

ANTA is a community based organization dedicated to the preservation and regeneration of Atascadero's native trees. Members organize and participate in a variety of programs and activities designed to teach the values of trees in our environment and help us appreciate and protect our urban forest resources.

Meetings are held monthly



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to help protect our trees.



FIRE RESISTANT PLANTS:

- ☞ Oaks
- ☞ Sycamore
- ☞ Redwoods
- ☞ Wild Cherry
- ☞ Madrone
- ☞ Western Red Bud



A more comprehensive list is available through the Atascadero Native Tree Association

To protect established trees and shrubs from wild fire, clear dry vegetation from under and around them.

HIGHLY FLAMMABLE PLANTS TO AVOID:

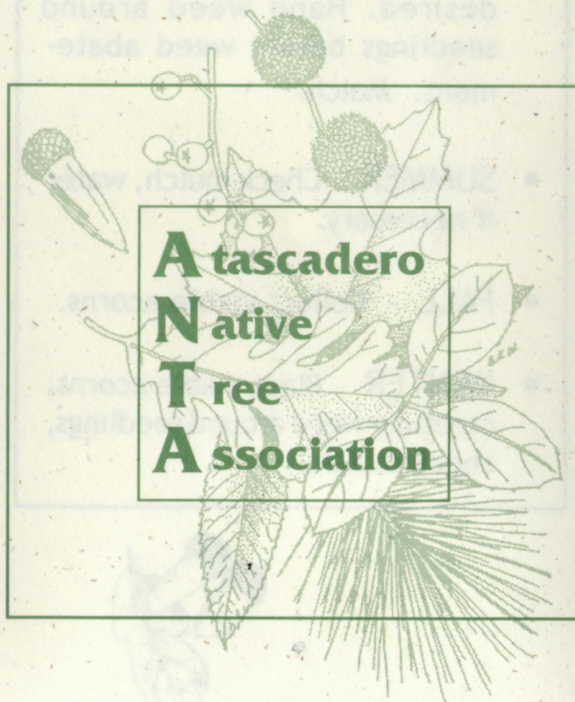
- ☞ Eucalyptus
- ☞ Pines
- ☞ Junipers
- ☞ Cypress
- ☞ Cedars
- ☞ Pampas Grass



Help our Oaks Survive

Save Oak Seedlings

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Atascadero Native Tree Association (**ANTA**) encourages all residents to actively protect native tree seedlings. Trees that most urgently need your help include:

- Valley Oak (*Quercus lobata*)
- Blue Oak (*Quercus douglasii*)
- Sycamore (*Plantanus racemosa*)
- Black Walnut (*Juglans californica*)

Here is what you can do as the season's progress.

- **SPRING** - Look carefully for new seedlings. Install shelters over seedlings where trees are desired. Hand weed around seedlings before weed abatement. Mulch.
- **SUMMER** - Check mulch, water if necessary.
- **FALL** - Collect viable acorns.
- **WINTER** - Plant viable acorns, carefully weed around seedlings, check mulch.



Seedling Care

ANTA recommends the following procedures for caring for your native tree seedlings:

A. For established seedlings, hand weed a 3 to 5 foot diameter circle and mulch with a minimum 3 inch layer of organic mulch.

B. Shelters are used to enhance the growth and protect the seedlings from deer, rodents and livestock. Shelter tubes are available commercially or shelters can be made from chicken wire or hardware cloth.



Just as a healthy community consists of people of all ages, a healthy urban forest also must have diverse species of native trees of all ages. Although it may not be apparent, many areas in Atascadero have only old trees with few, if any seedlings.

Reasons for these regeneration problems include:

- Building and Development
- Weed Abatement
- Grazing
- Planting Non Native Species
- Urban Landscaping
- Predation by Wildlife
- Wildland Fires

