

# Native Plant Landscaping Services in San Diego County

## Gardeners and Landscape Contractors

Coastal Sage Gardening (John Nobel, Gardener) 619-223-8051. San Diego, Native plant yards, wildflower meadows, and drip irrigation, with over seven years of experience and service throughout San Diego County. Wildflower identification walks and gardening classes are a side practice. Custom plant and seed sales for hard-to-find species.

Ocean Sage Landscaping (Dave Buchanan, Landscape Contractor, C-27 #692220) Encinitas, 760/942-9254. Since the eighties Dave has brought the natives' great scents and wildlife attractions to residential landscapes. Dave designs, personally installs and maintains native gardens, some featured in national and local garden magazines as well as the *San Diego Union Tribune*.

California's Own Native Landscape Design (Greg Rubin, Landscape Contractor C-21 #717147) Escondido 760-746-6870. Small scale residential through large commercial installations utilizing primarily California native plants since 1986. Design/installations include Live oak Park and Fallbrook Public library, Rincon del Diablo Water District, Formulabs in Escondido.

Lost West (Robert Mekjian, Landscape Architect, RLA#3183) Carlsbad and Los Angeles, 760-434-5790. Robert, president of Lost West, is a licensed contractor as well as a landscape architect. He has been working with California native plants for over fifteen years. He integrates native and non-native plants in projects ranging from small residential spaces to large multi-unit affordable housing projects.

Larry Groh, Landscapers Technical Service (619) 915-6714. **Experience in installation and maintenance of native plant landscapes.**

## Planning and Design Professionals

Steve Ahles, Landscape Architect, RLA#2538, Cardiff-by-the-Sea. 760-623-0288. Experience on a large-scale with native plants in coastal zone revegetation and with residential design throughout the county. Irrigated and non-irrigated projects, long-term monitoring and working with botanical consultants and agencies are areas of the firm's expertise.

BEC (Burkhart.Environmental Consulting, Brad Burkhart, horticultural landscape restoration specialist). San Diego, 619-5210303. Over ten years of experience developing and administering plans for mitigation, restoration, and revegetation of California native plants for sites in small to large scale developments. Also will design ornamental landscapes using natives in combination with sculpture and other fine art.

Garbini and Garbini (Rick Garbini, RLA#2156 and Gail Garbini, RLA#2198, Landscape Architects). San Diego 619-232-4747. Garbini and Garbini has extensive experience with drought tolerant plants as well as California native plants, in design and planning projects for school campuses, mitigation and revegetation, and large residential communities and estates.

Las Pilitas, 760-749-5930, [www.laspilitas.com](http://www.laspilitas.com). We offer horticultural and landscape consultation to landscape contractors, landscape architects, landscape designers, botanic gardens, and homeowners. We specialize in gardens of plants utilized by native Californians, wildlife gardens (birds and butterflies),

California herb gardens, deer-resistant gardens, fire-resistant gardens, and problem gardens (for example, poor drainage; toxic amounts of salt and/or heavy metals; unhealthy oaks, manzanitas or other natives; very high or low pH; rocky slopes (no soil or minimal amounts); seasonal flooding; low water availability; etc.)\_

Kay Stewart, Landscape Architect RLA#2967, San Diego. 858-234-2668 Blending natives into landscapes to evoke regional identity, attract wildlife, and for aesthetics. Design concerns include creating enjoyable spaces, addressing fire safety, and appropriate irrigation, in residential and small commercial or institutional projects. Award-winning small landscapes.

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