

RESOURCES

for the Northern California Native Plant Gardener



PLANT & SEED SOURCES

These nurseries are primarily either retail or retail and wholesale, a few are wholesale only. Most are in northern California, except for mail order sources and a few outstanding nurseries. They sell primarily native plants or seeds, except where noted. Many of these sources also provide consultation services. Call or see web-sites for hours and dates open. In addition to these sources, many local retail nurseries carry a selection of native California plants.

Albright Seed Company

P.O. Box 1275
Carpenteria, CA 93014
805 / 684-0436
www.albrightseed.com

Bulk mail and online order grass, wildflower, shrub, and tree seed, 50% native. \$50 minimum order.

Anderson Valley Nursery

18151 Mountain View Road
Boonville, CA 95415
707 / 895-3853

Retail and wholesale native trees, shrubs, perennials, and grasses.

Annie's Annuals

740 Market Avenue
Richmond, CA 94805
510 / 215-1671
www.anniesannuals.com

Many native annuals and perennials. Wholesale weekdays, retail Wed.-Sun.

Appleton Forestry Nursery

1369 Tilton Road
Sebastopol, CA 95472
707 / 823-3776

Container trees and shrubs, contract collect and grow, wholesale and retail. By appointment only.

Bay Natives

1270 Pennsylvania Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94107
415 / 722-6037 (Paul)
415 / 462-0489 (Geoff)
www.baynatives.com

Ecommerce local native plants suited to SF Bay Area gardens and landscapes.

Baylands Nursery

965 Weeks Street
East Palo Alto, CA 94303

Wholesale and retail plants, about one third native. By appointment only.

Bay View Gardens

1201 Bay Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
831 / 423-3656

Mail order iris. Joe Ghio Pacific Coast Hybrids.

Berkeley Horticultural Nursery

1310 McGee Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94703
510 / 526-4704

www.berkeleyhort.com

Retail plants—one section devoted to natives.

Buckeye Nursery

2425 Old Adobe Road
Petaluma, CA 94954
707 / 559-7081

Retail nursery with a selection of California native plants and meadow grasses.

C.H. Baccus

900 Boynton Avenue
San Jose, CA 95117
408 / 244-2923

Retail bulbs, specializing in Calochortus and Fritillaria; by appointment.

Cactus Jungle Nursery and Garden

1509 4th Street
Berkeley, CA 94710
510 / 558-8650

www.cactusjungle.com

Modest retail selection California native trees, shrubs, cacti, perennials, and grasses.

Calaveras Nursery

1622 Highway 12
Valley Springs, CA 95252
209 / 772-1823

www.calaverasnurseries.com/

Retail trees, about 50% native.

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California Flora Nursery

Somers & D Streets
P.O. Box 3
Fulton, CA 95439
707 / 528-8813

www.calfloranursery.com

Wholesale and retail sales of native and Mediterranean plants.

California Horticultural Society Seed Exchange

San Francisco County Fair Building
9th Avenue and Lincoln Way
San Francisco, CA 94122
415 / 566-5222 or 800 / 884-0009

www.calhortsociety.org

Mail order seed exchange for members; includes many natives, some unusual.

The Calypso Orchid Company

P.O. Box 475
Philo, CA 95466

<http://calypsoorchid.com>

Mail order Calypso bulbosa orchid seed.

Capitol Wholesale Nursery, Inc.

2938 Everdale Drive
San Jose, CA 95148
408 / 239-0589

www.capitolwholesalenursery.com

Wholesale, retail, and broker nursery that emphasizes sustainable landscapes.

Central Coast Wilds

114 Liberty Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
831 / 459-0655

www.centralcoastwilds.com

Retail, wholesale, contract growing, revegetation and restoration. Specializes in plants of central coast and Bay Area.

Circuit Rider Productions, Inc.

9619 Old Redwood Highway
Windsor, CA 95492
707 / 838-6641

www.crpinc.org

By appointment only, wholesale and retail plants (small sizes), contract collect and grow, revegetation and restoration consulting, management, and public education.

Clyde Robin Seed Company

P.O. Box 2366
Castro Valley, CA 94546
510 / 315-6720

www.clyderobin.com

Wholesale, online, and mail order seed.

Cornflower Farms

9811 Sheldon Road
P.O. Box 896
Elk Grove, CA 95759
916 / 689-1015

www.cornflowerfarms.com

Mostly wholesale container plants, 80%-90% natives, revegetation and restoration. Open to public 2nd Saturday of the month in spring and fall.

East Bay Wilds

Castro Valley, CA
510 / 409-5858

www.eastbaywilds.com

Native trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, grasses, ferns, and succulents. By appointment.

Elkhorn Native Plant Nursery

1957B Highway 1
Moss Landing, CA 95039
831 / 763-1207

3621 North Main Street
Soquel, CA 95073

831 / 763-1207

www.elkhornnursery.com

Seed, container and bare root plants; contract collect and grow; demonstration garden.

Far West Bulb Farm

14499 Lower Colfax Road
Grass Valley, CA 95945
530 / 272-4775

www.californianativebulbs.com

Mail order bulbs, in fall only, native to central and northern CA. Contract grow.

Floral Native Nursery

2511 Floral Avenue
Chico, CA 95973
530 / 892-2511

www.floralnativenursery.com

Retail and wholesale, discount to CNPS members.

Forestfarm

990 Tetherow Road
Williams, Oregon 97544
541 / 846-7269

www.forestfarm.com

Retail online and mail order plants. Extensive selection western trees and shrubs, catalog \$5.

Forest Seeds of California

1100 Indian Hill Road
Placerville, CA 95667
530 / 621-1551

Mail order tree and shrub seeds, contract collect.

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Freshwater Farms, Inc.

5851 Myrtle Avenue
Eureka, CA 95503
707 / 444-8261, 800 / 200-8969
www.freshwaterfarms.com

Wholesale and retail seed, container and bareroot riparian plants, contract collect and grow, revegetation and restoration.

Go Native Nursery, LLC

PO Box 370103
Montara, CA 94037
650 / 728-2286
www.gonativenursery.com

Contract growing and wholesale nursery featuring coastal shrub, scrub, and wetland/riparian plants.

Hartland Nursery

13737 Grand Island Road
Walnut Grove, CA 95690
916 / 775-4021
www.hartlandnursery.com

Natural wetland and riparian restoration. Retail and wholesale April-October. Central Valley natives.

Hedgerow Farms

21740 County Road 88
Winters, CA 95694
530 / 662-6847
www.hedgerowfarms.com

Wholesale and retail seed; container grasses, sedges, rushes, and forbs; contract collect and grow; revegetation and restoration.

Industrial Forest Associates

4886 Cottage Grove Avenue
McKinleyville, CA 95519
707 / 839-3256
www.ifanurseries.com

Retail, bulk sales of native conifers.

Intermountain Nursery

30443 N. Auberry Rd
Prather, CA 93651
559 / 855-3113

Drought tolerant California native plants for the Central Valley to the central Sierra Nevada: wholesale, retail, and contract growing. Retail sales Friday, Saturday, Sunday only.

J.L. Hudson, Seedsman

Box 337
La Honda, CA 94020
www.jlhudsonseeds.net

Large selection of mail order seeds, including many California natives.

Lake County Natives

7480 Kelsey Creek Drive
Kelseyville, CA 95451
707 / 279-2868

Wholesale and retail plants by appointment.

Larner Seeds

P.O. Box 407
Bolinas, CA 94924
415 / 868-9407
www.larnerseeds.com

Mail order seeds, retail plants at nursery Oct. thru July; coastal ecotypes, wildflowers, perennials, shrubs, trees, and grasses; contract collect and grow; demonstration garden; classes.

Las Pilitas Nursery

3232 Las Pilitas Road
Santa Margarita, CA 93453
805 / 438-5992
www.laspilitas.com

Wholesale weekdays, retail Fri. and Sat; online and mail order seed and container plants; contract collect and grow. Extensive information on website.

Mesa Gardens

P.O. Box 72
Belen, NM 87002
505 / 864-3131
www.mesagarden.com

Large selection of mail order cactus and succulent seed, plants, and references. Some CA natives.

Mines Road Natives

17505 Mines Road
Livermore, CA 94550
925 / 371-0887

Wholesale and retail container plants, most are native to local area. By appointment.

Mostly Natives Nursery

27235 Highway 1
P.O. Box 258
Tomales, CA 94971
707 / 878-2009
www.mostlynatives.com

Wholesale and retail plants, coastal natives and drought-tolerant plants.

Native Here Nursery

101 Golf Course Road
Tilden Regional Park
Berkeley, CA 94708
510 / 549-0211

www.ebcnps.org/nativehere.html

Volunteer run by CNPS; excellent source of locally native plants; revegetation and restoration. Open Friday and Saturday mornings.

Native Revival Nursery

2600 Mar Vista Drive
Aptos, CA 95003
831 / 684-1811
www.nativer revival.com

Wholesale and retail seed and plants, contract collect and grow, revegetation and restoration.

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Native Sons

379 West El Campo Road
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420
805 / 481-5996
www.nativeson.com

*Wholesale only, see web site for local retail outlets,
Mediterranean climate plants as well as natives.*

North Coast Native Nursery

2710 Chileno Valley Road
P.O. Box 660
Petaluma, CA 94953
707 / 769-1213
www.northcoastnativenursery.com

*Native plants for woodland, coastal, and riparian habitats;
wholesale and retail plants; contract collect and grow;
environmental management restoration planning,
contracting, and public education.*

Northwest Native Seed

Ron Ratko
17595 Vierra Canyon Road #172
Prunedale, CA 93907
831 / 663-6031

*Catalog issued late fall (end of Nov. or Dec.), ships seed
Nov.-April; extensive listings include data on where
collected; many hard to find.*

O'Donnell's Fairfax Nursery

1700 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.
Fairfax, CA 94930
415 / 453-0372

*Retail and wholesale organic nursery features natives and
habitat restoration services.*

Oaktown Native Plant Nursery

Alameda, CA
510 / 534-2552 or 510 / 387-9744
<http://www.oaktownnativenursery.info>

*Tree, shrub, perennial, and grass species of the San
Francisco Bay Area. Open Tuesdays 12-4pm or by
appointment.*

Pacific Coast Seed, Inc.

533 Hawthorn Place
Livermore CA 94551
925 / 373-4417
www.pcseed.com

*Wholesale only or through local nurseries.
Seed, of wildflowers and grasses.*

Plants of the Southwest

3095 Agua Fria Road
Santa Fe, NM 87507
800 / 788-7333 or 505 / 438-8888
www.plantsofthesouthwest.com

*Online and mail order plants and seeds, many native to CA,
catalog \$3.50.*

Ploughshares Nursery

2701 Main Street
Alameda, CA 94501
510 / 898-7811
www.ploughsharesnursery.com

Specializing in native, drought tolerant, and food plants.

Rainbow Lily Seed

P.O. Box 1296
Middletown, CA 95461
www.lilyseed.com

*Mail order seed of rare Liliaceae species including some
California natives.*

Rana Creek

35351 East Carmel Valley Road
Carmel Valley, CA 93924
831 / 659-3820
www.ranacreek.com

*Wholesale and retail on Wed., Fri., and first Sat. of month;
revegetation seed, container, and bareroot plants;
environmental planning, habitat restoration, and "living
architecture."*

Regional Parks Botanic Garden

South Park Drive and Wildcat Canyon Road
Tilden Regional Park
Berkeley, CA 94708
510 / 841-8732
www.nativeplants.org

*Retail plants and seeds on most Thursday mornings
May-Dec. Special events, sales.*

Russell Graham, Purveyor of Plants

4030 Eagle Crest Road NW
Salem, OR 97304
503 / 362-1135

*Retail, mail order. Maybe 10% native, but some hard to
find, e.g., Trillium. Catalog \$2.*

Santa Barbara Botanic Garden

1212 Mission Canyon Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93105
805 / 682-4726
www.sbbg.org

Retail container plants, some hard to find natives.

Seedhunt

P.O. Box 96
Freedom, CA 95019-0096
www.seedhunt.com

*Mail order annual and perennial seed, about 1/3 native,
many hard to find.*

SeedQueen Rare Seeds

8191 B and R Lane
Rio Vista, CA 94571
707 / 374-4986
www.seedqueen.com

*Small selection of source-identified and wild-collected
native seed of CA, AZ, and NV.*

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Sierra Azul Nursery & Gardens

2660 East Lake Avenue (Highway 152)
Watsonville, CA 95076
831 / 763-0939
www.sierraazul.com

Mediterranean and water-conserving plants, many natives.

Sierra Seed Supply

358 Williams Valley Road
Greenville, CA 95947
530 / 284-7926
www.sierraseed@fontier.net

Mail order seed of native wildflowers, shrubs, and trees.

Siskiyow Rare Plant Nursery

2115 Talent Avenue
Talent, OR 97540
544 / 535-7103
www.siskiyowrareplantnursery.com

Retail, mail order alpine and rock garden plants, some hard to find natives.

Sonoma Horticultural Nursery

3970 Azalea Ave. (off Hessel & McFarland)
Sebastopol, CA 95472
707 / 823-6832
www.sonomahort.com

Woodland garden, known for rhododendrons and azaleas, some natives.

Southwestern Native Seeds

P.O. Box 50503
Tucson, AZ 85703
www.southwesternnativeseeds.com/

Mail order seeds. Some collected in CA are hard to find.

Suncrest Nurseries, Inc.

400 Casserly Road
Watsonville, CA 95076
831 / 728-2595
www.suncrestnurseries.com

Wholesale only, see web site for local retail outlets. Specializes in development of new and unusual ornamental plants for coastal and near-coastal California, many of them native.

Telos Rare Bulbs

P.O. Box 1067
Ferndale, CA 95556
www.telosrarebulbs.com
Many natives, including Calochortus, Brodiaea, Fritillaria, Erythronium, Camassia, and more. Catalog \$2.

Theodore Payne Foundation

10459 Tuxford Street
Sun Valley, CA 91352
818 / 768-1802
www.theodorepayne.org

Retail plants, mail order seed, large seed selection.

Tree of Life Nursery

33201 Ortega Highway
P.O. Box 635
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92693
949 / 728-0685
www.treeoflifenuresery.com

Wholesale and retail container plants, contract collect and grow.

The Watershed Nursery

155 Tamalpais Road
Berkeley, CA 94718
510 / 548-4714
www.thewatershednursery.com

Retail, wholesale, and contract-grown Bay Area native plants with a focus on site-specific gene stock; wildland restoration and habitat enhancement services.

Yerba Buena Nursery

19500 Skyline Boulevard
Woodside, CA 94062
650 / 851-1668
www.yerbabuenanursery.com

Retail plants and some seed, large demonstration garden with mature examples of many cultivar and species natives. Except for ferns, all native.

SOIL AND MULCH

Acapulco Rock and Soil Products

3251 Jacuzzi Street
Richmond, CA 94804
510 / 526-3800
www.acapulcorockandsoil.com
Soil amendments, mulches, and rocks.

American Soil Products

2121 San Joaquin Street
Richmond, CA 94804 510 / 292-3000
565A Jacoby Street
San Rafael, CA 94901 415 / 456-1381
www.americansoil.com
Soil amendments, mulches, and rocks.

Contra Costa Topsoil

5030 Inhoff Drive
Martinez, CA 94553
925 / 228-4007 or 925 / 625-7603
www.contracostatopsoil.com
Soil amendments, mulches, and rocks.

Diamond K Supply

3671 Mt. Diablo Boulevard
Lafayette, CA 94549
925 / 228-4007 or 925 / 284-4477
www.diamondK.com
Soil amendments, mulches, and rocks.

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NATIVE PLANT SALES

Cabrillo College Horticulture Program

6500 Soquel Drive
Aptos, CA 95003
831 / 479-6100

www.cabrillo.edu/academics/horticulture

Large annual spring sale includes a selection of natives.

The Gardens at Heather Farm

600 N. San Carlos Drive
Walnut Creek, CA 94598
925 / 947-1678

www.gardenshf.org

Spring and fall plant sales include a selection of natives.

Regional Parks Botanic Garden

Tilden Regional Park, Berkeley 94708
510 / 841-8732

www.nativeplants.org

Annual plant sale on the third Saturday in April.

California Native Plant Society

916 / 447-2677

Many chapters have sales. See Chapter web sites or call for details. These sales offer a wide selection of native plants and opportunities to obtain choice and little-known plants. A few of the Bay Area sales are listed below:

CNPS - East Bay Chapter - Annual sale in October held at Native Here Nursery in Tilden Regional Park.

CNPS - Marin Chapter - Annual sale in April at Richardson Bay Audubon Center, Tiburon.

CNPS - Milo Baker Chapter - Annual fall sale second Saturday in October at the Veteran's Memorial Bldg., Santa Rosa.

CNPS - Napa Chapter - Twice yearly sales in April and early October at Skyline Park, Napa.

CNPS - Santa Clara Chapter - Annual spring and fall sales at Hidden Villa, Los Altos Hills.

CNPS - Santa Cruz County Chapter - Twice yearly sales in April and October at the UCSC Arboretum.

CNPS - Yerba Buena Chapter (San Francisco) - Annual fall sale first Thursday evening in November.

CNPS - Willis Linn Jepson Chapter (Solano County) - Annual spring and/or fall sales. Check web site for dates and locations.

San Francisco Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum

Golden Gate Park, 9th Avenue at Lincoln Way
San Francisco, CA
415 / 661-1316

www.sfbotanicalgarden.org

Many Saturday plant sales, one for native plants in the fall. Check web site or call.

UC Botanical Garden at Berkeley

200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley, CA
510 / 643-2755

www.botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu

Some natives available year-round at the garden shop. Two sales: last Saturday in April and last Sunday in Sept. Not all CA natives but often have hard to find ones.

UC Davis Arboretum

Orchard Park Nursery, Orchard Road and La Rue Road UC
Davis
530 / 752-4880

<http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu>

Plant fair in October. Some natives.

ADVICE

UC Cooperative Extension County Offices and Master Gardener Programs:

Alameda 510 / 567-6812

<http://cealameda.ucdavis.edu>

Contra Costa 925 / 646-6540

<http://cecontracosta.ucdavis.edu>

Marin 415 / 499-4204

<http://cemarin.ucdavis.edu>

Napa 707 / 253-4221

<http://cenapa.ucdavis.edu>

San Francisco/San Mateo 650 / 726-9059

<http://cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu>

Santa Clara 408 / 282-3110

<http://cesantaclara.ucdavis.edu>

Santa Cruz 831 / 763-8040

<http://cesantacruz.ucdavis.edu>

Solano 707 / 784-1317

<http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu>

UC Berkeley Botanical Garden, Sick Plant Clinic

First Saturday of each month, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are abundant volunteer opportunities for working with native plants through local chapters of the California Native Plant Society; public gardens; creek restoration groups; national, state, and regional parks and refuges; herbaria; and community colleges.

BOTANIC GARDENS AND ARBORETA

EXCLUSIVELY CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANTS:

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden

1500 N. College Avenue
Claremont, CA 91711-3157
909 / 625-8767

www.rsabg.org

Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily (closed Jan. 1, July 4, Thanksgiving, Dec. 25).

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Regional Parks Botanic Garden

Intersection of South Park Drive and Wildcat Canyon Road
Tilden Regional Park
Berkeley, CA 94708-2396
510 / 841-8732
www.nativeplants.org
Hours: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm daily; 8:30 am – 5:30 pm June 1 – Sept. 30 (closed Thanksgiving, Dec. 25, Jan. 1). Docent-led tours on Saturdays and Sundays.

Santa Barbara Botanic Garden

1212 Mission Canyon Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93105-2126
805 / 682-4726
www.sbbg.org
Hours: March-Oct, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m., Nov.–Feb., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (closed Thanksgiving, Dec. 24 and 25, Jan. 1).
Fee for admission.

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SECTION WITHIN GARDEN:

UC Botanical Garden at Berkeley

200 Centennial Drive
Berkeley, CA 94720-5045
510 / 643-2755
<http://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu>
Hours: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm daily
(Closed Thanksgiving, Dec. 24 and 25, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, Martin Luther King Day, and the first Tuesday of each month)
Fees for admission and parking. Fifth largest botanic garden in the world, has an outstanding California section.

UC Davis Arboretum

Located on UC Davis campus along a 2-mile stretch of Putah Creek.
530 / 752-4880
<http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu>
Hours: Arboretum always open; headquarters open weekdays 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Gardens include a drought-tolerant native plant garden with an extensive collection of *Ceanothus* and a planting of native bunchgrasses. The arboretum oak grove has a collection of oaks native to the western U.S. that are rare in cultivation.

UC Santa Cruz Arboretum

1156 High Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95064
831 / 427-2998
<http://arboretum.ucsc.edu>
Hours: daily 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (closed Thanksgiving Day, Dec. 25)
Fine collections of Mediterranean climate plants and views of Monterey Bay. Native section includes many plants from coastal CA and from the Channel Islands.

Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens

18220 North Highway 1
Fort Bragg, CA 95437
707 / 964-4352
www.gardenbythesea.org
Hours: March-Oct 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily; Nov- Feb, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily (closed Thanksgiving Day, Dec. 25, Saturday following Labor Day)
Fee for admission.
47-acre, oceanfront garden includes coastal bluffs, a closed-cone pine forest, and a Pacific coast iris garden.

Quail Botanical Gardens

230 Quail Gardens Drive
Encinitas, CA 92924
760 / 436-3036
www.qbgardens.com
Hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily (closed Thanksgiving, Dec. 25, and Jan. 1)
Fee for admission.
Gardens dedicated to the conservation of rare and endangered plants from across the globe. Includes a native California plant garden and an interactive children's garden.

San Francisco Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum

9th Avenue at Lincoln Way
San Francisco, CA 94122
415 / 661-1316
www.sfbotanicalgarden.org
Hours: weekdays 8:00 am – 4:30 pm; weekends and holidays 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Collections include plants from Chile, New Zealand, Australia, Asia, South Africa's Cape Province, and the New World cloud forest; primitive plants; a Japanese moon garden; and from California, a native meadow and a redwood trail.

Fullerton Arboretum

Located on the California State University Fullerton campus
1900 Associated Road
Fullerton, CA 92831
714 / 278- 3407
<http://arboretum.fullerton.edu>
Hours: 8 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. daily; (closed Thanksgiving Day, Dec. 25, and Jan. 1)
A 26-acre botanical garden with an ecologically arranged collection of plants from around the world. Highlights include Southern California native vegetation and a Channel Islands garden.

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PUBLIC GARDENS FEATURING NATIVE PLANTS

Cheeseman Environmental Study Area

Corner of Stelling and McLellan (inside the campus)

De Anza College
Cupertino, CA 95014
408 / 864-5446

www.deanza.fhda.edu/es/esa.html

Hours: Open weekdays.

Over 400 species of native plants representing 12 natural communities in a 1.5-acre garden.

Lindsay Wildlife Museum Nature Garden

1931 First Avenue
Walnut Creek, CA 94597
925 / 935-1978

www.wildlife-museum.org

Hours: vary by season, check website.

Fee for admission

The nature garden surrounding the museum features oak woodland, meadow, chaparral and many annual and perennial natives. Plants are labeled.

The SSU Botanical and Kenneth M. Stocking Native Plant Garden

Located on the Sonoma State University Campus

1801 East Cotati Avenue
Rohnert Park, CA 94928
707 / 664-2880

www.sonoma.edu/ensp/special_resources.htm

A showcase of diverse California plant communities and a quiet place for education and relaxation. Located near the campus lakes, the garden includes a guided trail through woodland, marsh and riparian ecosystems.

Forrest Deaner Native Plant Garden

Located in Benicia State Recreation Area

707 / 648-1911

<http://cnpsjepsonchapter.homestead.com/botgard.html>

A collaborative project of the California Native Plant Society's Willis Linn Jepson Chapter and the California Department of Parks and Recreation. The 3.5-acre garden, currently in the early stages of development, is designed to highlight plants native to Solano County.

ANNUAL NATIVE PLANT GARDEN TOURS

Bay-Friendly Garden Tour

Spring
Alameda County

www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp?page=617

Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour

Spring
East Bay

www.bringingbackthenatives.net

Going Native Garden Tour

Spring
Santa Clara Valley

www.goingnativegardentour.org

Native Plant Garden Tour

Spring
San Francisco

www.cnps-verabuena.org/gardens/index.html

BOOKS & ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS

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www.californiaoaks.org/ExtAssets/CompatiblePlantsUnder&AroundOaks.pdf

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CNPS Online Bookstore, www.cnps.org/store.php

UC Botanical Garden at Berkeley
200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley, CA 94720-5045
510 / 642-3343
www.botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu/shop

Santa Barbara Botanic Garden
1212 Mission Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105-2126
805 / 682-4726
www.sbbg.org

San Francisco Botanical Garden Bookstore
9th Avenue and Lincoln Way, San Francisco, CA 94122
415 / 661-1316 ext. 308
www.sfbotanicalgarden.org/Bookstore

MAGAZINES/JOURNALS

El Aliso. Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, an occasional publication
909 / 625-8767
www.rsabg.org/aliso.html

Fremontia. California Native Plant Society, membership benefit
916 / 447-2677
www.cnps.org/publications/

The Four Seasons. Regional Parks Botanic Garden, annual publication (membership benefit)
510 / 841-8732
www.nativeplants.org

Madroño. Journal of the California Botanical Society
www.calbotsoc.org/madrono.html

Manzanita. Friends of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden, quarterly membership benefit
510 / 841-8732
www.nativeplants.org

Pacific Horticulture. P.O. Box 680, Berkeley, CA 94701, nonprofit gardening quarterly with some articles on native plants.
510 / 849-1627
www.pacifichorticulture.org

LIBRARIES

Helen Crocker Russell Library of Horticulture
San Francisco Botanic Garden
415 / 661-1316 ext. 303
www.sfbotanicalgarden.org/library
Hours: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily
Wonderful library—browsing allowed; many periodicals (including *Manzanita*); materials may be used on site only.

Marian Koshland Bioscience and Natural Resources Library
2101 Valley Life Science Building #6500
University of California, Berkeley
510 / 642-0456 (reference), 510 / 642-2531 (circulation)
www.lib.berkeley.edu/BIOS/

Environmental Design Library
210 Wurster Hall
University of California, Berkeley
510 / 642-4818,
www.lib.berkeley.edu/ENVI/

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WEB SITES

www.nativeplants.org

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www.ebcnps.org

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Alameda and Contra Costa counties

www.dkycnps.org

Dorothy King Young Chapter CNPS
Coastal Mendocino and northern Sonoma counties

www.marin.cc.ca.us/cnps

Marin Chapter CNPS

www.cnpsmb.org

Milo Baker Chapter CNPS
Sonoma County

www.ncfaa.com/skyline/cnps.htm

Napa Valley Chapter CNPS

www.sacvalleycnps.org

Sacramento Valley Chapter CNPS, includes Stockton

www.cnps-scv.org

Santa Clara Valley Chapter CNPS

www.cruzcnps.org

Santa Cruz County Chapter CNPS

www.cnpsjepsonchapter.org

Willis L. Jepson Chapter CNPS
Solano County

www.cnps-yerbabuena.org

Yerba Buena Chapter CNPS
S.F./San Mateo County

Many of the CNPS chapter sites listed have informative columns such as the Gardening with Natives column on the Yerba Buena Chapter site.

www.calflora.org

The CalFlora Database is a comprehensive digital library of habitat and distribution data on almost 8,000 vascular plants of CA. Includes a "What Grows Here" feature and more than 30,000 photographs.

www.californiagardens.com

California Gardens.com
Photos and information about growing many California natives.

www.calphoto.com/wflower.htm

California Wildflower Hotsheet is a wonderful resource with contributions mainly from photographers who chronicle the wildflower bloom in various locations throughout the state.

www.californiaoaks.org

California Oak Foundation is a non-profit educational organization committed to preserving the state's oak forest ecosystem and its rural landscapes.

<http://danr.ucop.edu>

U.C. Agriculture and Natural Resources Cooperative Extension and Agricultural Experiment Station

www.suddenoakdeath.org

California Oak Mortality Task Force—Comprehensive and up-to-date web site on all aspects of sudden oak death disease: research, monitoring, news, etc.

www.gardeningwithnatives.com

Resources, articles, links sponsored by the Santa Clara Valley Chapter, CNPS

www.calypteanna.com/ca-natives.html

California native plants discussion group where members share knowledge and questions about native plants. Topics include habitat restoration, gardening with natives, plant identification, etc.

www.cnplx.info

California Native Plant Link Exchange links to websites with information about California native plants, indexed by botanical name.

www.cal-ipc.org

California Invasive Plant Council provides information about exotic plants that have become invasive pests in CA. "Don't Plant a Pest" brochures are available for most regions.

www.ebparks.org/stewardship/plants/checklist

East Bay Regional Park District Wild Plant Checklist—Plant lists and photos for various East Bay Regional Parks.

<http://ucjeps.berkeley.edu/jeps/>

Jepson Herbarium—Data from the Jepson Herbarium are available through the Jepson Online Interchange for California Floristics; this resource provides the latest information on identification, taxonomy, nomenclature, distribution, ecology, relationships, and diversity of California vascular plants.

www.growingnative.com

Growing Native Online Newsletter collection of Louise Lacey's articles available for purchase by download.

www.mcstoppp.org/nurseries.htm

Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program. Information on native plants and nurseries esp. for Marin.

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www.nargs.org

North American Rock Garden Society
Provides information about alpine, saxatile, and low-growing perennials through a quarterly bulletin, lectures, slide presentations, meetings, and garden tours; Western Chapter includes northern California.

www.pacificcoastiris.org

Society for Pacific Coast Native Iris
Information on gardening with Pacific Coast irises.

www.theodorepayne.org/gallery/glossary.htm

Theodore Payne Foundation California Native Plant Library

Sortable pages for hundreds of woody to herbaceous California native plants, containing plant and flower descriptions and photos as well as information about habitat, distribution, and wildlife value.

<http://nature.berkeley.edu/urbanbeegardens>

Urban Bee Gardens
Comprehensive website focused on the diversity and habits of native bees in urban areas and providing detailed information about creating bee-friendly gardens.

Good plant descriptions and other useful information can often be found on nursery web sites, particularly those of some of the larger wholesale nurseries such as Suncrest, Native Sons, and Tree of Life. The Las Pilitas Nursery web site has great plant information. There are many more--one site always leads to another!

CLASSES

California Native Plant Society

Monthly programs offered by various chapters. See websites for local chapters.

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo 805 / 756-1111

Classes on native plants in addition to regular botany classes, many are field classes.
www.calpoly.edu

City College of San Francisco 415 / 239-3000

Field classes on California natives.
www.ccsf.edu

Friends of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden

Tilden Park, Berkeley 510 / 841-8732
Various classes and short courses focused on native plant botany and natural history. Docent training. Popular Wayne Roderick lecture series.
www.nativeplants.org

Jepson Herbarium Public Programs 510 / 643-7008

Wide variety of workshops and classes on botanical and ecological subjects, many are field classes; call for catalog.
<http://ucjepson.berkeley.edu/jepwkshp.html>

Life Garden 925 / 937-3044

Workshops and classes on growing natives and other ecologically oriented gardening topics.
www.lifegarden.org

Merritt College Landscape Horticulture Department 510 / 436-2418

Offers several classes on landscape use of CA native plant materials.
www.merrittlandhort.com

Point Reyes Field Seminars 415 / 663-1200

Field courses focusing on natural history, botany of the Point Reyes Peninsula.
www.ptreyes.org/field/fshome.html.

SF State University - Sierra Nevada Field Campus

Sept.-May: 650 / 738-1814, June-Aug.: 530 / 862-1230
Summer field courses focusing on the natural history and botany of the Sierra Nevada.
www.sfsu.edu/nsierra

Siskiyou Field Institute 541 / 597-8530

One-day and multi-day summer field courses focusing on the natural history and botany of the Klamath-Siskiyou bioregion of northern California and southern Oregon.
www.thesfi.org

San Francisco Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum 415 / 661-1316

Wide variety of classes on botany and horticulture. Docent training.
www.sfbotanicalgarden.org/education

UC Davis 530 / 752-1011

Classes and programs focused on native plants, excellent campus resources including the Arboretum.
www.ucdavis.edu

UC Davis Arboretum 530 / 752-4880

Lectures and workshops on gardening, plant science, and conservation.
<http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu>

The Watershed Project (formerly Aquatic Outreach Institute) 510 / 665-3546

Workshops on gardening for wildlife with native plants and other aspects of local ecology for the public and educators.
www.thewatershedproject.org

Yosemite Association Seminars 209 / 379-2321

Field seminars focusing on the natural history and botany of Yosemite National Park, the Sierra Nevada, and the White Mountains.
www.yosemite.org/seminars

Community Colleges

Most community colleges have horticulture departments offering classes on natives. For links to all California community colleges visit the Colleges tab on www.cccco.edu/