



California Naturalist Program Fall 2019 Application

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

Due Friday, August 31, 2019

Please submit application to Michelle Cyr, California Naturalist Coordinator
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Santa Barbara Botanic Garden
1212 Mission Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

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 4; class sessions meet 4:00pm - 7:00pm. Field trips are scheduled anywhere between 9:00am - 2:00pm. 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 |

10. What gender do you identify with?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Male | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not identify as male, female, or transgender |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Female | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to state |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transgender | |

Applications and signed Terms of Acceptance form are due by August 31, 2019.

Applicants will be notified if they have been accepted into the program; fees are due on acceptance, and are due no later than 4pm on September 4, 2019 if they have not already been paid.



Statement of Terms of Acceptance

I understand that if accepted into the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden California Naturalist Program, I must:

- Attend all classes (1 absence permitted to still receive certification)
 - *Dates for Fall Classes*
10 Wednesdays from 4:00pm - 7:00pm, September 4, 11, 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6
- Must attend at least 4 of 5 Saturday field trips:
 - *Dates for Fall Field Trips* (**times subject to change**)
September 7, 9:00am – 1:00pm
September 21, 9:00am - 1:00pm
October 5, 10:00am - 2:00pm
October 12, 9:30am - 1:30pm
October 19, 9:00am - 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).
- To receive CA Project Learning Tree Certification (PLT), attend a 3-hour PLT mini-workshop and submit a PLT-focused course capstone project.

I understand that registration fees 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.

A partial refund of fees of all but the \$110 UC fee (\$55 if on scholarship) is available once requirements are met for participants who volunteer 40 hours to the Garden.

Scholarships are available to prospective participants with financial need. Please contact the California Naturalist Coordinator, Michelle Cyr (mcyr@sbbg.org) for more information or an application.

Signature

Date