

Where to Purchase or View Native Plants

California native plants are a wonderful addition to your home garden, but they are not always easy to find. Some nurseries carry a few native plants such as California lilac (ceanothis), and other natives may be found from specialized vendors. Below are listed places where many of the native plants listed above may be purchased and/or can be seen growing in garden situations.

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Our goal at Natural Landscapes is to encourage the use of California native plants in garden situations. We feel that with the use of native and other drought tolerant plant species, a garden can be created that will use a minimum of water and need no pesticides or herbicides. A diverse planting is attractive to the gardener as well as to birds, butterflies, and other wildlife. A garden should sing, buzz and hum with life. Natural Landscapes designs drought tolerant wildlife gardens and we offer expert consultation on the use of native plants in garden situations. We grow many of the plants used in our landscaping and also sell potted plants retail to interested landscapers, gardeners and homeowners. We are able to grow material for restoration projects on a contract basis. Our nursery grows nearly all of the plants native to the Palos Verdes peninsula using only local seed sources. Plants native to other areas of California, the American southwest, and Mediterranean climates are also available.

California Native Plant Society, 909 12th St., Suite 116, Sacramento, Ca. 95814.

A membership entitles you to a subscription to their quarterly magazine and helps the organization carry on its efforts to protect the states native plants and environment. You also become a member of the local chapter (South Coast) which meets the 1st Monday of every month (except July and September) at South Coast Botanic Garden in Rolling Hills Est. at 7:30 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend. A plant sale is held in the fall.

Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Dr., La Canada, 91011.

A large garden that includes 15 acres of native plants.

Point Vicente Interpretive Center, Palos Verdes Dr. West.

The South Coast Chapter of the Calif. Native Plant Society maintains a native plant garden that has many of the species mentioned above. Ask for a flyer in the gift shop and take a self guided tour. Spring and early summer are the best times to see most of the plants in flower, but it is worth a visit any time.

Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, 1212 Mission Canyon Rd., Santa Barbara, Ca., 93105

Set in a beautiful canyon near a historic mission, this is a great place to spend a day. They have many acres of California natives, which includes a large collection of full grown Ceanothus and Manzanita. The book store is well stocked and plants are available for sale year-round.

South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Rolling Hills Est., 90274.

Our local botanic garden specializes in exotic species, but they do have some natives as well as drought tolerant plants from other locales. When they conduct plant sales in the spring and fall, look for the California Native Plant Society sign and plants.

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, 1500 N. College Ave., Claremont, Ca. 91711.

A large collection of natives on 86 acres. Look for their fall plant sale.

Theodore Payne Foundation, 10459 Tuxford St., Sun Valley, Ca. 91352.

A non profit organization with a large stock of California native plants and seeds. They also have a demonstration garden. Members get a 10% discount.