

Include

NATIVE PLANTS IN YOUR GARDEN

Why Include Native Plants in Your Garden

They can brighten your garden. Don't have space for an entire native garden? Place a few natives among other plants with similar watering needs

Native Plants can be Less Work for You



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- No fertilizers
- No pesticides
- Less water
- Suppress weeds
- No mowing
- ...
- AND they are beautiful!

Many Plants and Animals Need HELP

Native animal and plant populations are declining.



California Gnatcatcher



Dogface Butterfly



Horned Lizard

Benefits of Native Plants in Your Garden

Plant California Natives to:

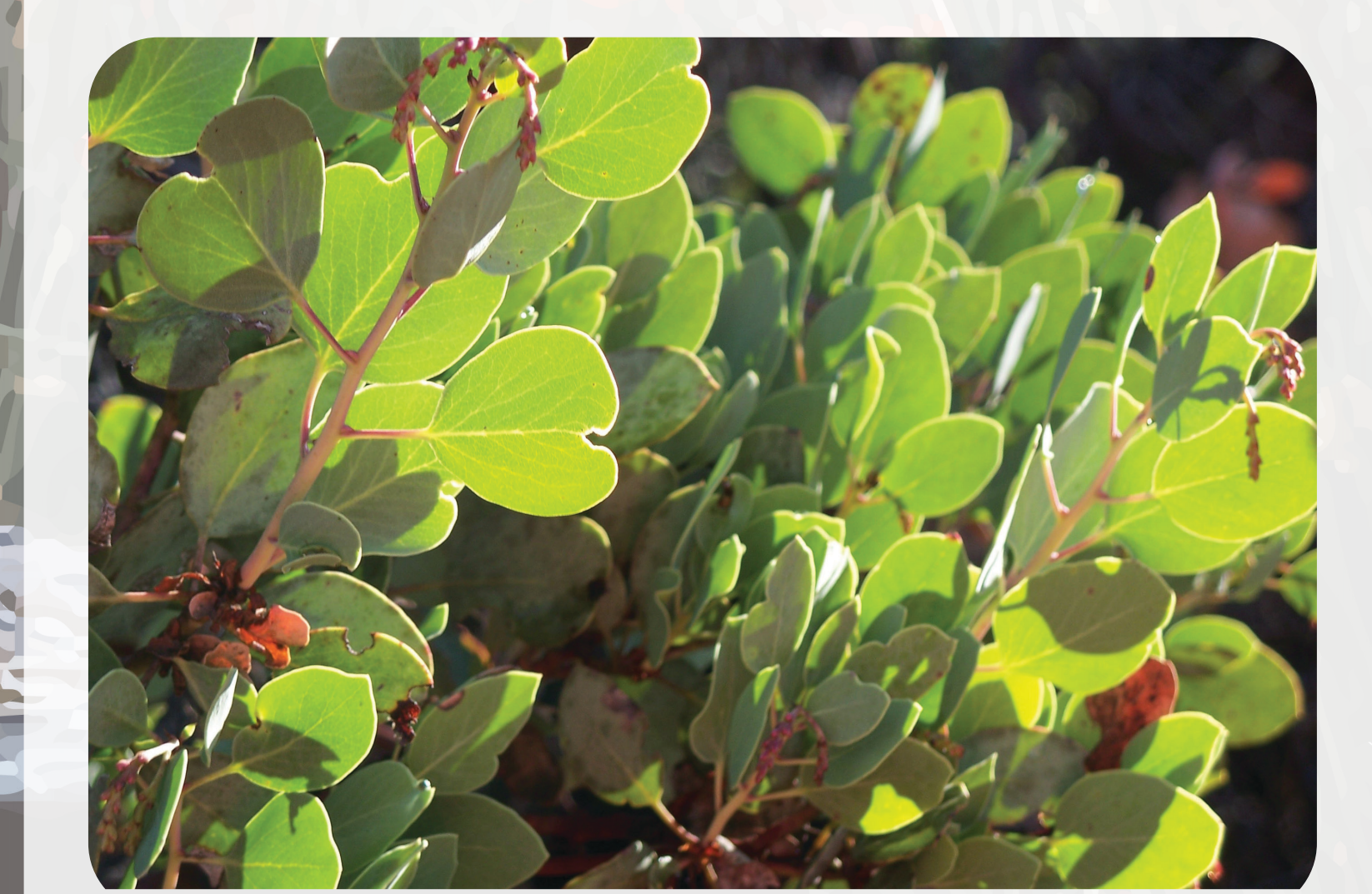
- Help protect the natural environment
- Provide habitat for native wildlife
- Filter pollutants from and reduce stormwater runoff
- Attract beneficial wildlife to help your plants
- Support healthy and diverse ecosystems

Some Favorite Native Plants for San Diego County

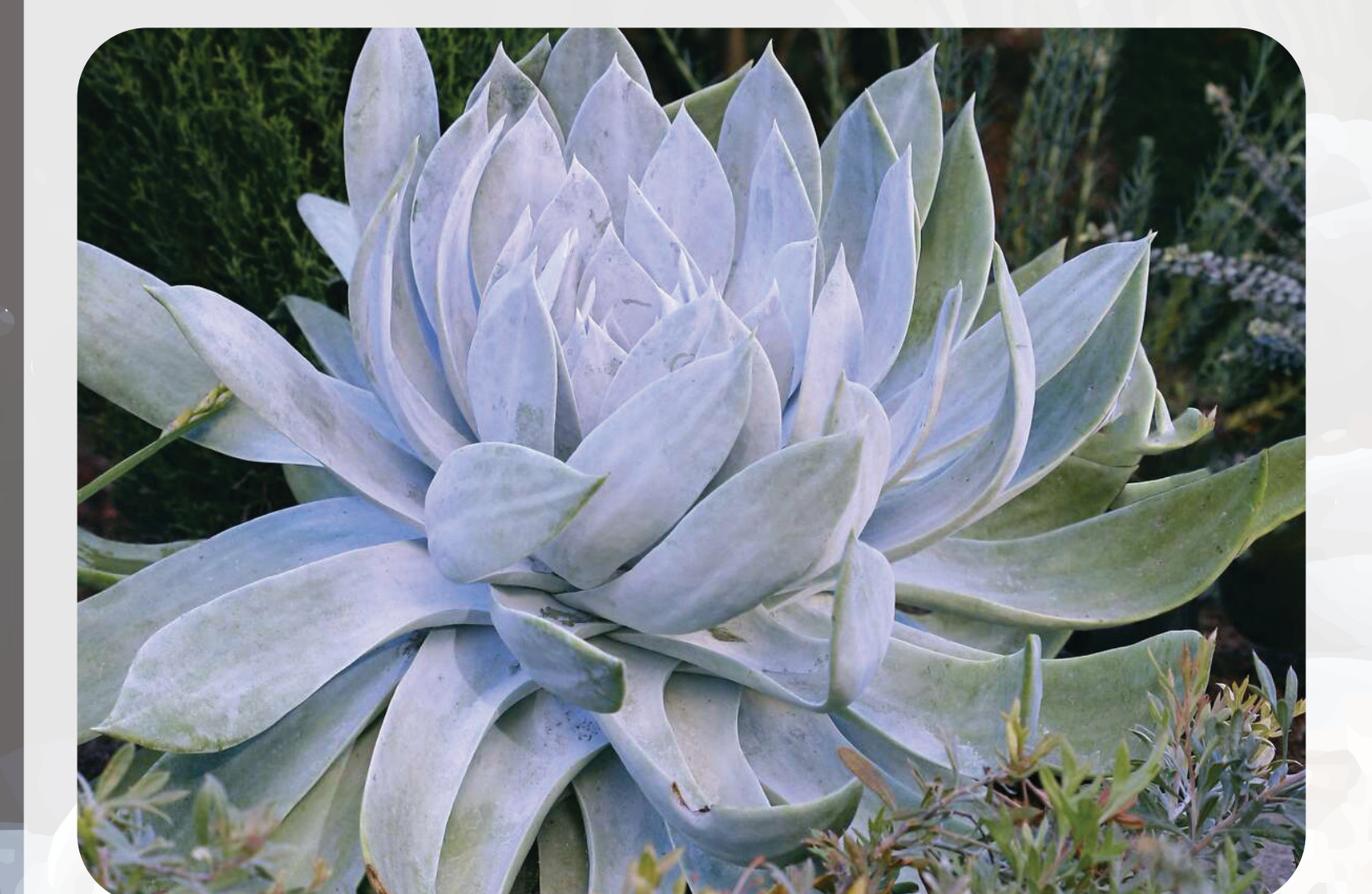
- **Manzanita**, **Lemonade Berry** or **Sugar Bush** and **Ceanothus** for shrubs
- **Sage** for color and aroma
- **Coastal Sunflower** for yellow blossoms spring and summer
- **Buckwheat** for color and seeds
- **Dudleya** for succulents
- **Deergrass** for seeds and movement in the garden



Buckwheat



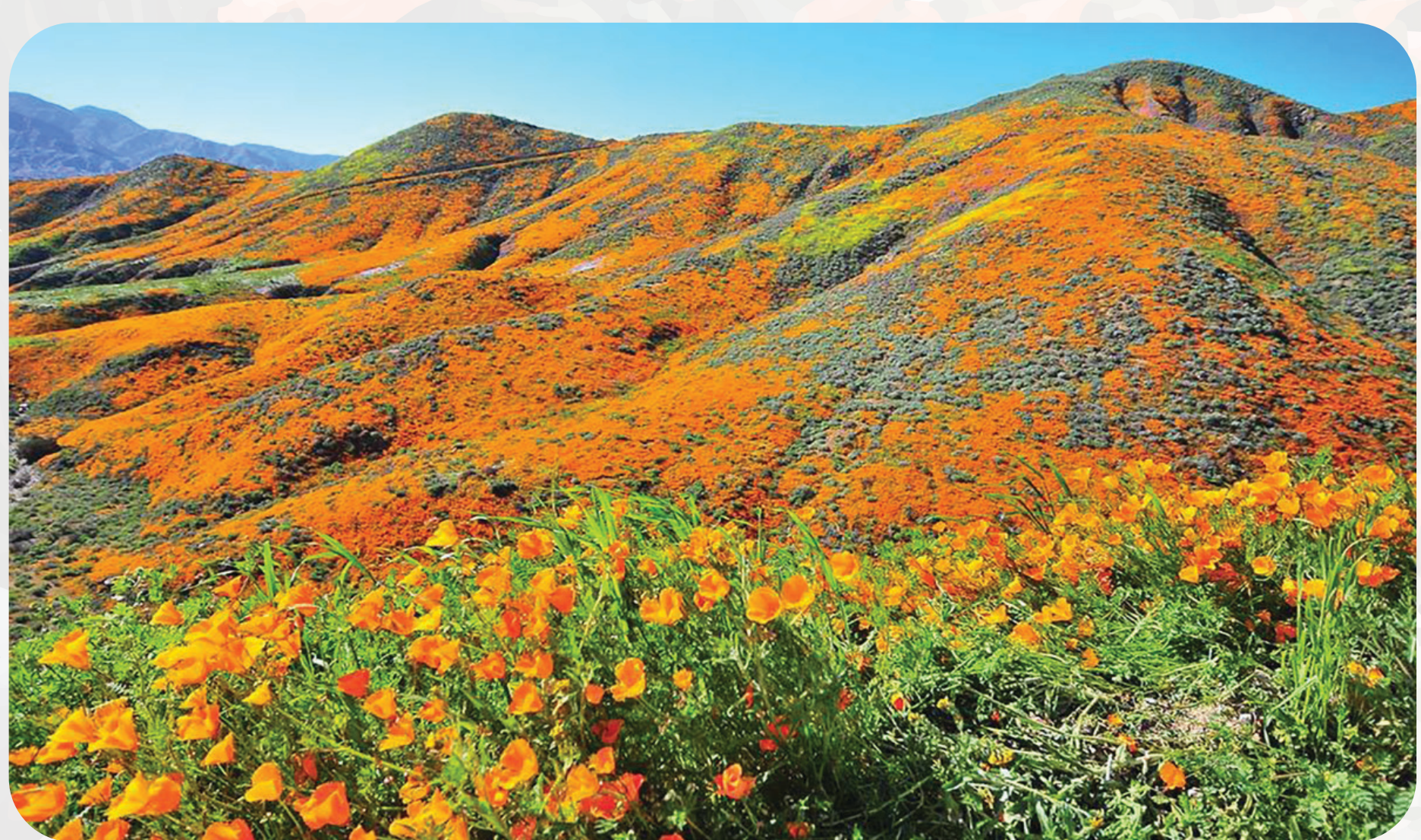
Manzanita



Dudleya



Ceanothus



California Poppy

Native Plants = New Gardening Techniques

Care Through the Seasons

The best time to plant natives begins with the rainy season in October.

Some natives can bloom as early as February and continue through summer.

In late summer and continuing through winter, natives produce seeds and berries critical for wildlife.

Many natives rest or even go dormant in hot months, surviving until the rains return.

Enjoy the Beauty of Your Garden

Your success in providing growing space for native plants and the wildlife they support can save you time and money!

