

The California Native Plant Society - Santa Clara Valley Chapter

in association with

UCCE Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County

2017 Going Native Garden Tour

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15th Annual Going Native Garden Tour: A free, self-guided tour of home gardens featuring California Native Plants that are **waterwise, attractive**, low maintenance, low on chemical use, and **bird and butterfly friendly**. A variety of home gardens landscaped with **California native plants** will be open to the public **Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23, 2017**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Locations throughout Santa Clara Valley and Peninsula. Talks and **native plant sales** at select gardens. **Free admission**. Registration is required at www.gngt.org and ends at 3 p.m. on April 23rd. Volunteers receive a T shirt and invitations to visit native gardens throughout the year. For more information, visit www.gngt.org or email info@gngt.org.



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Are you interested in gardens that are waterwise, low maintenance and attractive to humans as well as birds and butterflies?

Learn more at Santa Clara Valley's **15th annual Going Native Garden Tour on Sat-Sun, April 22-23, 2017** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a **free**, self-guided tour of home gardens landscaped with California native plants. Gardens in San Jose, Santa Clara, Cupertino, Campbell, Los Gatos, and Gilroy/Morgan Hill are open on Saturday. Gardens in Palo Alto, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Los Altos, and San Mateo are open on Sunday. The tour offers a variety of gardens for viewing - from townhomes to 1-acre lots, from newly planted gardens to established ones. You won't have to go far to see one: the gardens are located throughout the **Santa Clara Valley and the Peninsula**.

Visit as many gardens as you like - for inspiration, ideas, and pictures. Native plants will be available for purchase at select gardens. Many gardens will feature talks on native plant gardening.

What's special about California native plants? They are adapted to our soil and climate and are **easy to care for**. Many of our native plants are naturally **waterwise** and **drought tolerant**. They **support a wide variety of wildlife** that has co-evolved with them, and their distinctive look and elegant beauty gives your garden a **sense of place** that is uniquely Californian.

The self-guided tour is open to all. **Admission is free but donations to support the Tour can be made at any garden**. Registration is required at www.gngt.org and ends at 3 p.m. on April 23rd. For more information, visit www.gngt.org or email info@gngt.org.

The tour is organized and run by **volunteers**. Volunteers receive a t-shirt with original art and invitations to visit native gardens throughout the year. To volunteer, visit www.gngt.org and click on "Volunteer Registration." Knowledge of native plant gardening is a plus but not required.

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