Creating a Habitat Garden

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Native bee
Basic Needs

- Food
- Water
- Shelter
- Space
When providing for basic needs, consider

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- Safety
Planning for habitat

- Decide who you want to attract to your garden (birds, bees, butterflies, bats, lizards, frogs)
- Inventory your surrounding landscape
- Inventory your yard
- Research
- Observe and mull things over
Action

- Limit your lawn
Sheet Mulching
Action

- Increase vertical layering in your yard
Action

- Provide water
Action

- Provide brush piles and cover
Action

- Plant California native plants
Action

- Remove invasive exotic plants
Stipa tenuissima

Newly declared invasive!
Aristida purpurea

Purple Three Awn
California native
Action

- Eliminate pesticide use
Action

- Manage pets
Action

- Provide bird/bat houses
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