



Hours & Location

The Nix Native Plant Garden is located at 1745 Hoffman Mill Road and via the Poudre Trail between Timberline and Lemay.

Parking is available, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.– 5 p.m. (closed holidays).

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Nix Native Plant Garden

Discover the beauty of Colorado's native plants.



The City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Department's offices are surrounded by beautiful, diverse, and hardy gardens. The native plants are naturally adapted to the local region. You can save money, water, and maintenance time by using native plants like this in your own landscape.

As you stroll through the garden, enjoy each theme and notice how the plants are interesting year-round. The garden provides food, water, cover, and shelter to a variety of wildlife.



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Site History

The historic Nix Farm has been the Natural Areas Department's headquarters since 2002. The property was first homesteaded in 1889 and farmed by various owners until the City bought the property in 1996 from Tom and Patsy Nix. The area has been designated a Local Historic District.

The Garden

The native Colorado plants here support the Natural Areas Department's goal to conserve, restore and enhance native plant and animal communities. Most of the landscaping around the Farm House was planted in 2002 and the plants surrounding the Main Office were installed in 2014. The Garden showcases how native plants can rival the attractiveness of typical non-native landscape plant choices while creating habitat in an urban setting. The plants are labeled "Fort Collins Native" or "Colorado Native." The brochure, *Fort Collins Native Plants* at fcgov.com/naturalareas/native-plants.php is your guide to commercially available landscape plants.

The Art

Two *Art in Public Places* projects by Joe McGrane can be found in the garden. Look for McGrane's creatively carved stone basins and bird baths. The transformer cabinet art depicting the four seasons is by Gale Whitman.

Volunteers Needed!

Join an enthusiastic team that shares your passion for the outdoors and stewardship by helping to maintain the garden. Typical tasks include trimming, weeding, and filling bird feeders and baths. Contact the Natural Areas Volunteer Coordinator, Rachel Baludzzi to learn more, rbaludzzi@fcgov.com



Watch for Wildlife

Butterflies, cottontail rabbits, deer, foxes, raccoons, snakes, fox squirrels, and a large variety of birds are typical visitors to the garden. All wildlife species are welcome. The Nix Native Plant Garden is a place where wildlife and landscaping peacefully co-exist.