Our Goals
Trails goal is to not only educate residents about our native flora, but also to create a wildlife corridor throughout Martinez for birds, bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects.

What is a Native Plant?
Plants growing in our area when the first Europeans arrived are usually considered “native” plants.

Why Grow Native Plants?
Native plants contribute to maintaining genetic diversity. Many species of California birds and insects evolved to feed on specific California plants.

Why is Genetic Diversity Important?
Life systems with a wide genetic diversity have the best chance of surviving catastrophic environmental changes, be they acute as in fires and floods, or chronic as in global warming.

Weeds & Invasive Plants
Most of our weeds came from Europe with settlers. Weeds have some common characteristics; they grow quickly, they reproduce prolifically, they crowd out slower growing plants. Hence they reduce genetic diversity.

Nurseries:
- Native Here Nursery
  101 Golf Course Dr. Berkeley CA 94708
  http://www.nativeherenursery.org/

- Watershed Nursery
  601 A Canal Blvd., Richmond CA 94804
  http://www.watershednursery.com

- Oaktown Native Plane Nursery
  702 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94710
  http://www.oaktownnativenursery.info

- East Bay Wilds
  28th Ave. At Foothill Blvd., Oakland, CA
  http://www.eastbaywilds.com

Seed Sources:
- Larner Seeds
  Bolinas, CA 94924
  http://www.larnersseeds.com

- Hedgerow Farms
  21905 Co Rd 88, Winters, CA 95694
  http://www.hedgerowfarms.com

Designers & Web Sites:
- Hortum Terra ~ Karolina Parkhurt tumterra@gmail.com
  650-454-5735

California Native Plant Society
CNPS Gardening Program
http://www.cnps.org/cnps/grownative/

Bringing Back the Natives
http://www.bringingbackthenatives.net/find-a-designer

Wright Landscaping Seth Wright
510-830-8852, Crockett, CA

Calflora (a website you can use to learn about plants that grow wild in California (both native plants and weeds)
http://calflora.org

Other Resources:
- Plants of the East Bay, by Glenn Keator, Susan Bazell, Peg Steunenberg, 1994
  ISBN 9781879373426, Rinehart, Roberts Publishers, Inc

- Carquinez Strait Plants (A photog guide to wild plants of Carquinez Strait Regional Shoreline)

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