

Examples of Lepidoptera and associated plants:

Monarch (*Danaus plexippus*)

- Showy Milkweed (*Asclepias speciosa*)
- Narrow Leaf Milkweed (*Asclepias fascicularis*)
- Kotolo/Wooly Pod Milkweed (*Asclepias eriocarpa*)
- Heart Leaf Milkweed (*Asclepias cordifolia*)

Wavy-lined Emerald Moth (*Synchlora aerata*) The Caterpillar camouflages itself with petals.

- California Goldenrod (*Solidago californica*)
- Dwarf Rose (*Rosa gymnocarpa*)
- Hillside Gooseberry (*Ribes californicum*)
- More

California Sister (*Adelpha californica*)

- All our native oaks including:
- Quercus lobata* (Valley Oak)
- Quercus kelloggii* (Black Oak)
- Quercus parvula* var. *shrevei* (Shreve Oak)

Lindsey's Skipper (*Hesperia lindseyi*)

- California Fescue (*Festuca californica*)
- Idaho Fescue (*Festuca idahoensis*)
- California Oatgrass (*Danthonia californica*)

California Tortoiseshell (*Nymphalis californica*)

- All of our native wild lilacs including:
- Blueblossom Ceanothus (*Ceanothus thyrsiflorus*)
- Deerbrush (*Ceanothus integerrimus*)
- Buck Brush (*Ceanothus cuneatus*)

Common Buckeye (*Junonia coenia*)

- Foothill Penstemon (*Penstemon heterophyllus*)
- Scarlet Monkeyflower (*Erythranthe cardinalis*)
- Bush Monkey Flower (*Diplacus aurantiacus*)
- More

Variable Checkerspot (*Euphydryas chalcedona*)

- Same as Buckeye above
- Hairy Honeysuckle (*Lonicera hispidula*)
- Common Snowberry (*Symporicarpos albus*)
- More

Western Tiger Swallowtail (*Papilio rutulus*)

- Local native oaks – see California Sister
- Oregon Ash (*Fraxinus latifolia*)
- Big Leaf Maple (*Acer macrophyllum*)
- Arroyo Willow (*Salix lasiolepsis*)
- More

Mourning Cloak (*Nymphalis antiopa*)

- Red Willow (*Salix laevigata*)
- Arroyo Willow (*Salix lasiolepsis*)
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Ceanothus Silkmoth (*Hyalophora euryalus*)

- Ceanothus – see California Tortoiseshell
- Manzanitas including Common Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos manzanita*)

Madrone (*Arbutus menziesii*)
Hollyleaf Redberry (*Rhamnus ilicifolia*)
More

Resources:
[Calscape.org](#)
[Butterfliesandmoths.org](#)

Native Bees

Yellow-fronted Bumble Bee (*Bombus flavifrons*)
Foothill Carpenter Bee (*Xylocopa tabaniformis orpifex*)
Western Bumble Bee (*Bombus occidentalis*)
Ultra Green Sweat Bee (*Agapostemon texanus*) – associated with flowers in the Aster/Daisy family. I've seen them with Blue Field Gilia (*Gilia capitata*)
Leafcutter bee (*Megachile* spp.) Might be shown with redbud leaf.

Others might have more information on native bees. Sanhedrin California Native Plant Society could offer artist a copy of "California Bees & Blooms: A Guide for Gardeners and Naturalists" as a resource.

Resource: UC Berkeley Urban Bee Lab - [helpabee.org](#)

This list is meant to provide suggestions and guidance for the artist. Not all of the above species need to be represented and there are many other species that could be used if the artist prefers, as long as they are found in Mendocino County. Showing the caterpillars and/or chrysalises/cocoons of some butterflies and moths might help make the connection between plants and insects.