In 2019, your support made it possible to conserve California native plants, inspire students of all ages, cultivate and curate our living collection, and welcome thousands of people to the Garden. We couldn’t be more grateful.

78,368 PEOPLE VISITED THE GARDEN

3,098 MEMBERSHIP HOUSEHOLDS

HELD 113 CLASSES for over 1,501 PARTICIPANTS

3,709 PLANTS PLANTED

OVER 12,000 CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANTS CULTIVATED for habitat recovery projects, garden grounds and retail sales in the nursery.

MENTORED 19 STUDENT INTERNS from UCSB, CSU-Channel Islands, Westmont and Antioch Colleges, and SB City College.

SORTED & DATABASED 20,000 INSECTS, ARTHROPODS, & OTHER INVERTEBRATES as part of a project on San Clemente Island to increase our understanding of invertebrate biodiversity and plant-invertebrate interactions on the island.

THE GARDEN WELCOMED JOE ROTHLEUTNER as the new Director of Horticulture & Facilities.

10 ACTIVE RESEARCH ASSOCIATES
8,767 Vascular plant specimens were added to the Clifton Smith Herbarium database; these records are available to scientists around the world (at www.ccb2.org), getting 10 million bits per year!

Over 25,000 images of the above specimens allow for remote data collection & minimized wear on the specimens.

155,000 Vascular plants
35,500 Lichen
& 700 Bryophyte specimens in the Herbarium.

44 Conservation projects with 17 institutions including the U.S. Navy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and National Science Foundation.

12 Full-time staff in conservation including a new Lichenologist (a permanent position endowed by scientist-philanthropist Dr. Shirley Tucker), new Plant Ecologist (with funding from CDFW Prop 1), and new Invertebrate Biodiversity Post-Doc (funded by the U.S. Navy).

1 Book
2 Additional book chapters
9 Peer-reviewed articles
6 Technical reports published by Garden staff and research associates.

Initiated DNA barcoding and meta-barcoding projects for three of the Channel Islands, involving vascular plants, lichens, arthropods, mosses, and fungi. This new technology allows us to both inventory biodiversity and determine the diet of endangered species.

Founded the 1st vascular plant tissue bank in California facilitating genetic research.
80 RARE PLANT COLLECTIONS were accessioned representing 25 taxa into the conservation seed bank.

COMPLETED YEAR 2 OF A $650,000 COLLABORATIVE PROJECT working towards recovery of 14 Channel Islands rare plants over 3 years. The Garden is leading eight other partners in this effort, which was funded by US Fish and Wildlife via the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife.

MAPPED 44 INVASIVE PLANT TAXA IN 604 POPULATIONS & 19 RARE PLANT TAXA IN 237 POPULATIONS to inform habitat restoration in the Zaca and Jesusita fire scars. We covered 735 total miles over 307 people days with the help of 60 different volunteers in 2,390 hours of service.

CERTIFIED 27 NEW CALIFORNIA NATURALISTS

WELCOMED OVER 1,400 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS on field trips to the Garden.

HELD 140 PUBLIC TOURS FOR OVER 3,442 PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING 1,092 COLLEGE STUDENTS
2019 REVENUE AND EXPENSES

Revenue and Support
- Contributions and Memberships
- Program and Other Revenue
- Investments and Fees
- Government Contracts
- Visitor Program

Program Expenses
- Science and Conservation
- Garden Operations
- Horticulture, Collections and Facilities
- Education
- Core Mission Support

Core Mission Support
- $1,302,597

Includes administration, finance, development and membership, communications, human resources, IT/technology, maintenance, and utilities.

THANK YOU to all of our AMAZING VOLUNTEERS! You amplify our efforts!