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GREEN GARDENS HEALTHY CREEKS

## Connect to the Ecosystem with Native Plants



**These gardens use easy-care California native plants that are adapted to our local ecosystem.**

Most plants that are native to California or other Mediterranean climates are excellent choices for Santa Clara Valley landscapes. The plants on our Plant Lists for these gardens are specifically adapted to our local climate and soils, are naturally resistant to local pests and diseases, and seldom need fertilizers. See the overview sign for the lists of plants used in these gardens, or visit [www.sanjoseca.gov/esd](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/esd) for a more comprehensive plant list.

These plants connect your landscape to the natural ecosystem of the Santa Clara Valley and will attract native birds, butterflies, and pollinators (such as bees) to your yard. These plants and wildlife are adapted to benefit each other.



*Bees are excellent pollinators.*

We chose plants in these gardens to provide different blooms year-round. Come back during a different season and discover what is blooming then!



### Question 8:

**Do all California native plants use very low water?**

*Answer: No, plants that live along creeks are adapted to the high-water environment. Select native plants carefully.*