

The Lawn is Gone

Going Native

Are you tired of the time, expense and the amount of water required to maintain a lawn? Do you enjoy seeing flowers, birds, and butterflies in your yard? Are you ready to create a beautiful, sustainable garden that provides year round interest with a variety of color and textures?

California native plant gardens are a great alternative to thirsty lawns. They require less maintenance, are chemical-free, save precious water, and support a wide variety of birds and butterflies.

Visit the Perennial and Habitat Gardens for ideas to convert your lawn to a low water landscape. More information and plans for these native gardens are available at the Crab Cove Visitor Center.

In California, one square foot of turf requires approximately 25 gallons of water per year. An acre of turf requires well over a million gallons a year! Native plants however, require little to no irrigation, making them a wise landscaping choice for California's dry climate. (Source: priceconomics.com)



Native plants help feed bees, butterflies and birds, who in turn do the important job of pollinating our crops and orchards. In fact, 75% of the world's food supply is pollinated by insects.

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