



UCCE Master Gardener's of Glenn County Newsgram

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California Poppy

California's state flower is the California poppy, *Eschscholzia californica*.

The CA Department of Fish and Wildlife's website states "The plant's bright orange flowers are an unmatched symbol of the Golden State, perhaps viewed as a floral representation of the "fields of gold" sought during the gold rush. The California poppy is commonly seen blooming in the spring and summer along country roads and freeways throughout much of the state, making this plant a highly recognizable symbol of California, and April 6 of each year is officially designated as California Poppy Day".

California poppies are tough, fast growing, drought-tolerant, self-seeding, and easy to grow in gardens. It is best grown as an annual, in full sun, but it will tolerate part shade. It prefers well draining, sandy, often poor soils.

The CA State Master Gardener's program symbol contains a Poppy.

More information can be found at the CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife website and at the CA Native Plant Society web site.

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Plants/California-Poppy>,

[https://calscape.org/Eschscholzia-californica-\(California-Poppy\)](https://calscape.org/Eschscholzia-californica-(California-Poppy))



Images of CA poppies taken in Willows by N.Mulligan





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Master Gardener Business

Monthly Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday March 26th. At 1:00 in the office in Orland.

Master Gardener Training Class

Training for new Master Gardeners has started. Up to 2 people from Glenn County can attend each session to get continuing education hours. In March the presentations are; March 1 Water and Irrigation, March 8 Insects, March 15 IPM, March 22 Vertebrate Pests and March 29 Vegetable Gardening. Sign up for the class will be on the clip board with plant clinic sign ups. Classes can be viewed using Zoom. The Zoom link to the classes will be emailed a to the Master Gardeners.

Continuing Education

Butte County Master Gardeners have posted a list of the workshops they have planned for spring 2022. They have a variety of subjects covered. For information follow this link.

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/bcmg/Workshops/>



Master Gardener's had a work day on February 24 to spread wood chips around the raised beds.

Thanks to everyone who helped out.



Western Monarch Mystery Survey

Scientists are asking for help to fill critical information gaps about monarch's spring migration. The survey started Feb. 14 and ends April 22 (Earth Day). If you see a monarch in the area of California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Idaho and Utah, outside its winter habitat, what you do is report the sighting, take an image (a cell phone photo is fine) and enter it the campaign for a chance at a prize. Report the sighting to [iNaturalist](https://www.naturalist.org) (the app is free) OR email it to monarchmystery@wsu.edu and include species, date and location. More information can be found at the following link.

<https://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=51608>