avoid negative genetic effects on nearby native plants. Not all plants on this list are appropriate for all areas, consult with a local biologist for the best site-specific list. Plants with asterisks are suspected Peirce’s Disease hosts and should probably be avoided near vineyards.

Species	Common Name	Flower color
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	yarrow	white
<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	serviceberry	white
<i>Aristolochia californica</i>	Dutchman's pipevine	white
<i>Artemisia douglasiana</i> *	mugwort	white
<i>Carex</i> spp.	sedges	n/a
<i>Clematis ligusticifolia</i>	virgin's bower	white
<i>Cornus</i> spp.	dogwood	white
<i>Crataegus douglasii</i>	black hawthorn	white, pink
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	toyon	white
<i>Heuchera</i> spp.	coral bells	white, pink, red
<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	creambush	white
<i>Juncus</i> spp.	rushes	n/a
<i>Lonicera hispidula</i>	honeysuckle	pink
<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	twinberry	Yellow
<i>Mimulus cardinalis</i>	scarlet monkeyflower	Scarlet
<i>Phacelia bolanderi</i>	woodland phacelia	Lavender
<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	western ninebark	White
<i>Rhamnus californica</i>	coyote bush	White
<i>Ribes</i> spp.	flowering currants	Various
<i>Rosa californica</i>	CA rose	Pink
<i>Rubus ursinus</i> *	CA blackberry	White
<i>Sambucus mexicana</i> *	elderberry	White
<i>Scrophularia californica</i>	bee plant	white to pink
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	snowberry	White
<i>Tellima grandiflora</i>	fringe cups	Red