Our El Dorado chapter has been partnering with El Dorado County to create a native plant garden at the Placerville library. The garden is called “The Nature Nook”. A small team of our local CNPS members designed this special garden to replace a xeriscape garden that had fallen into disrepair. The garden showcases many plants that are native to our specific area.

The garden is designed around four main areas, each showcasing a different aspect of the habitat benefits of gardening with native plants. These native plants thrive in our hot, dry, California climate. They require very little water, and generally no fertilizer or pesticides.
THE NATURE NOOK GARDEN DESIGN
Includes:

**A Shrub Shelter**
Native shrubs create protective havens for insects and birds, and provide a critical food source for caterpillars and other insect larvae. They in turn are critical food for nestling birds and other animals.

**A Pollinator Garden**
Many native plants provide perfectly timed food for bee, butterfly and hummingbird pollinators. *This garden hums!*

**An Oak Tree Canopy**
Oaks offer crucial life support for a large number of insects, birds and other animals in our county. Planting an oak, or protecting the ones we have, is perhaps the single most important thing we can do!

**A Native Meadow**
A native meadow replaces lawn; saves water and maintenance, and provides resources for native animals.

VISIT THE GARDEN!
We encourage you to stop by the garden anytime of the day. We can usually be found watering, weeding, pruning and planting at the library on Thursdays, from 10:00-12:00 in Fall/Winter.
The garden is located on the South side of the library building at 345 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667

NEXT STEPS IN THE GARDEN
New signs will be added as educational tools for the public. Stay tuned for a grand opening event sometime in April, 2020.

Contact our volunteer coordinator for volunteer opportunities in the garden.