

# Hedgerows Benefits on Farms

A hedgerow is a row of trees, shrubs, bunch grasses and forbs on field edges.

## Natural Enemies

Hedgerows provide habitat and floral resources (pollen and nectar) for parasitoid wasps, lady beetles and other natural enemies of crop pests.

## Economics

Hedgerows enhance native bees and natural enemies in adjacent crops that can benefit crop production.

## Weed Control

Hedgerow plantings help out-compete weedy vegetation that harbors pests and diseases.

## Other Benefits

Windbreaks, living fence lines, buffer zones, shade, farm aesthetics

## Native Bees

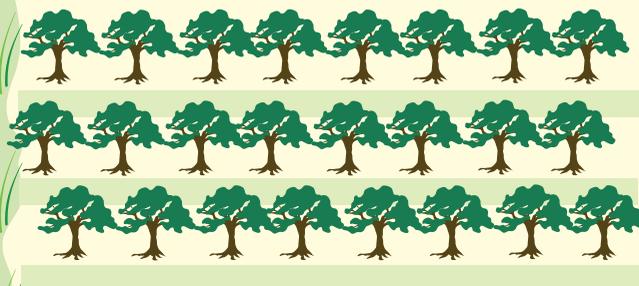
Hedgerows provide nesting habitat and floral resources (pollen and nectar) for native bees. Of California's 1,600 native bees 30% are cavity nesters, in old logs and hollow plant stems, and 70% nest underground.

## Biodiversity

Hedgerows provide cover, nesting, and foraging habitat for migratory and resident birds that call the Central Valley their home.

## Soil & Water Quality Protection

Deep roots and ground cover provided by hedgerows help stabilize soil, reduce erosion, filter runoff, increase water infiltration and improve soil structure.



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For more information on hedgerows see:  
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