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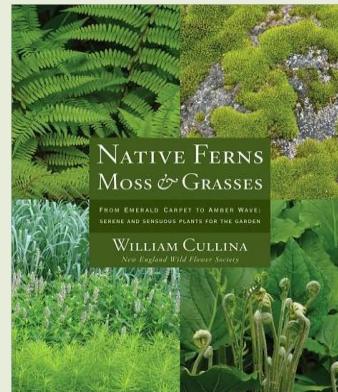
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Santa Cruz Native Garden Tour

by Lindsay Goldberg



June 12, 2011 marked the first ever annual California Native Garden Tour, a self-guided tour of sustainable private and public gardens in Santa Cruz County. Nine months ago, a dialog began between several non-profit and for-profit groups. The group identified a need and

initiated the quest to change the way we view gardening. With a clear goal in mind, the Ecological Landscaping Association, California Native Garden Foundation, Master Gardeners of Monterey, UCSC Arboretum, and the Santa Cruz native nurseries Central Coast Wilds and Native Revival stepped up to the plate to organize this grassroots garden tour.

[Read full article.](#)

Native Plants Resource

by Maureen Sundberg

A few months ago, ELA posed the question "What's your favorite source for native plants?" A lively discussion on LinkedIn generated a list of favorite sources for native plants throughout the country - from Octopus Agave (Agave vilmoriniana) in Arizona to cut-leaved coneflower (Rudbeckia

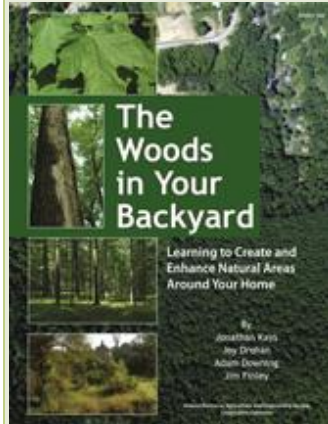


laciniata) in Michigan to Roughleaf Dogwood (*Cornus drummondii*) in central Texas. Many contributors offered not only a favorite nursery or seed supplier, but additional advice as well.

[Read full article.](#)

The Woods in Your Backyard: Learning to Create and Enhance Natural Areas Around Your Home

Written by Jonathan Kays, Joy Drohan, Adam Downing,
Jim Finley; Published by NRAES
(Natural Resource, Agriculture, and Engineering Service)
Reviewed by Peggy Newfield



This book is for landowners of one to ten acres of forested, semi-forested, or non-forested land who wish to promote and restore ecologically sound and healthy forested environments for the trees, shrubs and plants, and wildlife on the land, and themselves as they inhabit and use the land. Structured as a primer and workbook, the book uses two case studies throughout to illustrate the process and activities

needed to define goals for the land and its use, how to evaluate and inventory the land, determine desired projects (along with the physical, and financial requirements of each project and expertise needed), and how to prioritize those projects.

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