

Native Plant Gardening Resources

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Nurseries, Seed Suppliers, Plant Sales, and Botanic Gardens

note: Always check in advance for hours of operation.

California Flora Nursery
P.O. Box 3
Somers and D Sts.
Fulton, CA 95439
(707)528-8813
Nursery plants.

California Native Plant Society
All Bay Area chapters hold annual native plant sales.

- East Bay: www.ebcnps.org
- Marin: www.marin.cc.ca.us/cnps
- Milo Baker (Sonoma):
www.sonic.net/~vulpia/cnps/mbaker.html
- Napa Valley: www.ncfaa.com/skyline/cnps.htm
- Santa Clara Valley:
www.stanford.edu/~rawlings/blazcon.htm
- Willis Linn Jepson (Solano):
www.cnpsjepsonchapter.org
- Yerba Buena (S.F. and San Mateo)
www.cnps-yerbabuena.org

Freshwater Farms, Inc.
5851 Myrtle Ave.
Eureka, CA 95503
(800)200-8969
www.freshwaterfarms.com
California wetland and riparian native plants and seed.

The Gardens at Heather Farm
1540 Marchbanks Dr.
Walnut Creek, CA 94598
(925)947-1678
www.gardenshf.org

Nonprofit educational garden with a native plant demonstration garden.

Larner Seeds
P.O. Box 407
Bolinas, CA 94924
(415)868-9407
www.larnerseeds.com
Mail order seed. Also, nursery plants, especially coastal natives.
Demonstration garden.

Mostly Natives Nursery
P.O. Box 258
27235 Hwy. 1
Tomales, CA 94971

(707)878-2009
www.mostlynatives.com
Nursery plants, especially coastal natives.
Native Here Nursery
101 Golf Course Dr.
Tilden Regional Park
Berkeley, CA 94708
(510)549-0211
www.ebcnps.org
Nursery plants native to the East Bay.

Rana Creek Nursery
35351 E. Carmel Valley Rd.
Carmel Valley, CA 93924
(831)659-3820
www.ranacreek.com
Native grass seed and nursery plants, emphasizing habitat restoration.

Regional Parks Botanic Garden
Wildcat Canyon Rd. at South Park Dr.
Tilden Park
Berkeley, CA 94708
(510)841-8732
www.nativeplants.org
Ten-acre California native plant garden.
Nursery plants April through December; large, annual plant sale in April.

Saratoga Horticultural Foundation
15185 Murphy Ave.
San Martin, CA 95046
(408)779-3303
www.saratogahortfoundation.org
Nursery plants.

Seedhunt
P.O. Box 96
Freedom, CA 95019
www.seedhunt.com
Mail-order seed of annuals and perennials.

Strybing Arboretum & Botanical Gardens
Ninth Ave. at Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park, S.F.
(415)661-1316
www.strybing.org
Garden includes large California native section. Plant sales throughout the year, some include natives.

U.C. Botanical Garden at Berkeley
200 Centennial Dr., Berkeley
(510)643-2755
www.mip.berkeley.edu/garden

Garden includes large California native section. Sales at various times of year; most include some natives.

Wayward Gardens
1296 Tilton Rd.
Sebastopol, CA 95472
(707)829-8225
www.waywardgardens.com
Nursery plants. Specializes in "flora for fauna."

Yerba Buena Nursery
19500 Skyline Blvd.
Woodside, CA 94062
(650)851-1668
www.yerbabuennanursery.com
Nursery plants. Demonstration garden.

Books

Bauer, Nancy. *The Habitat Garden Book: Wildlife Landscaping for the San Francisco Bay Region*. Coyote Ridge Press, 2001.
Clear and compact beginner's guide to native and nonnative plants that attract birds, bees, butterflies, and beneficial insects.

Francis, Mark and Andreas Reimann. *The California Landscape Garden: Ecology, Culture, and Design*. University of California Press, 1999.
Bringing the California landscape and wildlife into the garden through ecological gardening practices.

Hagen, Bruce, et al. *Compatible Plants Under and Around Oaks*. Oakland: California Oak Foundation, 2000.
Guidelines for planting under or near native oaks.

Hayes, Anne and Shannah Anderson. *The Gardener's Guide to Native Plants of the East Bay*. Aquatic Outreach Institute, 2001.
Useful beginner's guide to plants and resources for the East Bay native plant gardener.

Lowry, Judith Larner. *Gardening with a Wild Heart*. Berkeley: UC Press, 1999.
Meditation on wildland ecology, restoration gardening practices, and native plant horticulture.

Ornduff, Robert. *An Introduction to California Plant Life*. Berkeley: UC Press, 1974.

Guide to California's plant communities and the environmental influences that determine their distribution.

Schmidt, Marjorie. *Growing California Native Plants*. Berkeley: UC Press, 1980.

Detailed growing information for many native plants.

Sonoma County Master Gardeners. *Flora for Fauna: Habitats for Birds, Butterflies, and Beneficial Insects*. Wayward Gardens, 1999.

Includes a database of plants and the types of fauna they attract.

Stein, Sara. *Noah's Garden: Restoring the Ecology of Our Own Backyards*. Boston/N.Y.: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1993

Follows the transformation of the author's garden as part of her efforts to restore the native ecosystem.

Websites

The Bay Area Gardener
www.gardens.com
Resources for Bay Area gardeners.

California Academy of Sciences
www.calacademy.org/research/botany/wildflow/index.html
Provides detailed information about California wildflowers.

California Native Plant Society
www.cnps.org
Information about native plants and links to local chapters' websites, many of which contain native plant gardening advice.

eNature
www.enature.com
Includes information and advice on backyard habitat gardening.

Classes, Workshops, Lectures, Walks

Aquatic Outreach Institute (Richmond)
(510)231-5655
www.aoinstitute.org
Gardening for Wildlife workshops are currently offered to residents and educators in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties.

California Native Plant Society
www.cnps.org

Links to walks and programs focusing on native plants offered by local chapters.

Gardening with Natives group (Santa Clara Valley CNPS Chapter)
Monthly meetings, and annual native plant garden tour. Contact Stephanie Morris at StephLMorris@hotmail.com

Friends of the Jepson Herbarium (Berkeley)
(510)643-7008

<http://ucjeps.berkeley.edu/jepwkshp.html>

Wide variety of workshops and classes on botanical and ecological subjects.

LifeGarden (Walnut Creek)
(925)937-3044

www.LifeGarden.org

Classes, tours, and lecture series about ecological gardening and topics such as native plants.

Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program
(510)499-3202
www.mcstoppp.org
Taking Root workshops for K-5 teachers about creating healthy school gardens.

Regional Parks Botanic Garden (Berkeley)
(510)841-8732
www.nativeplants.org

Classes and lectures on native plant botany, horticulture, and natural history.

Glen Schneider and Lyn Talkovsky
(510)644-1776 or (510)231-5912
East Bay landscape professionals offering classes and information on gardening for wildlife using local native plants.

Strybing Arboretum Society (San Francisco)
(415)661-1316 ext.300
www.strybing.org
Classes on botany and horticulture.

Many Bay Area community colleges have horticulture departments that offer classes in ecology, native plants, garden design, and more.

Advice/Libraries

UC Cooperative Extension
<http://ucanr.org/ce.cfm>

UC Botanical Garden at Berkeley Sick Plant Clinic
200 Centennial Dr., Berkeley
First Saturday of each month.
(510)643-2755

Helen Crocker Russell Library of Horticulture
Strybing Arboretum, Ninth Ave. at Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park, S.F.
(415)661-1316 ext.303
www.strybing.org/hcrlib.html

California Native Plants Discussion Group
www.calypeteanna.com/ca-natives.html
Listserv for people with questions about California native plants.

For additional resources, visit www.baynature.com

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