



Native Plant Garden

The critical importance of native versus non-native plants to healthy ecosystems is becoming increasingly clear. Scientists now realize native plants support animal and insect populations that are directly related to human health and survival. Across the planet, ecologists and land owners are attempting to put the pieces of a fractured ecosystem back together for the benefit of all living creatures.

Krotona is joining this effort with the establishment of our first native plant garden, behind the library, adjacent to the waterfall feature.



Anna's Hummingbird on Nevin's Barberry



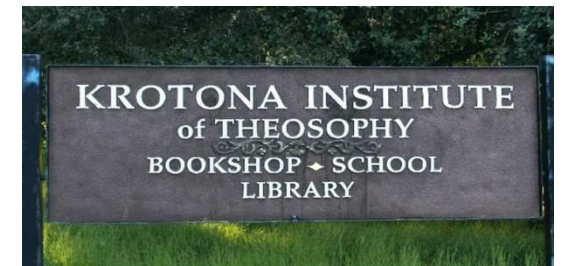
An adult male Hooded Oriole visits the flowers of a Purple Sage (*Salvia leucophylla*) where it sips nectar. After the flowers are pollinated, many seeds are produced which provide food for wintering bird species.

One of the most effective ways to assist our native animals and the ecosystems in which they live is to reintroduce native plants into our lawns and gardens, now planted with non-native trees, shrubs and flowers. Gardeners are now important players in the management of our native wildlife and indeed native plant gardens play a critical role in sustaining all the animals with which we share our living spaces. Plants form the first level in the ecosystem hierarchy that provides energy that sustains all life. Of importance to all terrestrial creatures is that inextricable link between plants, animals, and insects. A groundswell of interest is emerging in restoration ecology, attempting to put the pieces of a fractured and disjointed ecosystem back together. (Thanks to Douglas W. Tallamy's "*Bringing Nature Home*").

The Krotona Native Plant Garden: Bringing Nature Home

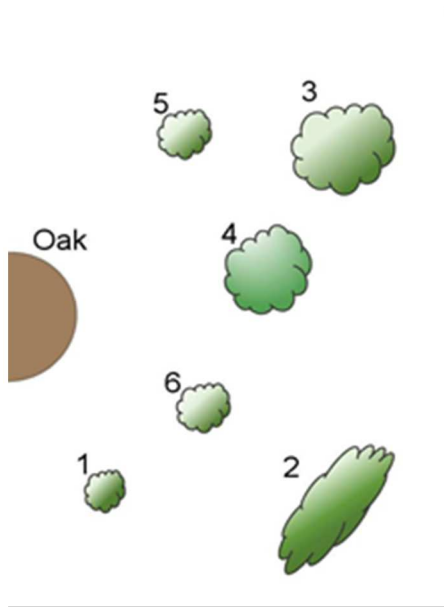


An American Robin feeds on the fruits of a Toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*) at Krotona. The Toyon is an extremely important tree to many bird species, providing food during the cold winter months.



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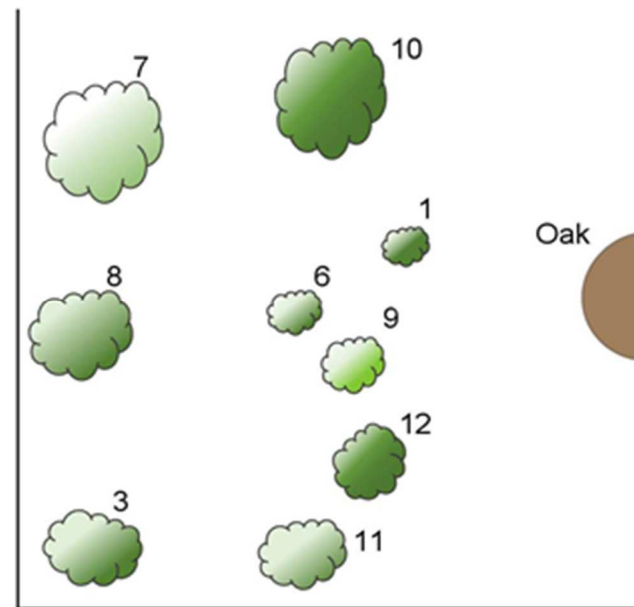
| The following birds feed on native fruits and berries produced by California native plants. | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Bird | Berries, Nectar, Acorns |
| California Quail | Toyon, Redberry |
| Band-tailed Pigeon | Toyon |
| Mourning Dove | Seeds |
| Black-chinned Hummingbird | Sip nectar from flowers |
| Anna's Hummingbird | Sip nectar from flowers |
| Allen's Hummingbird | Sip nectar from flowers |
| Acorn Woodpecker | Acorns, Toyon |
| Nuttall's Woodpecker | Toyon, Redberry, Currants |
| Downy Woodpecker | Toyon, Redberry, Elderberry |
| Hairy Woodpecker | Toyon, Elderberry, Acorns |
| Northern Flicker | Toyon |
| Cassin's Kingbird | Toyon, Redberry, Elderberry |
| Ash-throated Flycatcher | Redberry |
| Hutton's Vireo | Redberry, Nevin's Barberry |
| Western Scrub Jay | Acorns |
| Oak Titmouse | Redberry, Currants, Elderberry |
| Western Bluebird | Toyon, Redberry, Currants Elderberry |
| Townsend's Solitaire | Toyon |
| Hermit Thrush | Toyon |
| American Robin | Toyon, Redberry, Currants Elderberry, American Robin |
| Wrentit | Snowberry, Redberry, Elderberry |
| Northern Mockingbird | Toyon, Redberry, Currants Elderberry, Nevin's Barberry |
| California Thrasher | Toyon, Redberry, Currants Elderberry |
| Cedar Waxwing | Toyon, Redberry, Currants Elderberry |
| Phainopepla | Toyon, Redberry, Currants Elderberry |
| Orange-crowned Warbler | Elderberry |



CA Native Plant Garden

1. Catalina Perfume, *Ribes viburnifolium*
2. Coffeeberries x 3, *Rhamnus californica*
3. Bush Anemone, *Carpenteria californica*
4. Nevin's Barberry, *Berberis nevinii*
5. Redberry, *Rhamnus crocea ilicifolia*
6. Hummingbird Sages x 2, *Salvia*

| Birds | Berries, Nectar, Acorns |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Yellow-rumped Warbler | Currants |
| Western Tanager | Redberry, Currants, Elderberry |
| Spotted Towhee | Toyon, Redberry, Currants Elderberry |
| California Towhee | Toyon, Redberry, Currants Elderberry |
| Fox Sparrow | Toyon |
| White-crowned Sparrow | Toyon, Redberry, Currants Elderberry |
| Golden-crowned Sparrow | Toyon, Redberry, Elderberry |
| Black-headed Grosbeak | Toyon, Redberry, Elderberry |



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3. Bush Anemone, *Carpenteria californica*
6. Hummingbird Sages x 2, *Salvia spathacea*
7. Golden Currants x 3, *Ribes aureum gracillimum*
8. Island Snapdragon x 2, *Galvezia speciosa*
9. Fuchsia-flowering Gooseberry, *Ribes speciosum*
10. Toyon, *Heteromeles arbutifolia*
11. Black Sage, *Salvia mellifera*
12. Chaparral Currant, *Ribes malvaceum*

| Birds | Berries, Nectar, Acorns |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Hooded Oriole | Elderberry, Redberry |
| Bullock's Oriole | Redberry, Nevin's Barberry |
| Purple Finch | Toyon, Redberry, Currants Elderberry |
| House Finch | Toyon, Redberry, Currants Elderberry |

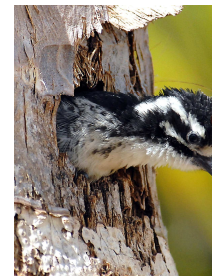


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 Bush Anemone; Redberry berries
 Anna's Hummingbird on Nevin's
[Mike Juett](http://www.MikeJuett.com) Barberry
 American Robin on Toyon
 Hooded Oriole on Purple Sage
 Nuttall's Woodpecker, male fledgling