

CALIFORNIA SAGEBRUSH

Artemisia californica



Fragrant, pale gray-green bush with delicate spikes of tiny springtime flowers. Endemic to California and Baja California; often the dominant species in coastal scrub areas. This shrub grows from sea level to 3300' elevation. The leaves can dry up, some respond to rain or fog, completely desiccated leaves fall off. Deer resistant.

The scent has been called cowboy cologne. Native Americans had many medicinal uses for this plant including making a poultice for toothaches or wounds and to use for ant bites or poison oak.



BIODIVERSITY VALUE

HIGH: 117

BUTTERFLIES/MOTHS

Painted Lady, American Lady

BIRDS

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Finches, Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Oak Titmice, White-crowned and Golden-crowned Sparrows, American Crows and California Scrub Jays, American Robin, Northern Mockingbird, California Thrasher, Cedar Waxwings and Bewick's Wrens.



PAINTED
LADY



BLUE-GRAY
GNATCATCHER



HOUSE
FINCH



TYPE Shrub



SIZE 1'-8' tall / 4' wide



SUN Full sun, extremely drought tolerant. Dry slopes and flat areas. Can provide bank stabilization.



WATER Very low.



SOIL Dry, clay and sandy soil

Learn more at: cnps-yerbabuena.org

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