

RECOMMENDED MEADOW PLANTS FOR YOLO COUNTY

Central Park Gardens Meadow

Small (1-2 ft.)

Bouteloua gracilis	eyelash grass	CA native, warm season	mow in winter
Sisyrinchium bellum	blue-eyed grass	CA native, spring-blooming	mow in summer
Triteleia laxa 'Koningin Fabiola'	Queen Fabiola Ithuriel's spear	CA native, spring-blooming bulb	deadhead in summer
Koeleria macrantha	June grass	CA native, cool season	mow in late summer
Zephyranthes candida	Argentine rain lily	summer-blooming bulb	none
Habranthus robustus	pink rain lily	summer-flowering bulb	none

Midheight (2-3 ft.)

Muhlenbergia capillaris	pink muhly grass	showy pink plumes in fall	late winter
Achillea millefolium 'Island Pink'	Santa Cruz Island pink yarrow	CA native, spring to fall-blooming	deadhead summer, fall
Juncus patens 'Elk Blue'	elk blue common rush	CA native, evergreen	mow in winter, every 3-5 years
Festuca californica 'Phil's Silver'	Phil's silver California fescue	CA native, cool season, prefers shade	mow in late summer, every 2-3 years
Narcissus papyraceus	paperwhite narcissus	winter-blooming bulb	none

Tall (>3 ft.)

Muhlenbergia rigens	deer grass	CA native, evergreen	mow in late winter, every 2-3 years
Amaryllis belladonna	naked lady	summer-blooming bulb	deadhead in fall
Miscanthus sinensis 'Gracillimus'	Japanese silver grass	good for cutting	mow in winter

California Native Meadow for Shade

Small (1-2 ft.)

Carex praegracilis	alkali sedge (grass-like)	warm season/evergreen, spreads slowly underground	mow in winter, every 2-3 years
Iris Pacific Coast Hybrids	Pacific Coast Hybrid iris	spring-blooming	none
Horkelia californica	California horkelia	fern-like foliage	deadhead in summer
Fragaria vesca	woodland strawberry	spring-blooming, tiny edible berries	none

Midheight (2-3 ft.)

Festuca californica	California fescue (grass)	cool season	mow in late summer, every 2-3 years
Juncus patens	gray rush (grass-like)	evergreen	mow in winter, every 3-5 years
Juncus effusus	common rush (grass-like)	evergreen	mow in winter, every 3-5 years
Aquilegia sp. (eximia or formosa)	columbine	attracts hummingbirds, spring to summer-blooming	deadhead in summer

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California Native Habitat Meadow for Sun

Midheight (2-3 ft.)

<i>Nassella pulchra</i>	purple needlegrass	CA state grass, cool season	mow in summer
<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>	blue-eyed grass	spring-blooming	mow in summer
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	California poppy	spring and fall-blooming	mow in summer
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	yarrow	attracts butterflies and beneficial insects, spring to fall-blooming	deadhead summer, fall
<i>Triteleia laxa</i> 'Koningin Fabiola'	Queen Fabiola Ithuriel's spear	attracts butterflies, spring-blooming bulb	deadhead in summer
<i>Solidago californica</i>	California goldenrod	attracts butterflies, summer-blooming	mow in winter
<i>Aster chilensis</i>	California aster	attracts butterflies, summer-blooming	mow in winter
<i>Epilobium canum</i>	California fuchsia	attracts hummingbirds, fall-blooming	mow in winter

Tall (3-4 ft.)

<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	deer grass	evergreen	mow in late winter, every 2-3 years
<i>Sporobolus airoides</i>	alkali sacaton (grass)	warm season	mow in winter
<i>Asclepias speciosus</i>	showy milkweed	monarch butterfly larval food plant, summer-blooming	mow in fall

Recommended grasses for sun

Small (1-2 ft.)

Bouteloua gracilis
Festuca amethystina
Festuca glauca
Koeleria macrantha
Nassella lepida

Midheight (2-3 ft.)

Festuca mairei
Muhlenbergia capillaris
Muhlenbergia dubia
Muhlenbergia emersleyi
Muhlenbergia rigida
Nassella pulchra
Pennisetum orientale

Tall (>3 ft.)

Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Karl Foerster'
Carex spissa
Miscanthus sinensis
Muhlenbergia rigens
Sporobolus airoides
Stipa gigantea

Recommended grasses for shade

Small (1-2 ft.)

Acorus gramineus
Arrhenatherum elatius var. *bulbosum*
Carex comans
Carex conica
Carex divulsa ssp. *virens*
Carex flacca
Carex morrowii
Carex pansa
Carex testacea
Liriope spp.
Ophipogon spp.

Midheight (2-3 ft.)

Deschampsia cespitosa
Festuca californica
Helictotrichon sempervirens
Juncus effusus
Juncus patens

Tall (>3 ft.)

Phormium spp.