



CALIFORNIA BUSH SUNFLOWER

Scientific name: *Encelia californica*
Plant family: Asteraceae

Natural Information

California bush sunflowers typically flower from February to August, and all year in moist areas. Abundant on hillsides and open or bushy slopes below elevations of 2000', it is co-dominant with other neighboring plants, especially in its early stages. Prefers dry humid conditions in the summertime.

Physical Description

- Flowers: 2" (blooming); rich yellow ray (outer) flowers; black center with disk flowers; mature disk flowers have yellow tops; yellow-brown at center
- Leaves: 1 ½"-3"
- Stems: hairy

Garden Tips/Extra Facts:

Can grow from 2' to 4' tall and to 3' wide. Beautiful cut flowers. Plant is short-lived and best if mixed with *Ceanothus* or *Salvias* for short-term fill-in with *Quercus* or *Rhus* planted for longer term.



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