

Popular Perennials for California School Gardens

Plant	USDA Zone	Culinary	Ornamental	Insectary	Medicinal	Flower Color	Flowering Times	Evergreen or Deciduous
Marigolds <i>Tagetes lemmonii</i>	8-11		✿	✿		Gold (Yellow-Orange)	Year Round	E
Sage Salvia There are many types of salvias.	6-10 wide range	✿	✿	✿		Various	Depends on Variety	E/D
Rosemary <i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	1 -9	✿	✿	✿	✿	Blue	Early Spring- Summer	E
Pensternon <i>Penstemon strictus</i>	4-9		✿			Various	Spring	E
Jerusalem Sage <i>Pulmonaria fruticosa</i>	1-3		✿	✿		Yellow	Spring	E
Lambs Ear <i>Stachys byzantina</i>	4-8		✿	✿		Purple	Spring	E
Peruvian Lily <i>Alstroemeria</i>	1-7		✿			Various	Spring- Summer	D
Artichoke <i>Cynara scolymus</i>	7-11	✿	✿			Purple	Spring-Fall	E
Society Garlic <i>Tulbaghia violacea</i>	7-10	✿	✿			Purple	Spring - Summer	E
Rhubarb <i>Rheum</i>	3-9	✿ Leaves are toxic if ingested	✿			Greenish-white	Late Spring - Summer	D
Kangaroo Paw, Cat's Paw <i>Anigozanthos flavidus</i>	9-10		✿			Various	Late Spring - Summer	E
Mints Peppermint, Chocolate, Apple, ect.	4-11	✿	✿	✿	✿	Violet-lavender	Late Spring - Summer	E
Honeysuckle <i>Lonicera</i>	4-10		✿	✿	✿	Yellow, red	Late Spring - Summer	E
Common Sorrel <i>Rume x acetosa</i>	3-11	✿	✿	✿	✿		Late Spring	D

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Oregano <i>Origanum</i>	4 - 5	✿	✿	✿		Light purple, pink or white	Summer	E
Lemon Verbena <i>Akitsuva truogtkka</i>	8-10	✿	✿		✿	White	Summer	D
Thyme <i>Thymus</i>	5-11	✿		✿		White, pink or purple.	Summer	E
Lemon Balm <i>Melissa Offincialis</i>	4-5	✿			✿	White		E/D
Lavender <i>Lavandula</i>	5-10	✿	✿	✿	✿	Purple	Summer	E
Catnip <i>Nepeta cataria</i>	4-8		✿	✿		White	Summer - Fall	D
Milkweed <i>Asclepias</i>	3-9			✿		Pink	Summer - Fall	D
Shasta Daisy	4-10		✿	✿		White	Spring - Summer	E

Additional Resources

- Dave's Garden. The "craigslist" of the garden world - a user-based database of plants, gardening forums and more. <http://davesgarden.com>
- *Plants for Play: A Plant Selection Guide for Children's Outdoor Environments.* Robin C. Moore. Mig Communications. Berkeley, CA. 1993.
- *The Zoo Garden: Forty Animal-Named Plants Families Can Grow Together.* Chris Hastings. Longstreet Press, Inc. Atlanta, GA 1997.