



# CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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## NATIVE PLANT SALE

*Left: Mercy Street Garden, Mountain View (Photo: gngt.org)*

-----CALENDAR LISTING:-----

**FALL NATIVE PLANT SALE.** Scores of hard-to-find native plant species, seeds, and bulbs suitable for California gardens. Speak to experts about lawn alternatives such as native perennials, wildflowers, and grasses. Native plant books, posters, and note cards on sale. Organized by California Native Plant Society (Santa Clara Valley Chapter). **Saturday, October 15, 2011**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hidden Villa Ranch, CNPS Nursery, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. 2 miles west of I-280. Free parking. Come early for the best selection; bring boxes in which to carry purchases home. Cash or check only. For more information, visit [www.cnps-scv.org](http://www.cnps-scv.org), email [cnps\\_scv@yahoo.com](mailto:cnps_scv@yahoo.com), or call 650-260-3450.

-----PRESS RELEASE:-----

Go green and save money at the same time by including native plants in your garden. Native plants provide habitat for birds and butterflies, add beauty and a sense of place, and are also economical in the long run because they require less water, less energy, and no synthetic chemicals. Discover the possibilities at the Native Plant Sale at Hidden Villa Ranch in Los Altos Hills on **Saturday, October 15, 2011**.

Choose from scores of **hard-to-find species**, from deergrass and monkey flower to redbud and blue-eyed grass, from orchids and lilies to sedums and buckwheat. Speak with **seasoned gardeners** about water-wise alternatives to a lawn, including native perennials, shrubs, wildflowers, and grasses. Browse **books, posters, and note cards** featuring native plants. Attend a **free one-hour class** at 1pm on native plant gardening.

California native plants are naturally adapted to the local soil and climate changes, thrive without amendments, fertilizers, or pesticides, and offer incomparable habitat value. Fall is an excellent time to plant, when the summer heat has dissipated and rain is just around the corner. Come spring, you will be rewarded with a stunning display of wildflowers.

The non-profit, all-volunteer CNPS Nursery opens to the public only two times a year: once in the spring and again in the fall. Proceeds fund chapter activities such as Gardening With Natives, field trips, conservation, and education, as well as the Trust for Hidden Villa.

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