Grass Removal – Still need to get rid of your lawn? Try sheet mulching!
- Layers of cardboard and mulch deprive grass of light.
- Layers decompose into nutrients for your new plants.
- Visit CNPS.org/gardening for more information!

Soil Amendment – Many native plants thrive in what we consider poor soil conditions!
- Add organic compost or worm castings to promote healthy soil.
- AVOID chemical fertilizers and other amendments.

Mulch – Retain moisture, feed your soils, and insulate your plants from heat and cold.
- Use organic, weed free, well-composted mulch with a fine to medium texture.
- Apply after planting, and in late spring and early fall.
- AVOID wood chips, large pieces of bark mulch, and synthetic materials. They deprive your soil and plants of nutrients.
- AVOID weed cloths, plastic, and other weed barriers. They prevent the natural cycle of nutrients through the soils, can kill the living biology in your soil, and are often ineffective at preventing weeds.

Hardscape – Use permeable surfaces wherever possible to allow water to soak in to the soil below.
- Stepping stones
- Permeable paving (at least 1/4” between pavers)
- Gravel
- Decomposed granite (DG)

Starting a native plant garden doesn’t have to be complicated. This easy guide takes the guesswork out of which plants to use where. Simply choose one of the garden vignettes below and select from recommended native plants listed on the inside of your guide.

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Colorful Entry
Make a statement in your entryway! Be sure to choose plants with a variety of colors.
Features: large pot, decorative round stones.

Wildlife Walkway
Take a stroll through your landscape. Use permeable materials for your pathway, such as stepping stones or decomposed granite.
Features: permeable walkway, large boulders.

Pollinator Park
Add excitement to the parkway strip along your driveway by adding plants that butterflies and other pollinators love.
Features: stepping stones and contrasting colors.

Homey Habitat
Featuring a bench and bird bath, you can take a seat in this habitat and enjoy all of the bustling activity in your yard!
Features: bench, bird bath, boulders.

Living Wall
Designing your space vertically can add life to your yard. Use bold colors, and interesting shapes to make a flat area stand out.
Features: rain chain, swale, trellis.

Creating a Habitat
Make a statement in your entryway! Be sure to choose plants with a variety of colors.
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Water Feature – Pollinators, birds, and wildlife need water too!
- Add a bird bath, fountain or other water feature.

Garden Décor – Add a decorative touch to your garden.
- Boulders
- Bird Feeders
- Rain Chain
- Decorative Pots

Living Soil
Create a Habitat

PLANNING AND WATERING
Give your new CA native landscape a healthy start by following our planting and watering guides.

Bare Soil for Bees – Our ground dwelling, native bees need habitat! These bees are not aggressive, and will help keep your garden free of pests. Our ground dwelling, native bees need habitat! These bees are not aggressive, and will help keep your garden free of pests.
- Leave a few sunny areas of your landscape mulch free.

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Choose Your Plants

1. Choose the design vignette that best fits the shape and size of your site.

2. Match the symbols with those in the plant list.

3. Select plants based on your site’s sun exposure.

4. Bonus points for choosing locally native plants!

California Native Plant List

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### TREES
- Western Redbud / Cercis occidentalis
- Desert Willow / Chilopsis linearis
- Desert Olive / Foresteria pubescens
- Scrub Oak / Quercus berberidifolia

### LARGE SHRUBS
- Woollyleaf Ceanothus / Ceanothus tomentosus
- San Diego Mountain Mahogany / Cercocarpus minutiflorus
- Island Bush Poppy / Dendromecon harfordii
- Coffeeberry / Fragaria californica
- Toyon / Heteromeles arbutifolia
- Laurel Sumac / Malosma laurina
- Hollyleaf Cherry / Prunus ilicifolia
- Lemonade Berry / Ribes integrifolia

### MEDIUM SHRUBS
- Palmer’s Indian Mallow / Abutilon pallidum
- Ian Bush Manzanita / Arctostaphylos densiflora ‘Ian Bush’
- Pajaro Manzanita ‘Paradise’ / Arctostaphylos ‘Paradise’
- Thickleaf Yerba Santa / Eriodictyon crassifolium
- Bladderpod / Eriogonum integrifolium
- Hollyleaf Redberry / Rhamnus ilicifolia
- White Sage / Salvia apiana
- Pozo Blue Cleveland Sage / Salvia clevelandii ‘Pozo Blue’

### SMALL SHRUBS
- San Diego Sunflower / Eriophyllum confertiflorum
- Santa Cruz Island Buckwheat / Eriogonum arborescens
- Island Bush Snapdragon / Gambelia speciosa
- Chaparral Yucca / Yucca whipplei
- Desert Globe Mallow / Sphaeralcea ambigua
- Woolly Blue Curls / Trichostema lanatum
- California Sunflower / Eriophyllum confertiflorum
- Coastal Goldenbush / Isocoma menziesii
- California Four o’clock / Mirabilis laevis var. crassifolia
- De la Mina Lilac Verbena / Verbena lilacina ‘De la Mina’

### LOW SHRUBS
- Yankee Point Ceanothus / Ceanothus ‘Yankee Point’
- Seaside Daisy / Erigeron glaucus
- Margarita BOP Penstemon / Penstemon ‘Margarita BOP’
- California Fuchsia / Epilobium canum
- Golden Yarrow / Eriophyllum confertiflorum
- California Poppy / Eschscholzia californica
- Blue Eyed Grass / Stipa chamissonis
- Coast Aster Point St. George / Symphyotrichum ‘Point St. George’

### SPREADING GROUNDCOVER
- Carmel Sur Manzanita / Arctostaphylos ‘Carmel Sur’
- Montana Sagebrush / Artemisia californica ‘Montana’
- Dwarf Coyote Bush / Baccharis pilularis ‘Pigeon Point’

### GRASSES
- Purple Three Awn / Aristida purpurea
- Deer Grass / Muhlenbergia rigens

### SUCCELENTS
- Fingertips / Dudleya edulis
- Laceleaf Livetree / Dudleya lanceolata

### VINES
- Island Morning Glory / Calystegia macrostegia
- Western Virgin’s Bower / Clematis ligusticifolia
- Desert Wild Grape / Vitis girdiana

Visit Calscape.org to find more plants native to your area!