

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT
Native Tree Committee of San Luis Obispo County presents a
free tailgate on
Atascadero Native Tree Association Planting Projects



Friday, 15 April 2011, 9-10:30 AM

Meet at Paloma Creek Park in the dirt lot at the corner of Viejo Camino and Halcon Road, Atascadero (click [here](#) for directions).

Help us kick off California Native Plant Week!

9:00-9:15 *Introductions & Discussion Items*

- Learning Among the Oaks Bev/Bill
- Working Among the Oaks Jim/Bill
- Other Business/Update/Announcements All
 - California Native Plant Week, 17-23 April 2011
 - Events listing for 16-24 April by California Native Plant Society at <http://www.cnps-slo.org/events>

9:15-10:30 *Presentation/Tour*

Join Joan O’Keefe and our own Tina Salter from the Atascadero Native Tree Association (<http://www.atascaderonativetree.org>, ANTA) for a tour of some of their planting projects. ANTA “is a community based volunteer organization dedicated to the preservation of Atascadero’s native trees. Members organize and participate in a variety of programs and activities designed to teach the values of trees in our environment and help us appreciate and protect our urban forest resources.” We’ll visit planting sites at Paloma Creek Park, Las Lomas, and Heilman Grove.



Next NTC meeting: 20 May 2011—topic and location TBA

Phone 805-781-5938 with questions or with additional agenda items.

Please note that the 2011 meeting calendar soon will be posted online at <http://ucanr.org/nativetreecommittee>; check the website for updates.

<See attachments>

Native Tree Planting projects in Atascadero

Paloma Creek Park

Directions – Paloma Creek Park is located on the northeast corner of Viejo Camino and Halcon at the south end of Atascadero between San Diego and Santa Barbara Roads. The planting site circles the horse-riding arena and there is an additional a 1/4 acre triangle site on the southeast side of Halcon.

Planted 2009

Trees and Shrubs

<i>Rhus Trilobata</i>	Squawbush Sumac
<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	Western Red Bud
<i>Erigonum arborescens</i>	Santa Cruz Island Buckwheat
<i>Ribes indecorum</i>	White flowering currant
<i>Acer negundo</i>	Box Elder
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Toyon
<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>	Hollyleaf Cherry
<i>Aesculus californica</i>	California Buckeye
<i>Ceanothus cuneatus</i>	Buckbrush
<i>Platanus racemosa</i>	California Sycamore
<i>Quercus berberidifolia</i>	Scrub oak
<i>Arctostaphylos glauca</i>	Big Berry Manzanita
<i>Rhamnus crocea</i>	Redberry
<i>Mahonia nevinii</i>	Barberry
<i>Quercus lobata</i>	Valley Oak

Sixty of the plants were bare root *Quercus lobata*. We planted 3 in each planting site not knowing how they would do. They all thrived and we had to remove two. Some of the oaks grew 3 feet in one year. This site is watered by drip irrigation. Yellow star thistle is a problem. The sycamores are in the drainage area where a culvert runs under the road.

Total number of plants – 136. This includes replanting certain areas.

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Heilmann Grove

Directions – From the intersection of ECR and Curbaril go east on Curbaril, cross the tracks, and immediately turn right on Garbada. Travel ½ mile. Park just before you reach the waste water treatment plant. (Please do not park under the large oak tree.) The planting site is on your left. Follow the trail.

Planted 2007-2008

Site size is about 2 ½ acres

Trees and Shrubs

<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i>	California Buckwheat
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Toyon
<i>Platanus racemosa</i>	California Scycamore
<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>	Hollyleaf Cherry
<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak
<i>Quercus lobata</i>	Valley oak
<i>Rhamnus californica</i>	Coffeeberry
<i>Rhamnus crocea ilicifolia</i>	Hollyleaf Redberry
<i>Rhus ovata</i>	Sugar Bush
<i>Umbellularia californica</i>	Bay Laurel

Total 179 plants

All the plants have been protected from rodents and browsing. They are on drip irrigation. To keep the yellow star thistle under control the site is sprayed at least once each year with a selective herbicide.

The larger oak trees are the survivors of a joint planting in the early 90's by the Atascadero Native Tree Association and Kiwanis. In 2007 a Boy Scout also planted about 50 valley oak.

April 16-24, 2011

Varying Locations Across the State



California Native Plant Week

What is Native Plant Week?

California Native Plant Week (CNPW) is a week dedicated to the appreciation, education, and conservation of California's fabulous flora. The CNPW legislation (ACR 173) was sponsored by CNPS, and introduced by Senator Noreen Evens during the 2010 legislative session to help protect California's native plant heritage and preserve it for future generations by raising awareness about our state's rich botanical diversity. California Native Plant Society promotes CNPW through native plant sales, wildflower shows, gardening workshops, lectures, hikes, and many more events. CNPW events like these allow all California residents to take an active role in preserving the majesty of California's native flora.

The Benefits of Native Plants

Native plants are those species that have evolved within California's complex patchwork of ecological conditions, such as climate, soil type, and rainfall. These plants continue to co-evolve with native animal species that depend upon native plants as familiar sources of food, shelter, and refuge. As water becomes a more limited resource, native plants represent the quintessential choice for sustainable and ecologically sound gardening, since natives are able to flourish with minimal irrigation beyond normal rainfall, and require little to no fertilizer, pesticides or maintenance.

How to Get Involved

Chapters of the California Native Plant Society will be hosting statewide events from April 16-24. All ages are welcome to attend and participate in any event. Not only will participation raise public awareness for protecting California native plants but also introduce people to future volunteer efforts with their local California Native Plant Society chapter. Information on CNPW, native plants, and participating in chapter events is readily available at <http://californianativeplantweek.org>.



About California Native Plant Society

The California Native Plant Society, through its nearly 10,000 members and 33 regional chapters, has been working to represent the public's interest in protecting California's beautiful native plants and their habitats since 1965. Run by professional staff and volunteers, CNPS is a 501(c)3 organization active in promoting public education about native plants and the use of sound plant science in advocating for conservation of natural areas throughout the State of California. To learn more about CNPS, please visit our website at www.cnps.org.