



# 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 170 California native species represented in 24 separate garden beds covering approximately 1.6 acres. Be sure to also visit the two new interpretive panels describing the California Floristic Province and the genus *Arctostaphylos* (manzanitas), and take a virtual tour of 25 California native plants via the link on the HBGF website.

During the summer months, several of the NPG plants are in bloom. Many others, such as the manzanitas, ceanothus, iris, and currants bloomed in winter and spring. The NPG does not receive supplemental irrigation except hand watering for new 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. 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!), and adding new and interesting natives from the California Floristic Province. We continually seek to improve the garden by replacing poorly performing specimens, rehabilitating beds, and adding more structure and texture. In the last five years alone we have introduced over **880** new plants, including species such as **Santa Cruz Island buckwheat** (*Eriogonum arborescens*), **'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 **fragrant pitcher sage** (*Lepechinia fragrans* 'El Tigre'). 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. 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 list of just a few California native plants in bloom during the summer in the NPG. See how many you can find during your visit!

**coastal California poppy** (*Eschscholzia californica* var. *maritima*)  
**bush monkeyflower** (*Mimulus aurantiacus*) (the species and several cultivars including my favorite "Mattole Point")  
**Siskiyou checkerbloom** (*Sidalcea malviflora* ssp. *patula*)  
**California tiger lily** (*Lilium pardalinum*)  
**seaside woolly sunflower** (*Eriophyllum staechadifolium*)  
**Matilija poppy** (*Romneya coulteri*)  
**giant buckwheat** (*Eriogonum giganteum*)  
**'Poza blue' sage** (*Salvia clevelandii* x *leucophylla*)  
**Coyote mint** (*Monardella villosa*)  
**Seaside daisy** (*Erigeron glaucus*)

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