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 160 California native species represented in 24 separate garden beds covering approximately 1.5 acres.

During the summer months, many of the NPG plants are in bloom. Others, such as the manzanitas, ceanothus, iris, and meadowfoam bloomed in winter and spring. The NPG does not receive supplemental irrigation except hand watering selected plantings, and relies entirely on rainfall. No fertilizers are used in the NPG. Planting sites in our difficult clay soils are amended with perlite and sharp gravel to improve texture and drainage. 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 four years alone we have introduced over 670 new plants, including species such as **Siskiyou checkerbloom** (*Sidalcea malviflora ssp. patula*), **'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 in 2017 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 regarding the NPG are always welcome and will be helpful as we move forward in the garden's continued development.

Below is a list of just a few California native plants currently in bloom in the NPG. See how many you can find during your visit!

coastal California poppy (*Eschscholzia californica var. maritima*)
seaside daisy (Erigeron glaucus)
bush monkeyflower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*) (the species and several cultivars)
Siskiyou checkerbloom (*Sidalcea malviflora ssp. patula)*
seaside wooly sunflower (*Eriophyllum staechadifolium*)
Matilija poppy *(Romneya coulteri)*
Purple Cedros Island verbena *(Verbena lilacina 'De La Mina')*
Cleveland sage (*Salvia clevelandii)*
Coyote mint (*Monardella villosa*)

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