Why Grow Native?

Learn how to grow native at ballonafriends.org

FOR YOUR WATER BILL!
They reduce water use in the garden by 85%.

TO HAVE MORE FREE TIME!
Native gardens take 75% less maintenance.

TO SNEEZE LESS!
Native plants produce less pollen, which means fewer allergies!

FOR THE PLANET!
They absorb carbon and support the natural ecosystem.

TO SUPPORT WILDLIFE!
Natives feed our wildlife and provide shelter and nesting sites.

TO GIVE UP FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES!
Natives don’t need them.

FOR CLEANER AIR!
Your native garden will purify the air and reduce temperatures.

FOR EYE CANDY!
Native plants are beautiful!

NARROW-LEAF MILKWEED
The only food for Monarch Butterfly caterpillars. Don’t be afraid of aphids, the birds will munch them up.

YARROW
To replace your lawn, tolerates light foot traffic and mowing, flowers are beloved by butterflies and bees and it produces seeds for birds.

CALIFORNIA BUCKWHEAT
As a groundcover for erosion control to replace iceplant and provide food-filled landing pads for butterfly and bees.

MANZANITA
"Howard McMinn" as a hedge or shrub and nectar source for hummingbirds and butterflies in winter.

DEER GRASS
A pretty native alternative to the invasive fountain grass taking over yards and hillsides.

TOYON
A native garden staple to feed birds beautiful red berries.

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