

# BRING YOUR DESIGN TO LIFE



CALIFORNIA  
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## Native Landscape Planting Guide

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

## CHOOSE YOUR DESIGN

### Five Easy Project Ideas for your Garden



#### 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.



### Planting and Watering

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

Visit [cnp.org/gardening](https://cnp.org/gardening) to learn more!

**Hardscape** – Use permeable surfaces wherever possible to allow water to soak in to the soil below.

- Stepping stones
- Permeable paving (at least 1/4" between pavers)
- Gravel
- Decomposed granite (DG)

**Mulch** – Retain moisture, feed your soils, and insulate your plants from heat and cold.

- Use organic, weed free, well-composted mulch with a fine to medium texture.
- Apply after planting, and in late spring and early fall.
- AVOID wood chips, large pieces of bark mulch, and synthetic materials. They deprive your soil and plants of nutrients.
- 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.

**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.

**Grass Removal** – Still need to get rid of your lawn? Try sheet mulching!

- Layers of cardboard and mulch deprive grass of light.
- Layers decompose into nutrients for your new plants.
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### Living Soil



### Create a Habitat

**Water Feature** – Pollinators, birds, and wildlife need water too!

- Add a bird bath, fountain or other water feature.

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

- Leave a few sunny areas of your landscape mulch free.



**Garden Décor** – Most importantly, have fun with your garden! Add a personal touch with your favorite décor.

- Boulders
- Rain Chain
- Decorative Pots
- Bird Feeders
- Bench
- Patio Table



The California Native Plant Society is a statewide non-profit organization with 35 local chapters dedicated to the conservation and enjoyment of California's native plants and places.



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# ▶ CHOOSE YOUR PLANTS

## Vignettes Outlined By Color

Pollinator  
Park

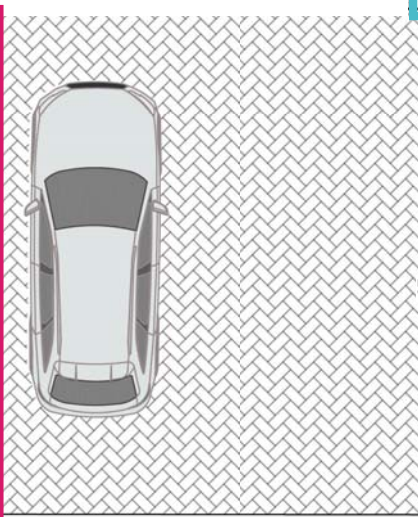
Living  
Wall

Colorful  
Entry

Homey  
Habitat



























































































































































































































































































Wildlife  
Walkway

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!



## California Native Plant List

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SYMBOL	PLANT SPECIES	LOCAL	SUN	WATER	H / W		COLOR	WILDLIFE
TREES								
	California Buckeye / <i>Aesculus californica</i>	Y	 		200'	15'-30'		
	Western Redbud / <i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	Y	 		10-15'	10-15'		  
LARGE SHRUBS								
	Manzanita 'Sentinel' / <i>Arctostaphylos densiflora</i> 'Sentinel'	N	 		6-10'	6-10'		
	Peninsular Manzanita / <i>Arctostaphylos pajaroensis</i> 'Paradise'	N	 		6-10'	6-10'		  
	Coyote Brush / <i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	Y	 		6-10'	6-10'		  
	Oregon Grape / <i>Berberis aquifolium</i> aquilolium	Y	 		3'-6'	3'-6'	 	  
	Blue Blossom / <i>Ceanothus thyrsiflorus</i>	Y	 		6-20'	15'		  
	Mountain Mahogany / <i>Cercocarpus betuloides</i>	Y	 		6-10'	6-10'	 	  
	Toyon / <i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Y	 		10-15'	10-15'		  
	California Mock Orange / <i>Philadelphus lewisii</i> californicus	N	 		10-15'	10-15'		  
California Coffee Berry / <i>Frangula californica</i>	Y	 		6-10'	6-10'	 	  	
MEDIUM SHRUBS								
<div> Evergreen</div> <div> Deciduous</div>	Howard McMinn Manzanita / <i>Arctostaphylos</i> 'Howard McMinn'	N	 		4-6'	6'	 	
	Big Sur Manzanita / <i>Arctostaphylos edmundsii</i> 'Big Sur'	N	 		3-6'	3-6'	 	  
	Evergreen Currant / <i>Ribes viburnifolium</i>	N	 		2'	6'		  
	White Sage / <i>Salvia apiana</i>	N	 		3-5'	4-6'	 	  
	Winifred Gillman Sage / <i>Salvia clevelandii</i> 'Winifred Gillman'	N	 		3-6'	3-6'	 	  
	Purple Leaf Sage / <i>Salvia leucophylla</i>	Y	 		2-5'	3-10'	 	  
	Giant Chain Fern / <i>Woodwardia fimbriata</i>	Y	 		3-6'	3-6'	 	  
	St. Catherine's Lace / <i>Eriogonum giganteum</i>	N	 		6'	6'		  
Allen Chickering Sage / <i>Salvia clevelandii</i> 'Allen Chickering'	N	 		3-6'	3-6'	 	  	
SMALL SHRUBS								
<div> Evergreen</div> <div> Deciduous</div>	Bush Monkey Flower / <i>Mimulus longiflorus</i>	Y	 		2-3'	2-3'	 	 
	Coyote Mint / <i>Monardella villosa</i>	Y	 		2'	3'	 	 
	Coastal Wood Fern / <i>Dryopteris arguta</i>	Y	 		2-3'	2-3'		 
	Western Columbine / <i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	Y	 		2-3'	1-2'		 
	California Fuchsia / <i>Epilobium canum</i> 'Calistoga'	Y	 		1-2'	1-2'		 
LOW SHRUBS								
<div> Evergreen</div>	Common Yarrow / <i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Y	 		1-2'	2'	 	  
	Beach Daisy / <i>Erigeron glaucus</i>	Y	 		1'	2'	 	 
	Red Buckwheat / <i>Eriogonum grande rubescens</i>	N	 		1-2'	2-3'	 	  
	Island Alum Root / <i>Heuchera maxima</i>	N	 		2'	2'		 
	PCH Iris / <i>Iris douglasiana</i> 'Pacific Coast Hybrids'	N	 		1-2'	1-2'		 
	Foothill Penstemon / <i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i>	Y	 		1-2'	1-2'	 	 
	California Phacelia / <i>Phacelia californica</i>	Y	 		1-2'	1-2'	 	  
SPREADING GROUNDCOVER								
	Hummingbird Sage / <i>Salvia spathacea</i>	Y	 		2'	4'		  
	Carmel Sur Manzanita / <i>Arctostaphylos edmundsii</i> 'Carmel Sur'	N	 		1-2'	6'	 	 
	Hooker's Manzanita / <i>Arctostaphylos hookeri</i> 'Wayside'	N	 		2-3'	8'	 	 
	Radiant Manzanita / <i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> 'Radiant'	N	 		.5'	6-10'	 	  
	Ceanothus Joyce Coulter / <i>Ceanothus</i> x 'Joyce Coulter'	N	 		3'	10'	 	  
GRASSES								
	Reed Grass / <i>Calamagrostis foliosa</i>	N	 		1-2'	1-2'		
	Idaho Fescue / <i>Festuca idahoensis</i>	Y	 		1-2'	1-2'		
	Patrick's Point Fescue / <i>Festuca rubra</i> 'Patrick's Point'	N	 		1'	spreading	