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## GOING NATIVE GARDEN TOUR

LEFT: CALIFORNIA POPPY, LILAC VERBENA, AND DEERGRASS IN A CAMPBELL GARDEN (CREDIT: ARVIND KUMAR)



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

**8<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 18, 2010**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Locations throughout Santa Clara Valley and Peninsula. Native plant sales and talks at select gardens. **Free admission**; registration required at [www.gngt.org](http://www.gngt.org) before April 18, 12 noon, or until the tour reaches capacity. 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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Are you interested in gardens that are water-wise and low maintenance, attractive to humans as well as birds and butterflies? Visit them on the Bay Area's 8<sup>th</sup> annual **Going Native Garden Tour on Sunday, April 18, 2010**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a free, self-guided tour of home gardens landscaped with California native plants.

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 for 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 **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.

The self-guided tour is open to all. **Admission is free**; registration is required at [www.gngt.org](http://www.gngt.org) before April 18, 12 noon, or until the tour reaches capacity. Space is limited; register early to ensure a place. For more information, email [info@gngt.org](mailto:info@gngt.org).

The tour is organized entirely 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](http://www.gngt.org) and click on "Volunteer Registration". Knowledge of native plant gardening is a plus but not required.

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*Dedicated to the Preservation of California Native Flora*