## Flora of the Castroville Slough Wetland

### Pond

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| **California Bulrush**        | *Schoenoplectus californicus*  
California Bulrush is one of the tallest plants in the wetland, reaching up to 10 feet. Its stems are rounded and dark green. Native |
| **Broadleaf Cattail**         | *Typha latifolia*  
Cattail is one of the most common species in wetland environments. It has long, flat, green leaves and a flower at the end of a long stalk. Native |
| **Duckweed**                  | *Lemna spp.*  
Duckweed is a plant that forms floating mats on the surface of the water. It is one of the smallest known flowering plants. Native |
| **Marsh Pennywort**           | *Hydrocotyle ranunculoides*  
This plant grows in communities that float on the open water and along the wetland edges. Its leaves are round and a few inches in diameter. Native |

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**Shoreline and Upland**

**Arroyo Willow**
*Salix lasiolepis*
Arroyo Willow is an abundant tree or shrub that grows throughout California. It grows near marshes and other wet areas, acting as an indicator species for freshwater marshes.

**Native**

**Pickleweed**
*Salicornia pacifica*
Pickleweed grows low to the ground and often covers the muddy edges of wetlands. Its leaves are succulent-like and can be both green and red.

**Native**

**Iris-leaved Rush**
*Juncus xiphoides*
This plant reaches up to 2 feet in height. It has broader stems than the Common Rush, but grows in similar locations in moist slopes along the wetland.

**Native**

**Annual Beard Grass**
*Polypogon monspeliensis*
This plant is invasive and non-native, and often displaces native grasses in wetland areas. Its seeds form a fluffy looking structure, similar to a rabbit’s foot.

**Non-native, Invasive**

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