

# Darlingtonia

Newsletter of the North Coast Chapter of the California Native Plant Society  
Dedicated to the Preservation of California Native Flora

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## GOOD JOB, NORTH COAST! HOSTING THE CHAPTER COUNCIL by Carol Ralph

About 75 people from all over the state, including one from the new chapter in Baja California and 18 from our chapter, congregated in Trinidad, McKinleyville, and Arcata the weekend of September 7-8 for the CNPS annual summit on native plant conservation in conjunction with the quarterly board meeting and chapter council meeting.

Friday afternoon the gathering started with a meaningful field experience for many who arrived early especially to participate in it. Tony LaBanca and Michael McDowall shared the history, philosophy, and practicalities of Arcata Community Forest, while showing that an area logged is not necessarily an area devastated. Thank you, Tony and Michael! Meanwhile the state CNPS board of directors met in a Greenway Building conference room paid for by free hours from the Northcoast Environmental Center. Thank you, NEC! That evening many attendees gathered at Gordon Leppig and Julie Neander's house for home-made pizza, egg rolls, and sushi, for "meeting and greeting" old friends and new, and for campfire singing. Thank you, Gordon and Julie, for a congenial, comfortable, delicious evening!

Saturday the exciting conservation symposium, organized by the capable CNPS conservation director Greg Suba, entertained and informed all at the Trinidad Town Hall, a comfortable and scenic venue. Three of our chapter's steering committee members presented especially engaging, thought-provoking, and informative talks. The topics included: obstacles to preserving rare plants, effects of sea level rise, extent and nature of marijuana growing on private lands in Humboldt County, controlled burning on Bald Hills, fire in chaparral, and fire in the Sierras. The day ended with a happy hour, a buffet salmon dinner catered by Brett Shuler, with salmon provided by the Yurok Tribe, and a superb after-dinner presentation by James P. Smith, a CNPS fellow and local member. Thank you, Jim Smith, for a great talk! Thank you, Yurok Tribe, through Frank Lake and Chris Peters, for wonderful salmon! Thank you, Libations, for a good price on wine!

Sunday, again at Trinidad Town Hall, the chapter council delegates held their business meeting, which members were invited to attend. Dan Gluesenkamp, the executive director for one year now, reported several new hires at the state level, including a horticulture director. His ideas are many, and he is acquiring staff to activate them! Thanks to action at the state level, we chapters may now easily accept credit card sales (assuming we can master the technology). Delegates from other chapters told about some of their projects and concerns. Concurrent with the chapter council meeting, Greg Suba, seven of our chapter's "heavy weight" conservation thinkers, and three from other chapters carried on a far-ranging roundtable discussion on challenges to preserving rare plants. In the

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## FIELD TRIPS AND PLANT WALKS

Please watch for later additions on our Web site ([www.northcoastcnps.org](http://www.northcoastcnps.org)) or sign up for e-mail announcements ([Northcoast\\_CNPS-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:Northcoast_CNPS-subscribe@yahoo.com)).

Outings are open to everyone, not just members. All levels of expertise, from beginners to experienced botanizers, are welcome. Address questions about physical ability requirements to the leader. It is wise to contact the leader if you are coming, in case plans change.

**October 13, Sunday. Gold Bluff Beach Wetlands Day Hike.** In Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, between long, sandy Gold Bluff Beach and the bluffs that Fern Canyon dissects is a long, irregular wetland. In the fall wetlands are often more or less dry, making exploration more comfortable, but are still damp enough that plants are green and possibly even blooming. We will tramp around in this habitat finding marsh plants, dune plants, and coastal prairie plants, probably covering about 2 miles. This is a real exploration. We might have time to go up Fern Canyon as well. Dress for the weather; bring lunch and water. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Pacific Union School (3001 Janes Rd., Arcata ) or arrange another place. Return about 5 p.m. Please tell Carol you are coming, in case plans change (822-2015; [theralphs@humboldt1.com](mailto:theralphs@humboldt1.com)).

**November 2, Saturday. Russ Park Day Hike.** With Michael Kauffmann's book, *Conifer Country*, in hand we will do his Hike #2 in the beautiful, mature, coastal forest behind Ferndale. We should find 5 species of native conifer plus lingering or evergreen favorites of the lush understory. The trail is hilly, about 3 miles. Bring lunch and water; dress for the weather. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Pacific Union School (3001 Janes Rd., Arcata), 9:30 a.m. at Kohl's end of Bayshore Mall parking lot, or 10:00 a.m. at the parking area on Bluff St. in Ferndale. (Turn left off Main onto Ocean, go 1/2 mile.) Return by dark. It's good to tell Carol you are coming 822-2015.



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Our annual fall native plant sale will be on Saturday, October 5 at the Bayside Grange (located just off of Old Arcata Road at 2297 Jacoby Creek Rd.) from 10 – 3.

We offer a wide variety of plants from trees, shrubs and ferns to perennials for local gardeners to plant in their yards for a variety of habitat types. A partial list of plants includes: Wild Ginger (*Asarum vaudatum*), Inside-out Flower (*Vancouveria*), False Lily of the Valley (*Majanthemum dilatatum*), Coral

Bells (*Heuchera*), trilliums, ferns, Monkey Flowers (*Mimulus*), penstemon, salvia, buckwheat, yarrow, grasses and Western Columbine (*Aquilegia formosa*). Check our website [NorthCoastCNPS.org](http://NorthCoastCNPS.org) for an updated inventory list under Gardening | Native Plant Sales.

In addition to the plants that we propagate and grow from seed, divisions and cuttings, we will have local native plant nurseries there as well to add to the number of plant species available for purchase.

Experienced gardeners will be on hand to answer questions and help you make the best plant selections for your garden. We accept cash and checks at the sale. Please bring your own box to transport your plants home in.

Remember, that fall is the best time to plant! By doing so, your new plants have the fall and winter rains to water them and the time to put in new roots before their spring growth starts.

For more information contact Chris Beresford at [thegang7@pacbell.net](mailto:thegang7@pacbell.net) or call 707-826-0259.

## CHAPTER PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS

### EVENING PROGRAMS

Evening programs are free, public programs on the second Wednesday of each month, September through May, at the Six Rivers Masonic Lodge, 251 Bayside Rd., Arcata. Refreshments at 7:00 p.m.; Botanical FAQ's at 7:15 p.m., and program at 7:30 p.m. For information or to suggest a speaker or topic contact Michael Kauffmann at 707-407-7686 / michael\_kauffmann@yahoo.com.

- Oct 9**     **October 9.** Wednesday. 7:30 p.m. **"Conifers of the Pacific Slope."** Join local author, educator, and explorer **Michael Kauffmann** on a photographic journey along the Pacific Slope—from Baja California to British Columbia. Conifers survive within and among the most spectacular landscapes in the West, and Michael's plant explorations have brought him to many of these amazing destinations. Pictures will complement tales of climatic changes and deep-time evolution for one of the most ancient and interesting groups of plants on Earth. This talk will complement Michael's new book, *Conifers of the Pacific Slope*, which will be available for purchase.
- Nov 13**     **November 13,** Wednesday. 7:30 p.m. **"Glacier's Last Stand: a Flora of a Trinity Alps Sky Island"** Join three local ecologists on a personal journey of discovery into the coldest nook and possibly the shortest growing season in the Klamath Mountains. At the base of one of the region's two remaining vestigial glaciers, learn how passionate volunteer science leads to the unearthing of a little known natural history. Once a year, **Justin Garwood, Michael van Hattem, and Ken Lindke** venture into this wonderland to map the glacier's blue ice and define the diversity of pioneering plants that survive at its foot. Their goal: to interpret regional climate change and write, for the first time, a flora for one of the rarest and most isolated places in the Klamath. After several trips, and taxonomic guidance from two prominent local botanists (Tony LaBanca and Gordon Leppig) and the HSU herbarium, a thorough collection is now in hand. With the field work completed, now they strive to put it all together, compare it to past work, and update what is known about the botanical treasures from the last vestiges of a much colder time in the Klamath Mountains.
- Dec 11**     **Native Plant Show and Tell** An informal evening for anyone to share photos, artifacts, readings, or food related to native plants and their habits. Call 407-7686.
- Jan 8**     **Plant Galls** with **John DeMartini**
- Feb 12**     **The Flora of Yellowstone National Park** by **Jennifer Whipple**
- Mar 12**     **Early Cretaceous Flora of the Klamath Mountains** with **Mihai Tomescu** – a student-led fossil discovery from near Hayfork, California.
- Apr 9**     TBA
- May 14**     TBA with **Robert Van Pelt**

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**Correction:** The correct name for the non-native violet featured in the summer issue is *Viola Riviana*. The author apologizes for the mistake.

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# VOLUNTEER CORNER

Contact Carol (822-2015 / [theralphs@humboldt1.com](mailto:theralphs@humboldt1.com)) to volunteer, ask questions, or make suggestions.

## Thank you!

- ☞ **John McRae** and **Six Rivers National Forest** for leading a Rare Plant Treasure Hunt.
- ☞ **Gura Lashlee** for alerting us to an opportunity to advocate native plant landscaping, at the future federal building in McKinleyville, and attempting contact with the relevant people.
- ☞ **Sydney Carothers** for continuing her long service of producing a beautiful flier for each evening program (If you can print and post one or several, tell Carol) and for continuing and long attention to the Lassics Lupine.
- ☞ The amazing **Anna Bernard** for taking our presence and plants to the Dahlia Fest in Ferndale.
- ☞ **Gura Lashlee, Karen Isa, and Ann Burroughs** for helping Anna in that enterprise.
- ☞ **Chapter Council meeting**--See article on page 1 that identifies the many who helped put on this event.

**Volunteers needed.** Big jobs and small, every one important. Every job-holder is eligible to be on our Steering Committee.

- ☞ **Native Plant Sales** always need more hands to help transport plants, label plants, work the check-out table, help customers carry their purchases, and help customers select plants. Contact Chris Beresford 826-0259 or [thegang7@pacbell.net](mailto:thegang7@pacbell.net).
- ☞ **Chief Outreach.** Keep our displays and handouts in good shape for use at various public events, about 6/year. A good group of volunteers help staff the table (booth).
- ☞ **Science Fair Coordinator.** A brief, fun job one day each year in mid-March, selecting the recipient of our chapter's award. Other people help judge. Criteria have been developed.
- ☞ **School Visits to the Wildflower Show.** The procedures are established for this very important and rewarding aspect of the Spring Wildflower Show. We want students to come appreciate the flowers! We need a coordinator and a class recruiter, and people to teach lessons and escort groups. To find out how we can use your talents, call Carol 822-2015.
- ☞ **Plant Walk Scheduler.** Two-hour walks along popular, nearby trails to introduce plants are an important part of our mission to educate the public about native plants, as well as share our enthusiasm. We have a list of good places for walks and a list of people who can lead walks. We need a person to communicate with the leaders and get walks on the calendar.

## POTS NEEDED

The plant propagation committee is in need of small 6-packs, 4" square pots and 1-gallon pots for the chapter's native plant sales. We literally go through hundreds of these every year. If you have any extra of the above, you can drop them off at Chris Beresford's house at 4688 Jacoby Creek Road, Bay-side or at Anna Bernard's house at 3232 Alliance Road (in the subdivision at the end of K Street), Arcata. For additional information or to arrange for one of us to come and pick them up, contact Chris at [thegang7@pacbell.net](mailto:thegang7@pacbell.net) or at 826-0259 or Anna at [eabern@aol.com](mailto:eabern@aol.com) or at 826-7247.





## FIELD TRIP REPORTS

### SWIFT CREEK TRAIL AND SCOTT MOUNTAIN CAMPGROUND

July 12-14, 2013

by Carol Ralph

Our beautiful Trinity Alps weekend in Shasta-Trinity National Forest had two components, a day hike on Swift Creek Trail and explorations at Scott Mountain Campground, where most of us spent two nights. The Swift Creek Trailhead is near Trinity Center; the campground is 45 minutes farther north on Route 3, at the road summit.

Fifteen of us hiked the trail, which rose gently from 4,000 ft. and was rocky-rough in places. It followed Swift Creek east into the Alps, almost entirely in the Trinity Alps Wilderness. Only the fastest-moving of us went as far as Parker Meadow, about 4 miles in. We all went far enough to enjoy the open, mixed conifer forest and the many seeps or streams that crossed it. (I counted 9.) The forest was exclusively conifers, with varying proportions of Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), Incense Cedar (*Calocedrus decurrens*), White Fir (*Abies concolor*), Ponderosa Pine (*Pinus ponderosa*), Jeffrey Pine (*P. jeffreyi*), and Sugar Pine (*P. lambertiana*), with Western White Pine (*P. monticola*) added at the higher elevations. A few of the herbaceous plants we enjoyed were the very aromatic Green's Tasselbush (*Brickellia greenei*), Brewer's Clover (*Trifolium breweri*), Pine Lousewort (*Pedicularis semibarbata*), Pinedrops (*Pterospora andromedea*), and Whitestem *Frasera* (*Frasera albicaulis*).

The wet places added the real magic to the trail, the seeps and streams more than the creek itself. California Azalea (*Rhododendron occidentale*) lined them all. Among the treasures were Shasta Leopard Lily (*Lilium pardalinum* var. *shastense*), Explorer's Gentian (*Gentiana calycosa*), California Lady's Slipper (*Cypripedium californicum*), Tall Sneezeweed (*Helenium bigelovii*), White-flowered Bog Orchid (*Platanthera dilatata* var. *leucostachys*), Sparse-flowered Bog Orchid (*P. sparsiflora*), California Pitcher Plant (*Darlingtonia californica*), White Rush-lily (*Hastingsia alba*), Klamath Cone-flower (*Rudbeckia klamathensis*), Brewer's Swamp Thistle (*Cirsium douglasii* var. *breweri*), and yet-to-bloom Marsh Grass-of-Parnassus (*Parnassia palustris*). As the trail approached Parker Creek, a wetland thicket of willow (*Salix* sp.) and Pacific Ninebark (*Physocarpus capitatus*) paralleled it. Near Swift Creek California Angelica (*Angelica tomentosa*) (glaucous foliage, irregularly toothed; tomentous ovary) was blooming.

Scott Mountain Campground had well spaced campsites in a mixed conifer forest, beneath magnificent 500-year-old

Jeffrey Pines, carpeted with Pinemat Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos nevadensis*), Mahala Mat (*Ceanothus prostratus*), Creeping Snowberry (*Symphoricarpos mollis*), and Bear-grass (*Xerophyllum tenax*). The big attraction was the adjacent meadow, still green and dotted with yellow heads of Tall Sneezeweed and the first delicate, white heads of a yampah (*Perideridia* sp.). Other species blooming included Naked Star-Tulip (*Calochortus nudus*), White Rush-lily, Western False Asphodel (*Triantha occidentalis*), Gray's Lovage (*Ligusticum grayi*), Monkshood (*Aconitum columbianum*), Shasta Leopard Lily, White-flowered Bog Orchid, Little Elephant's Head (*Pedicularis attollens*), and California Bog Asphodel (*Narthecium californicum*). The downhill end was wetter, the haunts of California Pitcherplant. The upland habitats around the camp, including the Pacific Crest Trail going east and going west, and even the gravelly pullout by the road, also offered interesting species. About a half-mile west on the trail we found "Four Fern Rock," which I so named because it hosted American Parsley Fern (*Cryptogramma acrostichoides*), Lace Lip Fern (*Cheilanthes gracillima*), Dense Lace Fern (aka Indian's Dream) (*Aspidotis densa*), and Fragile Fern (*Cystopteris fragilis*).



Four Fern Rock. In front is Dense Lace Fern (*Aspidotis densa*). At rock's base, left to right, are Lace Lip Fern (*Cheilanthes gracillima*), American Parsley Fern (*Cryptogramma acrostichoides*), and Fragile Fern (*Cystopteris fragilis*).

As a group our chapter has enjoyed this campground in the past, as a base for a loop hike to Deadfall Lakes (July 10, 2004) and a hike with Shasta Chapter at Kangaroo Lake (July 30, 2005) (see Fall 2005 issue of *Darlingtonia*).

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## LADY BIRD JOHNSON LOOP, WITH ADDITIONS STAGECOACH HILL AZALEA RESERVE

June 9, 2013

by Carol Ralph

Early June is bloom time for rhododendrons, one of the good times to visit Lady Bird Johnson Grove in Redwood National Park, up Bald Hills Rd., just north of Orick. Nine CNPSers, well armed with photographic equipment, walked the gentle, 1.3-mile loop trail and then had time to explore a bit farther up Bald Hills Rd.

Before heading up the trail, true to our reputation, we spent time in the parking area. This was time well spent, where everyone could stand together and review or learn the dominant trees and shrubs and a good assortment of the herbaceous plants we would be seeing the rest of the day. The forest had few tree species, only Redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*), Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), Tanoak (*Notholithocarpus densiflorus*), Grand Fir (*Abies grandis*), and Western Hemlock (*Tsuga heterophylla*). On the other hand, the understory included six "berry"-bearing shrubs: Evergreen and Red Huckleberry (*Vaccinium ovatum* and *V. parvifolia*), Salmonberry (*Rubus spectabilis*), Thimbleberry (*Rubus parviflora*), Salal (*Gaultheria shallon*), and Red-flowering Currant (*Ribes sanguineum*). By the time we reached the fork in the trail, where the actual loop starts, we had seen all the usual suspects you would expect in a Redwood forest. Bog Wintergreen (*Pyrola asarifolia*) was a less familiar species that we spotted. We appreciated the arrangement of both species of fairybells side-by-side. Smith's Fairybells (*Prosartes smithii*) averaged a bit larger plant with wider leaves, and its leaves were described by our group as puckered or wavy, rubbery, smooth, and quiet when rubbed between the fingers. Hooker's Fairybells (*P. hookeri*) was slightly fuzzy, soft but rough, noisy when rubbed between the fingers, like the noise of rubbing sandpaper.

The forest was magnificent and stately; the rhododendrons added their eye-catching pick ruffles to the general greenery. It was a good, big-tree interlude.

After completing the LBJ trail, we followed advice and went up the road to a pull-out just above a 25-mph sign. A crowd of flowering Red Clintonia (*Clintonia andrewsiana*) greeted us there, and a generous stand of Columbia Lily (*Lilium columbianum*) in bud was preparing its show for later in the month. Thinking we might find flowers in the coastal prairie, we continued up the road. About 3.3 miles

up from LBJ trailhead, in a second growth redwood stand, we spotted something interesting and stopped. Here in a second-growth forest were good numbers of the chlorophyll-free orchids, Spotted Coralroot (*Corallorhiza maculata*), Merten's Coralroot (*Corallorhiza mertensiana*), as well as a little stand of Heart-leaf Twayblade (*Listera cordata*), a tiny, green orchid. The first prairie was 6.3 miles up from LBJ trailhead. After the gentle shade of the forests, we found the prairie hot and bright, and no flowers enticed us farther into it.



Smith's (left) and Hooker's (right) Fairybells

On our way back south toward home many of us stopped at the Stagecoach Hill Azalea Reserve, one of those pocket parks that California State Parks is struggling to maintain. (From 101 north of Big Lagoon, south of Dry Lagoon, turn east onto Kane Rd and follow it left up the hill.)



We followed the left fork of the loop trail to our quarry in a bare, open, young, spruce forest, where dense shade inhibited almost everything green except moss. There were the dark green mats of One-flowered Wintergreen (*Moneses uniflora*), decorated with precious, white, waxy flowers. This rare species is ranked 2.2, i.e. rare in California, common elsewhere.

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After appreciating this elf-like species, we completed the loop trail and enjoyed some late, fragrant Western Azalea (*Rhododendron occidentale*) flowers in the sunny thickets overlooking the Pacific Ocean.



One-flowered Wintergreen.



Each person has his own way of appreciating One-flowered Wintergreen.



Azalea Reserve photos courtesy of Gura Lashlee



### HORSE LINTO March 30, 2013 by Carol Ralph

On a mild day between winter and spring 19 excited botanizers headed out to Horse Linto in the Lower Trinity Ranger District of the Six Rivers National Forest. To get there we turned left in Willow Creek on Country Club Road and continued left on Patterson Rd. After a couple miles we followed the main road where it turned right to become Forest Highway 4, the road toward Horse Linto and Waterman Ridge. In about half mile we turned left on 8N03, signed for Horse Linto. After about 2 miles the road crossed Horse Linto Creek on a large bridge, and just beyond on the right was Horse Linto Campground, where we parked and picnicked. We explored the camp site, the bridge area, and the roadsides. From the campground we walked up the road, down the right fork of the road (7N30D), across a second bridge over Horse Linto Creek, and up the hill 100 m to a left curve, where the interpretive trail started on the right side of the road. It went down the bank to the bed of Cedar Creek and about 1/3 mile along it, with a few rough spots and a steep part.

A Forest Service interpretive pamphlet exists: "Horse Linto Creek Interpretive Trail--a Salmon Success Story" (1992). It tells about the structures, engineering, and fish biology involved in the salmon and steelhead restoration project here. It also tells that the name "Horse Linto" is a corruption of the Native American name "Has-Len-Din," meaning the sound of water rushing over rocks.

In the campground the stand of California Black Oaks (*Quercus kelloggii*) was still leafless, and the lush green carpet on the ground included leaves of Checker Lily (*Fritillaria affinis*) and Blue Dicks (*Dichelostemma capitata*), and blooming Miner's Lettuce (*Claytonia perfoliata*), Vari-leafed Nemophila (*Nemophila heterophylla*) and Common Chickweed (*Stellaria media*). The roadside, its rock faces, and road cuts had a variety of the usual non-natives but also blooming Milkmaids (*Cardamine californica*), Mertens' Saxifrage (*Saxifraga mertensiana*), California Fawn Lily (*Erythronium californicum*), Indian Warrior (*Pedicularis densiflora*), and Snow Queen (*Synthyris reniformis*), and an assortment of shrubs to study. Both Mountain Dogwood (*Cornus nuttallii*)(showy, wide, white flower clusters) and Blackfruit Dogwood (*Cornus sessilis*)(shy, hanging, yellowy green clusters) were blooming along here. The

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## MEMBERS' CORNER

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MARY BETH AVERILL

VIRGINIA CHATFIELD

ROB FOWLER

CATHERINE McNALLY

JUSTIN ROBBINS

### THANK YOU RENEWING MEMBERS

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To join or renew, you can either:

- ◆ Send your name and address, check (payable to CNPS) CNPS, 2707 K St., Suite 1, Sacramento, CA 95816-5113.
- ◆ Pay on-line <http://www.cnps.org/cnps/join/>

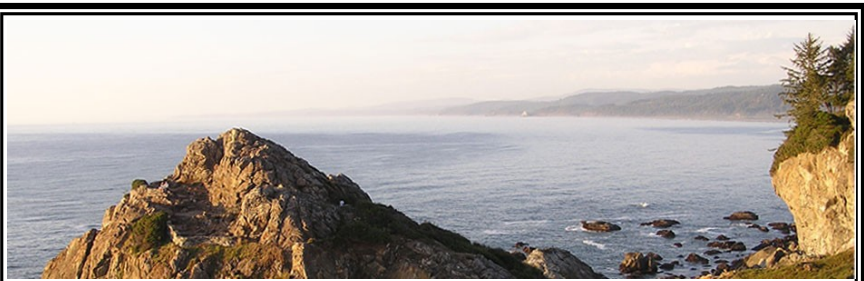


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afternoon some attendees and a number of our local members headed off on field trips to see two examples of natural succession destroying habitat of rare plants, at Big Lagoon Bog with Dennis Walker and Table Bluff with Dave Imper. A few visitors walked to the native plant garden at the Trinidad Museum and enjoyed that with Ron Johnson. Thank you, Dave Imper, Tony LaBanca, and Gordon Leppig for great presentations, and Dave, Dennis, and Ron for leading outings!

To manage the hall and provide breakfasts, lunches, and morning and afternoon snacks throughout the weekend our chapter marshalled a troop of talented volunteers. THANK YOU, Melanie Johnson, CJ Ralph, Melinda Groom, Dave Imper, David Price, Frank Milezic, Jen Kalt, Cara Scott, Stephanie Klein, and Ron Johnson, for helping purchase food and beverages and prepare and serve the food. Special mention goes to Melanie for becoming de-facto hall manager, with ensuing challenges, such as darkening the room for projection. During the meeting Tony LaBanca and Cara Scott tended the registration table, and Greg O'Connell and Amy Livingston minded the t-shirt sales. Thank you!

Finally, many thanks to Larry Levine, who prompted us to invite the chapter council here, oversaw the arrangements (a multi-faceted task), and coordinated with the caterer. I networked to find all those volunteers! Thank you, all!



## TRINIDAD AREA VOLUNTEER DAYS Forest Restoration

Saturdays 9 am—12pm. Spend the morning removing English ivy and other invasive, non-native plants, helping to restore the park. *FREE.*

**Site One: Patrick's Point State Park** (inquire at the Park's entrance station for meeting place) -

- September 14
- October 12
- November 9

**Site Two: Trinidad State Beach** (Take right on Stagecoach Rd- next to Trinidad School and turn left into Day Use Area) -

- September 28
- October 26
- November 23

For more information call: 707.677.3109

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### Autumn Haiku—Evening Stroll on a Forest Path

Tall yellowed fern fronds  
Waving in the breeze --  
Twilight ghosts of the forest.



sylvia white



A happy family of a bronzy Giant Purple Trillium (*Trillium kurabayashii*). Note the juvenile leaves below the flowering stems.

Douglas-fir forest along the trail was just "waking up," with Smith's Fairy Bells (*Prosartes smithii*) and False Lily-of-the-Valley (*Maianthemum dilatatum*) just leafing out. Immediately along the creek were leafless White Alder (*Alnus rhombifolia*) and Blackfruit Dogwood. In the rich, damp, riparian canyon we found the treasure of the outing --enormous Giant Purple Trillium (*Trillium kurabayashii*) (see Note 1), some deep maroon, some bronzy, some muddy yellow. Pristine white Western Trillium (*Trillium ovatum*) were here too.

We enjoyed this nearby, yet out-of-the-way corner of the mountains. It's shady canyon, cool water, and mossy trunks would be welcome in the heat of summer. We were impressed by the abundance of Snow Queen and Milkmaids and by the giant size of a number of species-- Candy Flower (*Claytonia sibirica*), Redwood Sorrel (*Oxalis oregana*), Little-leaf Montia (*Montia parvifolia*), Giant Purple Trillium, and even the juvenile Checker Lily. Poison Oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*) was pervasive, and there was entirely too much Himalaya Blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*). Adjacent private land restricted exploration in the downstream direction. En route was a road bank not to miss: where FH 4 curves sharply right (on your way in) shortly before the left turn to Horse Linto was a spectacular stand of California Fawn Lilies embellished with Indian Warrior, Kellogg's Tauschia (*Tauschia kelloggii*), and California Ground-cone (*Kopsiopsis strobilacea*).

Note 1. Even wonderful, popular flowers can be in name limbo or confusion, e.g. this gorgeous trillium. In California, in *The Jepson Manual*, because of its stamens only somewhat taller than the ovary this trillium is considered part of *Trillium angustipetalum*, and no purple trillium exists in NCoRO or NCo, even though we see this one. In Oregon, following trillium experts like Frederick Case and Roberta Case (*Trilliums*. 1997), because of the anther structure this trillium is known as *Trillium kurabayashii*, as in *Wildflowers of the Pacific Northwest* by Turner and Gustafson (2006).



"Pleased to meet you!" Making closer acquaintance with a troop of dancing, white California Fawn Lilies (*Erythronium californicum*) along the road to Horse Linto.



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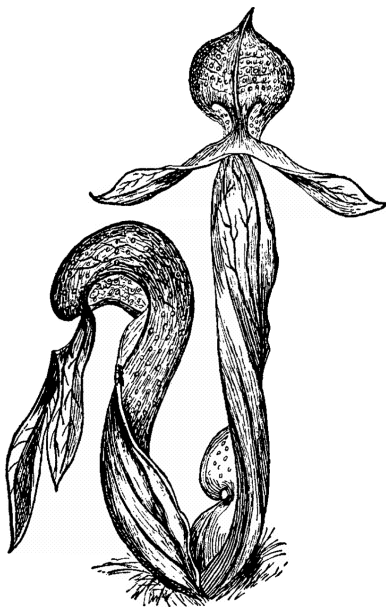


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- ◆ Wed 13: Program

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- ◆ Wed 11: Program

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- ◆ Wed 8: Program

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#### ***March***

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