

>Online Guides and Tools to Assist in Native Plant Selection

1. **Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF)'s *Hedgerows and Farmscaping for California Agriculture Guide***

Link: https://www.rcdmonterey.org/images/docs/publications/CAFF_Hedgerow_Manual_2018.pdf

Use: A full guide to hedgerows and windbreaks, including what they are, benefits of hedgerows, common problems, and how to plan and plant.

2. **Point Blue's *Climate-smart planting and design tool* (Marin and Sonoma Counties)**

Link: <https://www.pointblue.org/climate-smart-restoration-toolkit/>

Use: An excel-based tool that lists California native trees, shrubs, and forbs adapted to Marin County. Also, lists plant soil and sun preferences and wildlife co-benefits associated with each plant. Helps you create a plant shopping list to take to the nursery.

3. **Calflora's *What Grows Here Tool***

Link: <https://www.calflora.org/entry/wgh.html>

Use: Helps one identify native plants occurring in searchable areas of the state, say Marin Co. Can use search filters, like growth form and native/non-native status to help narrow down plants that are more likely to be useful in hedgerow plantings, for example. We would recommend against the "riparian" and "low water tolerant" filters, despite the appeal. We have found that in many cases how they define these categories are limiting or inaccurate.

4. **NRCS *eVegGuide***

Link: www.calflora.org/nrcs/

Use: Must create an account to use. Allows you to search plant lists by NRCS Practice. Then, can see plant species, spacing, and co-benefits. Make sure to double-check this list with local plant lists, so as not to use a poorly adapted species.

5. **California Native Plant Society, Marin County Chapter, Plant Lists**

Download Here: [Chaparral](#), [Under Oaks](#), [Riparian](#), [Grasslands](#)

Use: Native plants, specific to Marin County, listed by ecosystem type