

Good Native Pollinator Plants for Gardens in the Mojave Desert in the Las Vegas Valley

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- 1) Desert globemallow (*Sphaeralcea ambigua*), shrub with orange flowers, and desert tortoise food plant. Flowers April to November. Up to 3 feet tall, fast growing, low water use. Nectar plant for monarch butterfly.



- 2) Firecracker penstemon (*Penstemon eatoni*), perennial herbaceous plant with bright red flowers. Flowers May to July. 1 to 3 feet tall. Hummingbirds like. Low water use. Only lives a few years but will reseed itself. Nectar plant for monarch butterfly.



- 3) Desert Marigold (*Baileya multiradiata*), perennial herbaceous plant with yellow flowers. Flowers March to September. 8 to 20 inches tall. Low water use. Desert tortoise food plant. Nectar plant for monarch butterfly.



- 4) Desert milkweed (*Asclepias erosa*), perennial herbaceous plant with cream flowers and large pale green leaves. Flowers May to July. Up to 4 feet tall. Low water use. Goes dormant in the winter when above ground plant disappears. Larval host plant for monarch and queen butterflies.



- 5) Rush milkweed (*Asclepias subulata*), perennial herbaceous plant with yellow flowers. Flowers April to December. Up to 4 feet tall. Low water use. Multi-branched and shrub like. Evergreen plant. Larval host plant for monarch and queen butterflies.

