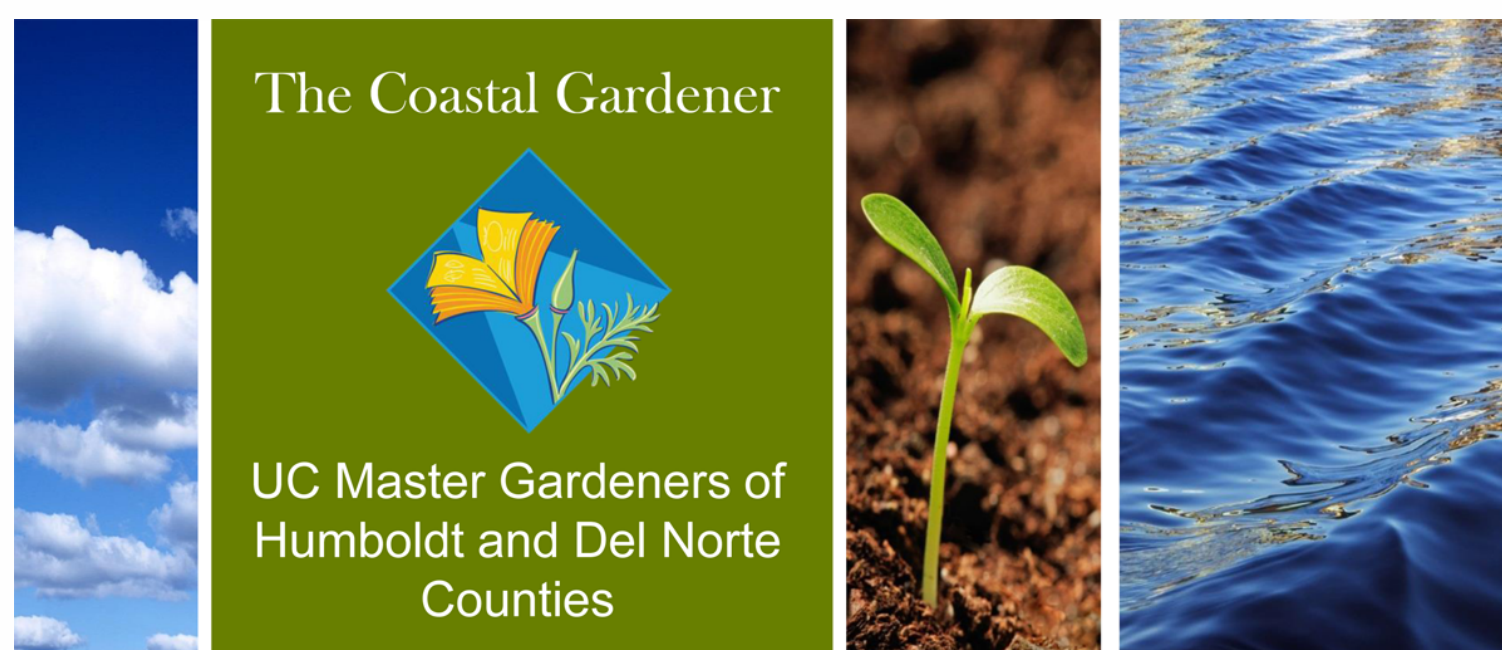




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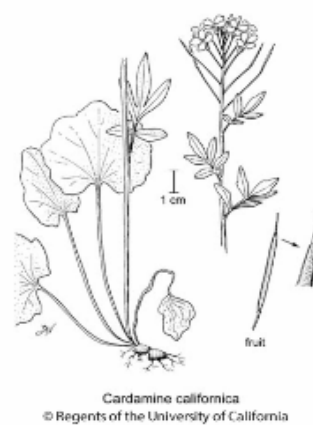
**New Beginnings for UC Humboldt & Del Norte Master Gardeners  
Welcome New Program Coordinator and Online Resources**

*by Sherida Phibbs*

Spring is a time for renewed optimism in our gardens and the Master Gardener Program. Our dedicated core group is always ready to assist with answers and advice. We are growing and excited to share our training and experience with our communities. Sherida Phibbs, our new Master Gardener Program Coordinator for the Humboldt and Del Norte Counties will be working to expand community outreach and education to the public ([read more](#)).

**Cardamine Edible - But Not So Tasty**

*by June Walsh*



Cardamine californica, or Milkmaids, is an herbaceous flowering perennial plant in the family Brassicaceae. It is native to western North America from Washington to Baja California. It is common in a variety of habitats including shady slopes, open woodlands and grasslands. ([read more](#)).

**A Great Orchid for our Coast**

*by Tom Schrader*



The Cymbidium (sym-BID-ee-um) orchids are known for their beautiful, long-lasting sprays of flowers and they do well outside. ([read more](#)).

**Wollemia nobilis  
at Humboldt Botanical Gardens**

*by June Walsh*



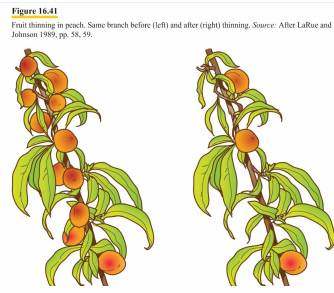
The Wollemia nobilis of Australia have been saved from the raging fires of Australia by special fire crews and air dropped fire retardant in a Top Secret operation. ([read more](#)).

**Good Reads  
Natures Best Hope & Bringing Nature Home**

*Reviewed by Maria Krenek*



Each and every one of us are Nature's best hope. This is eloquently stated by Tallamy in his most recent book, NATURE'S BEST HOPE A NEW APPROACH TO CONSERVATION THAT STARTS IN YOUR YARD. ([read more](#)).



## Big Spring Payoff - Fruit Thinning

by Sherida Phibbs

### Thinning Fruit will Result in Larger Fruit

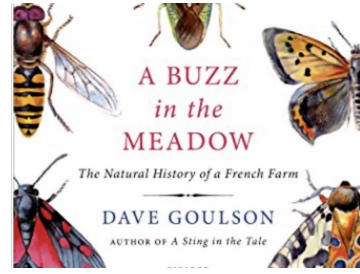
If you want larger fruit you will want to thin immature fruit in the early spring. ([read more](#))



## Climate Zones & Microclimates

by Sherida Phibbs

Selecting plants is not a "one-plant-fits-all" approach. Trees, shrubs, plants, vegetables, etc., all have their own climate requirement to grow and produce at their best. ([read more](#))



## Good Reads

### A Buzz in the Meadow & A Sting in the Tale

Reviewed by Maria Krenek

With all the buzz about bees and pollinators, I have over the last few years attempted to increase my understanding and knowledge of these creatures that are so fundamental to the workings and structure of our natural world. ([read more](#))



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