

Hypocrite

As one commenter noted, my website, [weedingwildsuburbia.com](http://www.weedingwildsuburbia.com), should be called weddingwildsuburbia.com. In preparation for the **big day** (25 days to go, omg) I am now turning my attention to removing the spent wildflowers, mostly globe gilia (*Gilia capitata*), and cutting back the California poppies (*Eschscholzia californica*). It has been a wonderful and long-lived display due to this year's cool, wet spring, and still most of the clarkias (*Clarkia amoena*, *C. purpurea*, *C. bottae*) are yet to come.

Clarkia purpurea



The monkeyflowers (*Mimulus*) are at peak, though I'm watering them regularly and making full, beautiful bouquets to extend the bloom period. I'm also singing to the sunflowers (*Helianthus annuus*) in hopes that they will bloom on time just to put a stop to the terrible noise emanating from their sower. Tidying up the yard, and ... this is really hard to admit but ... Let me explain.

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Yesterday I went with my daughter to a nursery - [Persson's Nursery in Pasadena](#), one I recommend to others for both native and non-native plants - and bought ... it is hard to say and even harder to write ... yes, yellow, orange and white profusion zinnias, rudbeckias, coreopsis, and red dianthus. While at the nursery I had the same devilish feeling I get when I succumb to the bright orange package of Reese's Peanutbutter Cup and throw it on the belt with the non-fat yogurt and dried oatmeal. Come to think of it the zinnias are the same color as the candy package. This is deep and if you don't believe we are manipulated by "big business," think again.

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So yesterday, taking advantage of the cool, overcast weather, I planted color-paks, the junk food of the garden world. They look incongruous in the my garden. I know we can now get into a discussion of whether it is okay to use some non-natives in the garden, but for those who have met me, heard me speak, or read previous blog entries, you know not only do I like native plants but I believe that using them, especially locally native plants, is important to creating much needed habitat and reversing the evils of "big-business" and "consumerism." (You also know I still have some lawn, which also contributes to my hypocrisy and garden-guilt ... I am coming unhinged with this whole wedding thing ...) It felt good at the nursery, but now that they are in the ground I feel

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just the way I do after I finish the Reese's - disgusted with myself, but craving more.

