



## PARKS AND GARDENS FEATURING CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANTS

### Botanic Gardens and Arboreta

- [Conejo Valley Botanic Garden](#)  
350 Gainsborough Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91358  
Ph: (805) 494-7630; Website: <http://www.conejogarden.com/>  
*collections of native plants, oak trees and water-conserving plants*
- [Descanso Gardens](#)  
1418 Descanso Drive, La Canada, CA 91011  
Ph: (818) 952-4400; Website: <http://www.descansogardens.org/>  
*native plant section*
- [Fullerton Arboretum](#)  
California State University, Fullerton, CA 92634  
Ph: (714) 733-3579; Website: <http://fullertonarboretum.org/>  
*Mediterranean section with plants of coastal sage scrub and chaparral communities*
- [Leaning Pine Arboretum](#)  
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407  
Ph: (805) 756-2161; Website: <http://www.leaningpinearboretum.calpoly.edu/>  
*against the hills at the north end of campus*
- [The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens](#)  
Palo Verde Garden Center & Wortz Demonstration Garden  
47-900 Portola Avenue, Palm Desert, CA 92260  
Ph: (760) 346-5694; Website: <http://www.livingdesert.org/>  
*desert plantings*
- [Los Angeles Arboretum and Botanic Garden](#)  
301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, CA 91007  
Ph: (626) 821-3222; Website: <http://www.arboretum.org/>  
*see the Sunset Demonstration Garden for California native plant garden, old stand of Engelmann oaks*
- [Manhattan Beach Botanical Garden](#)  
1236 N. Peck Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266  
Ph: (310) 546-1354; Website: <http://www.manhattanbeachbotanicalgarden.org/>  
*drought tolerant garden featuring low-water use and California native plants*

- [Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Garden](#)  
UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024  
Ph: (213) 825-3620; Website: <http://www.botgard.ucla.edu/bg-home.htm>  
*coastal sage scrub, Channel Islands and chaparral communities*
- [Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden](#)  
1500 N. College Avenue, Claremont, CA 91711  
Ph: (909) 625-8767; Website: <http://www.rsabg.org/>  
*devoted to the collection, cultivation, study, and display of California native plants*
- [San Diego Botanic Garden](#) (formerly Quail Botanical Garden)  
230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024  
Ph: (760) 436-3036; Website: <http://www.sdbgarden.org/>  
*native plant and ethnobotanic garden; natural coastal habitat sections*
- [Santa Barbara Botanic Garden](#)  
1212 Mission Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105  
Ph: (805) 563-2521; Website: <http://www.sbbg.org/>  
*fostering stewardship of the natural world with emphasis on California native plants*
- [University of California Riverside Botanic Gardens](#)  
Univ. of Calif. Riverside, Riverside, CA 92521  
Ph: (909) 784-6962 or 787-4650; Website: <http://gardens.ucr.edu/>  
*southwestern desert and Sierran foothills sections*

### Nursery Gardens

- [Grow Native Nursery – Claremont & West LA \(Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden\)](#)  
Claremont: 1500 N. College Avenue, Claremont, CA 91711  
Ph: (909) 625-8767 ext 404; Website: <http://rsabg.org/gnn-claremont> (**Closed 5/28 – 11/3/12**)  
West LA: VA Greater Los Angeles Health Care System, Davis Ave. and Constitution Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90049  
Ph: (424) 234-0481; Website: <http://rsabg.org/gnn-westwood>
- [Las Pilitas Nursery](#)  
8331 Nelson Way, Escondido, CA 92026  
Ph: (760) 749-5930; Website: <http://www.laspilitas.com/nurseries/escondido.htm>
- [Theodore Payne Foundation](#)  
10459 Tuxford St., Sunland, CA 91352-2116  
Ph: (818) 768-1802; Website: <http://www.theodorepayne.org/>  
*demonstration garden areas, a wildflower nature trail, and natural canyon areas*
- [Tree of Life Nursery](#)  
33201 Ortega Highway, P.O. Box 635, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92693  
Website: <http://www.californianativeplants.com/>  
*strawbale retail bookstore, nursery landscaped with native plants*

## Habitat and Demonstration Gardens, Parks, Nature Centers

- [Alondra Park Island Native Plant Garden](#)  
3850 W. Manhattan Beach Blvd, Lawndale, CA 90260  
Ph: (310) 217-8366; Website: <http://www.elcamino.edu/faculty/jbellemin/AlondraCNPG.html>  
*native plant garden started in 1998 by [faculty from El Camino College](#)*
- [Arlington Garden](#)  
275 Arlington Drive, Pasadena, CA 91105  
Ph: (626) 441-4478; Website: <http://www.arlingtongardeninpasadena.org/>  
*drought resistant plants including desert and chaparral gardens*
- [Arroyo Seco-South Pasadena Woodland and Wildlife Park \(Friends of the Nature Park\)](#)  
100 block of Pasadena Avenue (east of York Blvd. Bridge), South Pasadena, CA 91030  
Ph: (626) 799-8048; Website: <http://www.nativebydesign.blogspot.com/>  
*3-acre wildlife park: coastal sage scrub and walnut, sycamore, oak woodland*
- [Audubon Center at Debs Park](#)  
4700 North Griffin Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90031  
Ph: (323) 221-2255; Website: <http://ca.audubon.org/audubon-center-debs-park>  
*walnut savannah, oak-walnut-toyon woodland, and coastal sage scrub*
- [Charmlee Wilderness Park](#)  
2577 S. Encinal Canyon Road, Malibu, CA 90265-2411  
Ph: (310) 457-7247; Website: <http://www.ci.malibu.ca.us/index.cfm?fuseaction=DetailGroup&CID=3801&NavID=174>  
*native plant displays and a butterfly garden*
- [Chino Basin Water Conservation District Demo Garden](#)  
4594 San Bernardino St, Montclair, CA 91763-2228  
Ph: (909) 626-2711; Website: <http://www.cbwcd.org/>  
*drought resistant plants including desert and chaparral gardens*
- [Columbia School Joint Use Park](#)  
12400 Columbia Way, Downey, CA 90242  
Website: <http://land8.com/photo/columbia-school-native-wildlife-learning-gardens>  
*school greening project, native plants surround a new DG walking & running track and a cluster outdoor exercise equipment ([Amigos del los Rios](#), [Emerald Necklace park for El Monte School District](#))*
- [Columbia Memorial Space Center](#)  
3400 N. California Ave, El Monte CA 91731  
Ph: (562) 231-1200  
*small native plant garden on grounds of museum (no mention of it on web)*
- [Downtown Gateway Park](#)  
11333 Valley Blvd, El Monte, CA 91731  
*pocket park that enables community access to the Emerald Necklace Trail along a major arterial road and celebrates local veterans' service to our country ([Amigos del los Rios](#), [Emerald Necklace park](#))*

- [Durfee-Thompson School](#)  
12233 Star St, El Monte, CA 91732  
Website: <http://www.amigosdelosrios.org/project4b.htm>  
*landscaped trail wrapped around se corner of schoolyard features outdoor classroom and nature trail ([Amigos del los Rios](#), [Emerald Necklace park](#))*
- [E. Rowley Demonstration Gardens](#)  
4594 San Bernardino St., Montclair, CA 91763  
Ph: (909) 626-2711  
Website: <http://www.mvwd.org/ps.watchthewater.cfm?ID=182>  
*chaparral, desert and riparian sections*
- [Eaton Canyon County Park](#)  
1750 N. Altadena Drive, Pasadena, CA 91107  
Ph: (626) 398-5420; Website: <http://ecnca.org/>  
*coastal sage scrub, bird and butterfly, wildflower gardens in a foothill setting*
- [El Alisal, the Lummis Home](#)  
200 South Avenue 43, Los Angeles, CA 90042  
Ph: (323) 222-0546  
Website: <http://socalhistory.org/historical-sites/lummis-home.html>  
*low water use garden, offering a display of native and Mediterranean plants*
- [El Dorado Nature Center](#)  
7550 E. Spring St, Long Beach CA 90815  
Ph: (562) 570-1745; Website: <http://www.longbeach.gov/naturecenter/>  
*105-acres of natural habitat with trails along lakes, streams and forested areas; visitor center.*
- [Encanto Park Bioswale & Outdoor Classroom](#)  
751 Encanto Parkway, Duarte, CA 91010  
Website: [http://www.accessduarte.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=403%3Abioswale&Itemid=235](http://www.accessduarte.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=403%3Abioswale&Itemid=235)  
*bioswale and trail with native plantings on west side of San Gabriel River. Part of [Emerald Necklace](#) Green Infrastructure Park Network.*
- [Environmental Nature Center](#)  
1601 16th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663  
Ph: (949) 645-8489; Website: <http://ecnca.org/>  
*3.5 acre nature center representing 15 plant communities, LEED environmental center, programs for kids and adults, butterfly garden.*
- [Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve](#)  
1200 West 170th Street, Gardena, CA 90247  
Ph: (310) 217-0681; Website: <http://www.gardenawillows.org/>  
*entrance to the preserve is in Arthur Johnson Park, formerly South Gardena Park, between Normandie and Vermont, one block north of Artesia Blvd*

- [Gibson Mariposa Park](#)  
4140 Gibson Road, El Monte, CA 91731  
Website: <http://www.amigosdelosrios.org/highlight1.htm>  
*4.3 acre butterfly-themed park featuring splash pad, recreational facilities, native plants and environmentally friendly landscaping, opened 3/2012, ([Amigos del los Rios](#), [Emerald Necklace park](#))*
- [Golden West College California Native Garden](#)  
Golden West College, Huntington Beach, CA 92647  
Ph: (714) 892-7711 ext. 52181; Website: <http://www.goldenwestcollege.edu/garden/>  
*foothill woodland, redwood forest, oak woodland, chaparral, coastal sage scrub, mixed evergreen forest, Channel Islands and grassland native plants.*
- [Landscapes Southern California Style](#)  
450 Alessandro Blvd., Riverside, CA 92508  
Ph: (909) 780-4170  
Website: <http://www.wmwd.com/Facilities.aspx?Page=detail&RID=1>  
*one-acre water conservation demo garden by Western Municipal Water District*
- [Lashbrook Park](#)  
3141 Lashbrook Ave, El Monte, CA 91733  
Ph: (626) 580-2200; Website: <http://www.amigosdelosrios.org/project2.htm>  
*1.8 acre habitat park along south bank of the Rio Hondo River; native plantings, interpretive signage, exercise and play equipment, picnic area, ([Amigos del los Rios](#), [Emerald Necklace park](#))*
- [Madrona Marsh Preserve & Nature Center](#)  
3201 Plaza del Amo, Torrance, CA 90503  
Ph: (310) 782-3989; Website: <http://www.ci.torrance.ca.us/Parks/6618.htm>  
*vernal marsh, wetlands area, nature center*
- [Maloof Foundation Discovery Garden](#)  
5131 Carmelian Street, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91701  
Ph: (909) 980-0412; Website: <http://www.malooffoundation.org/>  
*six acre, low-water use, home garden with many native plants*
- [Mother Nature's Backyard](#)  
1200 West 170th Street, Gardena, CA 90247  
Email: [mothernaturesbackyard10@gmail.com](mailto:mothernaturesbackyard10@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://mother-natures-backyard.blogspot.com/>  
*water-wise demonstration garden located in Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve, opened June 2012, informative website*
- [Peck Road Water Conservation Park](#)  
5401 N. Peck Road, Arcadia, CA 91006  
Ph: (626) 334-1065; Website: <http://www.amigosdelosrios.org/project6b.htm>  
*([Amigos de los Rios](#), [Emerald Necklace park](#))*

- [Pierce College S. Mark Taper Fdn. Life Science Botanic Garden](#)  
6201 Winnetka Ave., Woodland Hills, CA 91371  
Ph: (818) 719-6465; Website: <http://info.piercecollege.edu/offices/garden/>  
*small garden featuring California, S. African and Australian mediterranean plants*
- [Point Vicente Interpretive Center](#)  
31501 Palos Verdes Drive West, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275  
Ph: (310) 377-5370  
Website: <http://www.palosverdes.com/rpv/recreationparks/pointvicenteinterpretivecenter/>  
*small native plant garden maintained by South Coast Chapter of CNPS*
- [Prisk Native Garden](#)  
Prisk Elementary School, 2375 Fanwood Ave, Long Beach, CA 90815  
Website: [http://prisk-lbusd-ca.schoolloop.com/cms/page\\_view?d=x&piid=&vpid=1257795457417](http://prisk-lbusd-ca.schoolloop.com/cms/page_view?d=x&piid=&vpid=1257795457417)  
Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/prisknativegarden>  
*school habitat garden featuring native plant communities including coastal strand, coastal sage, chaparral, Channel Island, desert wash, freshwater marsh*
- [Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority](#)  
Arroyo Pescadero, Colima Road, Whittier, CA 90602  
Ph: (562) 945-9003; Website: <http://www.habitatauthority.org/whoweare.shtml>  
*coastal sage scrub and chaparral*
- [Rio Vista Park & Trail](#)  
4275 Ranger Ave, El Monte, CA 91732  
Ph: (626) 580-2200; Website: <http://www.amigosdelosrios.org/project3.htm>  
*native plant area surrounding Tongva and Barrio History Interpretive Elements, ([Amigos de los Rios](#), [Emerald Necklace park](#))*
- [San Gabriel Canyon Forest Gateway \(USFS Office\)](#)  
1960 N. San Gabriel Ave (Hwy 39), Azusa, CA 91702  
Ph: (626) 969-1012; Website: <http://www.amigosdelosrios.org/project5b.htm>  
*2.5 acre pocket park and interpretive center, ([Amigos de los Rios](#), [Emerald Necklace park](#))*
- [Shiplely Nature Center](#)  
17851 Goldenwest Street (south of Slater Avenue) Huntington Beach, CA 92647  
Ph: (714) 842-4772; Website: <http://www.shipleynature.org/>  
*18-acre natural sanctuary for local wildlife and haven for visitors*
- [TreePeople, Coldwater Canyon Park](#)  
12601 Mulholland Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
Ph: (818) 753-4600; Website: <http://www.treepeople.org/park-features>  
*trails in City of LA Park at headquarters of environmental organization, [TreePeople](#); includes [La Kretz Urban Watershed Garden](#)*

- [Valley Park, Hermosa Beach](#) ([Theodore Payne Native Plant Garden](#))  
2521 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254  
Ph: (310) 318-0280; Website: <http://www.hermosabch.org/index.aspx?page=256>  
*native plant garden planted by the [Hermosa Beach Garden Club](#)*
- [Washington Park](#)  
700 Washington Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91104  
Website: [http://www.ci.pasadena.ca.us/HumanServices/Washington\\_Park/](http://www.ci.pasadena.ca.us/HumanServices/Washington_Park/)  
*city park with mature native plantings*
- [The Water Conservation Garden](#)  
12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West, El Cajon, CA 92019  
Ph: (619) 660-0614; Website: <http://www.thegarden.org/>  
*4.2 acre, low-water use garden featuring Mediterranean plants and a few natives*