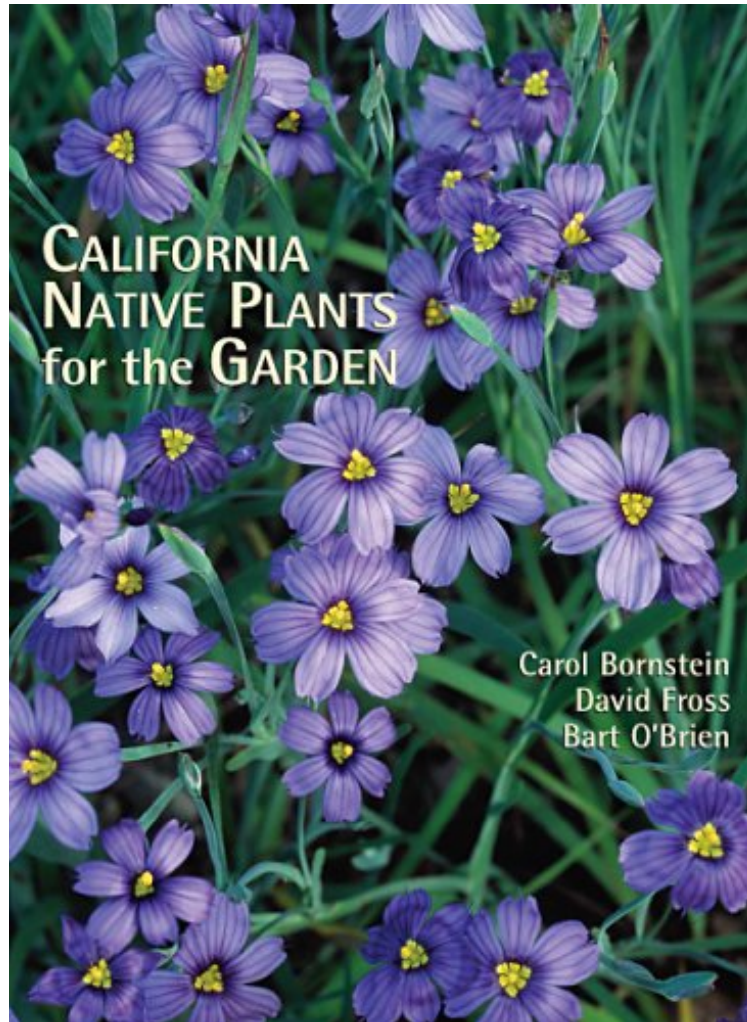


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Carol Bornstein, David Fross, Bart O'Brien : California Native Plants for the Garden before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised California Native Plants for the Garden:

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Not for the habitat gardener. By roguethecat Very nice pictures and description of California landscapes. Also helpful are lists in the back of plants for hedges, fast or slow growing, or liked by hummingbirds. The plant profiles are well documented by the pictures but lack crucial information like height/width, soil/ water preferences or hours of sunlight required. This is more from a traditional gardener's point of view with descriptions of how and when to prune so a plant looks at its best. Unfortunately, I (and most of the people interested in native plants) plant natives to provide habitat, so I would have expected pollinator information, butterfly host plants, which berries are liked best by birds, so I was quite disappointed in that aspect. Narrowleaf milkweed for example doesn't even get a picture but at least is mentioned in a two-liner as monarch host plant that the book doesn't

recommend due to its spreading nature. So, sorry Carol, but for the habitat gardener nice pictures aren't enough. Yampah and many other important plants for native insects aren't even mentioned. So if you are interested in critters as well as flowers, better check out the las pilitas nursery website (<http://www.laspilitas.com>). 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. It provides not only a wealth of useful knowledge, but great pictures and a lot of ...By AlanThis is a *great* book on California native plants! If I had only one book on the topic, this would be it. It provides a real education on CA natives and how to use them in a garden. It provides not only a wealth of useful knowledge, but great pictures and a lot of details that will help you design your garden and use the best cultivar for your needs. There's a lot to learn, and this book covers it in a very practical and enjoyable manner. You'll learn whether a plant is relatively pest- and disease-free and how some gardens use it so it makes its best contribution, making your garden a joy to spend time in. It's also an easy and enjoyable read. It's kind of magic that way: a reference book that I loved reading cover to cover, as I design a California native garden that I will love spending time in! Don't overlook the last section of the book ("Recommended Plant Selections"). It gives you excellent recommendations on which plants to use for various purposes or in specific places, such as "Under Oak Trees", "Small Trees Large Shrubs", "Aromatic Foliage", "Resistant to Oak Root Fungus", and more. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Best book by far on successfully growing California native plants at a home site By Winter I have many books on landscaping and plants including California native plants but this is the first book that provided information on how and where specific plants will grow. Most books mention the USDA hardiness zone which is worthless in most situations. I have lost no plants from frost but more than I care to remember due to problems with water, drainage, and pests. This should be the first book one should read before buying California native plants. The one aspect that this book shares with most others and where it falls short of the mark is that all the plantings are done on flat soil. A great deal of the terrain in California is not flat and presents special problems for growing plants, and in particular California natives where the wrong plant can accelerate erosion. At least the book does provide a overall framework and enough plant specific information to get one headed in the right direction. There is a useful section in the very back of the book covers deer resistant plants sorted by category as with shrubs or trees or ground cover. It would actually have been much better is in the main section of the book where plant specific information is provided had the publisher put a "DR" symbol to let one know that the plant was deer resistant. Even better would be a "DL" designation for plants that the deer love to eat as with most varieties of ceanothus. With ceanothus a "DC" or deer candy designation would be more accurate from my own experiences.

California Native Plants for the Garden is a comprehensive resource that features more than 500 of the best California native plants for gardening in Mediterranean-climate areas of the world. Authored by three of the state's leading native-plant horticulturists and illustrated with 450 color photos, this reference book also includes chapters on landscape design, installation, and maintenance. Detailed lists of recommended native plants for a variety of situations and appendices with information on places to see native plants and where to buy them are also provided.

"California Native Plants for the Garden"... is a stunner and comes at just the right time . . . a marvelous new resource. -- San Jose Mercury News, December 10, 2005 An authoritative reference on California gardening, with detailed advice on landscape design, installation, watering, pruning, and pest control. -- Los Angeles Times, January 26, 2006 Go out and buy "California Native Plants for the Garden"... [this] new book is a must-have. -- San Francisco Chronicle, February 15, 2006 This guidebook . . . is both practical and inspirational. Lovingly detailed plant profiles . . . make you covet each species. -- Sunset Magazine, April 2006 [It] provides a dazzling array of native plant possibilities for every garden situation, combined with a wealth of practical information. -- Pacific Horticulture, January 2006 [The authors] have combined their deep knowledge of and extensive experience with California plants into a thorough and charismatic guide. -- Sue Rosenthal, Bay Nature Magazine, Fall, 2005 From the Publisher "California Native Plants for the Garden" is a recipient of the 2006 Book Award from the American Horticultural Society About the Author Carol Bornstein is the Director of Living Collections and Nursery at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, which is devoted to the study, display, and conservation of California's native flora. In her work with native plants, she has experimented with innovative design applications, introduced new cultivars, and provided a strong voice for regionally appropriate landscaping through her writing and teaching. David Fross is the founder and president of Native Sons Wholesale Nursery, a grower specializing in plants from Mediterranean-climate regions of the world. He teaches horticulture at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and directed the development of the California Collection at the university's Leaning Pine Arboretum. Bart O'Brien is the Director of Horticulture and Curator of the Living Collection at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont, an educational institution dedicated to research, conservation, and horticulture of California native plants. A fifth-generation Californian, he is an authority on the native flora of the state and of northern Baja California and is an accomplished collector, grower, lecturer, and author. He was named Horticulturist of the Year in 2005 by the Southern California Horticultural Society.