

NATIVE PLANT WEEK WILDFLOWER SHOW, SYMPOSIUM, and PLANT SALE

**Saturday, April 19, 2014 9:00am-4:00pm
Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino, 91436**

**Sponsors: California Native Plant Society and the Theodore Payne Foundation for
Wild Flowers and Native Plants**

The Native Plant Week Symposium includes a wildflower show, speakers, plant and book sale, children's activity tables, exhibits and demonstrations. It is scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 9:00am-4:00pm at the Sepulveda Garden Center in Encino.

Admission is free.

Dozens of different native plant flowers will be on display, collected from members' home gardens and the grounds of the Theodore Payne Foundation.

Native plants and seeds from the Theodore Payne Foundation Nursery will be available for purchase.

Educational displays and activities from various agencies and docent groups will be offered.

Native plant gardening and natural history books will be available for sale, along with t-shirts, maps, and other gift items.

Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Sponsored by the **California Native Plant Society** (Los Angeles / Santa Monica Mountains Chapter) and the **Theodore Payne Foundation** for Wild Flowers and Native Plants.

SPEAKERS

The Symposium will feature the following speakers:

10:00-11:30am

Hartmut Wisch, **An Introduction to California Native Bees**

Noon-1:30pm

Mickey Long, **Botany for Birders: Merging Plant and Bird Study**

2:00-3:30pm

Allan Pollack, **Restoring Habitat, One Yard at a Time**

NATIVE PLANT WEEK SYMPOSIUM DETAILS FOR APRIL 19, 2014

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Hartmut Wisch, Naturalist – **An Introduction to California Native Bees**

“An Introduction to California Native Bees” – an illustrated talk that will explore the great diversity of bees that have co-evolved with California's native flora. Approximately 1600 bees are known to be native to California. Some bees are generalists pollinating a variety of flowers from different plant families, others are more specialized. This informative talk featuring beautiful images of our native bees will cover all six recognized families of bees (Anthophila).

Noon-1:30pm

Mickey Long, **Botany for Birders: Merging Plant and Bird Study**

“Botany for Birders: Merging Plant and Bird Study” – learn more about plant identification and ecology to improve your knowledge, communication skills and enjoyment of birds in their ecosystems including illustrated examples and hands-on samples of plants from Southern California habitats: valleys, foothills, mountains, and deserts. Both native and common non-native trees and shrubs will be included. He will cover dominant trees and shrubs that provide perches; important food plants with seeds and berries; conifers vs deciduous trees for warblers; vegetation indicators for California gnatcatcher, cactus wren or least bittern.

2:00-3:30pm

Allan Pollack, Chair – Audubon at Home – **Restoring Habitat, One Yard at a Time**

“Restoring Habitat, One Yard at a Time” will include a discussion of the 4 basic elements necessary for wildlife to survive, plus discussion of sustainable gardening practices, including use of native plants with a virtual tour of his certified, wildlife habitat garden.

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Background: In 2010, the California State Assembly and Senate approved Resolution ACR 173 (Evans) establishing California Native Plant Week. This measure proclaims the 3rd week of April, each year, as California Native Plant Week and encourages community groups, schools, and citizens to undertake activities to promote the conservation, restoration, and appreciation of California's native plants.

California native wildflower cuttings from home gardens to be displayed as part of the Wildflower Show are needed. If you would like to contribute cuttings, contact Snowdy Dodson via email: snowdy.dodson@csun.edu or phone: 818-782-9346 for details. The cuttings need to be available for set up on Friday, April 18, between noon and 1:00 pm

For more information about the California Native Plant Society, visit www.cnps.org.

Find the website for the L.A. / Santa Monica Mountains Chapter of CNPS at www.lacnps.org. The Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers and Native Plants, Inc. is located at 10459 Tuxford St., Sun Valley 91352, 818-768-1802, or visit them at www.theodorepayne.org. NOTE: For more information, contact Steve Hartman (naturebase@aol.com) or 818-881-3706.