



Benefits of Native Plants

Native vegetation evolved to live with the local climate, soil types, and animals, creating several advantages, including:

- **Save Water:**
Once established, many native plants need minimal irrigation beyond normal rainfall.
- **Low Maintenance:**
Low maintenance landscaping methods are a natural fit with native plants that are already adapted to the local environment. Look forward to using less water, little to no fertilizer, little to no pesticides, less pruning, and less of your time.
- **Pesticide Freedom:**
Native plants have developed their own defenses against many pests and diseases. Since most pesticides kill indiscriminately, beneficial insects become secondary targets in the fight against pests. Reducing or eliminating pesticide use lets natural pest control take over and keeps garden toxins out of our creeks and watersheds.
- **Wildlife Viewing:**
Native plants, birds, butterflies, beneficial insects, and interesting critters are “made for each other.” Research shows that native wildlife prefers native plants.
- **Support Local Ecology:**
As development replaces natural habitats, planting gardens, parks, and roadsides with California natives can provide a “bridge” to nearby remaining wildlands.

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