

## **PLANT AND PROPAGATION REFERENCES**

***Care and Maintenance of Southern California Native Plant Gardens/ Cuidado y mantenimiento de jardines de plantas nativas del sur de California.*** Bart O'Brien, Betsey Landis, Ellen Mackey 2006. Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. Although written for southern CA, most of this bilingual book is applicable to the central coast, as we share a majority of the listed plant species. It starts with assessing and preparing the soil, and includes information on pruning, watering, weeding, and plant pests. Ring binding opens flat, with English on one side, and Spanish on the other. Perfecto!

***Seed Propagation of Native California Plants*** by Dara Emery. 1988. Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. This reference is used by many native plant propagators.

<http://www.parksconservancy.org/programs/nurseries/> Growers who produce almost 400 species of plants native to the Golden Gate National Parks in five nurseries. Links to very detailed seed collection and propagation techniques.

<http://www.oan.org/?page=86> Free download of The Oregon Association of Nurseries "***Safe Procurement and Production Manual***," a 106-page guide to producing healthy nursery stock by using a systems approach.

<http://www.cnps.org/> **California Native Plant Society** website. Free educational field trips are a great way to learn the local flora- see the link in the lower right- Local Chapters/ Events in your area. Local chapters also have native plant sales.

***Gardening with a Wild Heart, Restoring California's Native Landscapes at Home*** Judith Lowry. 2007. Includes discussions of wildflower gardening, the ecology of native grasses, wildland seed-collecting, principles of natural design, and plant/animal interactions. This lyrical and articulate mix of the practical and the poetic combines personal story, wildland ecology, restoration gardening practices, and native plant horticulture.

***The Landscaping Ideas of Jays, A Natural History of the Backyard Restoration Garden*** by Judith Larner Lowry. UC Press. 2007. Lowry offers guidance on how to cultivate, maintain, and harvest seeds and food from a diverse array of native annuals and perennials. Lowry works in passionate collaboration with the scrub jays, quail, ants, and deer who visit her garden, and is inspired by other gardeners, including some of the women pioneers of native plant horticulture.

***Collecting, Processing and Germinating Seeds of Wildland Plants*** James & Cheryl Young 1986. Timber Press.

***"California Native Plants for the Garden"*** Bornstein, Carol; David Fross and Bart O'Brien 2005. Cachuma Press. Authored by three of the state's leading native-plant horticulturists and illustrated with 450 color photos, this beautiful reference book includes information on maintenance and species-specific problems. Detailed lists recommend native plants for a variety of situations, including deer resistant, bank cover, erosion, shelterbelts and windbreaks, spiny barriers, and hedges and screens.

***The PLANTS of MONTEREY COUNTY, an Illustrated Field Key, Second Edition*** by Mary Ann Matthews and Michael Mitchell. 2015. California Native Plant Society Monterey Bay Chapter. A complete and updated flora with dichotomous keys. It is well illustrated, and is a good reference for the entire central coast.

***Native Treasures, Gardening with the Plants of California.*** Nevin Smith, UC Press, 2006. Describes the use of plants in varying landscapes and gardens; has state-of-the-art propagation techniques.

***Growing California Native Plants.*** By Marjorie Schmidt and Katherine Greenberg. UC Press. 2012.

***Sunset Western Garden Book.*** Sunset Publishing Corporation.