

California native plants growing along Cerrito Creek, Talbot to Kains El Cerrito, CA (Contra Costa County)

This reach of urban creek, culverted to the east and west, was re-contoured and re-planted in 2003-4 with a Coastal Conservancy grant to the City of El Cerrito.

Friends of Five Creeks assisted and have done supplementary planting since.

This list may be useful in showing what can survive along an incised urban creek with poor soil, flashy flows, and no irrigation. These plants are tough!

Trees

<i>Acer negundo</i>	box elder
<i>Aesculus californica</i>	buckeye
<i>Alnus rhombifolia</i>	white alder
<i>Alnus rubra</i>	red alder
<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	Western redbud
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	red-osier dogwood
<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	coast live oak
<i>Salix spp.</i>	willow
<i>Sambucus mexicana</i>	blue elderberry
<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>	coast redwood

Shrubs

<i>Acemisson glaber</i>	California broom
<i>Arctostaphylos densiflora</i>	McMinn manzanita
<i>Artemisia californica</i>	California sage
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	coyote brush
<i>Calycanthus occidentalis</i>	spice bush
<i>Ceanothus "Dark Star"</i>	California lilac
<i>Ceanothus griseus horizon</i>	Carmel creeper ceanothus
<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i>	California buckwheat
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	toyon, California holly
<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	oceanspray
<i>Mimulus aurantiacus</i>	sticky monkeyflower
<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	ninebark
<i>Rhamnus californica</i>	coffeeberry
<i>Ribes malvaceum</i>	chaparral currant
<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	pink winter currant
<i>Rosa californica</i>	California rose
<i>Rubus ursinus</i>	native blackberry
<i>Salvia mellifera</i>	black sage
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	snowberry

Vines

<i>Aristolochia californica</i>	Dutchman's pipe
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<i>Calystegia purpurata</i>	morning glory
<i>Clematis ligusticifolia</i>	creek clematis
<i>Lonicera hispidula</i>	wild honeysuckle
<i>Vitis californica</i>	California grape

Groundcovers, low growers

<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	yarrow
<i>Artemisia douglasiana</i>	mugwort
<i>Chlorogalum pomeridianum</i>	soap root
<i>Epilobium brachycarpum</i>	annual fireweed
<i>Epilobium californicum</i>	California fuchsia
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	horse tail
<i>Eriogonum nudum</i>	naked buckwheat
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	California poppy
<i>Grindelia camporum</i>	field gum plant
<i>Heuchera micrantha</i>	coral bells
<i>Iris douglasiana</i>	Douglas iris, Pacific Coast Hybrid Iris
<i>Mimulus guttatus</i>	yellow creek monkeyflower
<i>Scrophularia californica</i>	bee plant
<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>	blue-eyed grass

Grasses, rushes, sedges

<i>Bromus carinatus</i>	California brome
<i>Carex barbarae</i>	Santa Barbara sedge
<i>Elymus glaucus</i>	blue wild rye, squirrel tail
<i>Juncus patens</i>	gray rush
<i>Juncus xiphioides</i>	iris-leaved rush
<i>Stipa pulchra</i>	purple needle grass
<i>Typha latifolia</i>	cattail