

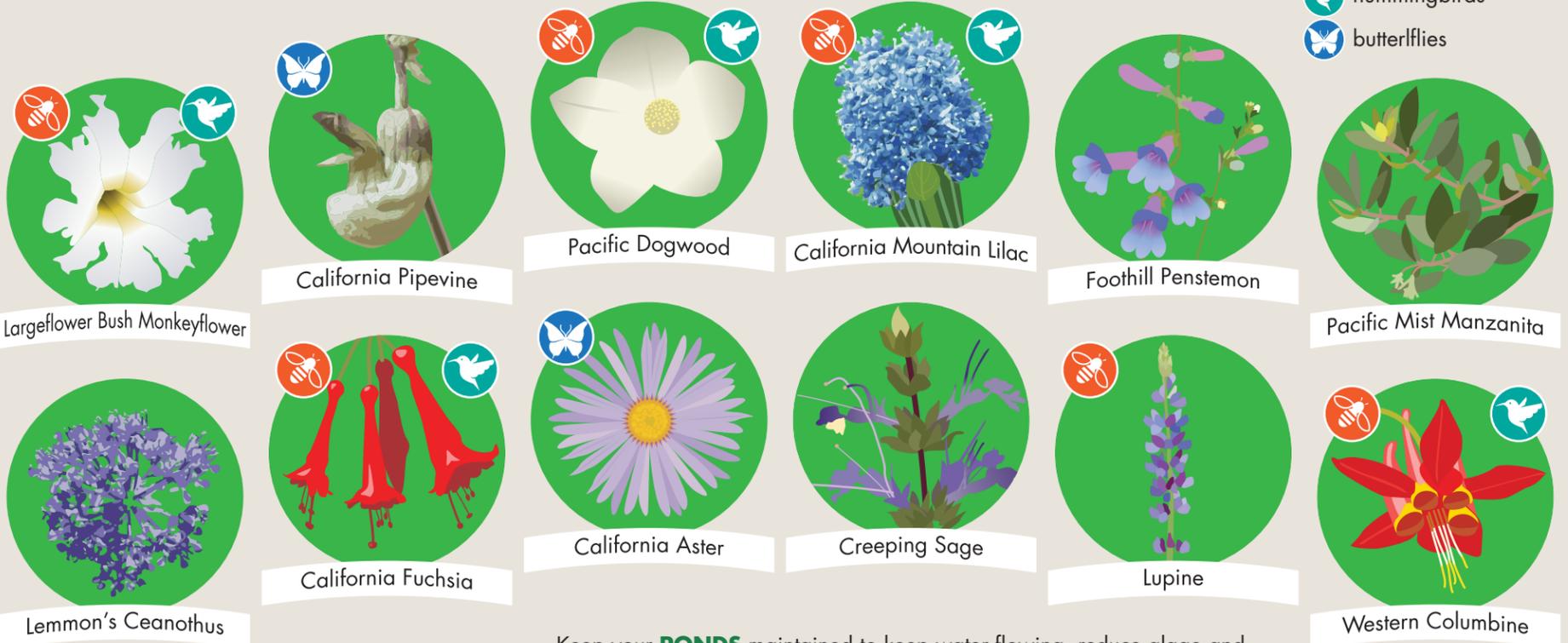
# HOW TO CREATE A NATIVE LANDSCAPE TO HELP CONTROL MOSQUITOES AT HOME

Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District and the UC Master Gardeners of Placer County worked together to create this guide to help Placer County residents create a modern, low-water and mosquito deterrent landscape. From how to attract pollinators to your garden beds to how to keep mosquitoes from breeding in your ponds, this guide is meant to help inspire you to create, maintain and enjoy a beautiful front or back yard. For more information visit [placermosquito.org/garden](http://placermosquito.org/garden).

**NATIVE, DROUGHT-TOLERANT PLANTS** with drip irrigation support pollinators like butterflies while being environmentally conscious and reducing water runoff. Reducing water runoff means less standing water where mosquitoes can develop. All of the below plants attract pollinators.

## POLLINATORS

-  bees
-  hummingbirds
-  butterflies



Keep your **PONDS** maintained to keep water flowing, reduce algae and prevent mosquito breeding. Mosquitofish and other aquatic predators can help reduce mosquito populations. Placer Mosquito conducts property inspections to see if your pond needs mosquitofish to eat larvae.

Keep your **LANDSCAPE** drought-friendly with decomposed granite, artificial grass or ornamental grass, gravel and stone.

Keep **BIRD BATHS** maintained and refill with clean water at least every three days.

**BIRDHOUSES** can attract purple martins and western bluebirds which eat insects like mosquitoes.

Use a **PUMP** to keep water flowing and reduce algae in water fountains. Store-bought products containing BTI (*Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *israelensis*) or methoprene are effective for small water bodies like fountains and ornamental ponds.

Inspect your **TREES** for holes that can retain water and attract western treehole mosquitoes. Fill holes with water-absorbing polymer or sand to prevent mosquito development in standing water.

Other ways to prevent mosquitoes and West Nile virus.

- Dump and drain standing water
- Wear an EPA-registered repellent
- Call Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District for questions or help controlling mosquitoes around your home



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Properly store or permanently remove **CONTAINERS**, wheelbarrows, wagons, pots and saucers, buckets, toys, tarps or any other empty items that can hold water on your property.

