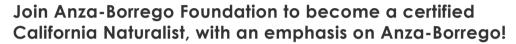
# 2025

# CALIFORNIA NATURALIST In The Desert



We've teamed up with University of California Environmental Stewards to offer an in-depth course for adult learners in the natural processes that make California home to more plant and animal species than any other state in the United States.



### Expert-led Field Trips & Lectures

We've brought in experts for lectures, discussions, and guided field trips in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Explore the Park through topics such as geology, ecology, water resources, & archaeology.



### Practice Interpretive Skills

Become a better communicator of natural history with hands on experience performing service in education & interpretation. The course includes a stewardship project & pathways to become an Education Program Host or gain UC Extension credits.



### Environmental Stewardship

Build environmental literacy and stewardship skills through discovery and action in California's largest state park, conducting participatory science and environmental program support.









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## **PROGRAM DETAILS**



### Fall Course Dates & Commitment

- 9 weeks: Oct 13 Dec 12, 2025
- Field trips in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park:

Saturdays Oct 25, Nov 8, Nov 22, Dec 6 (graduation), 9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.

- Virtual class discussions: Thursdays Oct 13 Dec 11, 5:00 p.m.-6 p.m.
- Self-paced online work & Pre-recorded lectures



#### Course Fees

\$425 for ABF Members, \$500 for general participants

- Includes nine weeks of online content, expert lectures,
  & guided field trips.
- Two Scholarships available for financial hardship -Email <u>Samantha@theABF.org</u>

Participants are responsible for purchasing required texts, travel to/from field sites, night time accommodations, & optional UC extension credit fees.



### Course Projects

Participants must complete:

- A Stewardship Project individually or as a group, which they present on graduation day,
- Are responsible for at least eight observations to the course iNaturalist Project,
- Must contribute to the class participatory science project.



### Questions? Contact Samantha@theabf.org

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