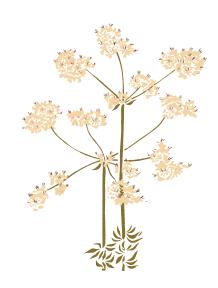


## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** — October, 2016 **DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANTS**

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## ANNUAL NATIVE PLANT GARDEN TOUR SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 1-2, 2017, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.



## Los Angeles County, CA —

The Annual Theodore Payne Native Plant Garden Tour, the **largest outreach event of the Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers and Native Plants,** takes place Saturday & Sunday, April 1 and 2, 2017, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The two-day, self-driven, curated tour features thirty of the region's most beautiful and inspiring private and public landscapes.

On Saturday, April 1, gardens in the San Fernando Valley and San Gabriel Valley locations will be open for touring.

On Sunday, April 2, gardens in Los Angeles and the Westside will be open.

In addition to being beautiful, gardens part of the tour nurture pollinators, including native bird and insects, save water and energy, and highlight the local flora that thrives in our local climate. Examples of outstanding native landscape design in an array of garden styles, budgets, and sizes are represented. These unique landscapes are sustainable, creative and distinctly Californian.

Private garden owners – many of whom designed and installed their own landscapes – will be on site to share secrets of their success. Professionally designed gardens are also on tour, as well as a few public landscapes. Theodore Payne Foundation docents are also available at gardens to answer visitor questions.

All tickets cover both days of the Tour.

Pricing is as follows:

- •Single tickets: \$25 for members and students; \$30 for non-members.
- •A pair of tickets (two tickets): \$40 for members; \$50 for non-members.
- Sponsor a Ticket: Share the beauty of the Tour by sponsoring a ticket (\$15 each) for someone not able to afford one. TPF will distribute sponsored tickets through our education and community partners.

See theodorepayne.org for details.

Tickets available at theodorepayne.org

The Tour website, nativeplantgardentour.org, includes photos, descriptions, and plant lists for all participating gardens on the tour.

**Plant Sale!** In anticipation of the Garden Tour, on Saturday March 18, 2017, the **Theodore Payne Foundation's Poppy Day Plant Sale** will be held at the Foundation's nursery in Sun Valley from 8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. Members receive 15% off plants, seed and TPF wear all day. Non-members receive 10% off after 11:00 a.m. More information at theodorepayne.org.

The Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers & Native Plants, a 501(c)(3) organization established in 1960, re-wilds Southern California by bringing native plants back into our cities, creating habitat that supports local ecosystems, and helping people embrace our shared natural heritage. Learn more about the Foundation and gardening with native plants at theodorepayne.org.