



# CALIFORNIA CHAPARRAL INSTITUTE

...the voice of the chaparral

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## Chaparral is California

1. Chaparral, a beautiful shrubland habitat, is California's most characteristic ecosystem.
2. Old-growth Chaparral represents one of California's most unique natural treasures.
3. Chaparral was the preferred habitat of California's State Animal, the California grizzly bear.



4. California chaparral is the world's best preserved example of a Mediterranean-type ecosystem.
5. The chaparral is the closest place most Californians can enjoy and reconnect with nature.



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## Protect What's Left

1. Designate the four National Forests in Southern California as National Chaparral Recreation Areas.
2. Create the Chaparral National Park and the Grizzly Bear National Monument. See website for details!
3. Designate chaparral as California's State Ecosystem and big-berry manzanita as the State Shrub.

## Chaparral Truths

1. Old-growth chaparral is a beautiful, healthy ecosystem. It does not "need" to burn.
2. Protecting chaparral is critical to protecting biodiversity in California.
3. Fire suppression has helped to preserve California's shrubland ecosystems. It has not led to an "unnatural" accumulation of chaparral or to unnaturally large fires.
4. Chaparral is sensitive to particular fire patterns. It is not adapted to fire per se.
5. Too much fire destroys chaparral, causing it to be replaced by flammable, non-native weeds.
6. Homes are best protected from wildfire by making them fire safe, not through massive habitat destruction ("fuel treatment") projects.

**Join the Institute** and you will be supporting research and educational efforts to promote a better understanding of and appreciation for California's most characteristic wilderness, the chaparral!

- \_\_\_ **\$40 Citizen Naturalist:** *The Chaparralian* periodic journal plus one additional benefit (check below).
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