



HUMBOLDT BOTANICAL GARDEN

Eureka, California

Welcome to the Lost Coast Brewery Native Plant Garden at the Humboldt Botanical Garden!

We invite you take a few minutes stroll through the approximately 1.5 acre native plant garden to enjoy some of the 140 species of California native plants now present. This garden was first planted in 2007-2008, and since then has been steadily growing in stature and diversity.

During September and October, most of California's native plants are in a drought-dormant state and have stopped flowering. This is a time of rest and water conservation for these plants. For many, new growth will resume with the onset of the first rains. New flowers will re-appear in the native plant garden as early as January, for example in the manzanitas and gooseberries. Remember, except for new plantings, this garden receives **no** irrigation and must rely only on winter and spring rainfall. If you are interested in growing California natives, remember that the cooler, shorter days of fall and renewed soil moisture provide the best conditions for planting.

Although there is not a lot of flowering going on at this time of the year, several of our California native plants are still in bloom. East of the paver pavilion, look for the last of the large white flowers of **Matilija poppy** (*Romneya coulteri*), and the red tubular flowers of two forms of **California fuchsia** (*Epilobium canum*). Also in view are the showy flower heads of several buckwheats, including **dune buckwheat** (*Eriogonum latifolium*), **giant buckwheat** (*Eriogonum giganteum*), and **Santa Cruz Island buckwheat** (*Eriogonum arborescens*).

Below the paver pavilion can be seen the pale blue flowers of **California aster** (*Symphotrichon chilensis*), and the large, waxy yellow flowers of **California fremontia** (*Fremontodendron californicum*). To the right of the pavilion the orange and yellow blossoms of two selections of **bush monkeyflower** (*Mimulus aurantiacus*) continue to bloom. Also, on the west side of the garden, the **vine maples** (*Acer circinatum*) are showing off their fall colors, and the **California coffeeberry** plants (*Frangula californica*) are displaying a large crop of berries.

Several drainage improvements in the native plant garden completed in summer 2016 have allowed us to fill in areas in the native plant garden with new and interesting plants such as '**John Dourley**' manzanita and '**Wheeler Canyon**' ceanothus. We have now installed over 500 native plants in the native plant garden since 2013, including several new manzanitas, buckwheats, ceanothus, sages, grasses, bush anemones, seaside daisies, penstemons and monkey flowers.

Because the native plant garden changes dramatically throughout the seasons, we invite you to return during the winter, spring, and summer months to enjoy the beauty and progression of flowering and the diversity of plant textures.

Take a stroll on the winding paths, and enjoy the quiet and beauty of the **Lost Coast Brewery Native Plant Garden** as it finishes flowering and rests in anticipation of the first fall rains. Thanks again for visiting!

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