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Easy natural dye sources from California Native Plants table

The outdoor temperature determines the speed at which the dye will set—the warmer the air, the faster the processing time. Mayo indigo, from the Sonoran desert was used for blue dye for thousands of years.

California State Noxious Weeds List

On humid days you can smell the fragrance on the air from a good distance.

Grow Your Own Color: Planting a Natural Dye Garden

Keep your fibers in the jar, with the lid on, for the rest of the day.

California native plants used in herb gardens

Depending on the amount of plant material used, you can obtain lovely pastel to medium shades with solar dyeing.

Natural Dye Plant Trial

They make a great ground cover and birds are attracted to the berries. It was eaten by pinches taken with the fingers. If extracted in just simmering water it makes a beautiful dusky rose dye, but adding a splash of vinegar to lower the pH will result in a bright orange dye.

List of California native plants

Smooth sumac *Rhus glabra*, an important dye plant, with fall colors.

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