

# Creekside Park, Brentwood

Creekside Park displays a centuries-old community of native riparian or streambank vegetation. Towering oaks, sycamores, and cottonwoods watch over thickets of willow and cattail. This habitat is essential for California wildlife. One half of all officially listed threatened and endangered species in California depend on a healthy riparian home.

Riparian dependent animals have evolved with native vegetation. Native plants have developed intricate adaptations to thrive in this region. As non-native or exotic plant and animal species invade an area, they often out-compete natives for space and primacy. Exotics, from common landscape plants to lost pets, find few natural enemies and explode onto the local natural community.

To counter this trend, local citizens have planted this native garden and assisted in approved planting projects elsewhere along Marsh Creek. These efforts to revitalize the native community of plants and animals bring great promise to the future of this dynamic and thriving riparian zone.



Western sycamore



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red willow



Fremont cottonwood



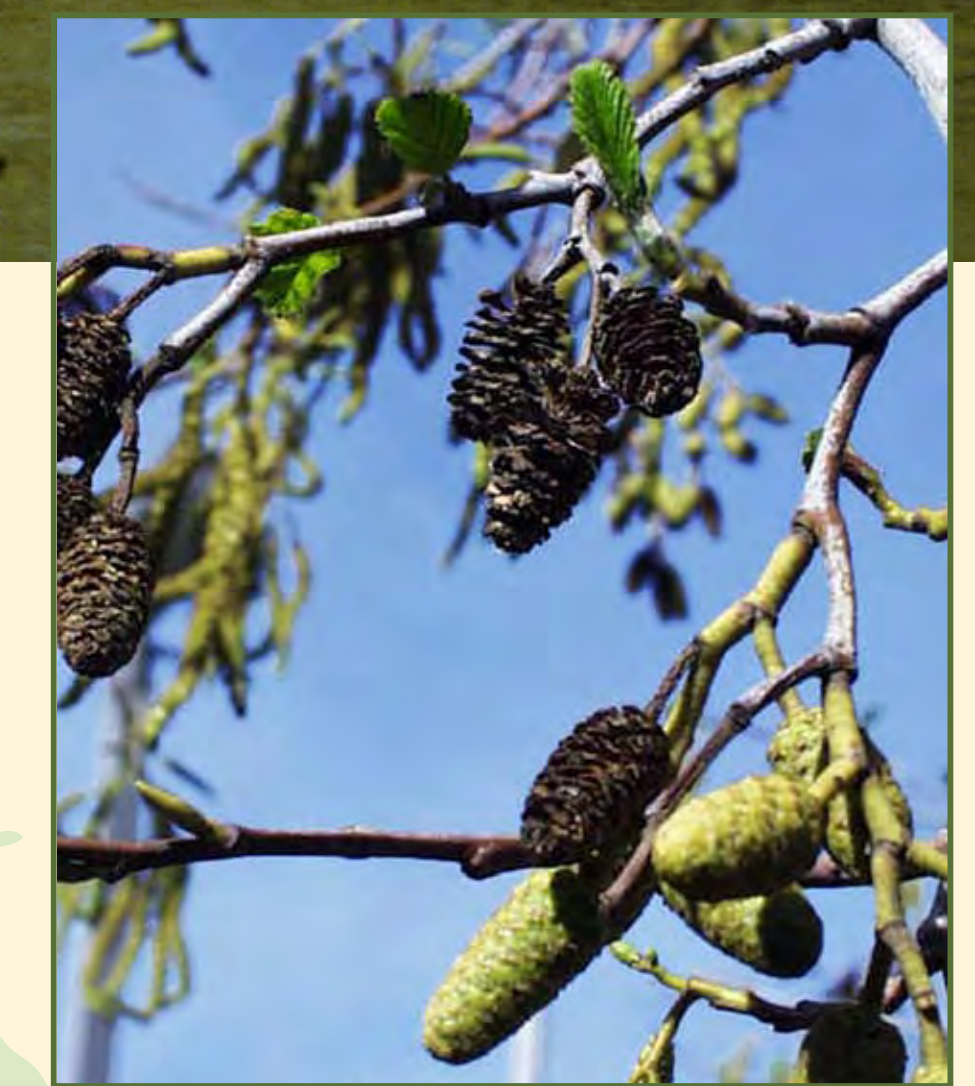
box elder



valley oak



sedge



white alder fruit