

Garden Event

4-9-26, 7pm, The ABCs of California's Native Bees with Krystle Hickman, Los Angeles 90027

Description = The Southern California Horticulture Society hosts Krystle Hickman who will be talking about the threats that bee species face worldwide due to climate change and habitat loss. With nearly 3,000 bee species native to western North America -- and over 1,600 of them residing in California -- our state is one of the most biodiverse regions in the world for bees. The number of species native to California dwarfs the variety to be found in whole countries, such as France or Argentina, and rivals the biodiversity of the entire continent of Australia. This natural abundance makes California significant terrain for entomologists, and Hickman will be profiling a handful of the species that underpin the ecologies of the Golden State, exploring how community science can support their conservation. Krystle Hickman is a National Geographic Explorer, TEDx speaker, conservation photographer, author, and native bee expert who uses her photography to raise awareness about the decline of native bee species and their complex ecosystems. She has presented at major global and academic venues, including the 2024 United Nations Biodiversity Conference (COP16), and universities including Harvard, UCLA and UC Irvine. This meeting will not be live-streamed, but will be recorded for viewing later on our YouTube Channel.

Cost = SCHS general meetings are free to SCHS members and current students with a school ID. There is a \$5 entry fee for non-members. We usually serve coffee and light refreshments. For more information, see the SCHS webpage, www.socalhort.org

Location = Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles 90027

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Meeting opens at 7:00 p.m.

Plant Forum at 7:15 p.m.

Program starts at 7:30 p.m.