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Home & Garden

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

Cotati Creek Critters update

By Jenny Blaker, Outreach coordinator

The Cotati Creek Critters' new "Indoor/Outdoor Nature Education Series" begins this October. There will be indoor evening presentations on the first Monday of the month during the fall and winter, featuring local experts, with related outdoor field trips in spring and summer.

Why grow native plants? Native plants have grown in a particular region for thousands of years and are ideally adapted to local conditions. For example, while many plants grow mainly in the spring and summer, California native plants take advantage of winter rains to grow their root systems, then go dormant during the dry summer months. Many are drought tolerant and just need water for the first year or two to become established in the garden.

Native birds, animals and beneficial insects have adapted to native plants over thousands of years of co-evolution. Humming birds flock to colorful, tubular flowers such as penstemon and zauschneria, and monarch butterflies thrive on milkweed.

Growing native plants in the garden is a perfect complement to Cotati Creek Critters' tree planting project along the Laguna de Santa Rosa in Cotati. It all adds to the creation and enhancement of refuges for wildlife, from birds to frogs to butterflies and other beneficial insects, here in our own backyard.

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