



San Elijo Lagoon CONSERVANCY

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Native Plant Nursery at San Elijo Lagoon

San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy hosts more than 65 native planting events annually throughout San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve. Hundreds of people in our surrounding reserve communities, and from near and afar, are joining together to benefit wildlife in the lagoon. Wouldn't it be ideal to source the native seeds needed here?

The conservancy envisions the establishment of a small native plant nursery near the Santa Inez trailhead. The new nursery will be a workspace for propagating plants uniquely native to the reserve. Students and volunteers can increase their appreciation of natural areas and land stewardship.

We currently source plant material as locally as possible. Without a nursery, biologists would depend on vegetation resources from plant populations outside of the reserve. The interbreeding of cultivated varieties with wild varieties of the same species can lead to loss of genetic integrity. This is a concern with special-status plant species. The majority of plants native to the reserve are not commercially available. Having our own plant nursery allows staff to use locally important species in the restoration of the lagoon.

If you are interested in growing the roots of this native nursery, please contact [Jennifer Bright](#) at San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy by calling 760-436-3944 x 705.



Lagoon Platoon—Volunteers are encouraged to join in community habitat restoration.



California Buckwheat is a native source of nectar for bees.

The mission of the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy is to protect and restore the resources of the San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, its watershed, and related ecosystems for the benefit of current and future generations. For more information or to make an online donation, visit SanElijo.org, or call (760) 436-3944.