

# Going Native Garden Tour

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*Left: Lilac verbena, California poppy, ceanothus, and deergrass  
in a Campbell garden (Credit: Arvind Kumar)*

-----CALENDAR LISTING:-----

**7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOING NATIVE GARDEN TOUR.** A free, self-guided tour of home gardens that are **water-wise**, low maintenance, low on chemical use, **bird and butterfly friendly**, and **attractive**. A variety of home gardens landscaped with **California native plants** will be open to the public **Sunday, April 19, 2009**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Locations throughout Santa Clara Valley and Peninsula. **Free admission**; registration required at <http://www.gngt.org> before April 18, 12 noon, or until the tour reaches capacity, whichever comes first. Space is limited; register early to ensure a place. Volunteers receive invitations to visit native gardens throughout the year. For more information, email [info@gngt.org](mailto:info@gngt.org).

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Gardens that are water-wise and low maintenance, attractive to humans as well as birds and butterflies: see them firsthand on the Bay Area's 7<sup>th</sup> annual free, self-guided tour of home gardens landscaped with California native plants. The **Going Native Garden Tour** returns **Sunday, April 19, 2009**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This tour offers many 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 **all over the Santa Clara Valley and the Peninsula**. Visit as many as you like - for pictures, for ideas, for inspiration.

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 water-wise 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.

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The tour is organized entirely by volunteers. Knowledge of native plant gardening a plus but not required. Volunteers receive invitations to visit native gardens throughout the year. To volunteer, join <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gngtVolunteers>

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Alert: The East Bay's Bringing Back the Natives Tour is set for Sunday, May 3, 2009. Registration is required at <http://www.BringingBackTheNatives.net>