

## Five Easy Project Ideas for your Garden



## CHOOSE YOUR DESIGN



CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY North Coast Chapter Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity, and W. Siskiyou County

Starting a native plant garden doesn't have to be complicated. This easy guide takes the guesswork out of which plants to use where. Simply choose one of the garden vignettes below and select from recommended native plants listed on the inside of your guide.

🖊 Low Water Use 🛛 🗸 Pollinator Friendly 📝 Locally Native =

Native Landscape Planting Guide

# **BRING YOUR DESIGN TO LIFE**

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Grass Removal - Still need to get rid of your lawn? Try sheet

- I avers of cardboard and mulch deprive grass of ligities
- Layers of cardboard and mulch deprive grass of light.
- Layers decompose into nutrients for your new plants.
- Visit CNPS.org/gardening for more information!

Soil Amendment – Many native plants thrive in what we consider poor soil conditions!

- Add organic compost or worm castings to promote healthy soil.
- AVOID chemical fertilizers and other amendments.

Mulch – Retain moisture, feed your soils, and insulate your plants from heat and cold with a 3-4" layer of mulch.

- Use organic, weed free, well-composted mulch with a fine to medium texture.
- Wood chips are a good mulch material when placed on the soil surface (not mixed into the soil). Keep the chips pulled slightly away from the crowns of the plants.
- Apply after planting, and in late spring and early fall.
- AVOID weed cloths, plastic, and other weed barriers. They prevent the natural cycle of nutrients through the soils, can kill the living biology in your soil, and are often ineffective at preventing weeds.

Hardscape – Use permeable surfaces wherever possible to allow.

• Stepping stones • Gravel • Decomposed granite (DG)

Permeable paving (at least 1/4" between pavers)
 Note that permeable pavement requires a specially-constructed base. Gravel or decomposed granite atop a traditional compacted base is generally not permeable.

### Planting and Watering

Give your new CA native landscape a healthy start by following our online planting and watering guides.

Visit CNPS.org/gardening to learn more!

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35 local chapters dedicated

non-profit organization with

The California Native Plant Society is a statewide

Bench

Add a personal touch with your favorite décor.

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Garden Décor – Most importantly, have fun with your garden!

Leave a few sunny areas of your landscape mulch free.

**Bare Soil for Bees** – Our ground dwelling, native bees need habitat! These bees are not aggressive, and will help keep your

Water Feature - Pollinators, birds, and wildlife need water too!

Add a bird bath, fountain or other water feature.

Bird Feeders

landscape flowering!

Create a Habitat

Boulders

Patio Table

Decorative Pots

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### Homey Habitat

Featuring a bench and bird bath, you can take a seat in this habitat and enjoy all of the bustling activity in your yard! Features: bench, bird bath, boulders.

#### Colorful Entry



Make a statement in your entryway! Be sure to choose plants with a variety of colors. Features: large pot, decorative round stones.

### Wildlife Walkway

Take a stroll through your landscape. Use permeable materials for your pathway, such as stepping stones or decomposed granite. Features: permeable walkway, large boulders.

### Pollinator Park

Add excitement to the parkway strip along your driveway by adding plants that butterflies and other pollinators love.

Features: stepping stones and contrasting colors.

### Living Wall

Designing your space vertically can add life to your yard. Use bold colors, and interesting shapes to make a flat area stand out. Features: rain chain, swale, trellis.

## **CHOOSE YOUR PLANTS**

## **Vignettes Outlined By Color**



Living Colorful Wall Entry

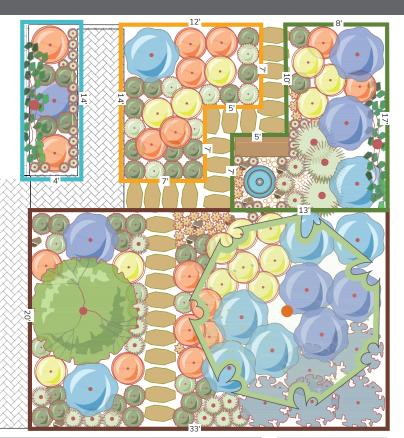
Homey Habitat

- 1. Choose the design vignette that best fits the shape and size of your site.
- 2. Match the symbols with those in the plant list.
- 3. Select plants based on your site's sun exposure.
- 4. Bonus points for choosing locally native plants!



Wildlife

Walkway



Californ	California Native Plant List North Coast Chapter					- Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity, and W Siskiyou County			SUN
SYMBOL SMALL TREES	PLANT SPECIES	LOCAL	SUN	WATER	H,	/ W	COLOR	WILDLIFE	<ul> <li>Part Sun</li> <li>Shade</li> </ul>
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LARGE SHRUB		24	<u> </u>						Low
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SMALL SHRUBS								this list have	
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SMALL PERENNIALS									
Evergreen	Seaside Daisy / Erigeron glaucus Small-flowered Alumroot / Heuchera micrantha Douglas Iris / Iris douglasiana West Coast Goldenrod / Solidago elongata Deer Fern / Struthiopteris (Blechnum) spicant	Y Y Y Y	* ** ** **		1' 2' 2' 3' 2'	1' 1' 2' 1' 2'	•	** **	North Coast Chapter.
Deciduous	Western Columbine / Aquilegia formosa Bleeding Heart / Dicentra formosa Woolly Sunflower / Eriophyllum lanatum Bolander's Phacelia / Phacelia bolanderi Smith's Fairy Bells / Prosartes smithii Checkerbloom / Sidalcea malviflora	Y Y Y Y Y	★		2' 1' 1' 1' 2'	1' 2' 1' 2' 2' 1'		* **** **** ****	

