

## SCHOOL GARDEN REFERENCES

### Books

Numerous books have been written about gardening. The references mentioned in this section are designed for teachers or children as part of the educational process. These books may be ordered at local bookstores or through bookstore websites. Many are available at the County or Public library. In the few instances where the material is available only through the organization, the web site to contact the organization has been included.

*Accessible Gardening for People with Physical Disabilities*

Janeen R. Adil

ISBN: 0933149565

*Backyard Composting: Your Complete Guide to Recycling Yard Clippings*

Harmonious Technologies

ISBN: 0962976830

*Better Homes and Gardens: New Junior Garden Book*

Felder Rushing

ISBN: 069620849

*Beyond the Bean Seed*

Nancy Jurenka and Rosanne Blass

ISBN: 1563083469

*Blue Potatoes, Orange Tomatoes*

Rosalind Creasy

ISBN: 0871565765

*Butterfly Gardening: Creating Summer Magic in Your Garden*

Xerces Society & Smithsonian Institute

ISBN: 0871569752

*Children's Gardens: A Field Guide for Teachers, Parents and Volunteers*

Publication #21495

Elizabeth Bremner and John Pusey

University of California ANR (UCANR) Cooperative Extension

(800) 994-8849; in California (510) 642-2431

<http://ucanr.org/pubs.shtml>

Only available from UCANR

A guide for school gardens including basic garden plans and resources

School Garden References

*The Children's Kitchen Garden*

Georgeanne and Ethel Brennan

A book of gardening, cooking and learning

ISBN: 0898158737

*Chilies to Chocolate, Food the Americas Gave the World*

Nelson Foster and Linda Cordell

ISBN: 0816513244

*Container Gardening for Kids*

Ellen Talmage

ISBN: 0932592252

*Cultivating a Child's Imagination Through Gardening*

Nancy Allen Jurenka and Rosanne J. Blass

ISBN: 156308452X

*Digging Deeper, Integrating Youth Gardens into Schools and Communities*

Martin Kemple and Joseph Kiefer

ISBN: 188443004X

*Garden Crafts for Kids "50 Great Reasons to Get Your Hands Dirty"*

Diane Rhoades

ISBN: 0806909986

*Gardening with Children*

Beth Richardson

Includes what to plant, laying out a garden, theme gardens and family garden project

ISBN: 1561581925

*Gardening with People with Disabilities*

City Farmer

#801-318 Homer St

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6B2V3

<http://www.cityfarmer.org/>

Only available from City Farmer

Unique and practical garden plans and ideas for people with disabilities

*Gardening Wizardry for Kids*

Patricia L. Kite

ISBN: 0182013174

*The Growing Classroom*

Roberta Jaffe and Gary Appel

ISBN: 020121539X

School Garden References

*In A Pumpkin Shell*  
Jennifer Gillis  
ISBN: 0882667718

*Kids Gardening, A Guide to Messing Around in the Dirt*  
Kevin and Kim Raftery  
ISBN: 0932592252

*Let It Rot, The Gardener's Guide to Composting*  
Stu Campbell  
ISBN: 0882666355

*Math in the Garden*  
[http://shop.bbg.org/mm5/merchant.mvc?Screen=PROD&Store\\_Code=BGGS&Product\\_Code=BOO-CHI+113111&Category\\_Code=CHI-BOO](http://shop.bbg.org/mm5/merchant.mvc?Screen=PROD&Store_Code=BGGS&Product_Code=BOO-CHI+113111&Category_Code=CHI-BOO)  
From Brooklyn Botanical Garden. Activities cover a wide range of topics from pattern and symmetry to measurement and geometry.

*The National Gardening Association "Guide to Kid's Gardening"*  
Lynn Ocone and Eve Pranis  
A complete guide for teachers, parents, and youth leaders  
ISBN: 0471520926

*Native American Gardening: Stories, Projects, and Recipes for Families*  
Michael Caduto and Joseph Bruchac  
ISBN: 155591148X

*Natural Enemies Handbook*  
Steve Dreistadt and Mary Flint  
ISBN: 0520218019

*Pests of the Garden and Small Farm*, Publication #3332  
Mary Louise Flint  
ISBN: 1879906406

*Play with Your Food*  
Joost Elffer  
ISBN: 1556706308

*Ready, Set, Grow! A Guide to Gardening with Children*  
Suzanne Frutig Bales  
ISBN: 0028603990

*Rodale's Garden Problem Solver*  
Jeff Ball  
ISBN: 0878577629

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*Roots, Shoots, Buckets, and Boots: Gardening Together with Children*  
Sharon Lovejoy  
ISBN: 0761117652

*Southern California Native Plants for School Gardens*  
Betsey Landis  
Available from San Diego Chapter of California Native Plant Society  
<http://www.cnpssd.org>

*Sowing the Seeds of Success*  
Marcia Eames-Sheavly  
ISBN: 0915873419

*Square Foot Gardening: A New Way to Garden in Less Space with Less Work*  
Mel Bartholomew  
ISBN: 1579548563

*Stokes Butterfly Book: Complete Guide to Butterfly Gardening Identification and Behavior*  
Donald & Lillian Stokes, Ernest Williams  
ISBN: 0316817805

*Success with School Gardens: How to Create a Learning Oasis in the Desert*  
Linda A. Guy, Cathy Cromell and Lucy K. Bradley  
ISBN: 0965198707

*Sunset Western Garden Book*  
Sunset Publishing Company  
A must for every California gardener!  
ISBN: 076038748

*Sunset Best Kids Garden Book*  
Sunset Publishing Company  
Includes step-by-step instruction for getting your garden ready, planting, and maintaining it  
ISBN: 0376030763

*Tomatoes, Potatoes, Corn and Beans, How the Foods of the Americas Changed Eating Around the World*  
Sylvia Johnson  
ISBN: 0689801416

*The Victory Garden Kid's Book*  
Marjorie Waters  
Topics include planting seeds, making compost, and harvesting crops  
ISBN: 1564403610

## School Garden References

*Worms Eat My Garbage*  
Mary Appelhof,  
ISBN: 0942256107

### **Catalogs and Newsletters**

Ames Lawn and Garden Tools, Attn: Customer Service  
P. O. Box 774  
Parkersburg, WV 26102-1774  
FAX # (304) 424-3399

California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom  
<http://www.cfaitc.org/>  
Information and Cream of Crop newsletter

Carolina Biological Supply Co  
<https://www2.carolina.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/StoreCatalogDisplay?storeId=10151&catalogId=10101&langId=-1>  
Products for science and math activities

Gardener's Supply Company  
<http://www.gardeners.com/default.asp?SC=XNET8019>  
Catalog of indoor and outdoor garden products

Gardening Bulletin,  
246 Griffing Avenue  
Riverhead, NY 11901-3086  
Published quarterly by Cornell Cooperative Extension. Newsletter is for parents, teachers, administrators and volunteers.

Gardens for Growing People  
P. O. Box 630  
Point Reyes, CA 94956  
(415) 663-9433

Gardening with Kids  
<http://www.kidsgardening.com>  
National Gardening Association sign up for free newsletter. Teachers' room provides information to use in the classroom, on upcoming conferences, and current grant opportunities.

Insect Lore  
<http://www.insectlore.com/>

## School Garden References

Kinsman Company

<http://www.kinsmangarden.com/>

Garden gifts, products, and containers

Let's Get Growing Catalog

(800) 408-1868 for a free catalog

Bring Nature, Ecology, Science, Habitats, Gardens, Art and Music to your class

Mountain Valley Growers, Inc.

<http://www.mountainvalleygrowers.com/>

Catalog for herbs and butterfly plants

University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources

<http://ucanr.org/pubs.shtml>

Publications on home gardening, pest, and disease control

### **Online Publications and Web Sites**

Banana Slug String Band

<http://www.bananaslugstringband.com/pages/teacherGbk.html>

Biological Control:

<http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/ent/biocontrol>

A guide to natural enemies in North America

Botanical Terms:

<http://www.gardenweb.com/glossary>

The Butterfly Celebration:

<http://www.butterflycelebration.com/>

Composting for Kids:

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/sustainable/slidesets/kidscompost/cover.html>

This site gives kids a step-by-step process for setting up their own compost pile. Explanations are provided about how compost works as well as the benefits for the environment and your garden.

Digitalseed:

<http://www.Digitalseed.com>

A website for San Diego that includes a calendar of garden events, nurseries, and composting information.

Edible Schoolyard

<http://www.edibleschoolyard.org/homepage.html>

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Fruit of Warm Climates:

<http://www.hort.purdue.edu/newcrop/Morton/index.html>

Gardening for Kids:

[www.geocities.com/EnchantedForest/Glade/3313/](http://www.geocities.com/EnchantedForest/Glade/3313/)

This web site provides information for kids on how to begin their own gardening projects. It includes basic tips, gardening links and a kid critic.

Let's Get Growing:

<http://www.letsgetgrowing.com>

A website for gardening with kids and nature exploration

Master Composter

<http://www.mastercomposter.com>

Information about how to make and use compost, plus links to compost products.

Michigan State University 4-HChildren's Garden website:

<http://4hgarden.msu.edu>

The garden site is several theme gardens, all child-friendly as well as adult friendly.

National Gardening Association:

<http://www.kidsgardening.com>

Educational activities and resources, growing projects, outdoor classrooms and habitats. Extensive information on exploring hydroponic gardening.

Rare Fruit News Online

<http://www.RareFruit.com>

UC Guide to Solving Garden and Landscape Problems: CD

[http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/IPMPROJECT/ADS/cd\\_solvinggarden.html](http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/IPMPROJECT/ADS/cd_solvinggarden.html)

The CD answers questions on 600 pests and disorders on 80 ornamental plants and 40 fruits and vegetables.

University of California Integrated Pest Management:

<http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu>

## Seed Suppliers

America the Beautiful Fund

<http://www.america-the-beautiful.org/>

A non-profit group receives seed donations from major seed companies. Sets of 50 packets of vegetables, flowers and herbs are available for the cost of postage and handling.

## School Garden References

Burpee Seeds

<http://www.Burpee.com>

Best variety choices, good cultural information

Clyde Robin Seed Company

<http://www.clyderobin.com/>

Wildflower seeds

Hermosa Valley Garden Seeds

P. O. Box 1409, Santa Maria, CA

(877) 834-7333, FAX# (805) 925-4140

California-grown seeds

High Country Gardens

<http://www.highcountrygardens.com/>

Drought-tolerant plants

Johnny's Selected Seeds

<http://www.johnnyseeds.com/>

Twenty percent discount on seeds for school gardens

Larner Seeds

<http://www.larnerseeds.com>

Native American seeds

A. M. Leonard, Inc.

<http://www.amleo.com/>

Quality seeds and tools

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

<http://www.wildflower.org>

Wildflower seeds and publications

Native Seed Search

<http://www.nativeseeds.org/v2/default.php>

Park Seed Company

<http://www.parkseed.com>

Wholesale prices for school gardens

Peaceful Valley Farm Supply

<http://www.groworganic.com>

Cover crop seeds, soil tests, worms, tools



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### Renee's Garden

<https://www.reneesgarden.com/default.htm>

Gourmet vegetable, herb, and flower seeds.

### Seeds of Change

<http://www.seedsofchange.com>

Heirloom, drought tolerant

### Territorial Seed Company

<http://www.territorial-seed.com>

Organic and heirloom seeds

### Thompson & Morgan

<http://seeds.thompson-morgan.com>

Beautiful pictures and helpful cultural information

### Totally Tomatoes

<http://www.totallytomato.com>

### Tomato Growers Supply Co.

<http://www.tomatogrowers.com>

## **Educational Organizations**

The following organizations offer educational and organizational resources and expertise in specific subject areas:

### American Community Gardening Association

<http://www.communitygarden.org>

ACGA is a non-profit organization that supports school and community gardens with grant money, seeds and study materials.

### California Department of Education

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/index.asp>

Publishes Child's Garden of Standards which links specific garden activities to academic standards

To view publication:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/pn/rc/ap/pubdisplay.aspx?ID=001579>

Ordering information:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/pn/rc/orderinfo.asp>

### California Department of Food and Agriculture

<http://www.cdffa.ca.gov/kids/>

Kids page with many garden based activities

## School Garden References

California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom

<http://www.cfaitc.org/>

Includes Lesson Plans, Resources, and *Imagine this* writing contest for students

California School Garden Network

<http://www.csgn.org/index.php>

A collaborative effort of a number of educational institutions and corporate partners committed to enhancing learning through the use of teaching gardens in schools.

<http://www.csgn.org/curriculum.php>

Link to specific lessons many with grade and California State standards.

California Science Teachers Association

<http://www.cascience.org>

Represents science educators statewide - in every science discipline at every grade level. Publishes a bi-monthly newspaper packed with news, information, resources, ideas, and activities of current interest to science educators.

Earthbox

[www.earthbox.com](http://www.earthbox.com)

Teachers can use the EarthBox and its accompanying curriculum to teach cross-curriculum, standards-based lessons that excite students and engage them in hands-on activities.

The Growing Connection

[www.thegrowingconnection.org](http://www.thegrowingconnection.org)

School gardening programs in the U.S., Ghana, Mexico and Nicaragua grow vegetables in an EarthBox system. Students grow food, conduct horticultural experiments and share their lessons and experiences with each other using IT connectivity.

Junior Master Gardener

<http://www.jmgkids.us>

Information and monthly newsletter

Life Lab Science Program

<http://www.lifelab.org>

Life Lab helps schools integrate gardens into their science and nutrition curriculum. Numerous publications available. [Gardencordinator@lifelab.org](mailto:Gardencordinator@lifelab.org)

National Arbor Day Foundation

<http://www.arborday.org>

Foundation provides trees for Arbor Day plantings, educational and resource materials.

## School Garden References

National Audubon Society

<http://www.audubon.org>

Information on attracting birds and water fowl to your garden

National Gardening Association

<http://www.nga.com>

NGA offers books on youth gardening and a bi-monthly magazine with features on children's gardening programs nationwide. NGA sponsors a grant program that honors noteworthy youth gardening projects. Winners receive grants of materials and supplies for their gardens.

National Wildlife Federation

Backyard Wildlife Habitat Program

<http://www.sdcpf.org/sdcpf>

Information on wildlife and suggestions on how to attract wildlife to your garden. By meeting certain criteria, your garden can be designated a wildlife preserve.

San Diego Audubon Society

<http://www.sandiegoaudubon.org/>

Resource for information on birds

San Diego County Water Authority

<http://www.sdcpa.org/education/teachers.phtml>

Numerous programs and materials for teachers in San Diego County, elementary and secondary schools

San Diego Natural History Museum

<http://www.sdnhm.org/>

Bird and butterfly checklists, online field guides, and teacher's guides on many topics. Resource to purchase San Diego County Bird Atlas.

University of California Cooperative Extension County of San Diego School Gardens

<http://cesandiego.ucdavis.edu>

Information on school gardens and agriculture in San Diego County

University of Arizona

<http://insected.arizona.edu/uli.htm>

Using live insects in elementary classrooms

Youth Nutrition Education Programs

[http://sandiego4h.ucdavis.edu/Youth\\_Nutrition\\_Education.htm](http://sandiego4h.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Nutrition_Education.htm)

Gardening curriculum connecting gardening with nutrition

## Specialty Sources

American Insectaries, Inc.,  
30805 Rodriguez Rd., Escondido, CA 92026-5312  
(760) 751-1436  
Source for beneficial insects

Buena Creek Gardens

<http://www.buenacreekgardens.com>

Local nursery with bird and butterfly demonstration garden with over 600 different plants. Following link is their article on attracting birds and butterflies to your garden.

[http://www.signonsandiego.com/uniontrib/20050612/news\\_mz1hs12buena.html](http://www.signonsandiego.com/uniontrib/20050612/news_mz1hs12buena.html)

The Birds, Butterflies, Herps, & Dragonflies of San Diego County

<http://sdbirds.basiclink.com/>

Extensive photo galleries with San Diego bird and butterflies photographs

California Native Plant Society, San Diego Chapter

<http://www.cnpssd.org/>

Dedicated to promoting the use of California native plants in the landscape and teaching workshops for students and teachers.

California Rare Fruit Growers

<http://www.members.cox.net/crfgsandiego.org/>

City Farmers Nursery

<http://www.geocities.com/thecityfarmer/>

Local San Diego garden center and source for hydroponic supplies

CHIRP for Garden Wildlife

<http://www.chirp.org/sage-song/inthenews98.htm>

Suggested plant list to attract birds and butterflies to the garden.

Cuyamaca College Water Conservation Garden

<http://www.thegarden.org/>

Visit the xeriscape demonstration garden, look at state-of-the art irrigation systems, drought tolerant plants and turf varieties.

Del Mar Fair, "Plant-Grow-Eat" program

Grades K-6 participate by growing different seed varieties; field trip to the fair is arranged for plant judging.

(858) 755-1161 x2407

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### Earthbox

[www.earthbox.com](http://www.earthbox.com)

Teachers can use the EarthBox and its accompanying curriculum to teach cross-curriculum, standards-based lessons that excite students and engage them in hands-on activities

### Eon Industries

<http://www.eonindustries.com>

Sell a variety of garden markers

### Flower Fields

<http://www.theflowerfields.com/FFA/>

Trained docents act as tour guides at the Flower Fields and travel to schools to teach growing methods of bulbs and flowers.

### Green Machine, San Diego County Office of Education

<http://www.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/outdoored/green.asp>

Fee Based Training - Instructors visit elementary schools to teach children about food sources, soil, pest management, and the water cycle. Help is offered on starting a garden.

### Greentrees Hydroponics

<http://www.hydroponics.net/>

Local supplier of hydroponic products

### Hydroponics Online

<http://www.hydroponiconline.com>

Click on Hydroponics Online School on their main menu for detailed instructions to create a hydroponic garden.

### IGS Hydroponics Supplies

<http://www.igshydro.com/index.php>

Local supplier of hydroponic products. Includes detailed instructions and information in their hydro 101 section

### National Council for Therapy and Rehabilitation through Horticulture

9041 Comprint Court, Suite 103

Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Promotes use of horticulture in therapeutic and rehabilitative programs

### Poison Control Center

(800) 876-4766

Call for a list of poisonous seeds and plants

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### Quail Botanical Gardens

<http://www.qbgardens.com/>

A large collection of plants from diverse areas of the world are displayed in specialty gardens. The Seeds of Wonder Children's Garden is a great field trip for school children along with the Under the Sea Succulent Garden. Most recently they have announced a new garden with fire safe recommended plants. Admission is free the first Tuesday of each month.

### Tree of Life Nursery

<http://www.treeoflifenuresery.com/>

Includes 150 plant profile of natives, tips on planting natives, and newsletter

### University of California Cooperative Extension, Master Gardeners (858) 694-2860

Trained volunteers answer gardening questions and work with home gardeners. Garden hotline operates Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Request a school garden consultant to assist with your school garden at: <http://mastergardenerssandiego.org> , click on School Program, click on Request a Garden Consultant and Explore Existing Gardens

### Wild Birds Center

<http://www.wildbirdcenter.com/stores/enc>

Information on bird feeding, housing, and water sources

### Wildscaping

<http://wildscaping.com/>

Website dedicated to help gardeners attract and nurture wildlife in their garden.

## **Funding Sources**

Sources of funding may include fund raising projects, donations and/or corporate support. Encourage students to participate in fund raising. Check out local community or public school foundations for possible grants. Ask your principal about federal entitlement programs for a variety of subject areas.

### America the Beautiful Fund

<http://www.america-the-beautiful.org/>

Funding for school garden projects

### American Honda Foundation

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/pavnet/fd/fdamhon.htm>

Awards range from \$10,000 to \$100,000 to national nonprofit agencies for youth education programs in math, science, the environment and technology.

## School Garden References

California Fertilizer Foundation

<http://www.calfertilizer.org/grant.htm>

Twelve grants awarded twice a year for school gardens

Clairemont Town Council

<http://www.clairemontonline.com/grantsresources.html>

Annual grant to organizations for efforts that promote or benefit the Clairemont community

Coca-Cola Foundation Grants Program

<http://www2.coca-cola.com/citizenship/foundation.html>

Support to education programs

Common Ground Garden Program

Burpee/USDA Partnership, USDA Ext.

South Building, Room 334

Washington, DC 20250-0900.

(703) 551-1071

Funding for gardens in urban areas

Foundation Center

<http://fdncenter.org/>

Info on funding sources, grant writing skills

General Mills Corporation Boxtops for Education Program

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/>

Elementary schools can earn up to \$20,000 by collecting boxtops in this fundraising program.

Loew's

<http://www.lowes.com/lowes/lkn?action=pg&p=AboutLowes/outdoor/apply1.html>

Awarded three times a year, click See Classrooms for grant ideas

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

<http://www.mwdh2o.com>

Funding for water-related, educational outreach on regional water resources issues, such as conservation, watershed or water quality, California friendly® garden projects

Village Garden Club of La Jolla

[http://www.villagegardencluboflajolla.com/Schoolyard\\_Grant\\_Application.html](http://www.villagegardencluboflajolla.com/Schoolyard_Grant_Application.html)

Annual grants - San Diego County public and private elementary schools (K-6) are eligible

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### Western Growers

<http://www.wga.com/public/active/sitebuilder/showpage.php?id=67>

Provides grants to California schools

### **Compost, Beneficial Insects, and Earthworm Sources**

San Diego County has various yard waste recycling programs where compost can be purchased. Some local agencies will give free compost to school gardens. In most cases, you have to pick it up.

American Insectaries, Inc.

30805 Rodriguez Rd.

Escondido, CA 92026-5312

(760) 751-1436

Source for beneficial insects

California Integrated Waste Management Board

<http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/organics>

This agency is part of the California Environmental Protection Agency. Information is available on home gardening, compost, grass cycling and vermicomposting.

El Corazon, North County Compost

300 1/2 Mission Blvd.

Oceanside, CA 92054

(760) 439-9920

Grangetto's Feed and Garden Supply

<http://www.grangettos.com/>

Soil amendments, organic fertilizers, garden tools, irrigation equipment and products for children. Located throughout San Diego county.

Organic Recyclers

1202 La Media Rd. West

San Diego, CA

(800) 454-SOIL

Quail Botanical Gardens

<http://www.qbgardens.com/>

Compost Demonstration Site

Demonstration: 1st Sat of each month, 11:00 a.m.



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Sharon's Worm World  
Sharon McLachlan  
Ramona, CA  
(858) 788-4423

Solana Center

<http://www.solanacenter.org/1county.htm>

Free compost and worm bins for schools, compost demonstrations sites, and gardening workshops

RCP

75 N. 4th Avenue

Chula Vista, CA 91910

(800) 797-4727

Soil amendments and decorative rocks Call the (800) number for information on stores in Encinitas, Escondido, Lemon Grove and Santee.

Resource Conservation District

<http://www.rcdsandiego.org/>

RCD performs water tests for a nominal charge

Vermicoast

<http://www.vermicoast.com/>