

# Algae & Marine Plants of Point Reyes

## Green Algae or Chlorophyta

Genus/Species	Common Name
<i>Acrosiphonia coalita</i>	Green rope, Tangled weed
<i>Blidingia minima</i>	
<i>Blidingia minima</i> var. <i>vexata</i>	Dwarf sea hair
<i>Bryopsis corticulans</i>	
<i>Cladophora columbiana</i>	Green tuft alga
<i>Codium fragile</i> subsp. <i>californicum</i>	Sea staghorn
<i>Codium setchellii</i>	Smooth spongy cushion, Green spongy cushion
<i>Trentepohlia aurea</i>	
<i>Ulva californica</i>	
<i>Ulva fenestrata</i>	Sea lettuce
<i>Ulva intestinalis</i>	Sea hair, Sea lettuce, Gutweed, Grass kelp
<i>Ulva linza</i>	
<i>Ulva taeniata</i>	
<i>Urospora</i> sp.	

## Brown Algae or Ochrophyta

Genus/Species	Common Name
<i>Alaria marginata</i>	Ribbon kelp, Winged kelp
<i>Analipus japonicus</i>	Fir branch seaweed, Sea fir
<i>Coilodesme californica</i>	
<i>Dactylosiphon bullosus</i>	
<i>Desmarestia herbacea</i>	
<i>Desmarestia latifrons</i>	
<i>Egregia menziesii</i>	Feather boa
<i>Fucus distichus</i>	Bladderwrack, Rockweed
<i>Haplogloia andersonii</i>	Anderson's gooey brown
<i>Laminaria setchellii</i>	Southern stiff-stiped kelp
<i>Laminaria sinclairii</i>	
<i>Leathesia marina</i>	Sea cauliflower
<i>Melanosiphon intestinalis</i>	Twisted sea tubes
<i>Nereocystis luetkeana</i>	Bull kelp, Bullwhip kelp, Bladder wrack, Edible kelp, Ribbon kelp
<i>Pelvetiopsis limitata</i>	
<i>Petalonia fascia</i>	False kelp
<i>Petrospongium rugosum</i>	
<i>Phaeostrophion irregulare</i>	Sand-scoured false kelp
<i>Pterygophora californica</i>	Woody-stemmed kelp, Stalked kelp, Walking kelp
<i>Ralfsia</i> sp.	
<i>Silvetia compressa</i>	Rockweed
<i>Stephanocystis osmundacea</i>	

## Red Algae or Rhodophyta

Genus/Species	Common Name
<i>Ahnfeltia fastigiata</i>	Bushy Ahnfelt's seaweed
<i>Ahnfeltiopsis linearis</i>	
<i>Anisocladella pacifica</i>	
<i>Bangia</i> sp.	
<i>Bossiella dichotoma</i>	
<i>Bossiella plumosa</i>	
<i>Calliarthron tuberculosum</i>	
<i>Callithamnion pikeanum</i>	Beauty bush
<i>Callophyllis</i> sp.	
<i>Callophyllis flabellulata</i>	Red sea fan
<i>Callophyllis pinnata</i>	Red sea fan
<i>Callophyllis violacea</i>	
<i>Ceramium californicum</i>	
<i>Ceramium pacificum</i>	Hairy pottery seaweed, Staghorn felt
<i>Chondracanthus canaliculatus</i>	Lawn alga
<i>Chondracanthus corymbiferus</i>	
<i>Chondracanthus exasperatus</i>	Turkish towel
<i>Constantinea simplex</i>	Cup and saucer seaweed
<i>Corallina chilensis</i>	
<i>Corallina vancouveriensis</i>	Graceful coral seaweed
<i>Corallophila eatoniana</i>	
<i>Cryptopleura lobulifera</i>	
<i>Cryptopleura ruprechtiana</i>	Hidden rib, Ruffled red seaweed
<i>Cryptopleura violacea</i>	
<i>Cryptosiphonia woodii</i>	Bleached brunette
<i>Cumagloia andersonii</i>	
<i>Cumathamnion decipiens</i>	
<i>Dilsea californica</i>	
<i>Endocladia muricata</i>	Nail brush seaweed
<i>Erythrophyllum delesserioides</i>	Red sea-leaf
<i>Farlowia compressa</i>	
<i>Farlowia mollis</i>	Farlow's seaweed
<i>Fredericqia chiton</i>	
<i>Fredericqia decewii</i>	
<i>Gelidium coulteri</i>	
<i>Gloiosiphonia verticillaris</i>	
<i>Gonimophyllum skottsbergii</i>	
<i>Gracilariophila oryzoides</i>	
<i>Gracilariopsis andersonii</i>	
<i>Grateloupia californica</i>	
<i>Halosaccion glandiforme</i>	Sea sacs, Sea grapes
<i>Hildenbrandia</i> sp.	Rusty rock
<i>Hymenena flabelligera</i>	
<i>Hymenena multiloba</i>	

## Red Algae or Rhodophyta (continued)

Genus/Species	Common Name
<i>Isabbottia ovalifolia</i>	
<i>Janczewskia gardneri</i>	
<i>Mastocarpus</i> spp.	Turkish washcloth, Black tar spot, Grapestone
<i>Mazzaella affinis</i>	
<i>Mazzaella flaccida</i>	Iridescent algae
<i>Mazzaella oregona</i>	
<i>Mazzaella splendens</i>	Splendid iridescent seaweed, rainbow leaf
<i>Mazzaella volans</i>	
<i>Melobesia mediocris</i>	
<i>Membranoptera platyphylla</i>	Feather-veined red seaweed
<i>Microcladia borealis</i>	Coarse sea lace
<i>Microcladia coulteri</i>	Delicate sea lace
<i>Neogastroclonium subarticulatum</i>	
<i>Neoporphyra perforata</i>	Purple laver
<i>Neorhodomela larix</i>	Black pine
<i>Odonthalia floccosa</i>	Sea brush
<i>Osmundea spectabilis</i>	Sea laurel
<i>Phycodrys setchellii</i>	
<i>Pikea californica</i>	Pike's weed
<i>Plocamium pacificum</i>	Sea comb
<i>Plocamium violaceum</i>	
<i>Polyneura latissima</i>	Crisscross network
<i>Polysiphonia hendryi</i>	
<i>Polysiphonia paniculata</i>	
<i>Prionitis andersoniana</i>	
<i>Prionitis filiformis</i>	
<i>Prionitis lanceolata</i>	Narrow iodine seaweed, Narrow bleach weed, Bleachweed
<i>Prionitis sternbergii</i>	Bleachweed, broad iodine seaweed
<i>Pterochondria woodii</i>	
<i>Ptilota densa</i>	
<i>Ptilota filicina</i>	
<i>Ptilota hypnoides</i>	
<i>Pyropia gardneri</i>	
<i>Pyropia lanceolata</i>	
<i>Rhododrewia porphyrae</i>	
<i>Rhodymenia pacifica</i>	
<i>Sahlingia subintegra</i>	
<i>Salishia firma</i>	
<i>Sarcodiotheca gaudichaudii</i>	
<i>Savoiea bipinnata</i>	
<i>Savoiea dendroidea</i>	
<i>Schizymenia pacifica</i>	Slippery Red Blade
<i>Smithora naiadum</i>	Seagrass laver, Red fringe
<i>Symphyocliadiella dendroidea</i>	

## Introduced Brown Algae (or Ochrophyta) Species

<i>Genus/Species</i>	<i>Common Name</i>
<i>Sargassum muticum</i>	Japanese wireweed

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<i>Agarophyton vermiculophyllum</i>	
<i>Caulacanthus okamurae</i>	
<i>Lomentaria hakodatensis</i>	

## Sea grasses

<i>Genus/Species</i>	<i>Common Name</i>
<i>Phyllospadix scouleri</i>	Scouler's surfgrass
<i>Phyllospadix torreyi</i>	Torrey's surfgrass
<i>Zostera marina</i>	Common eelgrass and seawrack

Last updated 8/25/2020 based on surveys conducted in 1971, 1981, 1985, 2010, 2014.  
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