AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO THE 116 MOST

COMMON PLANTS

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Introduction

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for a man to differentiate between one plant and another, and to stand up against the tyranny of unidentified plants, use this botanical guide.

This guide is broken into seven different sections: gymnosperms(trees with needle-like leaves), native and introduced angiosperms(trees with broad leaves), shrubberies, ferns & fern allies, herbs & flowers, and epiphytes & life sucking parasites.

All of the pictures were taken at Wente of plants rooted in Wente soil. If you can't find one of the plants keep looking. I tried to describe the locations you might find each, but some plants move over the years. Additionally there are a few plants of Wente that did not make it into the guide. Possible reasons for this could be their scarcity, my not knowing what it is, or it was introduced after this was written.

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Fringed Waterplantain

(Damasonium californicum) This plant mostly grows near and in the shallows of the lake, as well as other wet areas in camp. It does best where the tules



around it have been removed. The plant has two main sections, an upper stick like section with round, white flowers on the end of each stick, shown in the left picture, and a lower section with ovular, medium sized leaves that look like they are growing out of the ground.



Hayfield Tarweed (Hemizonia luzulafola) This flower is very common in all grassy, open areas. Its stems and leaves are sticky when touched, which is where it got the name tarweed. Grows up to 2'



Miner's Lettuce (Claytonia perfoliata) This plant grows in rocky, moist areas with good drainage. Its leaves and stems are edible. It has very small white flowers growing out of each cupped leaf.





^Queen Anne's Lace (Daucus carota) < Western Yarrow (Achillea lanulosa) These two plants look very similar. They are both tall thin plants with bunches of many small white

flowers that combined look like one large one. The difference can be seen in the leaves. Queen Anne's Lace leaves look a bit like parsley and are a skin irritant. Yarrow leaves look feathery, like little ferns, and smell spicy. QAL is closely related to the carrot and has an edible, carrot-like root itself. Yarrow is said to treat many ailments in tea form as well as treat wounds as a bandage and a bleeding suppressant. They can be found in moist areas like around the springs near shotgun and the trail out to Pomo Pools.



Soap Plant (Chlorogalum pomeridianum) This relative of the onion has a variety of uses such as cleaning up, fishing, dandruff shampoo, glue, and a poison oak cure. The flowers are fairly distinct but you probably will not see them because they are fairly small and each flower only blooms for one day. What you will notice is their unusual leaves growing from the base of the plant. The leaf grows up to a foot long, is a greygreen color, and has very distinct wavy edges. The plant can grow over 8 ft tall, but ours often fall from their own weight at such heights and continue their growth horizontally. Found on and around the dam. Wild Strawberry (Fragaria virginiana)

This is a common creeping plant that can show up just about anywhere in camp. It is usually a very unnoticeable plant. It is small and low to the ground. The leaves are unique at camp though, with their sharp teeth. When it gets enough water you can find white flowers or small strawberries growing off of it in the spring through mid summer.





Superb Mariposa Tulip (Calochortus superbus) This medium sized white, brownish-purple, and yellow flower grows in open dry dirt and small grassy area like near Sunrise Ridge camp site. They grow 8-24 inches tall.

Pussy Ears (Calochortus tolmiei) A very easy flower to identify at camp, if you can find it. The flower is covered in hairs that make it look quite furry. They grow to about 4 inches tall and are very rare at Wente. They have been spotted around the Lodge. The natives of the area used to eat the bulbs of this plant.







Two Eyed Violet (Viola ocellata) This small flower can be found in rocky, shaded areas, like beside some of the back roads in camp. The flower can be

identified by the two spots near its middle that look a bit like eyes.

Morning Glory

(Calystegia macrostegia) This medium sized flower blooms in the late summer in sunny areas of tall grass, like along the side of the dam. It is a vine, so it gets as tall as the plants around it. In the grass it gets up to two feet, but under the right conditions it can grow to 30 ft tall.





German Chamomile (Matricaria recutita)

This relative of the daisy grows in dry, sunny locations and can get up to 30 inches tall. In tea form the flower aids the healing of many health issues and is a sedative and antiinflammatory. The flower is also used to prevent infection and as a shampoo. It is a relative of ragweed and people allergic to that are often allergic to this as well.





Klamath Weed (Hypericum perforatum) Growing all along the roadside of Wente, these 5petaled, bright-yellow flowers bloom June-Sept.

Tansy Ragwort (Senecio jacobaea)

This plant with small yellow flowers is easier to identify by its complex web-like leaves. Grows up to 4 ft in a wide variety of areas and is common in camp.







Wooly Mullien (Verbascum thapsus) This large fuzzy plant grows in disturbed, rocky soil. Flowers grow from its middle in the spring and early summer bi-annually.

Turkey Mullein (Eremocarpus setigerus) in This small fuzzy plant grows near the parking lot and along the road to the Ranger's House. Mullein makes a tea good for colds, asthma, hay fever, and whooping cough. Indians smoked it with Coltsfoot for asthma and bronchitis.

Dandelion (Teraxacum officinale) This common weed can be found in many of the fields in camp. The leaves, roots, and yellow parts are edible and the sap is medicinal.





Daffodil (Narcissus sp Div 1/4) This early spring blooming flower grows all around the lake in the grassy areas. I have seen division 1 (trumpet) and 4 (double) shapes at camp.

Golden Fairy Lantern (Calochortus amabilis) Birdsfoot Trefoil Lotus (Lotus corniculatus)

This small flower grows in rocky dry areas like the edges of the parking lot. 4-12" tall.



This very small flower grows in areas where fields and reeds meet like behind the campfire stage.



Yellow Parentucellia (Parentucellia viscose) --> Very small yellow flowers grow within the tightly bunched leaves in the upper section. Grows 4-28" in areas of tall grass.



Common Meadow Buttercup (Ranunculus acris) This tiny flower grows in patches and can get up to 3 ft tall. They are common in grassy areas moist enough to keep the grass green. The flowers are shiny.





Suncups

(Camissonia ovata) This plant grows low to the ground and only flowers in the winter and spring. They can be found in the Redwood Grove.

California Poppy

(Eschscholzia californica) Found growing in cracks on rocks and in rocky soil this poppy grows up to 1 ft tall. Its orange-yellow flowers are cup-shaped and bloom from mid to late summer, one per stem.





Scarlet Pimpernel (Anagallis avensis) This tiny orange-red flower grows in moist, loose soil in sunny areas. These conditions are difficult to find in the summer so it is much more prevalent in the spring time.



Red Hot Poker

(Kniphofia alcazar) This flower is not native to Wente, but was planted by the former ranger down by the corral. It is easy to spot from a distance because it has large orange and yellow flowers at the end of a 2-4 foot stalk.

Cobweb Thistle (Cirsium occidentale) This thistle grows on dry grassy hills like out near Cliffs of Insanity Kali Ama Post. The plant is a whitish color, like it is covered in cobwebs, and has red flowers.

California Indian Pink (Silene californica) This red flower grows in wet areas, generally near the beginning of the summer. This picture shows a large sample, it was growing on a mossy boulder. It can also be found on the trail to Phraggle Rock.







Western Columbine

(Aquilegia Formosa) This is a pretty rare flower at Wente, It grows in shady areas down close to the ground. Its small size also makes it difficult to find. If you do find one it is easily identifiable by its flower's unique shape.

Rosy Firecracker Flower (Dichelostemma ida-maia var.) This unique flower can be identified by its reddish-purple tube with six green petals at its end. The flowers grow in clusters at the end of a leafless stem. It can grow up to three feet tall, and is quite a site when you find one.





Douglas Iris (Iris douglasiana) The purple flower pictured is that of the Douglas Iris. At camp they grow to about 8 inches in grassy areas. The leaves and white flower are of a garden iris. There are too many types of iris for me to determine what kind this is, but you will rarely need to

identify one in the wild anyways. These were planted near the road to the Corral, are about 2 feet tall, and look like Tules from a distance.

Creeping Sage (Salvia sonomensis)

This purple-blue flower can be found in many places around camp, but especially around the area between the lake and the parking lot. It can be identified by its sage smell.



Vinegar Weed (Trichostema lanceolatum) This native herb grows in poor, disturbed, dry soil, like behind Climbing. It has silvergreen leaves and bluish-purple flowers that



only grow on one side of the stem in late summer. It was used by native people as a cold remedy and by cowboys as a flea repellent. It is highly aromatic and grows 1-2 ft tall.





Self Heal (Prunella vulgaris)

A unique looking plant, Self Heal grows to about 8 inches tall in moist, grassy areas, like around the lake. The plant consists of alternating rings of leaf and flower. The leaves form collar shapes from which flowers spike out above. It flowers most of the summer, and when it dies it looks like an ear of corn. It has many medicinal uses, from sore throats to internal bleeding in tea form and bruises, chapped lips, and headaches when used externally.





Big Leaf Periwinkle (Vinca major) This ground-cover plant can grow up to 1.5 ft tall in wet areas like near springs or wells. You can find it by the lodge near the Corral. It is a very poisonous plant, so don't eat it.



Chinese Wisteria (Wisteria sinensis) This vine can be found growing up in a few trees next to the lodge near the Corral. When not

flowering the vines look a lot like Poison Oak, so watch out when looking for it.



Ithuriel's Spear (Triteleia laxa) This purple flower is tall and skinny. It is mostly around in the beginning of the summer growing in shaded, grassy areas.

Skunkweed (Navarretia intertexta) Skunkweed can be found very close to the ground in dry rocky areas. Its leaves are very spiky and its flowers peek out between these leaves, but the flowers are fairly rare.



Bull Thistle (Cirsium vulgare)

This spiky purple-flowered thistle grows in newly disturbed soil all around camp. It seems to like growing near wooden posts.





Farewell to Spring (Godetia amoena) This can be found in the fields near the campfire. It is mostly around in the beginning of the summer. Grows up to 2 ft.

Redmaids (Calandrinia ciliate)

These small flowers grow all around in loose soil with no other plant life already growing in the area. It grows up to about 5 in.



California Hedge Nettle (Stachys bullata) This small purple to white flower grows in shady moist areas like the trail out to Pomo Pools. It flowers later in the summer and stays low to the ground. The leaves and stem have tiny hairs on them.



Padre's Shooting Star (Dodecatheon clevelandii) This small flower grows in areas with tall grasses, making it difficult to find. What's worse is that most of the summer all there is to see are the leaves at the base. If you do find a flower, it is easy to identify with its inverted shape. The petals are purple, coming together at a black point separated by a yellow band.



Calypso Orchid (Calypso bulbosa) This flower can be found in the higher elevations in the hills south of the lake. It prefers the shade of the Douglas Fir and requires the mulch dropped by the trees above it. They grow up to eight inches with a hearty stem holding up a fairly large flower. Each plant has only one leaf, which is located at its base.





Larkspur (Delphinium sp.)

This purple flower grows in grassy areas with mild sun. Its most identifying characteristic is the horn on the back of the flower. This plant can be poisonous. There are over 1000 species of Larkspur, I went through about 100 of the most common ones and couldn't find ours, but it is definitely a Larkspur.

Blue Dick (Dichelostemma pulchellm)



These two flowers look very similar at first, but are quite different. The Lupine has flowers growing down the sides near the top and fingerlike leaves. 2-4 ft tall. The Blue Dick has flowers bunched together at the top and long, thin leaves growing from the bottom. 1-2 ft tall.

Lupine (Lupinus sp.)





Chicory (Cichorium intybus)

This blue, daisy-like flower grows in sunny, dry areas. Although we do have many areas like that, they don't like competition. They can grow in places most plants cant, like really hard packed soil. This explains why the only place you are likely to find them in camp is growing along side of the road at the entrance to camp. You can eat the young leaves like a salad or boil the older leaves. Roasted Chicory roots can be used as a coffee substitute. This plant can also be used to relieve skin irritations. Grows to 4 ft tall.

Hound's Tounge (Cynoglossum grande) This small, fuzzy, blue flower grows in sunny areas with fertile soil. Generally this plant will flower from spring to autumn, but at camp it only seems to flower from spring to early summer. They can be found near, and on the trail to Phraggle Rock.



Autumn Willowweed

(Epilobium brachycarpum) This grass-like flower can be found alongside the road near the end of the summer.



It has small light purple flowers that blend in very well with the grass around it. Its native.





Centaury (Centaurium erythraea) Growing 6-18 inches tall, this plant with tiny pink flowers grows all throughout camp. It is said to have many medicinal purposes, from weight loss to removing freckles.



Wood Rose

(Rosa gymnocarpa) The wood rose grows in many different locations shapes, and sizes, but the leaf is always the same. It can be a large bush or small plant with only a few leaves. It can have flowers, thorns, and red

> or green berries. They like to grow near water.



<- Italian Rye (Lolium multiflorum) This stout grass can be found throughout the many fields in camp.

> **Ripgut** (Bromus diandrus) -> This grass can be found in your socks and shoes as well as all throughout the fields. You can identify Ripgut by rubbing it against the grain, if it sticks into your fingers that is what it is.



Gymnosperms

Gymnosperms are trees that do not have traditional leaves. Instead they have needles, awls or scales for leaves. They are also all evergreens and have cones.

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Douglas Fir

(Pseudotsuga menziesii) One of the most common trees at camp. It can be easily identified by the three forked bracts sticking out of the cones, like the one pictured far left. Grows to 80-200 ft. Needles 2-3 cm with rounded tips. Cones 5-9 cm, egg shaped.

This is one of the most important timber species in the world, and is the most used wood in the US. It is a popular Christmas tree and the twigs and needles can produce a sugar-like substance that can be eaten.

Incense Cedar

(Calocedrus decorans)

A few of these are sprinkled around camp, mostly by the lake. Often confused with redwoods because of their similar bark, they have a much different, scale-like leaf. Grows to 60-150 ft. It can also be identified by the aroma the wood has, which you can smell by breaking a small section of leaves off.

Uses include timber because of its resistance to decay, heat changes, and moisture and its aroma. It is also the leading wood used for pencils and shavings can be found lining hamster cages.





Coastal Redwood

(Sequoia sempervirens) The world's tallest tree can be identified by its reddish-brown bark that is tough and fibrous. Grows to 200-325 ft. Leaves are needlelike, dark green above and whitish green beneath. Cones are round, 1-3 cm and found at the end of the twigs. They can be found throughout the forest in camp and in the Redwood Grove by the open air dinning pavilion.

The heartwood of redwood is very valuable to building and outdoor structures because of its natural resistance to fire, insects, and nature's elements.

Giant Sequoia

(Sequoiadendron gigantea) A few of these can be found between Travis Trail and the road behind Handicraft. The bark is reddish-brown, fibrous, very thick and deeply furrowed. Leaves are scale-like, pointed, and bluish-green. Grows 150-250 ft.

It is no longer used by industries because of its rarity and that in many areas it is a protected species.





Coulter Pine

(Pinus coulteri)

You can identify one of these trees if you can spot one of their huge cones 8-12 in long, the heaviest pine cones in the world. Needles are stiff and sharp, 3 per bundle, 8-12 in, with white stripes down the inside. Most needles are at the end of branches making the tree look very sparse. Rough, grayish, scaly bark. The light, soft wood is used as a rough lumber and firewood. The large seeds were used as food by Indians and still are by squirrels.



Ponderosa Pine

(Pinus ponderosa var. ponderosa) The most common pine in North America, the ponderosa grows in many open areas in camp. Grows 60-130 ft. Needles 3 per bundle, 4-8 in, stiff. Bark dark, rough, and furrowed. In small trees bark becomes irregularly furrowed into large, flat, scaly plates. Cones 2-6 in, egg-shaped, light reddish-brown.

A valuable lumber wood, used especially in window frames and panel doors. Animals also enjoy their seeds.



Bishop Pine (Pinus muricata)

Few Bishop Pines grow in camp, but when you do come across them they are easy to recognize. It is the only pine in camp with needles in bundles of two. It also distinguishes itself with its irregular, rounded crown. The tree pictured can be found down near the Corral. Grows 40-80 ft. Needles 2 per bundle 4-6 in., stout and blunt. Cones 2-3.5 in., eggshaped.

Bishop Pines grow only in California and Baja California and is an endangered species in Mexico.

Additionally **Jeffery** and **Knobcone Pines** can be found throughout the outback of Wente, but you have to be really looking to find them.

FERNS & FERN ALLIES You probably know what a fern is, a fern ally is a plant closely related to ferns but don't look

like one.

Broad Leaved Cattail	Typha latifolia
Giant Chain Fern	Woodwardia fimbriata
Giant Horsetail	Equisetum telmateia var. braunii
Hardstem Bulrush	Scirpus acutus
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Sword Fern

(Polystichum munitum) Sword Ferns are so named because each leaflet looks like a little sword with a blade and a hilt. They grow all over camp in moist, shady areas.

Western Bracken Fern

(Pteridum auilinum var. langinosum)

This fern can be identified by its broad triangular leaves hovering just above the ground, its smooth, grooved, rigid stalk, and its narrow tipped leaflets. In the middle ages it was considered so valuable because of its many uses (including food) it was used to pay rent, but it is now



found to be toxic and carcinogenic when eaten or the pollen is inhaled.



Leatherleaf Fern

(Rumohra adiantiformis) This ferns skin is thick and leathery, which is which is where it gets its name. They can grow to over two feet, but stay small at camp because it is not there ideal habitat. They grow in wet areas, most often out of mossy rocks, living on the water absorbed by the moss.



Giant Horsetail (Equisetum telmateia var. braunii)

This unique plant is considered a fern ally and can be found in many similar places. It can often be seen in and around the streams in camp in the shade. This plant has hollow, jointed, ascending stems with branches radiating out from each node. They grow 1-4 ft tall.



Hardstem Bulrush (Scirpus acutus) Common Cattail (Typha latifolia)



These two plants are hard not to find in camp; they are all over in the lake. The leaves and cattails are part of the Cattail and the tall round stalks are part of the bulrush. Before a cattail flowers (the top turns brown) the heart of the stalk is one of the staple foods for Native Americans and is very good for you. The male portion of an immature flower (the upper half) can be eaten when cooked and tastes like its relative, corn. The pollen can be used as flour. Once the flower turns brown when burned it is an insect repellent.

EPIPHYTES & PARASITES

Epiphytes are plants that need another plant to survive. They do not hurt or help the plant they are just coexisting. Parasites also need another plant to survive, but they are harmful to the plant they are attached to and do not help it.

False Spanish Moss Oak Mistletoe Tillandsia usneoides Phoradendron villosa



False Spanish Moss/Old Man's Beard (Tillandsia usneoides)

This plant can be found growing on many of the oaks and firs in camp. Despite its name it is not a moss, but a lichen. The fact that these lichens are growing here is a sign of our camp's fresh air since lichens are easily damaged by pollution. Although it grows on trees it does not affect the tree, it just uses it as a place to grow and does not damage it.

Oak Mistletoe

(Phoradendron villosa) If you look inside many of the oaks in camp you will find clumps of leaves and stems that have a different color and shape. These lighter green leaves are mistletoe. Mistletoe is a parasite, a plant that damages others to survive; it attaches to the branches and sucks out water and minerals, giving the oak nothing. Mistletoe berries and leaves are highly toxic to humans. Most of the oaks on the peninsula have a lot of mistletoe growing within them.



SHRUBS

You must bring us... a shrubbery.

Birch Leaf Mtn Mahogany Blackcap Western Raspberry Rubus leucodermis Buckbrush California Gooseberry California Huckleberry California Wild Grape Chamise Chaparral Honeysuckle Common Snowberry Coyote Brush Himalayan Blackberry Poison Oak Western Thimbleberry

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Poison Oak (Toxicodendron diversiloba) Poison Oak grows in many forms and colors. It can be small like a creeping vine or big as a tree. It can be yellow, green, orange, or red. It can have berries, or hide within another plant, but it always has those three leaves, unless they fell off. So when I am hiking I always avoid plants with three leaves and sticks.









Blackcap Western Raspberry (Rubus leucodermis)



California Gooseberry

(Ribes califonicum) You can identify a gooseberry by its prickly berries and thorny branches. In camp this plant grows in shady areas with lots of ground cover, like near Eagle Summit. It is an

important food source for birds.





California Huckleberry

(Vaccinium ovatum) This huckleberry has a small, smooth, shiny, dark green, serrated leaf. It can be a ground creeper or a five-foot tall bush. The berries are a dark bluish-purple color and are ripe in the early summer. At camp you can find them growing along side Lone Redwood trail near the Archery Range.



Common Snowberry

(Symphoricarpos albus) This small shrub is most easily identified by it bunches of white berries. They are only out in the winter, but that is probably the only time you will notice this plant because its other attributes are very common and plain. It requires a lot of water, another

reason you probably wont find it in the summer, and can be found growing very close to rivers like the ones near the entrance to camp. The white berries taste like soap and are poisonous to humans, but birds will eat them when left with no other choice. Rubbing the leaves with wet hands will result in a soapy lather.

Western Thimbleberry

(Rubus parviflorus) This close relative of the raspberry grows in recently disturbed, moist areas. A likely place to find it would be the trail to Pomo Pools, with its common landslides and nearby river. It grows to six feet tall with four to eight inch green to yellow maple shaped leaves that are fuzzy like felt. They have white flowers that turn to red berries, which are tasty, but not often eaten by people because



they can ripen and fall from their branches in a matter of hours. Young thimbleberry shoots can be harvested like asparagus, peeled and eaten raw or added to a stew. The leaves can be dried and made into a tea.
Buckbrush

(Ceanothus cunueatus) Buckbrush is a small shrub, usually no taller than a few feet. It has very small, smooth, rounded leaves and lots of little spiky branches. It can be found all around camp on hillsides, growing along side trails or underneath other plants.





Birchleaf Mountain Mahogany

(Cercocarpus betuloides) Another small shrub, Mountain Mahogany grows in rocky, hilly areas. Its leaves are very small, with coarse veins and ruffles. It can be tiny and close to the ground or climb

up a neighboring bush and appear much larger.

Coyote Brush (Baccharis pilularis)

Coyote Brush can be found all over camp. Whenever soil is disturbed or vegetation is cleared this is one of the first plants to grow back. It grows in all shapes and sizes, up to 7 feet tall. It is

called Coyote Brush not only because it is a good hiding place for coyotes, but also because, like a coyote, it is covered in ticks, so stay out.



Chamise

(Adenostoma fasciculatum) Chamise is a stick like plant. Its leaves are long, skinny, and scale-like. It grows in high elevations around camp in dry, sunny areas.





Chaparral Honeysuckle (Lonicera interrupta)



Honeysuckle has one of the oddest features I have ever seen on a plant. The leaves on the end of each branch can grow all the way around the branch and connect with each other to form one large leaf. This plant grows in vines that can creep along the ground or climb trees and bushes. It has bright red berries that grow on the ends of branches. You can find Chaparral Honeysuckle growing between Big and Little Dipper campsites in a large Poison Oak bush.



NATIVE ANGIOSPERMS

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Pacific Madrone (Arbutus menziesii) A common tree throughout Wente, Madrones can be identified by their odd bark. Where the bark is thin it peels off to show a reddish skin, similar to the manzanita. Madrones are larger with big leaves and green berries in the summer.

Common Manzanita (Aretostaphylos manzanita) One of the most common plants in camp this tree/shrub has the same type of peeling bark as the madrone, but has a darker, purplish tint. The leaves are small and the berries are yellow to red and edible, but with many seeds.







< California Black Oak (Quercus kelloggii) Oregon White Oak > (Quercus garryana)

These two oaks look very similar from a distance, but once you get close enough to see the leaves the difference becomes obvious. The white oak has deeply lobed, rounded leaves while the black oak leaf has needle-like points at the tips of each lobe. Another difference is the bark. The black oak has a dark gray to almost black bark while the white oak has a whitish gray bark.

Both of these oaks are hardy trees that can be found alone in dry, rocky fields or scattered in the forest.

These oaks have many uses including acorns as food, the wood for building, and creating dies from the bark.











Tanoak(Lithocarpus densiflorus) The tanoak is a common tree around Wente. Smaller trees, like the ones in the picture, can be found around the Scoutcraft area, and larger ones are all around the Kali-Ama post Tanoak Cathedral. It has oval shaped leaves with serrated edges and tan-gray bark. Although tanoak acorns are poisonous, they can be made into edible flour.

Canyon Live Oak (Quercus chrysolepis)

Interior Live Oak (Quercus wislizenii)

(Quercus chrysolepis) (Quercus wishzenii) Live Oaks earned their name by being one of few oaks that are evergreen, meaning they don't loose their leaves in the winter so they always look lively. The leaves are small and I have a hard time telling them apart. Canyon Live Oaks grow in rocky canyons and can be found near Kali-Ama post Cliffs of Insanity. Interior Live Oaks grow on dry hills such as near Trail's End campsite.





Toyon (Heteromeles arbutifolia) Also called Christmasberry or California Holly, this plant is used in Christmas

decorations because of its red berries which remain through winter. These berries are eaten by many birds. It is a sneaky plant and you never know where you will find it.







California Bay Laurel

(Umbrelluaria californica) This tree is most easily identifiable by breaking up a leaf and smelling the inside. This is the tree that produces bay leaves used for cooking. This tree can be found many places in camp, but the easiest one to find is growing out of the climbing rock.



Cascara Buckthorn

(Rhamnus purshiana) This gray barked tree has clusters of very small green flowers in June and July, which attracts many bees. You can find this tree across the road from the waterfront between Sailors Rest and Wishbone. Its bark is used as a laxative.





< Arroyo Willow (Salix lasiolepis)

Red Willow > (Salix laevigata)

Willows are water loving trees that you can find growing on the banks of the lake or even in the water, growing out the side of the docks or ropes holding the docks in place. Willows are pioneer species. They are often the first tree to grow in disturbed moist areas, which makes them very important for controlling erosion. Willow bark produces salicin, the chemical from which aspirin is made.

This Arroyo Willow can be found in front of the boat docks at the waterfront. This Red Willow is right by the lake behind some





Coulter Pines in between the dining area and the parking lot. There are also a few smaller Red Willows in the tules behind the stage at the campfire area. The best way to tell the difference between these willows is by checking the new growth on the



branches. If it is bright red then it is a Red Willow. If not then it isn't, and at camp that means it is an Arroyo Willow.



California Buckeye

(Aesculus californica) Found on the lower slopes of Wente's creek beds like below the dam and on the trail to Pomo Pools this tree has large clusters of pink-white flowers. They're toxic to many animals.



This tree can be found in moist areas along the main camp road between the Shotgun Range and Black Oak Point. It has narrow, toothed leaves and berries that are used to make jam and pie. It is also a food source for deer and birds.





Big Leaf Maple (Acer macrophyllum)

Found on stream banks all around camp and along the road by shotgun this smaller tree has large, deeply lobed leaves. The seeds and leaves are eaten by squirrels and deer.



White Alder (Alnus rhombifolia)

This tree grows alongside the creek on the way to Pomo Pools mixed in with other trees, making it difficult to get a good picture. Alders do well in poor, moist soil, and it's said Red Alders can also be found in camp in disturbed creek areas, like after logging. It is a food for deer and beavers.



California Hazelnut (Corylus cornuta var. californica)

This plant grows in damp areas like on Lone-Redwood trail. It has fuzzy, velvet-like leaves that

look like a mix between blackberry and alder, and can be confused with both. The fruit and leaves are important foods for deer, rodents, quail, and the Stellar's Jay.





INTRODUCED ANGIOSPERMS

Angiosperms are trees that are more leafy. Also they do not have cones. Instead they have fruit or nuts. These are the ones that were planted here for various reasons like shade, fruit, or landscaping.

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Box Elder

(Acer negundo) Few of these trees can be found around camp, mostly around the Waterfront. This one can be found just inside the gate by the water fountain. A member of the maple family, it has the familiar seed-type that maples share.



Northern Sweetgum

(Liquidamber styraciflua) This tree can be found lining the entrance of the Waterfront. They are tall and thin with leaves that look a bit like stars. The fruits are spiky balls. Sweetgums have a pleasant

smell, which you will notice if you crush one of their leaves.









London Planetree (Platanus acerifolia) ^ California Sycamore (Platanus racemosa) v

These two trees look very much alike and are closely related, they are in the same genus. They can both be found at the Waterfront, the planetree on the swimmers side and the sycamore on the boating side. The sycamore leaf is smaller and has more spikes, which point up more than out.





Black Locust (Robinia

identify.

pseudoacacia) This tree can most easily be found at the intersection between the road in front of the







One Seed Hawthorne (Crataegus monogyna)

This plant is located in front of the boating area, and nowhere else in camp that I have found. It has green berries most of the summer. which turn red as fall nears.



Redgum Eucalyptus

(Eucalyptus cameldulensis) The only eucalyptus that can be found in camp is located along the road just west of the waterfront. It can be identified by its long skinny leaves that have that familiar eucalyptus smell.







Lombardy Poplar (Populus nigra) This tree can most easily be found on the peninsula, but a few larger ones can also be seen growing along the road down to the corral. Like all poplars, this tree's branches grow up at an angle more than straight out like most trees. This poplar is a native to Italy and was brought in as a landscaping tree because it is thought of as a pretty tree.



These two walnut trees can be found growing right next to each

other on the southwest corner of the lake. Both will have walnuts growing on them all throughout the summer, but they do not fully ripen until the fall. The leaves of the English Walnut

are very large, each leaflet is about 8 inches long, while the Northern California Walnut leaflet is much shorter, 2 inches, and is lanceolate shaped.

Northern California Walnut (Juglans hindsii)



Fig (Ficus carica)

This fig tree can be found along the side of the road leading down to the corral. Figs have deeply palmately lobed leaves that are thick and leathery. Occasionally you can find a fig fruit growing from its branches all throughout the summer.



Domestic Pear (Pyrus communis)

A grove of these pear trees can be found on the southeast side of Eagle Summit Mountain. The fruit grows from spring throughout mid-summer, which is the easiest way to identify the tree. It has smooth, shiny leaves that are oval shaped.



Naturalized Garden Plum

(Prunus domestica var.) A row of these plum trees can be found at the southwest corner of the lake. The plum's fruit comes and goes quickly in the heat, so they are hard to use as an identifier. The leaves have rounded serrate margins and are fairly small.





Prairie Crab Apple (Malus ioensis)

A few apple trees can be found down near the corral and the entrance to camp. Several small apples grow on each tree all summer, which are the most helpful identifier.





Herbs & Flowers

Autumn Willowweed **Big Leaf Periwinkle** Birdsfoot Trefoil Lotus Blue Dick **Bull Thistle** California Hedge Nettle California Indian Pink California Poppy Calypso Orchid Centaury Chicory Chinese Wisteria Cobweb Thistle Common Buttercup Creeping Sage Daffodil Dandelion **Douglas** Iris Farewell To Spring Finged Waterplantain Firecracker Flower German Chamomile Golden Fairy Lantern Hayfield Tarweed Hounds Tounge Italian Rye Ithuriel's Spear Klamath Weed Larkspur Lupine Miners Lettuce Morning Glory Nut Sedge Padres Shootin Star Pussy Ears Queen Ann's Lace Red Hot Poker Red Larkspur Redmaids Ripgut Scarlet Pimpernel Self Heal Skunkweed Soap Plant Suncups Superb Mariposa Tulip Tansy Ragwort Turkey Mullein Two Eyed Violet Vinegar Weed Western Columbine Western Yarrow Wild Strawberry Wood Rose Woolly Mullein Yellow Parentucellia Yellow Star Thistle

Gymnosperms

Bishop Pine Coastal Redwood Coulter Pine Douglas Fir Giant Sequoia Incense Cedar Jeffrey Pine Knobcone Pine Ponderosa Pine

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Ferns & Allies

Giant Chain Fern Leatherleaf Fern Sword Fern Giant Horse Tail Broad Leaved Cattail Hardstem Bulrush

Epiphytes & Parasites

False Spanish Moss Oak Mistletoe

Shrubs

Birch Leaf Mtn Mahogany Blackcap Western Raspberry Rubus leucodermis Buckbrush California Gooseberry California Huckleberry California Wild Grape Chamise Chaparral Honeysuckle Common Snowberry Coyote Brush Himalayan Blackberry Poison Oak Western Thimbleberry

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