

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

Yarrow "South Mendo" "Irish Beach" Yarrow "MCBG"

Bluff angelica Western columbine Madrone

Common manzanita Bearberry

Sea Pink Mugwort

Wild ginger CA harebells Coyote brush Oregon grape Deer fern Spice bush Beach primrose Navarro ceanothus

Point Reyes ceanothus

CA lilac

Snowbrush ceanothus Virgin's bower Yerba buena Red twig dogwood Coastal hairgrass Sticky monkeyflower California fuchsia

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Humboldt fuchsia Seaside daisy Chalk buckwheat

Woolly sunflower "Siskiyou"

Woolly sunflower Seep monkeyflower

Coast monkeyflower Red fescue Beach strawberry Silk tassel - Evie Silk tassel - seed grown

Gumplant

Gumplant (erect form)

Scientific Name Achillea millefolium

Achillea millefolium "MCBG"

Angelica hendersonii Aquilegia formosa Arbutus menziesii

Arctostaphylos manzanita Arctostaphylos uva-ursi Armeria maritima Artemisia douglasiana

Dune sagebrush "David's Choice" Artemisia pycnocephala "David's Choice"

Asarum caudatum Asyneuma prenanthoides Baccharis pilularis Berberis aquifolium Blechnum spicant Calycanthus occidentalis Camissonia cheiranthifolia

Ceanothus gloriosus var. exaltatus

"Emily Brown"

Ceanothus gloriosus var. gloriosus

"Anchor Bay"

Ceanothus thyrsiflorus "Skylark"

Ceanothus velutinus Clematis lingusticifolia Clinopodium douglasii

Cornus sericea

Deschampsia cespitosa ssp. holciformis

Diplacus aurantiacus

Epilobium "Schieffelin's Choice"

Epilobium canum Epilobium septentrionale

Erigeron glaucus Eriogonum latifolium

Eriophyllum lanatum "Siskiyou"

Eriophyllum lanatum var. arachnoideum

Erythrante guttata Erythranthe dentata Festuca rubra Fragaria chiloensis Garrya elliptica Garrya elliptica

Grindelia stricta var. playphylla

Grindelia stricta playphylla x angustifolia

Toyon

Bolander's false goldenaster

Alum root Purdy's iris California gray rush Fragrant pitcher sage Leopard lily

Hairy honeysuckle Coyote mint

Pacific wax mrtyle Hooker's evening primrose

Redwood sorrel "Damme Pink"

Bolander's phacelia California phacelia Coffeeberry tall form Coffeeberry mounding form Hillside gooseberry

Chaparral currant "Rana White"

Pink flowering currant

Nutka rose Thimbleberry Salmonberry White sage Sonoma sage Hummingbird sage

Bee plant CA skullcap Pacific stonecrop Blue-eyed grass Yellow-eyed grass California goldenrod

Snowberry

CA aster "Gualala River"

CA aster "Point St. George"

Big leaf tellima Huckleberry Giant chain fern Heteromeles arbutifolia Heterotheca sessiflora spp. bolanderi Heuchera micrantha Iris purdyi Juncus patens Lepechinia fragrans Lilium pardalinum -Santa Rosa Creek Lonicera hispidula

Monardella villosa ssp. villosa Myrica california

Oenothera elata ssp. hookeri

Oxalis oregana "Damme Pink" Phacelia bolanderi Phacelia californica Rhamnus californica Rhamnus californica Ribes californicum Ribes malveceum "Rana White"

Ribes sanguineum Rosa nutkana Rubus parviflorus Rubus spectabilis Salvia apiana Salvia sonomensis Salvia spathacea Scrophularia californica Scutellaria bolanderi

Sisyrinchium californicum Solidago velutina spp. californica Symphoricarpos var. albus laevigatus Symphyotrichum chilense "Gualala River"

Sedum spathulifolium

Sisyrinchium bellum

Symphyotrichum chilense "Point St. George"

Tellima grandiflora Vaccinium ovatum Woodwardia fimbriata