## **Native Gardens Sprouting Up All Over LA**

The <u>Parks and Gardens Featuring Native Plants</u> list in the last blog post has been updated. I will continue to update that list and rather than reposting new lists I will include the date of the changes in the original post. I have not yet updated the <u>pdf list</u> on the <u>website</u> but I will, including the version date there as well.

I'd like to call attention to the <u>amazing work</u> of <u>Amigos de los Rios</u> in creating new native parks, sustainable and native plant retrofits, and school gardens in the <u>Emerald Necklace</u>, geographically defined by the Rio Hondo, San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers. I am working on compiling this info and there will be about a dozen more parks added once I have it done.

Thought I'd include a few pictures of some of the amazing gardens that will be - or are - on the list:



Trail in <u>Lashbrook Park</u> in December 2011. Western sycamores, sagebrush, buckwheat, coast live oaks, toyons, etc. line the trail. (Please excuse the quality of the image, I took these with my Iphone.)



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Lashbrook Park, etched rock with map of Emerald Necklace. Blue-gray stems are matilija poppies. (12/2011)



Lashbrook Park, oaks, bladder pod, toyon in berry. (12/2011)



Maloof Foundation Discovery Garden, May 2012. The foundation plants include mulefat and sagebrush. This is one of the nicest displays of important habitat plants being used in a very aesthetically pleasing way! Swale collects runoff from building needed to keep water-loving yerba mansa alive.

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Maloof Foundation Discovery Garden, May 2012. The foundation plants, mulefat, sagebrush, and yerba mansa from different angle.



Maloof Foundation Discovery Garden, May 2012. Buckwheat and blooming De La Mina verbena. I think the succulent is dasylirion, not chaparral yucca, though I'm not sure.

And finally, have a look at a 2009 <u>blog post</u> of <u>Prisk School Garden</u>. So so little time and so many gardens to see.

Please, keep the suggestions coming. I will try to update every week or so.

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