Lawn to California Native Garden

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California is a biodiversity hot zone with an amazing array of native plants, both in the wild and in the garden. Learn more about California Native Plants, your regional habitat, and how those plants can create an enchanting garden. Many people have no idea what to put in place of their lawn, so we'll discuss beautiful options for a variety of styles of California native gardens, replacement options, and the joys of reduced maintenance and increased biodiversity.

**Ann-Marie Benz** is the Horticulture Outreach Manager for CNPS, where she gets to spend her days supporting native plant communities and their people. She has spent a decade and a half serving landscapes and watersheds with nonprofits in California and Arizona. She holds a deep passion for plants and landscapes, having served as the Executive Director of ReScape California (formerly Bay-Friendly Landscaping and Gardening Coalition), a nonprofit educating the large-scale landscape industry throughout Northern California on planning, constructing, and maintaining sustainable landscape. Prior to that she was with Prescott Creeks doing watershed planning and riparian restoration in Northern Arizona. Ann-Marie studied Watershed Management and Sustainable Community Development at Prescott College.

**Maya Argaman** graduated from UC Davis with a degree in Environmental Science and Management, where she fell in love with native plants in both the natural and built environment. Before CNPS, she was a field technician for both the Bureau of Land Management in New Mexico and the Forest Service in the Sierras. She most recently worked as a landscape designer in the Bay Area. In her free time, she loves to surf, go on bike rides, and cook with friends.