Native Plants

Healthier Neighborhoods Start Here!

Native plants help create healthier, more resilient neighborhoods where people can thrive. Because they evolved with Los Angeles' climate and soils, native plants require few soil amendments, they support local wildlife, and they add beauty to our neighborhoods.

Water Conservation

- Native plants thrive on natural rainfall once established, reducing outdoor water use and lowering household costs. Their deep roots help landscapes stay green during droughts.
- Using fewer chemicals prevents harmful runoff that pollutes streams and harms wildlife.

Local Biodiversity

- Native species sustain the birds, butterflies, and pollinators that make neighborhoods feel alive and connected to nature.
- These living systems support food webs and create opportunities for learning, play, and mental well-being – especially for children and families.

Soil Health

- Native root systems often grow well on slopes, increasing infiltration, reducing flooding and preventing harmful erosion. Healthier soils also filter pollutants before they reach groundwater.

Resources

Interested in planting native? Use the resources below to help guide you!

Xerces Society Native Plant Lists	Theodore Payne Classes	LA Biodiversity Guidelines	Calflora Native Plant Identifier	Santa Monica Mountains Fund