



# California Naturalist Program

## Fall 2017 Application

Santa Barbara Botanic Garden  
In Collaboration with University of California Cooperative Extension

### Due Monday, August 21, 2017

Please submit application to Michelle Gee, California Naturalist Coordinator  
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Santa Barbara Botanic Garden  
1212 Mission Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105  
Fax (805) 563-0352

First name

Last name

Street address

Street address line 2

City

State

Zip code

Home phone

Cell phone

Alternate phone

Email

Please respond to all questions and sign the **Statement of Terms of Acceptance** at the end of the application.

1. Please give your reason(s) for your interest in the California Naturalist program.

2. Please describe your volunteer experience. Include organization(s) and the role you played.

3. Briefly describe your outdoor, nature or science-based experiences. Include any college degrees and relevant training. Please indicate any areas of personal interest.

4. Do you have any special skills or interests (e.g. plant identification, artistic, photography, hiking etc.) or age groups you especially like to work with?

5. Do you have any teaching and educational outreach experience? If so, list types of experiences or training.

6. Communication to members of the class will be via e-mail; documents will be sent electronically or distributed on a thumb drive. Computer availability is essential. Following training, California Naturalists use a web-based volunteer management system to record hours and to access the quarter California Naturalist Newsletter, opportunities, activities, and teaching materials.

I have the ability to open and send documents and emails, and have internet access.

7. List any languages, other than English, you speak and/or write fluently

8. Are there any conditions or circumstances which might make it difficult for you to attend and complete the training program? The training program is 10 weeks in duration beginning September 6; class sessions meet 4:00pm - 7:15pm. Field trips are usually scheduled between 9:00am - 1:30pm. If you are unable to attend more than one field trip, accommodations can be made depending on the circumstance.

9. What is your ethnicity (check all that apply)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American        | <input type="checkbox"/> White                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino               | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to state    |

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**Applications and signed Terms of Acceptance form are due by August 21, 2017.**

**Applicants will be notified if they have been accepted into the program; fees are due on acceptance, and will be due no later than 4pm on September 6, 2017 if they have not already been paid.**



## Statement of Terms of Acceptance

I understand that if accepted into the SBBG California Naturalist Program, I must:

- Attend all classes
  - *Dates for Fall Classes*  
10 Wednesdays from 4:00pm - 7:15pm, September 6, 13, 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8 (1 absence permitted, but material must be made up)
- Must attend 4 of 5 Saturday field trips:
  - *Dates for Fall Field Trips (**times subject to change**)*  
September 16, 9:00am - noon  
September 23, 9:00am - noon  
September 30, 10:00am - 1:30pm  
October 14, 9:30am - 1:00pm  
October 28, 10:00am - 1:00pm
- Complete the Capstone Project, Field Notebook, participate in class citizen science project, and submit three iNaturalist observations.
- To receive 4 UC units, complete and submit all homework assignments in writing, and submit payment to UC (details will be provided in class).

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I understand that payment of \$360 will be due at time of acceptance. The required textbook is the *California Naturalist Handbook* – readings are assigned from this book each week. In addition, *A Naturalist's Guide to the Santa Barbara Region*, by Joan Easton Lentz, is **highly recommended**, package discounts available in the Garden Shop. Limited copies are available to check out from the Education Office. There may be additional minor miscellaneous expenses. Fees are non-refundable after classes begin, except in extenuating circumstances, when a partial refund may be available.

All graduates are encouraged to complete a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service for a local science-based organization during or following completion of the program.

The California Naturalist Program is one requirement of the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Docent Training Program. Upon completion of required volunteer hours, a \$260 refund is available with approval. Scholarships are available to prospective participants with financial need. Please contact the California Naturalist Coordinator, Michelle Gee ([mgee@sbbb.org](mailto:mgee@sbbb.org)) for more information or an application.

Signature

Date