

2015 Going Native Garden Tour

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13th 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 18 and Sunday, April 19, 2015**, 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 required at www.gngt.org; registration ends at 3pm on April 19. 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?

Find out more information at the Santa Clara Valley's **13th annual Going Native Garden Tour on Sat-Sun, April 18-19, 2015** 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 Santa Clara, Cupertino, Campbell, Los Gatos, and San Jose are open on Saturday. Gardens from Palo Alto, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Los Altos, and San Mateo County are open on Sunday.

The tour offers a variety of gardens for viewing - from townhome lots to 1-acre plots, 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 and ideas and pictures (with owner's permission). 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. For all these reasons, the California legislature has declared the third week of April to be **California Native Plant Week**.

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; registration ends at 3pm on April 19.

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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.