



California Plants and Wildflowers

Complete the crossword puzzle below. Use only common names, omit 'California' and don't include spaces.
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2. When I glisten in the sun, I look like melted butter!
6. I am named after a tropical fruit from South America.
10. I am an orchid that obtains nutrients through mycorrhizal fungi.
12. I am the California state flower.
14. I am a native annual herb that is often mistaken with the non-native rose clover.
15. My berries can be gathered and made into wine, jam, syrup, and pies.
16. I was formerly used for medicinal purposes. A tea used by Native Americans was made by steeping my leaves.
18. I have beautiful reddish bark that gradually peels away to expose smooth coppery wood beneath.
19. I am a native California broom.
21. I am a native thistle with a bright red flower color.
23. My name is Spanish for "holy weed" or "holy herb."

Down

1. I am a tree with poisonous pear-like fruits, which were used as a fish poison by Native American peoples.
3. I am a perennial chaparral shrub, endemic to California. My flowers are confused with the non-native common vetch.
4. My name is the same as the snack you might enjoy at the movies.
5. Because of my stinky odor, gnats and flies are my main pollinators.
7. I am an endemic herb and a hemiparasite, meaning I can photosynthesize, but still tap into other plants' roots in order to get nutrients.
8. I am a shrub that produces edible fruit, but be careful; I have thorns!
9. A member of the rose family, I am one of the most widespread plants in the chaparral biome.
11. I look like a sunflower!
13. Monarch butterflies love me!
17. During the gold rush miners ate me to prevent scurvy.
20. I contain urushiol, an oily substance, and allergen, which causes dermatitis in most people.
22. I am an important plant for the checkerspot butterflies who lay their larva on me, and the larva eat my seeds.