



# The Power of Plants

Robin is the President and co-founder of The Power of Plants and the Executive Director of The SummerTree Institute. A professional biologist with over thirty years of experience as an interpretive specialist, Robin designs and presents acclaimed events and programs for adults and children. **The Power of Plants** conducts ongoing natural history experiences, lectures and seminars across the country, and is dedicated to inspiring people to join in the thrill of knowing, protecting, planting, and using native plants of the American West.



Co-founder & President

*Robin Kobaly*

After receiving her Master's Degree in Biology from the University of California Riverside, Robin traveled the world continuing her lifelong fascination with plants, birds and wildlife. She then began a twenty-year career with the Bureau of Land Management as a botanist, wildlife biologist and natural history interpreter. Robin has prepared and presented programs for television and radio broadcast as well as appearing as spokesperson for many different programs focused on natural history.

Over the years, Robin has studied the indigenous native people in many areas and has researched, tested and taught the use of plants for food, medicine, tools, clothing and art.



The SummerTree Institute is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation dedicated to providing new and refreshing viewpoints toward our environment, our place in it and our responsibility to it. [www.summertree.org](http://www.summertree.org)



Co-founder with her husband Doug Thompson, a marine naturalist, DolphinWorks conducts ongoing natural history experiences, lectures, wildlife and marine expedition's throughout the world. [www.dolphinworks.com](http://www.dolphinworks.com)

## SELECTED QUOTES

*"...Robin, I look forward to years of collaboration."*

**Jane Goodall**  
Ph.D, CBE  
UN Messenger of Peace

*"Thank you, once again, for sharing your vast knowledge of natural history and your contagious enthusiasm in training our staff. We look forward to your sessions every year..."*

**Joshua Tree National Park**

*"Don't leave California without going on a tour with Robin Kobaly. She's one of the best."*

**Bruce Babbitt**  
Former Secretary of the Interior  
Washington D. C.

*"...what a great morning we spent with you and what a treat to share your passion for nature."*

**California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program**

*"You are a legend in your own time. What an incredible touch and spirit you bring to everything near you..."*

**Kit Kimball**  
Dir., External & Intergovernmental Affairs  
U. S. Dept of the Interior  
Washington D.C.

*"Robin Kobaly's environmental education program at Big Morongo Canyon Preserve received the highest public approval rating of any Bureau of Land Management site in the Nation...."*

**Results of Year 2000 Visitor Use Survey**  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Washington D. C.

*"I just wish we could 'clone' you to other parts of the State and the Bureau."*

**Mike Pool**  
California State Dir., Bureau of Land Management  
U. S. Dept of the Interior



Robin co-founded The Wildlands Conservancy, a non-profit organization preserving wild American landscapes and our natural resources.