Yarrow is a pleasant smelling herb that attracts butterflies and other insects and can be used in a pollinator garden or meadows. It flowers in the spring and summer and works well as a groundcover. For optimal growth, divide the plant annually.

Native Americans sought Yarrow for medicinal uses, including treating sunburn and other issues. The Spanish called it plumajillo, or small feather, because of the feather looking leaves.

**Biodiversity Value**

19 Insects and California Lepidoptera host on this plant

**Butterflies/Moths**

5-10 including Variable Checkerspot

**Birds**

Anna’s and Allen’s Hummingbirds, House Finch, Song, White and Gold-crowned Sparrow, California and Spotted Towhees

**Type** Perennial herb

**Size** 1-3’ tall / 0.5-1.5’ wide

**Sun** Full sun, part shade or full shade

**Water** Low. 1x week once established

**Soil** Any soil type. Has deep roots and helps prevent erosion.

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