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Welcome!

The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden was the nation’s first botanic garden focused exclusively on native plants. Over the last 94 years we have grown to span 78 acres with five miles of walking trails, and include an herbarium, seed bank, research labs, library, nursery, and gift shop. We conserve California native plants and habitats for the health and well-being of people and the planet.

And we are more than a pretty place. Our impact extends from Monterey to Baja California, and we’re working to ensure that no native plant species in our region goes extinct. We are working with land managers to better understand, protect and restore our public lands for today and for future generations. Native plants are the foundation of all life on earth, and their conservation is a critical first step in saving the countless animals (including ourselves) that depend on those plants for food, homes and other resources.

Through the Garden and our education programs, we foster a love of nature and greater understanding of our reliance on it for our own health and that of all life on earth. We hope that you will find inspiration, delight, and a deeper connection to wild California during your visit and come back again soon!

See you in the Garden,

Steve Windhager, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Sown in History

In 1925, the Carnegie Institution and the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History envisioned creating a botanical garden “...reaching from the sea to the crest of the mountains, connected by a drive lined with trees, shrubs and flowers from all parts of the earth.”

This plan became a reality when local philanthropist Anna Dorinda Blaksley Bliss purchased 13 acres in Mission Canyon in 1926 for the museum, with views spanning from the mountains and the ocean. In 1939, the Botanic Garden incorporated as a separate organization and was named the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden.
Importance of Native Plants

Native plants and ecosystems provide us with clean air and water, pollination of our food crops, and stable slopes. Each plant species has its own role to play, and by conserving all of them we make sure that that our ecosystems are resilient to change, and that these plants and the habitats that they form continue to keep us and other animals healthy and happy.

California’s native plants are naturally adapted to our climate and soil, so they need less water, fertilizer, soil amendments, and pesticides to thrive. These plants provide important habitat for native insects, birds, and other wildlife (they evolved together, after all!) – so they are also an important way to combat habitat loss and pollinator decline.

Unfortunately, our native plants and ecosystems are in danger due to urban development, intensive agriculture, and invasive plant species. We’re here to ensure that California’s wild ecosystems thrive, and we need your help to make it happen.

Our native plants are also part of our heritage. California plants are uniquely Californian – just as Texas native plants are uniquely Texan, or Chilean plants are uniquely Chilean. These plants have evolved here and are a part of our identity as Californians. From redwoods to Joshua trees, our native plants are iconic!
Pritzlaff Conservation Center

Opened in 2016, our cutting edge 11,500 square foot Pritzlaff Conservation Center was designed by architect Doug Singletary.

Building Features

- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Silver certified.
- State-of-the-art underground herbarium and seed bank to protect specimens from wildfires.
- Molecular and multipurpose research laboratories.
- Art exhibition/event rental space (750 ft²)
- Garden offices, classroom, and meeting rooms.
- Surrounded by the Island View Garden and sweeping views from the mountains to the Pacific Ocean and Channel Islands.
- Located just across Mission Canyon Road and accessible by foot with your Garden admissions.
The Garden works to conserve California’s native plants and habitats from the molecular to the ecosystem level, focusing primarily on the plants and vegetation communities of California’s Central Coast and offshore islands.

We seek to...

Understand the nature and evolution of California’s plant and lichen diversity
We provide critical botanical information through our extensive herbarium, plant identification assistance, geographically linked plant databases, floras, research, and publications.

Protect and recover the region’s rarest plant species
We ensure that no plant in our region goes extinct via conservation seed collections, surveys and monitoring, research, and recovery actions.

Conserve and Restore Central Coast wildland habitats
We encourage resilience and adaptation in a changing world by conducting research, field testing methods, demonstrating sustainable practices, and partnering in restoration efforts.

Advocate for the conservation of California’s native plants
We promote conservation through education and outreach, engaging the next generation of conservation leaders, participating in community efforts, and hosting our annual Conservation Symposium.

Love this? Help us grow!
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Romance in the Redwoods. Explore the Redwoods with your sweetheart, enjoy the view from Mission Dam, and listen to the peaceful sounds of Mission Creek. Find a redwood bench to cozy up on and relax in this peaceful corner of the Garden.

Indulge in Island Views. Host a leisurely picnic at the Island View Garden. Sit on the lawn while you enjoy the panoramic view of Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa Islands. After lunch, explore the Pollinator Garden or walk the Porter Trail.

Plant like a Pro. Explore the Waterwise Home Demonstration Garden to for your gardening inspiration fix, then shop for native plants to take home from our retail nursery.

Promenade with your Pup. Bring your pup and explore our trail system. With over 5 ½ miles to trek, it’s sure to be a great workout for you and your pet.

Watch for Wildlife. Enjoy the Garden’s iconic Meadow from the comfort of one of our many seating areas, nestled under oaks, or watch hawks soaring the skies above the Pritzlaff Conservation Center.
Trails

Main Loop: an easy loop trail showcasing many of the Garden’s collections.

Canyon Trail: Following along Mission Creek, the sights and sounds of this year-round watercourse can be enjoyed while viewing the native streamside vegetation. Find our Casitas here!

The Pritchett Trail ascends the steep canyon wall west of the creek, winding through stands of indigenous southern oak woodland.

The Easton-Aqueduct Trail follows the course of the Mission Aqueduct from the Centennial Maze back down to Mission Creek.

Porter Trail encompasses the Garden areas on the east side of Mission Canyon Road and boasts some of the best displays of spring wildflowers in the Garden.

Woodland Trail: traverses the canyon slope north of the Meadow and leads to the Redwood Section and a natural stand of southern oak woodland dominated by coast live oaks.

Due to the Garden’s varied topography, portions of trails may be inaccessible to some visitors.

Collections and Features

Desert: is one of the oldest and most prominent features of the Garden, containing a spectacular collection of species from the state’s hot, dry, coastal and interior desert regions.

Meadow: With sweeping views across the expanse up to Cathedral Peak and the Santa Ynez Mountains, the Meadow is one of the most distinctive features of the Garden.

Redwood: Cool and serene even on the hottest summer day, the towering grove of coast redwoods (Sequoia sempervirens) is one of the Garden’s most memorable places.

Canyon: The Canyon Area encompasses the natural riparian corridor along Mission Creek and the surrounding canyon slopes.

ShinKanAn Teahouse: Built in Kyoto in 1949, this traditional Japanese teahouse surrounded by a garden in the Japanese rustic tradition is still used for Chanoyu tea ceremonies.

Arroyo: Featuring plants associated with watercourses throughout California, the Arroyo is situated in an oak-shaded drainage along a seasonal stream.

Manzanita: Features the smooth red bark, delicate urn-shaped flowers (Dec.-Feb.), and sculptural forms of over 60 taxa of California’s most distinctive, diverse, and widespread plants, the manzanita (Arctostaphylos).

Water Wise Home Garden: Features easy to grow and readily available California Native Plants and water saving techniques in a small scale setting to inspire the home gardener.

Island View: With sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean and Channel Islands, this garden features plants collected from and endemic to the islands off the coast of California and Baja California.

Pollinator: Located on the east side of Mission Canyon Road, this garden supports native pollinators with a diversity of plants that bloom from spring through fall and a constructed home for solitary bees.

Become a member to save on admissions! Visit sbbg.org/membership

The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden welcomes visitors seven days a week, rain or shine. The Garden is closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and during some special events.

Admissions

$16.00 Adults

$12.00 Seniors (ages 60+)

$10.00 Students & Military (with I.D.)

$8.00 Children 3 – 17

Admission is free for the following:

Garden Members!

Children ages 2 & under

Dogs are welcome, but must be on leash.

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There is so much to see and do at the Garden! Can you find all of these?

✔ Check off as you see each one!

| ☐ A creek | ☐ A hummingbird | ☐ Something orange |
| ☐ A log to sit or climb on | ☐ A heart shaped rock | ☐ A tree with smooth bark |
| ☐ Santa Cruz Island | ☐ A buzzing bee | ☐ A mountain peak |
| ☐ Your favorite Garden plant! | ☐ A flower with a scent | ☐ Redwood needles |
Seasonal Highlights at the Garden

California has a Mediterranean climate, which means we enjoy cool, wet winters and long, dry summers. Often, it will not rain from May until November. This annual drought influences the seasonal splendor you will see in the Garden.

In the spring, the Garden is awash in wildflowers thanks to the winter rains and longer, warmer days. In the summer and fall, flowers may be in shorter supply, and you will see a diversity of birds feeding on fruits and plants developing their flowering structures in preparation for the return of rain in fall.

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What’s that plant?

Look for our plant accession labels near the base of plants to find out!
Shop our Nursery...
and bring the Garden home!

Peruse the largest selection of California native plants on the Central Coast at our retail Nursery located in the Garden’s Courtyard. Discover a wide variety of beautiful native plants for your home garden. Our Nursery experts are here to help you select the best plants for every situation.

Only have time to shop?
Shop the Nursery for free by checking as a shopper at the kiosk.

Need more inspiration?
Visit our Waterwise Home Demonstration Garden to learn about native plant gardening and get ideas before you shop.

Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.
Members can shop early from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and receive 10% off every order.
# The Easy 8

## California Native Plants for your Home Garden

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<td><strong>1</strong> Seaside daisy <em>(Erigeron glaucus)</em></td>
<td>Long-blooming, seaside daisy makes a lovely edging plant.</td>
<td>Full sun to light shade</td>
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<td><strong>2</strong> Red-flowered buckwheat <em>(Eriogonum grande v. rubescens)</em></td>
<td>Low, mounding fast-growing perennial; cheerful pink spring flower “puffs”; good along borders, in containers &amp; on slopes.</td>
<td>Sun to part shade</td>
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<td><strong>3</strong> Island coral bells <em>(Heuchera maxima)</em></td>
<td>Upright in form when in flower, low and mounding when not, island coral-bells is a beautiful example of a rare island plant, endemic to Santa Cruz Island.</td>
<td>Tolerant</td>
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<td><strong>4</strong> Hummingbird sage <em>(Salvia spathacea)</em></td>
<td>Hummingbird sage’s rich fragrance and visual display make it a treat in any garden.</td>
<td>Light shade to shade</td>
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<td><strong>5</strong> Deergrass <em>(Muhlenbergia rigens)</em></td>
<td>Fast-growing, warm season bunchgrass with gray-green foliage; tidy &amp; not invasive; perennial; useful in dry stream beds, swales, slopes &amp; along parkways.</td>
<td>Best in sun</td>
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<td><strong>6</strong> Coast live oak <em>(Quercus agrifolia)</em></td>
<td>Dramatic form with many branching limbs, a broadly rounded, dense crown &amp; dark green, holly-like leaves.</td>
<td>Full sun to part shade</td>
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<td><strong>7</strong> Canyon snow iris <em>(Iris douglasiana ‘Canyon Snow’)</em></td>
<td>Simple and tough! Clumps continue to expand, putting up more bloom stalks every year.</td>
<td>Shade to part sun</td>
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<td><strong>8</strong> Lemonade berry <em>(Rhus integrifolia)</em></td>
<td>Versatile and great for screening or formal hedging. Fast growing and tough, it is the answer to many a gardener’s prayer.</td>
<td>Cool sun to light shade</td>
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**Fall is the best time to plant California natives!**
Join us!

Become a member today to support the Garden’s work to conserve native plants and habitats throughout California.

**Basic Membership Levels**

- **Individual** ........................................... $75
- **Family/Dual** ........................................... $100
- **Dog-Friendly** ......................................... $125

Upgrade your membership to a Guild or Circle level to help ensure the Garden’s success and provide support to our programs, collections, and operations.

- **Wildflower Guild** ............................ $200
- **Ironwood Guild** ................................. $500
- **Director’s Circle** ............................. $1,000
- **Benefactor’s Circle** .......................... $2,500
- **Redwood Circle** ............................... $5,000

**All members enjoy:**

- Free admission to the Garden and guest passes for your friends and family
- Access to over 330 botanic gardens nationwide through the American Horticultural Society
- 10% discount in the native plant retail nursery of the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden
- 10% discount at participating local nurseries
- An annual subscription to our member magazine
- Advance registration and reduced fees on classes

Visit [sbbg.org/membership](http://sbbg.org/membership) to join today!

The amount of your membership contribution that exceeds the fair market value of any goods or services provided to you may be tax-deductible as a charitable donation.
Blaksley Bliss Legacy Society

Members of the Blaksley Bliss Legacy Society are celebrated for their commitment of a gift to the Garden in their will or estate plans.

You can leave a lasting impact on what matters most. Create your plan for the future and help us conserve and protect nature for future generations.

Making a bequest to the Garden is one of the easiest and most tangible ways to leave a legacy to be remembered. A bequest can be made in several ways:

- You can gift a percentage of your estate.
- You can gift the balance or residue of your estate.
- You can gift a dollar amount or a specific asset.
- You can make the Garden a beneficiary of your IRA, insurance policy, or Donor Advised Fund.

For more information, visit sbblegacy.org

Call (805) 682-4726, ext. 110 or contact rboss@sbbg.org with any questions or to let the Garden know of your plans.

Help us grow!

Your gift helps the Garden protect biodiversity and showcase California native plants all year round.

- Give a gift today at sbbg.org/donate or by calling (805) 682-4726 ext. 133
- Donate your car to support the Garden at sbbg.org/get-involved/support-garden/donate-car
- Many of our supporters make a big impact by giving from a Donor Advised Fund. Call Heidi Whitman at (805) 682-4726, ext. 133 to learn more about this option. Please send a note to hwhitman@sbbg.org when you use your Donor Advised Fund to direct a gift to the Garden.

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