

Flora of the Castroville Slough Wetland

Pond



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.

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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.

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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 xiphioides

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