

Species Common name Approximate Size	Life Cycle	Flower color	Notes	In the garden
<i>Lupinus albifrons</i> Silver bush lupine 4'H X 4'W	Short-lived perennial shrub	Blue-purple and white	Gorgeous silvery foliage	Difficult: Needs very well-drained soil. Host plant for endangered Mission Blue butterfly. Better inland than the similar <i>L. chamissonis</i> .
<i>Lupinus arboreus</i> Yellow bush lupine 4'H X 4'W	Short-lived perennial shrub	Mostly gold to yellow, some purple, some odd in-between colors	Good for quick medium-height screens	Easy: Grows very quickly, and often dies 1-4 years later. May split and fall with too much water. Self-seeds abundantly. Some are scented.
<i>Lupinus bicolor</i> Miniature lupine 6''H X 6''W	Annual	Blue-purple and white	Low ground cover	Easy: Flowers are smaller than most lupines. Watch for slugs and snails
<i>Lupinus chamissonis</i> Blue beach lupine 3'H X 4'W	Perennial shrub	Blue-purple and white	Gorgeous silvery-white foliage	Difficult: Needs very well-drained soil. At home on coastal dunes.
<i>Lupinus formosus</i> Summer lupine 1'H X 4'W	Perennial sub-shrub	Blue-purple and white	Low trailing branches with silvery green foliage	Blooms summer to fall. Host plant for endangered Mission Blue butterfly.
<i>Lupinus hirsutissimus</i> Stinging lupine 3'H x 2'W	Annual	Rose-pink to magenta with yellowish banner spot	Upright candelabra form	Stinging hairs cover the plants. Needs very well-drained soil. Fire-follower.
<i>Lupinus latifolius</i> Broad-leaved lupine 2'H X 2'W	Perennial Herb (obligate dormancy)	Blue-purple	Large green leaves up to 8'' across	A Lupine for dry open shade! Do not water in the summer. Finicky.
<i>Lupinus microcarpus</i> varieties Chick lupine 1.5'H X 1'W	Annual	White, cream, rose purple, orange, lavender	Dense whorls of many flowers	Easy: Use seeds or starts, and control snails and slugs. Good on banks, a la Caltrans.
<i>Lupinus nanus</i> Sky lupine 1'H X 1'W	Annual	Blue-purple and white	Mounding ground cover	Easy: Use seeds or starts, and control snails and slugs. Masses of flowers produce an intoxicating musky sweet scent
<i>Lupinus succulentus</i> Arroyo lupine 2'H X 2'W	Annual	Blue-purple and white	Succulent green foliage	Tolerates heavier soils than most lupines. Easy: Use seeds or starts, and control snails and slugs.
<i>Lupinus truncatus</i> Blunt-leaved lupine 1'H X 1'W	Annual	Rose-purple to magenta	Widely-spaced flowers over airy foliage.	Fire-follower, at home in chaparral or open woodlands. Rarely seen in nurseries.
<i>Lupinus variicolor</i> Varied lupine 6''H X 3'W	Perennial herb	Two or several of the following per plant: yellow, blue, purple, white, pink.	Low trailing branches with silvery-green leaves	May not transplant easily. At home in a coastal prairie. Host plant for endangered Mission Blue butterfly.

