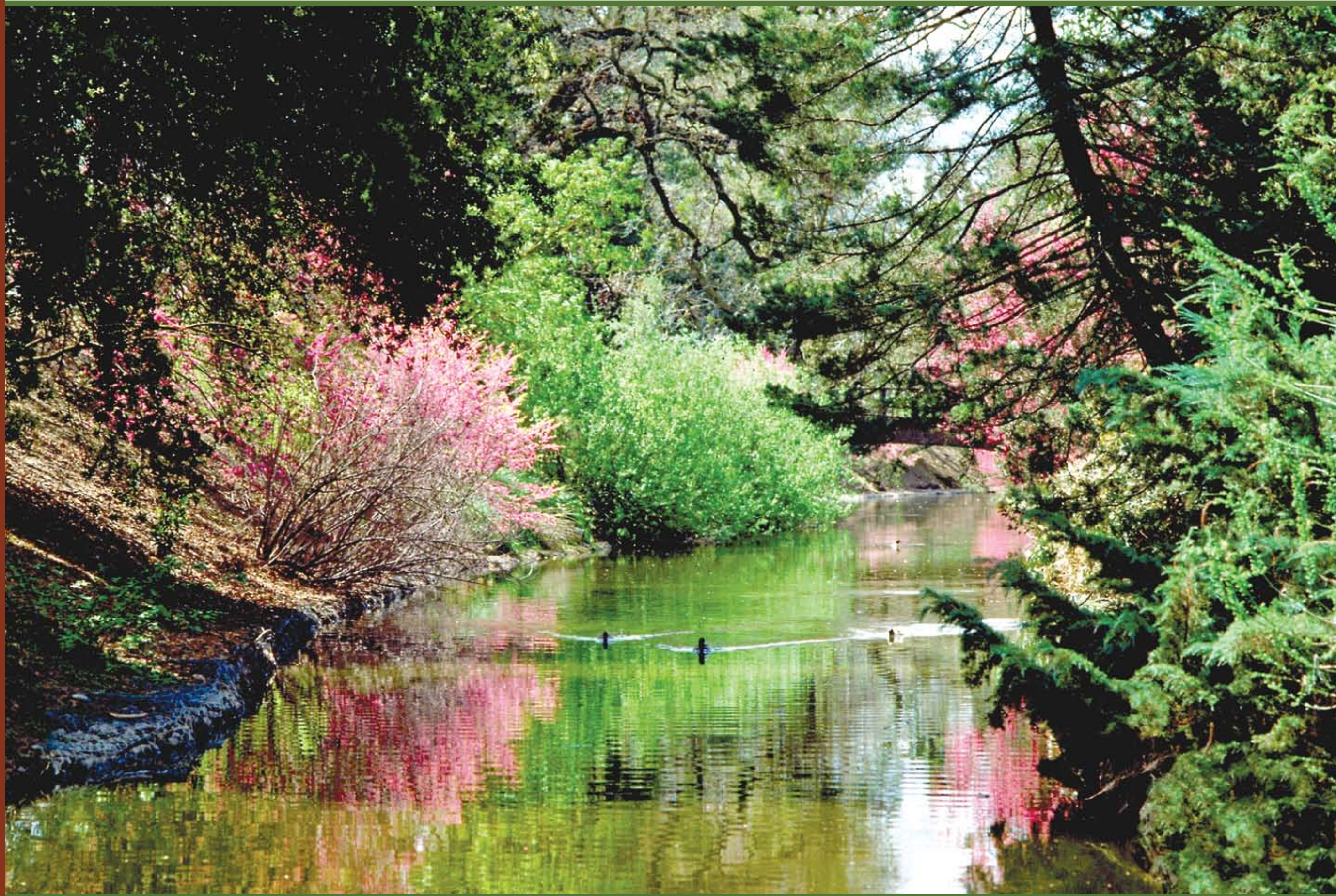


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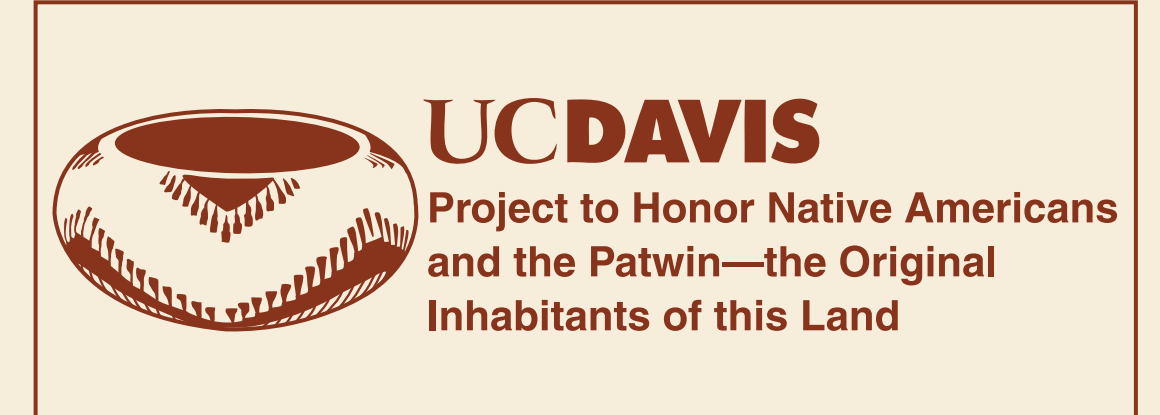
This garden honors the Patwin ancestors who lived on this land. Hundreds of Patwin villages also lined the many creeks that traverse this land from Glenn County to the San Francisco Bay. Today, the old villages are gone and only three federally recognized Patwin and Wintun Indian Rancherias remain: the Colusa Tribe, the Cortina Tribe, and the Yocha-De-He Wintu Nation.



The Arboretum waterway is an old channel of Putah Creek.

Although decimated by disease, forced relocation, and confinement to the Solano Mission, some Patwin escaped capture. They ran to the hills, relying on their intimate knowledge of the land, ceremonial traditions, and extended family ties with other villages to stay alive and reestablish their communities. Patwin Elder Bill Wright says that his ancestors “used to travel the valley and follow the seasons” as part of daily life that included hunting, fishing, collecting and processing acorns and berries, and gathering plants for basket making. The ancestors live through today’s Patwin people who continue their beliefs, language, and ceremonial traditions.

This campus is Patwin land and remains an important part of Patwin heritage and identity.



This site is one of several designed as part of a campus-wide project to honor Native Americans. It was developed in consultation with Patwin Elder Bill Wright and his family, in addition to faculty and students from Native American Studies and with Staff of American Indian Descent (SAID), Student Affairs, the Office of Resource Management and Planning, and the UC Davis Arboretum.

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