

Top left: *Ribes sanguineum* (flowering currant) closeup. March 2023

Top right: *Ribes aureum* (golden currant) closeup. This plant, also featured on the cover, was among the first to be planted. It is just to the left of the Visitor Center entrance. March 2023

Below left: *Ribes sanguineum* (flowering currant) near the northeast corner of the Visitor Center. March 2023

Below right: Beneath the sign, a *Ceanothus maritimus* in bloom and in the background, a tall *Arctostaphylos* (manzanita)—the only native plant that was already there when the garden was planted in 2008. March 2023



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The Native Garden at the John Muir National Historic Site

Started in 2007, doubled in size in 2012, the native garden by the Visitor Center at John Muir's house in Martinez, California is a success story about what happens when you put nature, volunteers, and time together.



Below: A new mini-garden of *Perideridia kelloggii* (Kellogg's yampah) planted with *Stipa cernua* (needle grass), *Sisyrinchium bellum* (blue-eyed grass), and *Monardella villosa* ssp. *villosa* (coyote mint). Feb. 2023

Right: A large stand of *Eriogonum arborescens* (Santa Cruz Island buckwheat) near the Visitor Center entrance. Feb. 2023



Left: The newer section of the garden is filling in. Foreground (l-r): *Chlorogalum pomeridianum* (soaproot), *Eriogonum fasciculatum* (California buckwheat), *Heteromeles arbutifolia* (toyon), with *Ceanothus* 'Dark Star' behind. In the distance you can see the *Aesculus californica* (California buckeye) just leafing out, as well as *Ribes sanguineum* (flowering currant), *Salvia leucophylla* (purple sage), *Malacothamnus* sp. (bush mallow) and more! March 2023



The south side of the Visitor Center, left to right: *Muhlenbergia rigens* (deer grass), *Salvia apiana* (white sage), *Arctostaphylos densiflora* 'Austin Griffith' (manzanita). The closeup is also of the Austin Griffith manzanita. Feb. 2023