

**Full sun: perennials  
for DEER areas**

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Plant Name	Height & Spread	Evergreen or Deciduous	Description	Photo
<p><b>Creeping Phlox</b> <i>Phlox subulate</i></p> 	<p>2-3 inches tall 3-4 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen <i>Hardy to minus 20 degrees</i></p>	<p>Showy spring flowers, usually around March and/or April <i>Flowers purple, pink, or pink-red</i></p> <p><b>Deer rating: 10/10</b></p>	
<p><b>Spreading Germander</b> <i>Teucrium majoricum</i></p> 	<p>3-4 inches tall 3-4 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen <i>Hardy to 15 degrees</i></p>	<p>Long-blooming, early summer until a frost <i>Purple-pink blooms</i></p> <p><b>Deer rating: 8/10</b></p>	
<p><b>Tickseed</b> <i>Coreopsis</i></p> 	<p>12-18 inches tall 12-18 inches wide</p>	<p>Deciduous <i>Hardy to minus 10 degrees</i></p>	<p>Wispy green foliage melts away for winter, returns in spring. Cheery yellow flowers all summer. <i>Size, shade, &amp; features of flowers vary by type.</i></p> <p><b>Deer rating: 9/10</b></p>	

<p><b>Wallflower</b> <i>Erysimum</i></p> 	<p>1-2 foot tall 1-3 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 0 degrees</p>	<p>Long-blooming, early summer until a frost <i>Flowers orange or purple</i></p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	
<p><b>Wandflower (Gaura)</b> <i>Gaura lindheimeri</i></p> 	<p>1-3 foot tall 1-2 feet wide</p>	<p>Deciduous (melts to ground for winter)</p> <p>Hardy to minus 15 degrees</p>	<p>Long-blooming, flowers above foliage starting in early summer <i>Flowers pink, pink with white, or white</i></p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	
<p><b>Coneflower</b> <i>Echinacea purpurea</i></p> 	<p>2-3 feet tall 1-2 feet wide</p>	<p>Deciduous (melts to ground for winter)</p> <p>Hardy to minus 15 degrees</p>	<p>Long-blooming, starting in early summer <i>Flowers purple, white, pink, red, or a mix ('Cheyenne Spirit' variety blooms multiple colors)</i></p> <p>Deer rating: 8/10</p>	

<p><b>Autumn Sage</b> <i>Salvia greggii</i></p> 	<p>2-3 feet tall 2-3 feet wide</p>	<p>Semi-evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 15 degrees</p>	<p>Long-blooming, early summer until a frost <i>Flowers pink, red, white, purple, or yellow</i></p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	
<p><b>Blanket Flower</b> <i>Gaillardia</i></p> 	<p>1-3 feet tall 1-3 feet wide</p>	<p>Deciduous (melts to ground for winter)</p> <p>Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p>	<p>Long-blooming, early summer through fall <i>Flowers orange and yellow</i></p> <p>Deer rating: 8/10</p>	
<p><b>Lavender</b> <i>Lavandula</i></p> 	<p>2-3 feet tall 2-3 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to minus 15 degrees</p>	<p>Long-blooming, early summer until a frost <i>Flowers purple</i> *Spanish Lavender blooms in spring and has a ball-shaped flower</p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	

<p><b>Gopher Spurge</b> <i>Euphorbia</i></p> 	<p>2-4 feet tall 2-4 feet wide</p> <p>*some varieties have <b>red-purple foliage</b> like Euphorbia 'Miners Merlot' and 'Blackbird'</p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to minus 10 degrees</p>	<p>Colorful foliage, yellow spring flowers. Irritable milky substance within plant repels gophers and deer.</p> <p><b>Deer rating: 10/10</b></p>	
<p><b>Black Eyed Susan</b> <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i></p> 	<p>2-4 feet tall 1-3 feet wide (and spreads by seed)</p>	<p>Deciduous (melts to ground for winter)</p> <p>Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p>	<p>Long-blooming, early summer until a frost</p> <p><i>Flowers yellow with brown center or with shades of orange</i></p> <p><b>Deer rating: 8/10</b></p>	



→ this symbol indicates plants that can survive drought once established. It takes 1-2 years of regular watering for a plant to be fully established. In general, plants will look better with regular water, but drought-tolerant plants can survive times when water is not available.

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# California Native Options ↓

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<p><b>Woolly Sunflower</b> <i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i> 'Siskiyou'</p> 	<p>10-12 inches tall 2-3 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen <b>Hardy to minus 15 degrees</b></p>	<p>Lush, grey-green woolly foliage forms low mat. Cheery golden-yellow daisy flowers beginning in spring. Long-blooming. Drought-tolerant once established.</p> <p><b>Deer rating: 9/10</b></p>	
<p><b>Coyote Mint</b> <i>Monardella odorissima</i></p> 	<p>12-18 inches tall 2-3 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen <b>Hardy to 0 degrees</b></p>	<p>Member of mint family. Mounding plant with grey-green aromatic leaves. Tight heads of white to purple flowers in summer. Drought-tolerant once established.</p> <p><b>Deer rating: 9/10</b></p>	
<p><b>Douglas Iris</b> <i>Iris douglasiana</i></p> <p><b>Handles summer drought after a wet winter</b></p>	<p>18-24 inches tall 2-4 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen <b>Hardy to 5 degrees</b></p>	<p>Clumps of sword-shaped, arching green blades. Flowers in spring. Usually flowers blue-purple but can range from pale cream to yellow to reddish-purple. Low water needs once established.</p> <p><b>Deer rating: 10/10</b></p>	 <p>© Robert Perry</p>

<p><b>California Aster</b> <i>Aster chilensis</i> 'Purple Haze'</p> 	<p>2-3 feet tall 2-3 feet wide</p> <p><i>Spreads vigorously by rhizomes in wet areas</i></p>	<p>Deciduous</p> <p>Hardy to 10 degrees</p>	<p>Attractive foliage consists of narrowly oval green leaves. Lavender-purple daisy flowers in summer. Long-blooming. Drought-tolerant once established.</p> <p><b>Deer rating: 10/10</b></p>	
<p><b>Pozo Blue Sage</b> <i>Salvia x 'Poza Blue'</i></p> 	<p>3-4 feet tall 3-4 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 15 degrees</p>	<p>Grey-green fragrant foliage. Tall, showy spikes of violet-blue flowers in summer. Loved by hummingbirds. Drought-tolerant once established.</p> <p><b>Deer rating: 9/10</b></p>	