



Girl Scout Troop 3278  
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# Shepherd Canyon Plant Guide



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# **East Shepherd Canyon Plant Guide**

**A guide to native and non-native plants found  
in the canyons of Tierrasanta, California**

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## **Project description:**

The girls of Tierrasanta Girl Scout Troop 3278 chose to focus on the canyons in their neighborhood for their Silver Star project. They liked the idea of contributing back to their local community, and though working in the canyons was sometimes a stretch for them, they all learned a great deal. They became familiar with loppers and saws, with just how persistent some non-native species like Eucalyptus can be, and how to recognize some of our native plant species like Laurel Sumac, Chaparral Broom, and Toyon.

In addition to painting park benches and owl boxes, and putting in native, drought-tolerant plants in local parks, the girls spent many hours removing trash and non-native species from our canyons, and planting native species like Arroyo Willow. They also worked to create this guide to local plants that can be found in our Tierrasanta canyons, as well as installing plant identification markers in East Shepherd Canyon restoration area. Their hope is these materials will help interested canyon adventurers in learning about and identifying the native and non-native plants all around them.



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2. White Sage
3. Fuchsia-flowered Gooseberry
4. Coast Live Oak
5. California Honeysuckle
6. Lemonadeberry
7. Deerweed
8. Mexican Elderberry
9. California Wild Rose
10. Deergrass
11. Mulefat
12. Arroyo Willow
13. Toyon
14. California Buckwheat
15. California Sycamore
16. Western Cottonwood
17. Bushmallow
18. Chaparral Broom
19. Coast Goldenbush
20. Laurel Sumac



The following twenty plants are not identified by plant markers, but are commonly seen in canyons in Tierrasanta and around San Diego County.

1. Eucalyptus
2. Holly-leaved Cherry
3. Fennel
4. California Aster
5. Horehound
6. California Fuchsia
7. Black Sage
8. Bristly Oxtongue
9. Umbrella Sedge
10. Slenderbeak Sedge
11. Poison Oak
12. Coyote Brush
13. California Everlasting
14. Milkweed
15. Coast Bladderpod
16. Curly Dock
17. Ragweed
18. Tarweed
19. Cleveland Sage
20. San Diego Sunflower

