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Whether it's a vegetable garden, house plants or a landscape...

A Garden Runs Through It

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This month's links:

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- [Birds on Fruit Trees](#)
- [Catchweed Bedstraw](#)
- [Mosquitos](#)

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Frequently Asked Questions:

My tomatoes are dying and it doesn't seem to matter what I do. What is wrong?

There is a good chance that it is Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus. We had a terrible time with it last year.

Infected plants exhibit bronzing of the upper sides of young leaves, which later develop distinct, necrotic spots. Leaves may be cupped downward. Some tip dieback may occur. On rip fruit, chlorotic spots and blotches appear, often with concentric rings. Green fruit show slightly raised areas with faint, concentric zones.

The virus is carried by an insect, Thrips. Thrips are very difficult to control. Remove and destroy infected plants to help control the spread of the virus. See www.ipm.ucdavis.edu



For more information:

Saving water in your Garden and Landscape:

[Click here](#)

Composting: Just Add Water and Stir

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Be a Composter

Try these composting tips:

- Add shredded paper for the "browns".
- Chip or grind larger material



Composting
Just add water and stir!
No fancy contraptions needed

- Compost happens, but the time varies with your level of labor
- Backyard composting allows you to recycle your yard clippings and kitchen scraps into valuable soil amendment.

For upcoming events and classes:

[Statewide Gardening Classes](#)

For more information about gardening in California:

[California Gardening](#)

For more information about water wise plants:

[UC Davis Arboretum](#)

For water saving tips:

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