



# HUMBOLDT BOTANICAL GARDEN

Eureka, California

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

We encourage you to take a walk through the Lost Coast Brewery Native Plant Garden (NPG) as it shows off its summer bloom. This garden was first planted in 2007-2008, and since then has been steadily growing in stature and diversity. We now have over 126 California native species represented in 24 separate garden beds covering approximately 1.5 acres.

During July and August, many of the NPG plants are in bloom. Others, such as the manzanitas, ceanothus, and currants bloomed in winter and early spring. Plants in the NPG do not receive supplemental irrigation and rely entirely on rainfall. No fertilizers are used in the NPG. Planting sites in our difficult clay soils are amended with perlite and sharp gravel. Summer maintenance work primarily involves the frequent removal of many species of aggressive annual and perennial weeds, which are finally slowing down in abundance as the soil dries. Volunteers are always welcome to assist in this task!

I remain committed to the continued improvements to the NPG by filling in the last of the unplanted areas (not much space left!), adding new and interesting natives from the California Floristic Province, replacing poorly performing specimens, and adding more structure and interest. In the last three years alone we have introduced over 500 new plants, including species such as **giant buckwheat** (*Eriogonum giganteum*), **'Select Mattole' California fuchsia** (*Epilobium septentrionale* 'Select Mattole'), **bush anemone** (*Carpenteria californica*), **'Terra Seca' black sage** (*Salvia mellifera*), **Franciscan manzanita** (*Arctostaphylos franciscana*), **white sage** (*Salvia apiana*), and **'Dark Star' ceanothus** (*Ceanothus impressus* x *C. papillosus* var. *roweanus*). Large rock features from the Trinity River were also placed in the garden this past spring to provide additional interest and texture. Because the garden changes dramatically throughout the seasons, we encourage you to return often to enjoy the beauty and progression of growth, flowering, and diversity of plant textures. Questions or comments to me at [mmoore1229@gmail.com](mailto:mmoore1229@gmail.com) regarding the NPG are always welcome and will be helpful as we move forward in the garden's continued development.

Below is a partial list of some California native plants currently in bloom in the NPG. See how many you can find on your next visit!

**coastal California poppy** (*Eschscholzia californica* var. *maritima*)  
**bush monkeyflower** (*Mimulus aurantiacus*) (the species and several cultivars)  
**California fremontia** (*Fremontodendron californicum*)  
**checkerbloom** (*Sidalcea malviflora*) and (*Sidalcea malviflora* ssp. *patula*)  
**Fremont bush mallow** (*Malacothamnus fremontii*)  
**seaside wooly sunflower** (*Eriophyllum staechadifolium*)  
**seaside daisy** (*Erigeron glaucus*)  
**Matilija poppy** (*Romneya coulteri*)  
**California aster** (*Aster chilensis*)  
**dune buckwheat** (*Eriogonum latifolium*)  
**giant buckwheat** (*Eriogonum giganteum*)  
**Cleveland sage** (*Salvia clevelandii*)  
**Coyote mint** (*Monardella villosa*)  
**Sandhill sage** (*Artemisia pycnocephala* 'David's Choice')  
**gumplant** (*Grindelia stricta*)  
**California wild rose** (*Rosa californica*)

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