

Redwood Forest Plant ID Guide



Huckleberry

Small shiny leaves between 2-3 cm long with finely serrated edges. Makes a black fruit



Redwood

Thin, dark green needles between 1.5-2.5cm long.



Thimbleberry

Leaves have 5 lobes, are up to 20cm in length and are soft and fuzzy. Make a red fruit like a raspberry



Tanoak

Leaves are 7-15cm long with poky edges with a thick, leathery texture



Coast Live Oak

Leaves are 2-5cm long with poky edges



Redwood Sorrel

Found very close to the ground, with 3 heart shaped leaflets on a stem. Leaves fold downward in direct sunlight



Bay Laurel

Leaves are 7-12 cm long. Smooth edges with a distinct smell.



California Blackberry

Stems have three leaflets with serrated edges about 6-12 cm long. Small pricklets on the stem. Makes a dark purple fruit.

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Sword Fern

A single frond can vary between 50-180cm in length. Individual leaflets are pinnate and can be 1-15cm long. The base of the leaflet is an upward pointing lobe. Flip over leaf to observe it's spores.



Madrone

Leaves are thick, waxy, and oval usually 7-15cm long. The top is a glossy, dark green with a lighter, greyish green underneath.



Dogwood

Leaves are 8-12cm long and come to a point at the end. The veins curve distinctly as they come to the edge.



Alder

Leaves are 7-15 cm long. They have serrated edges and come to a point at the end.



Big Leaf Maple

Leaves are 15-30cm across and have 5 deeply palmate lobes.