

# The Nature Nook



A special garden  
at the Placerville library.

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.