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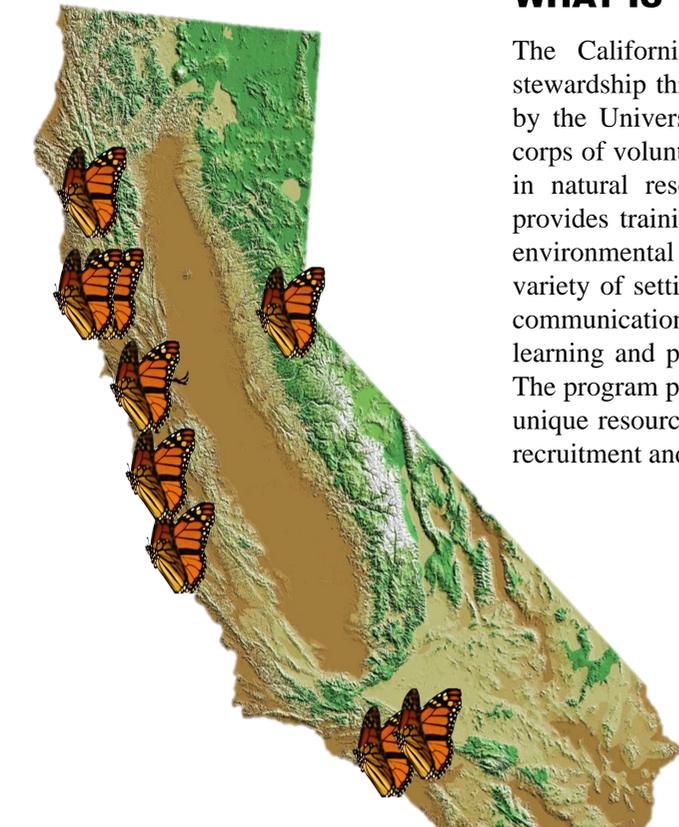
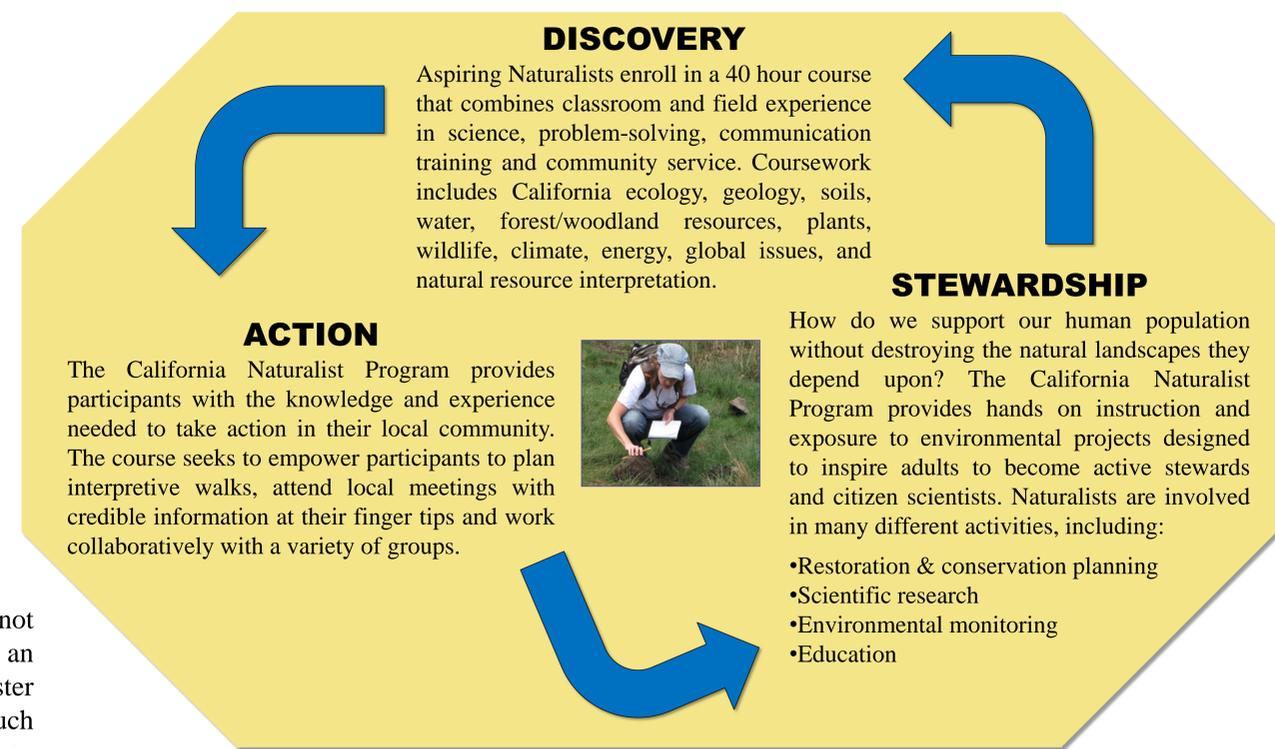


WHAT IS THE CALIFORNIA NATURALIST PROGRAM?

The California Naturalist Program promotes environmental literacy and stewardship through discovery and action. California Naturalist was developed by the University of California Cooperative Extension to foster a committed corps of volunteer naturalists and citizen scientists trained to take an active role in natural resource conservation, education, and restoration. This program provides training, in collaboration with local sponsoring institutions, for adult environmental stewards through a curriculum that can be easily applied in a variety of settings. The program uses a science curriculum, hands-on learning, communication training, and community service to engage adults in interactive learning and provides them with scientific literacy and critical thinking skills. The program provides a means for individuals to protect and restore California's unique resources and for organizations to expand and formalize their volunteer recruitment and training.

WHY HERE, WHY NOW?

California is as diverse socially as it is ecologically. We cannot protect and restore California's unique ecology without an environmentally literate, engaged public. There are Master Naturalist programs in 26 other states, but this is the first such program for California that will engage adults including teachers, docents, land stewards, and nature enthusiasts in service learning and participatory research.



CLASSES THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA

The California Naturalist Program is implemented in collaboration with partnering institutions. Instructors receive training and support, including an instructors manual with promotional material, class syllabi, activities and adaptable presentations for each unit. Courses are offered throughout the State.

- Occidental Arts & Ecology Center
- Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History
- Pasadena City College
- Santa Rosa Junior College
- Sagehen Creek Field Station, Truckee
- Salmon Protection & Watershed Network, Marin
- UC ANR Hopland Research & Extension Center
- UC Santa Cruz Arboretum
- Santa Barbara Botanic Garden
- *More to come...*

CITIZEN SCIENCE

An exciting part of the California Naturalist Program is participation in citizen science projects. As part of an NSF grant, the program has developed a database of citizen science projects and advanced training modules for public participation in ecological monitoring, as well as project collaboration with iNaturalist for shared on-line field journaling and networking.



CONNECTING WITH MULTIPLE AUDIENCES

Traditional Audiences

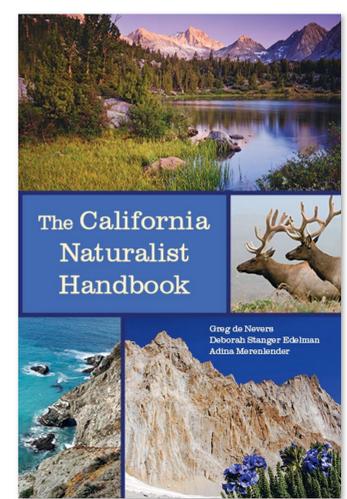


The trainings and web tools are designed as social learning experiences where volunteers of different age-groups and backgrounds can simultaneously benefit from each others' experiences and skill sets.

Non-Traditional Audiences



COURSE TEXTBOOK



Ucpress.edu/go/calnaturalist

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