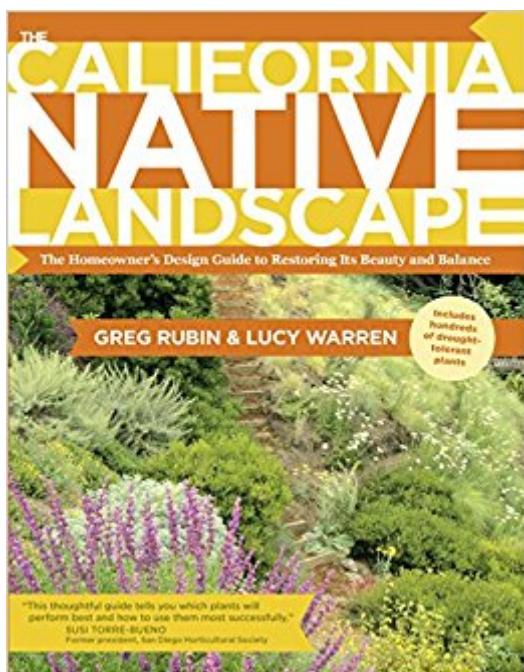


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# The California Native Landscape: The Homeowner's Design Guide To Restoring Its Beauty And Balance



## Synopsis

Water shortages and water rationing are commonplace throughout California, rendering expanses of lawn and thirsty, nonnative plants unsustainable. The California Native Landscape addresses both concerns by showing homeowners how to succeed with natives and showing them how lush, colorful, and thriving their landscape can be. The authors stress the importance of smart garden design and combining the right plants to promote the natural symbiosis that occurs within plant communities. Native plants also play an important role in creating fire-resistant landscapes, and this new book has cutting-edge information on this crucial topic, refuting the myth that natives are more fire-prone than nonnatives. With its unique combination of proven techniques, environmental wisdom, and inspiring design advice, this is an essential resource for all California gardeners who want to create a beautiful, ecologically appropriate, and resource-conserving home landscape.

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## Customer Reviews

“Not a rock goes unturned in [this book]. . . . They clearly explain and spread their passion for native landscapes.” —Los Angeles Times

The most comprehensive guide to landscaping with California native plants. In this innovative book, Greg Rubin and Lucy Warren explode the myth that home landscapes composed of native plants are scruffy and difficult to manage. By focusing on horticulture that’s attuned to native plants, and by emulating natural ecology, the authors show how to create easy-maintenance native

This book demonstrates readily that contrary to stereotype, native gardens can be stunning. The authors are gifted mentors who lead the reader through specific steps that can transform an outdoor space into a flourishing native garden. They provide clear practical advice on designing and installing an easy-maintenance landscape. Instruction includes: matching the right plant to the right location (in terms of climate, altitude, direct sun needed, temperature, and soil quality); water needs, especially when planting; and great plant combinations. This book has numerous inspiring photos and detailed descriptions of different garden styles, garden elements, and (of course) native trees, shrubs, vines, and ground covers. Authors provide creative strategies for landscaping using many types of hardscape materials and structures. This book is an essential and substantial resource for beginners as well as experienced gardeners.

This is an excellent book on native gardening in Southern California. The photographs and layout are beautiful, with reasonable font size. For some reason native gardening books always seem to have crazy small font. Anyway, the content is extremely useful including fire landscaping, installation, design ideas, maintenance of the plants, irrigation, notes on plants for different locations, etc. I'm really happy with this book and breadth of information.

If you are curious, or are seriously planning to replace the non-natives, get this book. It is very readable, has a good section on design, and includes photos of individual plants along with their plant communities.

Southern California has its own climate and native plants. If you come here from elsewhere in the USA (as we did) you may not know how to deal with California's seasons and plant life (as we didn't). This book will be very helpful as we move to transform our yard to something water-wise and plant-friendly.

I work as a landscape designer and already had five books on California natives when this book came out, which seemed more than enough to use as useful resources on the subject. But when I saw Greg Rubin had written a book, I had to have it. He has built quite a reputation as a native garden guru in Southern California and his knowledge on the subject is noteworthy. The book is quite informative with many good photos of his gardens. More importantly, his insights on how to set up

native gardens and which species work best is critical to designing with these temperamental plants. This is a wonderful resource.

This book is helping us immensely with the conversion of our large yard from green grass to California natives. It gives us guidance as we go through the stages. We wish we would've purchased it when the first thought of "going native" entered our minds. It is an invaluable guide.

Good information and photos. Would like to have an information box by photo with plant size, site pref, deciduous, sun exposure, water needs etc. A thumbnail sketch for easy reference. Reading thru the whole section to find a tree or shrub size is time consuming when researching plants for landscaping

Wow - what an extraordinary book by Greg Rubin and Lucy Warren! With a study in diversity and a compelling case for native plants, they lead the charge. They go on to share soil, design, installation, maintenance, pest & disease and weed information. They also include a lengthy plant selection section and for each species, they include: a nice, detailed description, the plant community the species can be found within, landscape usage information for the species and a gorgeous color photo showing the species. Finally, they share fire information and wealth of resources. Highly recommend this book! Thank you, Greg and Lucy!

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