



Wonders All Around Us (K–2nd)

Experience California's nature first-hand among amazing plants and animals in one of the nation's oldest native plant gardens. During this hour-long Garden walk, students investigate how plants interact with animals and their environment while taking the time to slow down and appreciate nature. Garden educators demonstrate how to utilize your senses to locate the everyday wonders and mysteries all around us.

The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden's tours are aligned with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Educators facilitate inquiry-based explorations to engage students with the natural world and inspire curiosity with their surroundings. While the discoveries in each tour may vary, educators will guide discussions towards one of two main concepts:

Tour Objectives:

- Educators engage students in deep observation exercises to describe phenomena and patterns they are experiencing in nature.
- Students will conduct nature investigations to determine how plants interact with their environment.

Key Tour Concepts:

1. California is filled with diverse species of plants and animals. All organisms have internal and external parts that allow them to gather the resources they need for survival.
2. Plants and animals rely on one another for survival and are interconnected. California native plants play a pivotal role in the survival of our native animal species.