

TECHNICAL GUIDES AND USEFUL INFORMATION

USDA climate/hardiness zones

<http://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/PHZMWeb/#>

Oakland (94610) Zone 10a: 30 to 35 (F); San Luis Obispo (93401) Zone 9b : 25 to 30 (F)

Sunset Western Gardening Zones

<https://www.sunsetwesterngardencollection.com/climate-zones>

HEIRLOOM FRUIT TREES AT 824 GROSVENOR PLACE

[Babcock Peach](#)

(For the East Bay!)

[Blenheim apricot](#)

[USDA Zones: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10] - TOA

[Seckel Pear](#)

[USDA Zones: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10] - TOA

[Sierra Beauty Apple Tree](#)

[USDA Zones: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10] - TOA

WEED ERADICATION

[Corn gluten](#) herbicide for establishing grasslands/prairies.

[Sheet Mulching](#) to kill weeds and/or to convert lawns to wildscapes

“[Weed Slayer](#)” (clove oil).

<http://www.andaman-ag.com/products/weed-slayer-organic-herbicide/>

Eradicating English Ivy: [Cal-IPC fact sheet](#) and [Metro Vancouver technical report](#).

Weed Control Methods from the [Skyline Gardens Alliance](#) (East Bay Hills)

1. “[Bradley Method](#)” of weed control.
2. 100% vinegar “Four Monks” can eradicate broadleaf plants when they’re small, e.g., Italian thistle
3. Weed slayer: clove oil
4. [Hand sickle](#) for small weeds
5. Pole sickle for Italian thistle

RECIPE FOR MAKING BULK [CACTUS & SUCCULENT MIX](#)

Mix equal parts: potting mix + volcanic pumice

BOOKS & ARTICLES

California Native Plant Society - Restoring Nature One Garden at a Time

<https://www.cnps.org/gardening>

Planting Guides for Your Region

<https://www.cnps.org/gardening/choosing-your-plants/native-planting-guides>

Nature's Best Hope - A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard (Tallamy). <https://www.hachettebookgroup.com/titles/douglas-w-tallamy/natures-best-hope/9781604699005/?lens=timber-press>

Designing California Native Gardens -

The Plant Community Approach to Artful, Ecological Gardens (Keater et al.)

<https://www.ucpress.edu/book/9780520251106/designing-california-native-gardens>

California Native Plants for the Garden (Bornstein et al.)

<https://cnpsslo.org/shop/california-native-plants-for-the-garden/>

California Plants: A Guide to Our Iconic Flora. Matt Ritter. 2018

<http://www.matritter.net/california-plants>

Ecosystems of California

<https://www.ucpress.edu/book/9780520278806/ecosystems-of-california>

The California Deserts: An Ecological Rediscovery

<https://www.ucpress.edu/book/9780520251458/the-california-deserts>

Water for Birds and Wildlife Gardens - Art of Stone Gardening

<https://www.artofstonegardening.com/water-for-birds-and-wildlife-gardens>

Which Bay Area Salamander Are You? (11/27/19) BAY NATURE magazine

<https://baynature.org/2019/11/27/which-bay-area-salamander-are-you/>

Bumble Bees of California

https://www.inaturalist.org/check_lists/217590-Bumble-Bees-of-California

How to Create a Dry, Shade Garden

https://www.laspilitas.com/garden/Dry_shade.html

https://www.laspilitas.com/garden/California_natives_for_part_shade.html

Small patches make critical contributions to biodiversity conservation (12/27/18)

PNAS. <https://www.pnas.org/doi/10.1073/pnas.1820169116>

Water Efficient Landscaping

<https://water.ca.gov/News/Blog/2020/June/Why-Garden-with-California-Native-Plants>

Leave the Leaves Campaign

<https://xerces.org/blog/leave-the-leaves>

<https://davidssuzuki.org/queen-of-green/how-to-leave-the-leaves/>

<https://www.leaveleavesalone.org>

In Wisconsin: Stowing Mowers, Pleasing Bees (04/03/22) NEW YORK TIMES

https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/28/travel/no-mow-may-wisconsin.html?unlocked_article_code=1.5k4.cmGY.XtMTvUYoS4Qy&smid=url-share

Beauty of the Wild: A Life Designing Landscapes Inspired by Nature

[https://www.nytimes.com/2021/08/11/realestate/your-garden-may-be-pretty-but-is-it-ecologically-sound.html?](https://www.nytimes.com/2021/08/11/realestate/your-garden-may-be-pretty-but-is-it-ecologically-sound.html?unlocked_article_code=1.5k4.Gm88.Kqi295BF8VkJL&smid=url-share)

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How (and Why) to Use Native Plants

https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/15/realestate/how-and-why-to-use-native-plants.html?unlocked_article_code=1.5k4.Y4hE.mJdvQbJ8c8nX&smid=url-share

‘People think you’re an idiot’: death metal Irish baron rewilds his estate

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/aug/07/people-think-youre-an-idiot-death-metal-irish-baron-rewilds-his-estate>

PLANT NATIVE OAK TREES & PROTECT WILD ONES AT YOUR FEET

[Oakland’s oaks are largely gone. He’s leading the fight to protect the city’s namesake trees](#) (11/25/21) San Francisco Chronicle

Why You Should Plant Oaks

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/31/realestate/oak-trees-why-you-should-plant.html?referringSource=articleShare>

DO NOT Trench Under Oaks!

<https://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/pdf/21538.pdf>

DO NOT Butcher Your Trees!

<http://www.ourcityforest.org/blog/2016/1/29/w4p4udrh7mfyj7yujaovatvgjliqgy>

Compatible Plants Under & Around Oaks - California Oaks Foundation

<http://californiaoaks.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/CompatiblePlantsUnder-AroundOaks.pdf>

California Oaks Newsletter

<http://californiaoaks.org/newsletters/>

GROW NATIVE BUCKEYE TREES FROM SEED PODS!

[https://calscape.org/Aesculus-californica-\(California-Buckeye\)?srchcr=sc5eb59b-b3873eb](https://calscape.org/Aesculus-californica-(California-Buckeye)?srchcr=sc5eb59b-b3873eb)

<https://www.pacifichorticulture.org/articles/california-buckeye-a-tree-for-all-seasons/>
<https://turkeysong.wordpress.com/2009/12/26/propagating-california-buckeye-trees/>

INVITE WILD BIRDS INTO YOUR GARDEN

Nest Watch: All About Bird Houses

<https://nestwatch.org/learn/all-about-birdhouses/>

UC Davis: Building Songbird Nest Boxes

<https://mwfb.ucdavis.edu/research/california/nestboxes/putah-creek>

Birdhouse Plans for 70 North American Birds

<https://70birds.com>

Right Bird - Right House

<https://nestwatch.org/learn/all-about-birdhouses/right-bird-right-house/>

Cavity Nesters Recovery Program - Santa Clara Valley Audubon

<https://scvas.org/nest-box-plans>

Coveside Conservation Products

<https://coveside.com/collections/bird-houses>

Hungry Owl Project

<https://www.hungryowls.org/barn-owl-boxes>

UC Davis: How to Build an Owl Box

<https://www.ucdavis.edu/one-health/how-to-build-an-owl-box>

SAVE WILD BIRDS FROM YOUR WINDOWS & CATS!

Prevent Bird Collisions on Your Windows

<https://abcbirds.org/solutions/prevent-home-collisions/>

<https://www.audubon.org/news/reducing-collisions-glass>

Birds Be Safe Cat Collars - scientifically-designed to visually warn birds

https://www.birdsbesafe.com/index.html?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIrJ_e74ml6QIVch-tB-h3jjAqsEAAYASAAEgIC-PD_BwE

PODCASTS ON GARDENING & HABITAT RESTORATION**The Joe Gardener Podcast**

<https://joegardener.com/podcasts/>

Cultivating Place

<https://www.cultivatingplace.com/about>

Golden State Naturalist

<https://www.goldenstatenaturalist.com/>

REMEMBER THE GEOPHYTES!

Special Issue: California's Geophytes

<https://cnps.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/FremontiaV44.3.pdf>

CNGA: *[Grasslands: Special Issue on Rare Plants](#)*

Forays in Propagating Native Bulbs and Corms from Seed

<https://chapters.cnps.org/redbud/2022/11/11/forays-in-propagating-native-bulbs-and-corms-from-seed/>

PLANT A PRAIRIE!

Reimagining the California Lawn

<https://www.pacifichorticulture.org/articles/meadows/>

Plant a Pocket Prairie

<https://www.wildflower.org/magazine/native-plants/make-pocket-prairie>

Reviving the Meadow at the Santa Barbara Botanical Garden - Reservoir of Biodiversity

<https://www.sbbg.org/explore-garden/garden-sections-displays/meadow>

Grassland Facts

<https://cnga.wildapricot.org/grasslandfacts>

Xerces Society: California 327A Conservation Cover, Pollinators

<https://www.xerces.org/publications/habitat-installation-guides/california-327a-conservation-cover-pollinators>

Creating a Coastal Meadow/Lawn Alternative

<http://www.centralcoastwilds.com/news/2020/Creating-a-Coastal-Meadow-Lawn-Alternative.html>

DO NOT USE POISON BAIT AND RODENTICIDES

Raptors Are The Solution (R.A.T.S.)

<https://www.raptorsarethesolution.org>

Save Our Raptors - Don't Use Rodenticide

<https://intobirds.com/save-our-raptors-dont-use-rodenticide/>

Safe Alternatives to Rat Poison - Audubon

<https://www.audubon.org/magazine/january-february-2013/poisons-used-kill-rodents-have-safer>

Preferred Pest Control Products

<https://www.raptorsarethesolution.org/preferred-pest-control-products/>

“Good Nature” A24 Automatic Rat & Mouse Trap

<https://www.automatictrap.com>

MAKE YOUR GARDEN FIRE SAFE!

Firescaping, with Dr. Adrienne Edwards and Rachel Schleiger - Cultivating Place

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/cultivating-place/id1116782774?i=1000624070951>

<https://www.hachettebookgroup.com/qa/timber-press-post-firescaping-qa/?lens=timber-press>

How Will We Manage East Bay Wildfire Risk (the case for “Shaded Fuel Breaks”)

<https://ebcnps.org/conservation/how-will-we-manage-east-bay-wildfire-risk-2021-04/>

NON-TOXIC ERADICATION OF NON-NATIVE SQUIRRELS

“Tube Trap” Squirrel Trap

https://www.forestry-suppliers.com/product_pages/products.php?mi=44491&item-num=35803

Native and Non-native Squirrels

<http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn74122.html>