



Fall into Gardening: A Guide to the Native Plant Sale

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As summer days fade and the cool breezes and precipitation of autumn arrive, California native plant gardeners can feel the excitement of the fall planting season approaching. This time of year is ideal for planting native species, as cooler temperatures and increased rainfall create perfect conditions for establishing new plants. For those eager to enhance their gardens with vibrant, regionally adapted plants, this year's native plant sales offer a unique selection. Here are three tips to help you make the most of the sale and ensure your garden thrives:

1. Study the Plant List Before You Arrive

Before attending the native plant sale, familiarize yourself with the species of plants that may thrive in your garden. The Mendocino coast features a wide range of microclimates and soil types. Understanding your garden area will help you choose plants that not only survive but flourish. We recommend reviewing the plant list in advance and researching the characteristics of each species. For example, some plants, like *Armeria maritima* and *Angelica hendersonii*, thrive near the coast, while others, such as *Calycanthus occidentalis* and *Arctostaphylos manzanita*, prefer to be farther from salt spray and coastal wind. Consider factors like soil type, sunlight exposure, water availability, and other local climatic conditions.

Over the past two years, we collaborated with the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens (MCBG) to collect seeds and cuttings from their natural areas. This year, we will offer nine species with genetics sourced from the MCBG. Additionally, we have regionally native plants propagated by our friends at Jughandle Creek Nature Center and Farm, along with seeds and divisions collected by local botanist Peter Baye from various species along the south coast.

As you explore the list of offerings, take note of any unfamiliar species and read the notes on plant sourcing and propagation. This is your chance to acquire unique, locally adapted plants that support regional genetics and enhance biodiversity in your garden.

2. Come Prepared with Questions

While researching species and understanding your garden is essential, you may still have uncertainties. The plant sale will feature knowledgeable volunteers who are ready to assist you. These volunteers often have personal experience with various species and can help you make great plant pairings. Don't hesitate to bring your questions about specific plants, local climate, or native gardening practices. If the volunteers can't provide an answer, they can direct you to valuable online and printed resources.

3. Embrace Your Curiosity

Curiosity is one of the most rewarding aspects of gardening. The DKY plant sales provide an exciting opportunity to explore new species, try your hand at starting plants from seed, and meet fellow gardening enthusiasts. Discovering unfamiliar plants can lead to delightful surprises, whether it's a stunning bloom that captivates you or a variety that attracts beneficial pollinators. If you've ever been curious about growing plants from seed, the plant sale will feature seed packets from various species, all ethically collected by our chapter members. By embracing your curiosity—whether it's about new species, seed-starting techniques, or connecting with others—you not only enrich your garden's biodiversity but also enhance your own gardening journey.

The fall native plant sales are our chapter's largest fundraising event. We hope you all can come and support our work to preserve native flora and to add to the knowledge of members and the public at large.

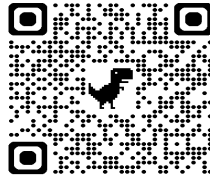
DKY ANNUAL PLANT SALES — 2 DATES AND SITES

OCTOBER 12 COMMUNITY CENTER ANNEX, GUALALA 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

OCTOBER 19 MENDOCINO COMMUNITY CENTER 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

TENTATIVE PLANT LIST

(Use the QR code or go to dkycnps.org closer to the sale dates for updated information and plant lists.)



Common Name	Scientific Name
Yarrow "South Mendo"	<i>Achillea millefolium</i> "Irish Beach"
Yarrow "MCBG"	<i>Achillea millefolium</i> "MCBG"
Bluff angelica	<i>Angelica hendersonii</i>
Western columbine	<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>
Madrone	<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>
Common manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos manzanita</i>
Bearberry	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>
Sea Pink	<i>Armeria maritima</i>
Mugwort	<i>Artemisia douglasiana</i>
Dune sagebrush "David's Choice"	<i>Artemisia pycnocephala</i> "David's Choice"
Wild ginger	<i>Asarum caudatum</i>
CA harebells	<i>Asyneuma prenanthoides</i>
Coyote brush	<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>
Oregon grape	<i>Berberis aquifolium</i>
Deer fern	<i>Blechnum spicant</i>
Spice bush	<i>Calycanthus occidentalis</i>
Beach primrose	<i>Camissonia cheiranthifolia</i>
Navarro ceanothus	<i>Ceanothus gloriosus</i> var. <i>exaltatus</i> "Emily Brown"
Point Reyes ceanothus	<i>Ceanothus gloriosus</i> var. <i>gloriosus</i> "Anchor Bay"
CA lilac	<i>Ceanothus thyrsoiflorus</i> "Skylark"
Snowbrush ceanothus	<i>Ceanothus velutinus</i>
Virgin's bower	<i>Clematis lingusticifolia</i>
Yerba buena	<i>Clinopodium douglasii</i>
Red twig dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>
Coastal hairgrass	<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i> ssp. <i>holciformis</i>
Sticky monkeyflower	<i>Diplacus aurantiacus</i>
California fuchsia	<i>Epilobium</i> "Schieffelin's Choice"
California fuchsia	<i>Epilobium canum</i>
Humboldt fuchsia	<i>Epilobium septentrionale</i>
Seaside daisy	<i>Erigeron glaucus</i>
Chalk buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum latifolium</i>
Woolly sunflower "Siskiyou"	<i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i> "Siskiyou"
Woolly sunflower	<i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i> var. <i>arachnoideum</i>
Seep monkeyflower	<i>Erythrante guttata</i>
Coast monkeyflower	<i>Erythranthe dentata</i>
Red fescue	<i>Festuca rubra</i>
Beach strawberry	<i>Fragaria chiloensis</i>
Silk tassel - Evie	<i>Garrya elliptica</i>
Silk tassel - seed grown	<i>Garrya elliptica</i>
Gumplant	<i>Grindelia stricta</i> var. <i>playphylla</i>
Gumplant (erect form)	<i>Grindelia stricta</i> <i>playphylla</i> x <i>angustifolia</i>

Toyon	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>
Bolander's false goldenaster	<i>Heterotheca sessiflora</i> spp. <i>bolanderi</i>
Alum root	<i>Heuchera micrantha</i>
Purdy's iris	<i>Iris purdyi</i>
California gray rush	<i>Juncus patens</i>
Fragrant pitcher sage	<i>Lepechinia fragrans</i>
Leopard lily	<i>Lilium pardalinum</i> - Santa Rosa Creek
Hairy honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera hispidula</i>
Coyote mint	<i>Monardella villosa</i> ssp. <i>villosa</i>
Pacific wax mrtle	<i>Myrica californica</i>
Hooker's evening primrose	<i>Oenothera elata</i> ssp. <i>hookeri</i>
Redwood sorrel "Damme Pink"	<i>Oxalis oregana</i> "Damme Pink"
Bolander's phacelia	<i>Phacelia bolanderi</i>
California phacelia	<i>Phacelia californica</i>
Coffeeberry tall form	<i>Rhamnus californica</i>
Coffeeberry mounding form	<i>Rhamnus californica</i>
Hillside gooseberry	<i>Ribes californicum</i>
Chaparral currant "Rana White"	<i>Ribes malveceum</i> "Rana White"
Pink flowering currant	<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>
Nutka rose	<i>Rosa nutkana</i>
Thimbleberry	<i>Rubus parviflorus</i>
Salmonberry	<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>
White sage	<i>Salvia apiana</i>
Sonoma sage	<i>Salvia sonomensis</i>
Hummingbird sage	<i>Salvia spathacea</i>
Bee plant	<i>Scrophularia californica</i>
CA skullcap	<i>Scutellaria bolanderi</i>
Pacific stonecrop	<i>Sedum spathulifolium</i>
Blue-eyed grass	<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>
Yellow-eyed grass	<i>Sisyrinchium californicum</i>
California goldenrod	<i>Solidago velutina</i> spp. <i>californica</i>
Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos</i> var. <i>albus laevigatus</i>
CA aster "Gualala River"	<i>Symphotrichum</i> <i>chilense</i> "Gualala River"
CA aster "Point St. George"	<i>Symphotrichum</i> <i>chilense</i> "Point St. George"
Big leaf tellima	<i>Tellima grandiflora</i>
Huckleberry	<i>Vaccinium ovatum</i>
Giant chain fern	<i>Woodwardia fimbriata</i>