

We are often asked, “Where can I find out more about California natives?” In the San Francisco and Monterey Bay areas we are truly fortunate to have an incredible amount of resources readily available, whether you are just looking for a book or a semester-long class on landscaping with natives or restoration ecology.

Listed below are some of the resources available. Please feel free to let us know who or what we have omitted so that we can make these listings as complete as possible. We have divided the resources listings into the following categories:

- Classes, Workshops, Guided Hikes and Tours
- Volunteer opportunities - Habitat restoration, plant propagation and exotic plant removal
- Books
- Organizations, Clubs and Societies
- Gardens and Arboreta

Classes, Workshops, Guided Hikes and Tours

Attending classes, workshops and going on guided hikes are all great ways of learning more about natives. Listed below are some of the organizations that offer regular classes, workshops, tours and hikes.

In Santa Cruz, details of many of our local horticultural and conservation events can be found in the Sentinel’s Home and Garden Section (published every Thursday).

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| Cabrillo College, Department of Horticulture | www.cabrillo.edu |
| Monterey Peninsula College, Department of Horticulture | www.mpc.edu |
| University of California, Santa Cruz Arboretum | ucsc.edu/arboretum |
| University of California, Davis Arboretum | arboretum.ucdavis.edu |
| University of California, Berkeley Botanic Garden | botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu |
| San Francisco Botanic Garden at Strybing | www.strybing.org |
| California Academy of Sciences | www.strybing.org |
| California Native Plant Society: | www.calacademy.org |
| East Bay Regional Parks | www.ebparks.org |

Volunteer opportunities - Habitat restoration, plant propagation and exotic plant removal

An excellent way of learning about natives is to volunteer with a local habitat restoration group. This is also a great way to meet new friends and a really fun way of doing something positive for your local flora and fauna.

Here are some of the local organizations that have regular volunteer workdays.

- California Native Plant Society – Go to the main web site at www.cnps.org and click on “Chapters” to find the one nearest to you.
- Friends of Soquel Creek www.friendsofsoquelcreek.org
- Wildlands Restoration Team www.wildwork.org
- Watsonville Wetlands Watch www.watsonvillewetlandswatch.org

Books

We are frequently asked what books we recommend for learning more about gardening with natives, their identification in the wild and gardening for wildlife. Some of our top choices are listed below. For ease of use, we’ve tried to group the books under relevant headings, but there is some overlap between the various categories, so please don’t consider them in isolation.

Some of the books listed below are out of print, but you can often find good used copies on line.

Growing and Gardening with California Native Plants

Brenzel KN ed., 2001, *Sunset Western Garden Book*, Sunset Publishing Corporation
 Harlow N and Jakob K eds., 2003, *Wild Lilies, Irises and Grasses – Gardening with California Monocots*, University of California Press
 Harlow N. ed, 2004, *Plants and Landscapes for Summer-Dry Climates of the San Francisco Bay Region*, East Bay Municipal Water District
 Keator Glenn, 1990, *Complete Garden Guide to the Native Perennials of California*, Chronicle Books
 Keator Glenn, 1994, *Complete Garden Guide to the Native Shrubs of California*, Chronicle Books
 Klebsch B, 2003, *The New Book of Salvias – Sages for every Garden*,
 Niehaus TF and Ripper CL, 1976, *Pacific States Wildflowers*, Houghton Mifflin Company
 Perry B, 1992, *Landscape Plants for Western Regions – An Illustrated Guide to Plants for Water Conservation*, Land Design Publishing
 Pettinger A and Costanzo B, 2002, *Native Plants in the Coastal Garden – A Guide for Gardeners in the Pacific Northwest*,
 Schmidt MG, 1980, *Growing California Native Plants*, University of California Press

For those who want to delve deeper and further a field

Casebeer M, 1999, *Discover California Wildflowers*, Hooker Press
 Casebeer M, 2004, *Discover California Shrubs*, Hooker Press
 Crampton B, 1974, *Grasses in California*, University of California Press

Morhardt S and Morhardt E, 2004 *California Desert Flowers – An Introduction to Families Genera and Species*, University of California Press
O'Brien B, Fuentes L and Newcombe LF eds., 1997, *Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden Occasional Publications Number 1 Symposium Proceedings – Out of the Wild and Into the Garden I, California's Horticulturally Significant Plants April 30th-May 2nd 1992*, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden
Ornduff R, Faber PM and Keeler-Wolf T, 2003, *Introduction to California Plant Life*, University of California Press
Pickart AJ and Sawyer JO, 1998, *Ecology and Restoration of Northern California Coastal Dunes*, California Native Plant Society
Rowntree L, 1980, *Hardy Californians*, Peregrine Smith

Invasive Plants

A Plague of Plants – Controlling Invasive Plants in Santa Cruz County, 1998 – Booklet published by the Wildlands Restoration Team www.wildwork.org

Grasses

Crampton B, 1974, *Grasses in California*, University of California Press
Greenlee J, 2000, *The Encyclopedia of Ornamental Grasses*, Michael Friedman Publishing Group.
Grounds R, 2002, *The Plantfinders Guide to Ornamental Grasses*, Timber Press
Landscaping with Ornamental Grasses, 2002, Sunset Books
Ondra NJ, 2002, *Grasses – Versatile Partners for Uncommon Garden Design*, Storey Publishing

Wildlife Gardening

Bauer Nancy, 2001, *The Habitat Garden Book – Wildlife Landscaping for the San Francisco Bay Region*, Coyote Ridge Press
Carroll S and Salt SD, 2004, *Ecology for Gardeners*, Timber Press
Merilees Bill, 2000, *The New Gardening for Wildlife – A Guide for Nature Lovers*, Whitecap Books

Floras and Field Guides

Crampton B, 1974, *Grasses in California*, University of California Press
Hickman JC ed., 1993, *The Jepson Manual – Higher Plants of California*, University of California Press
Matthews MA, 1997, *An Illustrated Field Key to the Flowering Plants of Monterey County and Ferns, Fern Allies and Conifers*, California Native Plant Society
Thomas JH, 1961, *Flora of the Santa Cruz Mountains of California – A Manual of the Vascular Plants*, Stanford University Press

Firescaping

Gilmer M, *The Wildfire Survival Guide*, 1995, Taylor Publishing Company

Gilmer M, *California Wildfire Landscaping*, 1994, Taylor Publishing Company

Organizations, Clubs and Societies

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| Audubon Society | www.audubon.org |
| California Horticultural Society (“CalHort”) | www.calhortsociety.org |
| California Native Grass Association | www.cnga.org |
| California Native Plant Society | www.cnps.org |
| California Invasive Plant Council (Cal-IPC) | www.cal-ipc.org |
| Community Alliance with Family Farmers | www.caff.org |
| Gardening with Natives | Gardening with Natives |
| Mediterranean Gardening Society | mediterraneangardensociety.org |
| Return of the Natives | Return of the Natives |
| Sierra Club | www.sierraclub.org |
| War on Weeds | |
| Wild Farm Alliance | wildfarmalliance.org |
| Bringing Back the Natives | bringingbackthenatives.net |
| Friends of Soquel Creek | www.friendsofsoquelcreek.org |
| Wildlands Restoration Team | www.wildwork.org |
| National Wildlife Federation | www.nwf.org |
| Xerces Society | www.xerces.org |

Gardens and Arboreta

Gamble Garden, Palo Alto
Mendocino Botanical Garden
Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden
Rowntree Garden, Carmel
San Francisco Botanic Garden at Strybing
Santa Barbara Botanic Garden
Tilden Park
University of California Berkeley Botanic Garden
University of California Davis Arboretum
University of California, Santa Cruz Arboretum

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