

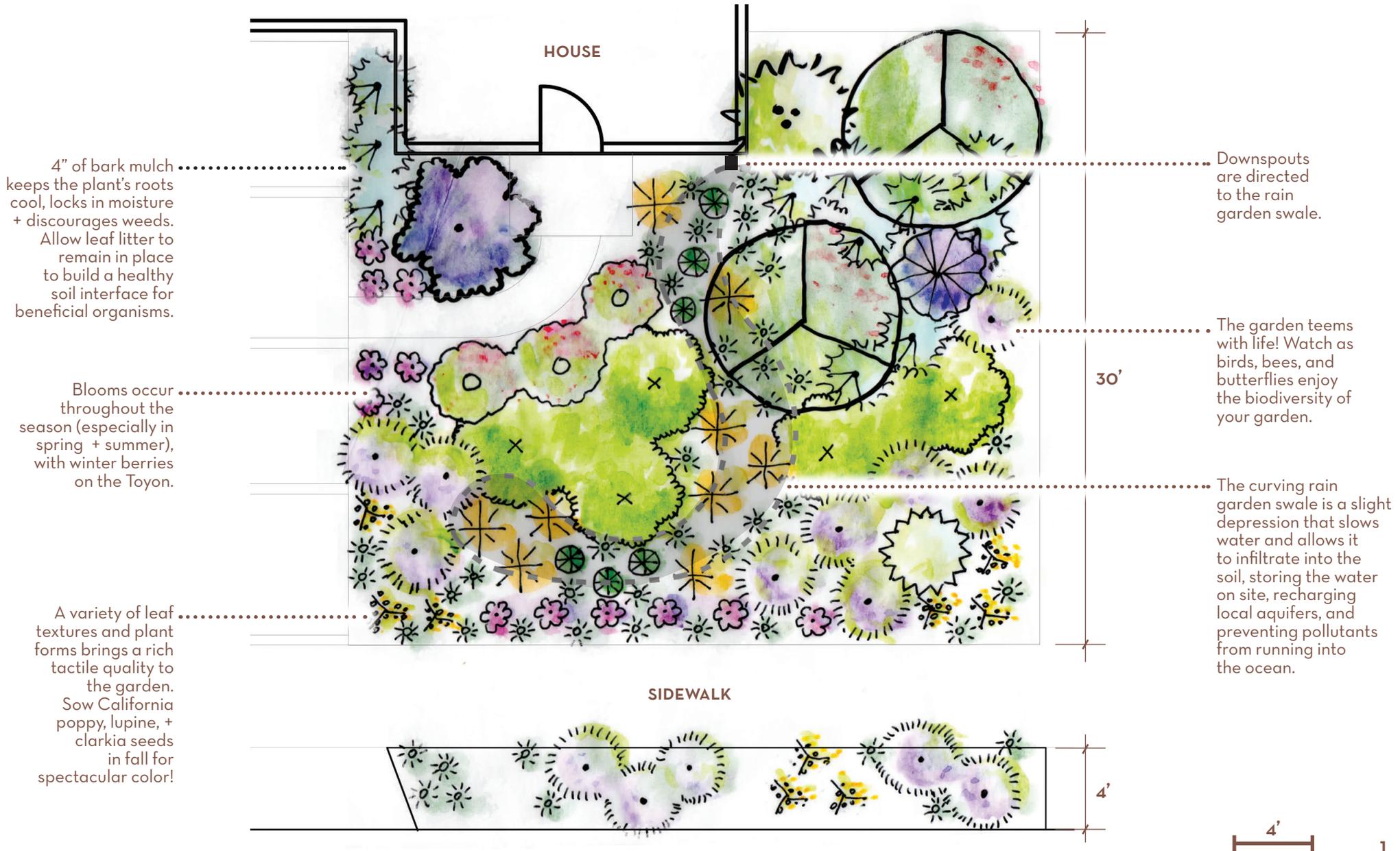
# CALIFORNIA NATIVE LOW MAINTENANCE GARDEN

Designed as a 1000 square foot front yard of native plants local to the Los Angeles area, this garden features plants that tend to look attractive year-round with minimal maintenance once established. Habitat is maximized with a swath

of low Coyote Brush, which provides a central grounding point to the colorful edge plantings. A rain garden captures and infiltrates rainwater from the roof gutter, keeping this precious resource on site to replenish the local aquifer.

## BENEFITS OF NATIVE PLANTS

- Saves water
- Reduces polluted runoff to the ocean
- No toxic pesticides/herbicides or fertilizer
- Lower maintenance than average gardens
- Invites wildlife + supports local ecology



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TALL



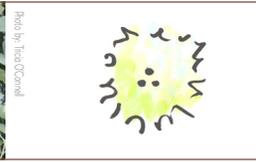
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*Heteromeles arbutifolia* (Toyon)  
8-30' H + 10-15' W / Summer Flowers + Winter Berries  
Sun / 2 in plan



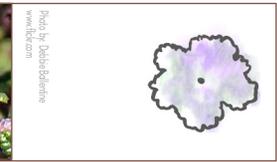
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*Malacothamnus fascicularis* (Chaparral Mallow)  
3-12' H + 6' W + spreading / Winter to Spring  
Bloom Full to Part Sun / 1 in plan



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*Ceanothus* 'Dark Star'  
6'H + 8' W Spring Flower / Limit summer water once  
established / Sun to Part Shade / 1 in plan

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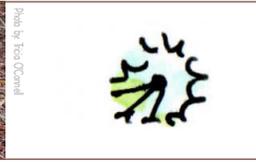
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*Muhlenbergia rigens* (Deergrass)  
2-4' H + 4' W  
Sun to Part Shade / 9 in plan



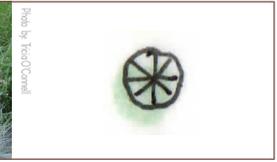
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*Leymus condensatus* 'Canyon Prince'  
(Canyon Prince Wild Rye) / 3' H + 3' W (spreading)  
Sun to Part Shade / 11 in plan



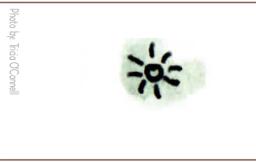
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*Juncus patens* (California Gray Rush)  
2' H + 2' W  
Sun or Shade / 6 in plan



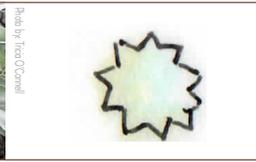
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*Festuca californica* (California Fescue)  
2' H + 3' inflorescence, 2' W  
Sun to Part Shade / 47 in plan



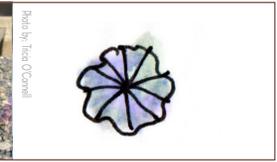
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*Salvia apiana* (White Sage)  
3-5' H + 4-6' W / Spring to Summer Bloom  
Full to Part Sun / 1 in plan



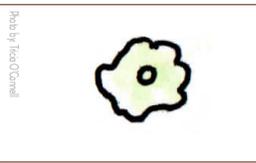
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*Lupinus albifrons* (Silver Bush Lupine)  
3' H + 5' W / Spring Bloom / Do not ingest plant  
Full to Part Sun / 1 in plan



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*Galvezia speciosa* (Island Snapdragon)  
3' H + 5' W / Spring Bloom  
Part Sun or Shade / 3 in plan



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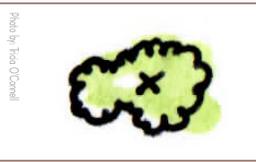


*Penstemon heterophyllus* (Foothill Penstemon)  
1' H + 2' W / Spring to Summer Bloom  
Full to Part Sun / 12 in plan

SHORT



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*Baccharis pilularis* 'Pigeon Point'  
(Pigeon Point Dwarf Coyote Brush) / 2' H + 6-8' W  
Full Sun / 5 in plan



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*Eriogonum umbellatum* var. *umbellatum*  
(Sulfur Buckwheat) 1' H + 3' W / Summer Bloom  
Full to Part Sun / 9 in plan



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*Salvia leucophylla* 'Bee's Bliss' (Bee's Bliss Sage)  
1-2' H + 2-5' W / Spring to Summer Bloom  
Full to Part Sun / 14 in plan

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## STREET VIEW



## OTHER GREAT PLANTS TO TRY

Some plants we love and recommend for the Low Maintenance Garden:

- Salvia leucophylla (Purple Sage)
- Eriogonum fasciculatum (California Buckwheat)
- Eriogonum parvifolium (Coast Buckwheat)
- Salvia spathacea (Hummingbird Sage)
- Dudleya pulverulenta (Chalk Dudleya)
- Peritoma arborea (Bladder Pod)
- Artemisia californica 'Montara' (Montara California Sagebrush)
- Prunus ilicifolia ssp. ilicifolia (Hollyleaf Cherry)
- Baccharis pilularis consanguinea 'Poza Surf' (Lowly Coyote Brush)
- Aristida purpurea (Purple Three Awn)

## PLANTING TIPS

- Best to plant natives in fall + early winter.
- Sheet mulch to amend the soil and repress weeds.
- Apply 4" of mulch over planting area and parkway, keeping it away from the base of plants to avoid crown rot.
- Before planting, give each planting hole a good soaking; after planting, water each plant deeply.
- Avoid soil amendments, fertilizers, and pesticides.
- Control weeds by hand or with a hula-hoe.

## IRRIGATION TIPS

- You can convert spray heads to drip irrigation. Note that overhead irrigation (pop-up sprinklers, riser shrub heads, single or multi-stream sprinkler/rotors/nozzles) is not allowed or eligible for LADWP rebates.
- Bury PVC pipe at least 4 inches in the ground.
- Use schedule 40 or thicker PVC pipe and use "brown" aboveground piping, which is resistant to UV rays.
- Use weather-based irrigation controllers (WBIC) to automate seasonal irrigation adjustments.

## WATERING TIPS

- Water plants by hand or with drip irrigation.
- Watering too often causes more damage than under-watering.
- Water infrequently, adding additional watering days only if plants look stressed.
- Water deeply, but without causing runoff or water to pool at the base of plants.
- Water during cooler hours, between 5 p.m. and 9 a.m., to conserve water.
- Check the soil a few inches under the mulch. If it is moist, do not water.
- Water for 1-3 years, throughout the year, to establish plants. After this, natives need very little water.
- When establishing plants, water no more than 1-2 times per week.
- After establishment, water very rarely (e.g., during a dry winter if plants look stressed); watering regularly or during the summer can shorten the lifespan of plants.

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