

# RESOURCES FOR GARDENING WITH NATIVE PLANTS



## PLACES TO SEE NATIVE PLANTS

- Native gardens at **Master Gardener** Demonstration Garden, 1036 W. Main Street, Grass Valley
- Sac. Valley Native Plant Garden Tour. April. [www.sacvalleycnps.org/fairsevents/gardens-gone-native](http://www.sacvalleycnps.org/fairsevents/gardens-gone-native)
- UC Davis Arboretum. Native plant sections. [arboretum.ucdavis.edu/places-to-see](http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/places-to-see)

## NATIVE PLANT SALES

- Master Gardeners of Nevada County Spring Plant Sale. May. Some native plants. [ncmg.ucanr.edu](http://ncmg.ucanr.edu)
- [Redbud Chapter of CNPS](http://redbudchapterofcnps.org) Fall Native Plant Sale, online October 4. <https://chapters.cnps.org/redbud/plant-sale/>
- Plant sales of other CNPS chapters, e.g., [Sacramento Valley](http://sacramentovalley.org), online Sep 21-22.
- [UC Davis Arboretum Public Plant Sales](http://ucdavisarboretum.org). Oct. 18 and Nov. 15. (Members Sep 27). Some native plants.

**BOOKS** *\*Starred books are particularly helpful for finding "the right plant for the right place."*

\*Bornstein, Carol, David Fross and Bart O'Brien. *California Native Plants for the Garden*. Cachuma Press, 2005. Photos and descriptions of many native species and varieties. Lists for specific needs, such as under oaks. Also *Reimagining the California Lawn*. Cachuma Press, 2011.

Frankie, Gordon W., Robbin W. Thorp, Rollin E. Coville, and Barbara Ertter. *California Bees & Blooms: A Guide for Gardeners and Naturalists*. Heyday: Berkeley, CA. California's multiple types of bees, their natural enemies, and plant profiles for many of California's best bee attractants, including their flowering season.

Keator, Glenn and Alrie Middlebrook, *Designing California Native Gardens*. University of California Press, 2007. Uses the plant-community approach to design artful, ecological gardens. Includes where to see and buy.

\*Nevada County Master Gardeners. *Western Nevada County Gardening Guide*. 2020 Edition. All about gardening in the Sierra foothills, with good chapters on native plants and on soils.

Popper, Helen. *California Native Gardening: A Month-by-Month Guide*. University of California Press, 2012. Like chatting with an experienced gardener, with many hints for the ongoing care of plants.

\*Redbud Chapter, California Native Plant Society. *Trees and Shrubs of Nevada and Placer Counties, California*. Redbud Chapter, 2014. Comprehensive text and definitive photos for plant identification. Helpful comments on each plant and its needs. Also *Wildflowers of Nevada and Placer Counties, California*. Redbud Chapter, 2017. A comprehensive guide to local wildflowers, including IDs and where to see.

\*Rubin, Greg, and Warren, Lucy. *The Drought-Defying California Garden: 230 Native Plants for a Lush, Low-Water Landscape*. Timber Press. 2016. How to establish and maintain 230 native plants in the garden.

Schmidt, Marjorie G. and Katherine Greenberg. *Growing California Native Plants*. University of California Press, Second Edition, 2012. Growing & propagating natives.

Tallamy, Douglas W. *Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants*. Timber Press, 2007. An entomologist, the author explains the importance of native plants versus exotic plants for our ecosystem. Includes plant lists for specific geographical areas in the United States. Also *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard*. Timber Press, 2020. Turn yards into wildlife habitats.

### **WEBSITES, BLOG POSTS AND ARTICLES** \*Starred sites are good places to start.

\*California Native Plant Society (CNPS). <http://www.cnps.org/>

- \*Calscape. <https://calscape.org/>. Search for native plants by location and by name. Get description, water and light needs, natural setting and landscaping information. Good info on plant communities. From CNPS.
- \*Calscape Garden Planner. <https://gardenplanner.calscape.org/> Find the perfect native plants for your garden in just four questions. Based on the CNPS Calscape app.

\*Redbud Chapter of CNPS. <https://chapters.cnps.org/redbud/> **Local** chapter of the CA Native Plant Society for Nevada and Placer Counties; find info to download, especially under "Gardening."

- Special Native Landscape Planting Guide for Nevada & Placer Counties. <http://chapters.cnps.org/redbud/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/03/redbud-cnps-native-landscape-planting-guide.pdf>
- [Native Gardening Inspiration - Local Native Plants for Local Plant Communities](#). List of many common local natives, noted by plant community and arranged by vertical layer in the landscape.
- "The 'Big 43' for Nevada and Placer Counties." Local natives that have evolved with beneficials and are specifically adapted to our climate and soils. <http://chapters.cnps.org/redbud/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/03/43-local-native-plants-for-pollinators.pdf>

Calflora. <http://www.calflora.org/>. See a plant's distribution in California and location suitability. ID photos.

California Flora Nursery. <https://www.calfloranursery.com/>. Use Plant Finder to filter by plant type, water need, bloom time, exposure, flower color, drought tolerant, attracts birds, deer-resistant, under oaks.

Gardening for Birds. Birds need at least 70 percent (two-thirds) native plants within foraging range to maintain healthy population levels. Advice for the landowner to reach that goal. <https://234birds.org/>

"Planting Under Oaks." [https://sonomamg.ucanr.edu/Planting\\_Under\\_Oaks/](https://sonomamg.ucanr.edu/Planting_Under_Oaks/)

"Selecting Plants for Pollinators: A Regional Guide for Farmers, Land Managers, and Gardeners in the Sierran Steppe." <https://www.pollinator.org/PDFs/SierranSteppe.rx3.pdf>

UC Davis Arboretum All-Stars. [http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/arboretum\\_all\\_stars.aspx](http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/arboretum_all_stars.aspx). These 100 plants have proven successful in California gardens. Info on growing native and drought-tolerant plants.

Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation. List of Sierra Foothills plants from each blooming period (early, mid, and late season). <https://xerces.org/publications/plant-lists/ppbi-california-sierra-foothills>

Yerba Buena Nursery. <http://www.yerbabuenanursery.com/GardenGuides.php>. Tip sheets on using native plants in clay soil, garden design, lawn replacements, butterfly gardens and more.