

Native Plants



Everyone agrees that planting native plants cuts down on water consumption and attracts lots of birds. As the use of natives becomes more popular, many of our local nurseries are now carrying them. Those of us who routinely use native plants as an important part of our garden landscaping, have found that it is not always easy to grow them. Native plants often have special needs concerning water and soil and don't adapt easily to frequent overhead sprinkling systems or the use of soil additives. So, it really helps to do a little research ahead of time on these special plants before you buy them. Sometimes, finding the right plant for the right spot in your garden involves a lot of trial and error, but I know you'll find it's well worth the effort. Much of the information I have listed below was provided by Catherine Waters. Hopefully, this info will help you find the native plants that best fit your needs.

NATIVE PLANT NURSERIES:

- **The Arboretum of Los Angeles County.** *(has an excellent selection of California natives)*
301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia. (626) 821-3222
- **Descanso Gardens.** 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada. (818) 949-4200
- **Haster Grove.** 1370 S Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach. (949) 497-8650
- **The Huntington Library.** *(has a nice nursery that carries California natives)* 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino. (626) 405-2100
- **Las Pilitas Nursery.** *(has a wide variety of natives)* located in San Diego County about a half mile south of the I-15 off of Old 395, at 8331 Nelson Way, Escondido. (760) 749-5930
- **Mockingbird Nursery.** 1670 Jackson Street, Riverside. (909) 780-3571
- **Quail Botanical Gardens.** *(has a beautiful nursery)* 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas. (760) 436-3036
- **Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Garden.** *(has a small, choice nursery and killer, killer plants sales)* 1500 North College Ave. Claremont. (909) 625-8767. *website for plant sale schedule for 2004* www.rsabg.org/2004_Press_Release.html
- **Rogers Gardens.** *(carries native plants from Native Sons, El Nativo, San Marcos Growers, Magic Gardens)* 2301 San Joaquin Hills Road, Corona del Mar. (714) 640-5800
- **Santa Barbara Botanical Gardens** *(has a great, choice nursery but call first)* 1212 Mission Canyon Rd., Santa Barbara. (805) 682-4726

- **Theodore Payne Foundation** *(has a beautiful nursery)* 10459 Tuxford Street, Sun Valley. (818) 768-1802.
- **Tree of Life Nursery.** *(large native plant nursery; open on Fridays for retail sales)* 33201 Ortega Highway, San Juan Capistrano. (949) 728-0685

GOOD NATIVE PLANT WEBSITES:

- **California Native Plant Society**
www.cnps.org/activities/natives.htm
Orange County CNPS www.occnps.org/
- **Digging Dog Nursery**
(a mail order native plant nursery in Mendocino County)
www.diggingdog.com/
- **Family of Southern CA Water Agencies**
(Tom Croom recommends this one. He says it has lots of good advice, planning tools and tours of local gardens)
www.bewaterwise.com
- **Greenlee Nursery**
www.greenleenursery.com
- **Las Pilitas Nursery,** *(excellent website!)*
<http://www.laspilitas.com/>
- **Matilija Nursery**
www.matilijanursery
- **Mediterranean Gardens**
www.mediterraneangardensociety.org
- **Native Sons**
www.nativeson.com
- **National Wildlife Federation** (backyard wildlife habitat)
www.enature.com/backyardwildlife/nwf_bwh_home.asp
- **North American Butterfly Association** *(It has a great habitat gardening section on habitat restoration in yards.)* www.naba.org/chapters/nablala .
- **Pacific Horticulture Society**
www.pacifichorticulture.org
- **Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Garden**
www.rsabg.org/
- **San Marcos Growers**
www.smgrowers.com
- **Seaside Gardens**
www.seaside-gardens.com
- **Theodore Payne Foundation**
(has an extensive list of good resource websites on native plants) www.theodorepayne.org/