Portuguese Bend Reserve is one of nine reserves that make up the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve owned by the City of Rancho Palos Verdes and managed by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy. This reserve is home to coastal sage scrub habitat, a community of intensely fragrant and highly drought resistant shrubs and flowering plants. Living throughout this rare habitat are many different animals, including the threatened California gnatcatcher and coastal cactus wren.

How You Can Help

If you would like to participate in Preserve stewardship including trail work or other volunteer projects, please call the Land Conservancy office at (310) 541-7613.

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Many of the plant communities and habitats found on the Reserve are representative of Southern California as it appeared before the arrival of Spanish settlers more than two centuries ago. California sagebrush, California sunflower, and purple sage are among the natives found within the scrublands.

Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy’s mission is: Preserving land and restoring habitat for the education and enjoyment of all.