



## THE 11TH ANNUAL THEODORE PAYNE NATIVE PLANT GARDEN TOUR MORE THAN 35 GARDENS OVER A TWO-DAY, SELF-GUIDED JOURNEY SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 5-6, 2014, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

For more than a decade the Theodore Payne Foundation's Native Plant Garden Tour has provided Southern California homeowners and plant enthusiasts with the opportunity to visit authentic California gardens in a variety of styles that showcase the unique beauty of California native plants.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5** Gardens in Los Angeles, the Westside and South Bay.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 6** Gardens in the San Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys.

**TICKETS** are \$15 for TPF members, \$20 for non-members, with group discounts available. Proceeds from the Tour benefit the Foundation's non-profit native plant nursery and education programs – California treasures since 1960. Purchase tickets at [www.nativeplantgardentour.org](http://www.nativeplantgardentour.org).

### SUSTAINABLE LOS ANGELES LANDSCAPES

The 11th Annual Tour showcases gardens that, in addition to beauty, demonstrate drought tolerance, food security and resilience ecology. The gardens on this tour save money on water and energy—through both reduced water consumption and maintenance and the electricity required to pump water to L.A. County from distant river systems. The gardens also sustain native bird and butterfly populations, providing essential ecosystem support in this era of ever-diminishing wild lands. These landscapes are creative, ethical, sustainable and unique, reflecting a character that is distinctly Californian. Native lawns, wild roses and edibles are Californian, too! See examples on the Tour of native grass lawns and the no-mowing-required yard meadow, as well as examples of rain-water harvesting and catchment designs. Many of the gardens have been designed and installed by homeowners who will share the secrets of their success. There are also gardens created by professional designers, as well as public landscapes and patio container gardens for apartment dwellers. A variety of styles, budgets, garden challenges and sizes are represented.

### NEW! CONTEMPORARY ART COMPONENT

This year's tour will include a selection of native gardens featuring art installations by Los Angeles-based contemporary artists. Southern California, with its unique history, culture, and the natural beauty of its native ecosystems, has drawn many creative people to the region. Using diverse concepts and media, the exhibiting artists in this exclusive outdoor exhibition explore challenging contemporary issues of art, culture and our ever-evolving relationship to nature. Many of the artists will be on site to discuss their work.

More information at [www.nativeplantgardentour.org](http://www.nativeplantgardentour.org) & <http://www.theodorepayne.org>.

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