

## *Digging Deep with Cynthia Brian for April*

# Nature's Natives

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### A Sampling of Favorite California Natives

Trees, Grasses	Shrubs, Plants, Flowers	Native Perennials to the United States
Oak	Manzanita	Milkweed
Western Red Bud	Ceanothus (California Lilac)	Echinacea
Redwood	Sage	Black-eyed Susan
Sequoia	Currant	Butterfly Weed
Pine	Fern	Aster
Cypress	Lupine	Creeping Phlox
Cedar	Columbine	Bee Balm
Fir	California poppy	Bluebells
Yew	Heuchera	Lobelia
Willow	Dicentra	Hydrangea
Alder	Brodiaeas	Acanthus
Aspen	Blue Dicks	Gaillardia
Sycamore	Morning glory	Trillium
Blue-eyed grass	Clarkia	Coreopsis
Sedges	Wild rose	Bluestem Grass
Rushes	Wild grape	Honeysuckle
Fescue	Clematis	Switchgrass
Reed grass	Wood Strawberry	Blazing Star
Wild Rye	Matilija Fried Egg Plant	Dogwood
		Iris
		Gaura
		Trumpet vine
		Elderberry



**A majestic California oak.**



**A field of blue lupines multiplies after a rain-filled winter.**

These are just a few of the thousands of natives you can discover at your nursery. A large variety of succulents and cacti are also available. It is important to remember that every plant is native to someplace. When choosing a species, you want to make sure it will grow well in your microclimate.

Because natives have adapted to our land, they won't struggle for survival. They are strong players requiring less work, water and food as they work in harmony with our ecosystem. Natives are an advantageous addition to any garden as they support bees, butterflies and birds, bringing beneficial insects and pollinators to our landscapes.