



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **What is the best time of year to plant?**

The best time of the year to plant California natives is in Fall. Because of our Mediterranean climate most natives do their active growing in the Fall and Winter months when there is rainfall. Planting in Fall allows the plant to grow with the seasonal rains and establish itself before the hot dry summer months. Don't forget to keep the soil moist in between rains!

### **How often should I water?**

Watering really depends on the type of plant. Many native plants are drought tolerant but many also require regular water. Plants that grow along streams and rivers, in marshes, lakes and estuaries all require water 1 to 2 times per week. If you have purchased drought tolerant native plants for a water-wise garden you will need to make sure the plants are established before you begin reducing the water. Irrigate a new drought tolerant planting in between rains in the rainy season to keep the soil 2" below the surface moist. Water 1x per week through the summer until the next rainy season. From here on out the plants will only need 1 good deep watering once per month.

### **Do you grow cultivars?**

No, RECON Native Plants does not grow cultivars. We choose to grow 95% of our plants from wild collected seed and are therefore unable to grow cultivars because they do not exist in the wild.

### **Can you grow natives with non-natives?**

Yes, natives grow well with non-natives. Just make sure the water and sun requirements of the non-native plant are similar to the native plant.

### **Are all of the plants you grow drought tolerant?**

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### **How far do you deliver?**

We deliver regularly within San Diego County. We have sent trucks into Ventura, Riverside and Imperial Counties as well. Delivery availability and cost is dependant on the size of the order and distance from our nursery. Please speak to one of our sales representatives to inquire about delivery for your project.

### **What container sizes do you sell?**

We sell bare root, Flats, Plugs, Rose Pots, 4", 1 gallon, 5 gallon, 15 gallon, Ray Leach Tubes, and D-40 tubes. We grow most of our stock in Rose Pots and 1 gallon but have a variety of species in the other sizes listed. If you have a specific request that is not currently listed or available in our inventory, speak with one of our sales representatives and we will work with you to ensure your plants are in the ideal container for your project.



**Can we come see the nursery?**

RECON Native Plants is a wholesale nursery and open by appointment only. If you would like to come and visit please speak with a sales representative to arrange a time.

**Do you sell retail?**

RECON Native Plants does not currently sell retail but we are working diligently on making our plants available in garden centers. You can help us by requesting RECON Native Plants in your local retail nursery.

**Do you sell landscaping supplies?**

No, we do not sell landscaping supplies, we specialize in growing beautiful, source identified native plants.

**Are all of the plants RECON Native Plants sells, native to California?**

Actually, RECON Native Plants grows native species from the southwestern region. We have worked on projects in California, Nevada, Arizona and Northern Baja California. All of the plants we sell are grown from source identified seed or cuttings so there is never any doubt where your plant came from.

**I would like to come and see my order, how do I set up an appointment?**

Please contact your sales representative to arrange an appointment to come and see your order. Five days notice is preferable but appointments can be arranged at any time.

**What type of payment do you accept?**

We prefer check but also accept Visa and MasterCard. Cash is also accepted with exact change.

**How do I set up a credit account?**

Typically the first couple sales are COD. After that we can set you up with credit. Please contact a sales representative for a credit application.

**Is there a minimum order?**

No, we do not have a minimum order for customers in the industry.

**How long will you hold an order?**

We will hold an order for seven days. After seven days we require a 25% down payment to secure an order for future delivery/ pick up. We often enter into contract grow arrangements where we agree to have plants ready for a date that may be many years in the future.

**What is your delivery minimum?**

Our minimum to deliver within our delivery range is a pre-tax order total of \$500 or more. Please consult a sales representative for more specific delivery information.

**Can you visit our project?**

We offer on-site consulting services to our clients. If you are in need of specialized consulting we are happy to visit your project and participate in its success.



### **Are you open on weekends?**

Weekends are not part of our normal business hours. We are open M-F 7-4

### **Where do you get your propagation material?**

RECON Native Plants collects native seed throughout southwestern United States. We have worked on projects in California, Nevada, Arizona and Northern Baja California. We have relationships with private land owners, local, regional and federal agencies to perform ecologically sustainable collections from native populations. All of the plants we sell are grown from source identified seed or cuttings so there is never any doubt where your plant came from.

### **Why do you grow your plants in native soil?**

Growing container plants in native soil as compared to traditional nursery mix allows us to produce a plant that is better conditioned for the tough elements of restoration sites and landscapes that will not receive the attention they require.

### **Where do you get your native soil?**

The native soil we use for propagation is taken from construction sites prior to development. Depending on the scale of the project, we prefer to use soil that is naturally occurring in the site where the container plants will be placed in the ground. This reduces transplant stress because the plant is conditioned to grow in the soil it will be planted in.

### **How long does it take to grow a plant?**

At RECON Native Plants, growing a source identified native plant not only involves the growth phase, but also seed collection and seed treatment. We maintain a variety of source identified seed in stock but may need up to 18 months to collect seed for your project. Once the seed is in hand, we may need another 3 months to perform the proper treatment to allow the seed to germinate. Growing time varies per species and can range from 3 weeks for a small container to 36 months for a large tree. On average a rose pot takes about 3 months to a saleable quality, 1 gallon container takes about 4.5 months, and 5 gallons take about 7 months. It is always best to notify us as soon as possible if you will need plants so that we have sufficient time to produce appropriate material for your project.