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Spring 2019
April-July

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

Hope to see you at BOTH events!

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Spring Wildflower Show

The North Coast Celebration of Wild California Plants

Jefferson Community Center,
1000 B St. Eureka, CA

Friday, May 3, 2-8 p.m.
Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday, May 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.



Quercus kelloggi by Marina Gagarina

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Native Plant Sale

Freshwater Farms Reserve

5851 Myrtle Ave Eureka, CA

Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday, May 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.



Asclepias speciosa by Marina Gagarina

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EVENING PROGRAMS AND FIELD TRIPS

Please watch for updates on our web site (www.NorthCoastCNPS.org) or sign up for e-mail announcements (Northcoast_CNPS-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

Evening programs are free, public programs on the second **Wednesday** of each month, September through May, at Six Rivers Masonic Lodge, 251 Bayside Rd., Arcata. Refreshments at 7:00 p.m., program at 7:30 p.m. For information or to suggest a speaker or topic contact Michael Kauffmann at 707-407-7686

April 10, Wednesday. 7:30 p.m. "Native Plants: the Wild among Us." Dr. Eva Begley, author of the recently published *Plants of Northern California, A Field Guide to Plants West of the Sierra Nevada*, botanized for 40 years in the Sacramento region, mostly in suburbia, wildlife areas, and agricultural lands. She will surprise you with the array of native plants she found—from the tiny to the showy. Her book will be for sale.

May 8, Wednesday. 7:30 p.m. "Blue Collar Botany." Artist and railroader Joey Santore began his journey into botany ten years ago by studying conifers and is currently fascinated with the sunflower family, Asteraceae. With his wonderful photos Joey will take us to botanical destinations in the United States and Mexico and share his diverse passions for native plants, the mysteries of plant distributions, the genus *Hesperocyparis*, desert flora, evolutionary radiations, and street tacos. Check out his photos on Instagram [@crime_pays_but_botany_doesnt](https://www.instagram.com/crime_pays_but_botany_doesnt).

FIELD TRIPS, LONG AND SHORT

Spring 2019

Want to suggest, plan, or lead a field trip? Ideas are welcome! Contact Carol: theralphs@humboldt1.com or 707-822-2015

Outings are open to all, not just members. All levels from beginner to experienced botanizer are welcome. Address questions about physical requirements to the leader. Contact the leader so you can be informed of any changes.

April 14, Sunday. 1-3 p.m. Botanizing the Hammond Trail Loop. Along this wonderful McKinleyville trail see remnants of the native vegetation. Wildflower author and enthusiast Elaine Allison will lead this walk of about one mile along coastal bluffs and coastal prairie, through Beach Pine and streamside forest, where you will see many common plants and at least one officially rare species. Meet at the west end of Murray Rd. For information: 707-822-2015 or theralphs@humboldt1.com

April 20, Saturday. 12:30-3:30 p.m. Native Plants in Arcata's Gardens and Forest. Join Carol Ralph for a walk from the Arcata Community Center to Arcata Community Forest and back to see native plants in public and private landscapes and in a redwood forest. They will identify a

range of native plants and invasive plants, see wildlife in a native plant garden, and think about how to mimic wild habitats in the confines of gardens. Hopefully, trillium will be blooming in the forest. The walk is about 3 miles on sidewalks and good paths, with about 250 ft. elevation gain. Call 826-7050 to register for this free trip sponsored by California Native Plant Society at Godwit Days, or register for Godwit Days at www.godwitdays.org.

April 27, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. Ferns of the Dunes. At the Lanphere Dunes Unit of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge Carol Ralph will introduce eight species of common ferns during an easy walk of about 1/4 mile along the riparian edge of the dunes, and discuss some of the amazing aspects of fern life. Bring a hand lens if you have one and be prepared for mosquitoes. Meet at Pacific Union School, 3001 Janes Road in Arcata and carpool to the protected site. Co-sponsored by the California Native Plant Society and Friends of the Dunes. Please reserve your space by contacting Friends of the Dunes at (707) 444-1397 or info@friendsofthedunes.org

April 28, Sunday. Coyote Creek Basin Day Hike. If spring has begun at elevation 1,700-2,900 ft., we will see it happening in oak woodland and coastal prairie in the southeast corner of Redwood National Park near the Lyon Ranch Trail off Bald Hills Rd. If we feel ambitious, we will shuttle cars and walk the 5.1-mile route as suggested in Ken Burton's *Hiking Humboldt vol. 1, 55 Day Hikes in Northwest California*. Come prepared for varied weather; bring lunch and water. Meet at 9 a.m. at Pacific Union School (3001 Janes Rd., Arcata) to carpool. Tell Carol if you are interested, as plans might be adjusted as the date approaches: 707-822-2015; theralphs@humboldt1.com.

May 18, Saturday. Pine Ridge Trail Day Hike. See why all the talk about oak woodlands. This trail in Lacks Creek Management Area of the Bureau of Land Management takes us past delphiniums, Pussy Ears, violets, lupines, Blue Dicks, iris, Checker Lily, and more. This is a site of oak woodland restoration, where BLM has removed young conifers coming up among the oaks. We will hike about 4 miles on uneven trail with little change of elevation. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Pacific Union School (3001 Janes Rd., Arcata). Dress for being in mountain weather all day. At elevation 3,600 ft. it can be hotter or colder than on the coast. Bring lunch and water. Return late afternoon. Carol 822-2015

May 19, Sunday. 1-3 p.m. Rohner Park: a rich history and flora. Join Wiyot Tribe botanist Adam Canter for an easy walk, about 1 mile, in a small, rich, old stand of second growth Redwood right in Fortuna. See as many as ten species of ferns, numerous, dainty, redwood forest flowers, and learn what the forest tells us of its past. Meet at the Fireman's Pavilion in Rohner Park, on Park St. off Main St., by 16th St. For information: 707-822-2015 or

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June 2, Sunday. 1-3 p.m. **Wildflowers on Hikshari' Trail.** Join us on Eureka's Hikshari' Trail to see wildflowers, both native and non-native. Blue-eyed Grass, Yarrow, Twinberry, Douglas Iris, and the rare Humboldt Bay Owl's-clover will be in bloom along this 3/4-mile section of the trail. Experienced interpreter and gardener, and Hikshari' Volunteer Trail Steward Coordinator, Wanda Naylor will point out what is native and what is not and why we care. Meet at the Elk River Slough Parking area at the end of Hilfiker St., Eureka, a few blocks south of Bayshore Mall. Rain or shine. Children welcome when accompanied by an adult. For more information call 707-502-5793.

June 9, Sunday. 1-3 p.m. **Grass Appreciation Walk** with Claire Brown. Grass flowers are intricate and beautiful, especially when you learn where to look. Get your grass in gear and join us for a slow walk to learn to recognize and appreciate our local grasses. Grass anatomy, terminology, and ecology will be discussed and admired, and species encountered identified. Meet in Arcata Marsh, the big parking lot at the end of I Street. For information write Claire: mycorrhizal@gmail.com.

June 15, Saturday. Field Trip. Destination to be decided. Maybe an overnight.

July 14, Sunday. Field trip. Destination to be decided. Maybe an overnight.

Elections in October

Our four officers are elected every two years. We are soliciting nominations for president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary for elections in October. **Now is a good time** to join our steering committee. Contact Carol.

RECYCLING BOTANICAL BOOKS

Do you have plant-related books, including taxonomy, field guides, gardening, etc. that you no longer want to keep on your shelves? We will be holding a botanical book sale at our September evening program. Books donated will be available at great prices to support our chapter activities. To donate or help with the sale, contact Carol Ralph 822-2015.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

See how you can help!

These are some of the things our volunteers have done and are doing. Everything we do is with volunteer labor. Every job, small or large, is important for getting things done. We appreciate our many, talented, generous volunteers. You can be one too! Contact Carol at 707-822-2015 or theralphs@humboldt1.com

Thank you!

Anita Gilbride-Read for drafting our budget and having all the numbers ready for it. What a good treasurer!

Nancy Ihara and **Anita Gilbride-Read** for taking the CNPS presence and the Tallamy message to the Unitarians' Earth Fair.

Barbara Russell for joining Melinda Groom and Frank Milelcik in providing and serving refreshments at our evening programs.

Marina Gagarina for drawing oak and milkweed flowers for our show and sale publicity.

Help Needed

contact Carol Ralph 707-822-2015 or theralphs@humboldt1.com

Book Sale manager. We have received enough used botanical books to have a fun sale. We need someone to organize the books, plan how to display them, and supervise the sale Wednesday, September 11, at our evening program 7-9:00 p.m..

Newsletter Indexer. Would you like to be able to find a past article in our newsletter? I would! We need someone to go through back issues and create an index of authors and titles.

Garden Tour Organizer. Just what it says. We'd love to have one, but need the person to make it happen.

Field Trip Reports

Skunk Cabbage Trail Day Hike by Janet Stock
with plant notes by Carol Ralph 23 February 2019

I was itching to get outside. That early spring call of bright green, the very beginning of flowers, stir crazy after a rainy (even snow!) late winter. The promise of spring despite the forecast of showers spurred five of us to set off for the Skunk Cabbage Trail, just north of Orick in Redwood National Park to see what adventures awaited us.

The first adventure was a very large Redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*), perhaps one of the remnant old growth trees left when the area was logged, across the trail. Some



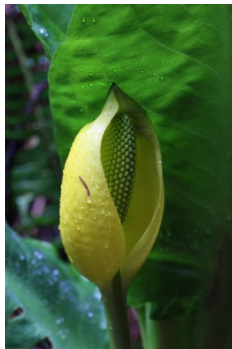
Ready to get on with the hike, our group celebrates circumventing the enormous tree across the trail.

Some of us felt daunted by the immensity of the shattered pieces of trunk in our way, but Carol scouted the way and carefully guided us through branches at the "top". Ann noted it was probably the only time we would be

able to experience the crown of a giant tree. This took careful stepping to avoid falling through branches and a good half hour. On the other side, we could look back and still see the car.

Onward, in light but steady rain that lasted for the day.

We did not make it out of the lowlands of skunk cabbage creek, but my desire for spring beginning was joyfully fulfilled. Red Elderberry (*Sambucus racemosa*) leaves just emerging in clumps on bare branches. One little golden flower of Redwood Violet (*Viola sempervirens*). A few hot pink Salmonberry (*Rubus spectabilis*) flowers just opening. And of course, brilliant yellow hoods of Skunk Cabbage (*Lysichiton americanus*) with raindrops glistening on their bright green, waxy leaves.



Spreading Wood Fern (*Dryopteris expansa*) and Deer Fern (*Struthiopteris (Blechnum) spicant*) made lush, green beds on the old logging road. The erect fertile leaves of some Deer Fern were a good three feet tall. Sword Fern (*Polystichum munitum*) reliably covered the slopes. Lady ferns (*Athyrium felix-femina*) were still dormant.

Carol pointed out the bare, delicate branches of the deciduous False Azalea (*Menziesia ferruginea*) growing behind a downed log. We did find one of our targeted plants, Pacific Golden Saxifrage (*Chrysosplenium glechomifolium*) next to one of the flowing creeks and in two other damp places. This slightly succulent, yellow-green, mat-forming member of the Saxifrage Family has California rare plant rank 4.3, meaning a limited distribution in California. We did not see any trillium. I want to go back in a month and see if they were there but still dormant, or simply not there.

Some other trees were down across the trail, but manageable and easy to navigate. Carol and David examined a Port Orford Cedar

(*Chamaecyparis lawsoniana*), not common in this coastal area, but clearly more delicate and marked with less white than the Western Redcedar (*Thuja plicata*).



This forest of large Sitka Spruce (*Picea sitchensis*), Red Alder (*Alnus rubra*), Redwood and Western Hemlock (*Tsuga heterophylla*) was a

perfect place to spend a mildly rainy day. The many, large stumps of old growth, logged trees, reminders of past destruction, sprouted a plethora of life. David thought these gardens looked like the plumes on ladies' hats. I thought they looked like Medusa's heads of snakes. Carol studied the stumps where Red Huckleberry (*Vaccinium parvifolium*), Salal (*Gaultheria shallon*), and False Azalea grew. On these pedestals they were above the shading Sword Ferns, getting more light on a more well drained substrate. Many moss-covered, dead trees and mist on the higher ridges added to the spectral greenness. It was moody, wet, and quiet. For a few moments a chorus of minor, haunting calls of Varied Thrush surrounded us, adding to the feel of isolation and magic.

After deciding we were wet enough, we turned back, feeling trepidation about getting back around the fallen behemoth between us and the car. From the returning side, we decided going carefully over the broken trunk was much faster. Back at the car, we peeled off layers of wet clothing and agreed with C.J.'s suggestion to stop for a well deserved cup of hot chocolate at the Palm Cafe in Orick.

Native Plants for Baby Caterpillars by Donna Wildearth

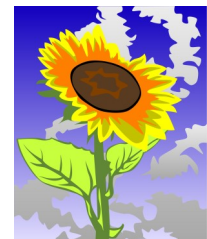
As a follow-up to the Douglas Tallamy video shown at our November meeting, I compiled a list of local native plants ranked by the number of butterfly/ moth species using them as host plants for their caterpillars. This list is based on information from www.nwf.org/NativePlantFinder for Eureka, 95501 based on Dr. Tallamy's research. The number of species refers *only* to native species; Japanese Maple, for instance, would not support the number of species given in this table. According to Tallamy, cogeners (non-native species in the same genus) only support, on average, 50% of the caterpillar species supported by natives. I omitted plants unlikely to be available commercially and/or used in gardens.

Trees and Shrubs

Willow (328 species of caterpillars)
Oak (275)
Bitter Cherry, Choke Cherry (262)
Aspen, Cottonwood, Poplar (230)
Beach Pine (220)
Red Alder, White Alder (202)
Oregon Crabapple (155)
Bigleaf Maple, Vine Maple, Mountain Maple (120)
Ceanothus (Blueblossom, Buckbrush, Deer Brush, Tobacco Brush, Whitethorn) (120)
Grand Fir, White Fir (117)
Douglas Fir (116)
Sitka Spruce (114)
Western Hemlock (108)
Black Huckleberry, Red Huckleberry (107)
Rose (99)
Blackberry, Thimbleberry, Salmonberry (96)
Black Hawthorn (78)
Serviceberry (77)
California Hazelnut (71)
Manzanita (68)
Wild Grape (62)
Red-twig Dogwood (58)
Oregon Ash (57)
Western Red Cedar (49)
Madrone (48)
Douglas Spiraea (44)
Coyote Brush (39)
Oceanspray (37)
Mountain Mahogany (36)
Western Azalea (36)
Snowberry (33)

Flowers and Grasses

Lupine (74 species of caterpillars)
Beach Wormwood (68)
Beach Strawberry, Woodland Strawberry (64)
Sunflower [*Helianthus bolanderi*] (58)
Deer Vetch [*Lotus*] (54)
Canada Goldenrod (53)
Butterweed [*Senecio*] (39)
Willowherb [*Epilobium*] (31)
Penstemon (29)
Bee Plant [*Scrophularia*] (11)
Milkvetch (29)
Violet (29)
Vetch (28)
Phacelia (25)
Blue Flax (22)
Evening Primrose (21)
Beach Daisy (21)
Yarrow (20)
Gum Plant [*Grindelia*] (19)
Cudweed [*Gnaphalium*] (18)
Cinquefoil [*Potentilla*] (17)
Pearly Everlasting (15)
Hedgenettle (14)
Rock Cress [*Arabis*] (14)
Balsamroot (12)
Clematis (12)
Monkeyflower (12; *except* Sticky)
Checkermallow [*Sidalcea*] (11)
Dogbane (11)
CA Fescue, Red Fescue, Idaho Fescue (11)
Wooly Sunflower (11)



Nursery Thank You's

Chris Beresford

We have been very busy at the nursery these last few months working on projects and getting ready for the Spring Plant Sale! Many thanks to the following volunteers who have helped: Karen Isa, Carol Ralph, Barbara Wilkinson, Sharon King, Nancy Brockington, Laura Guildin, Anita Gilbride-Read, Christine Kelly, Joan Tippets, Barbara Reisman, Marina Gagarina, Mary Alward, Brenna Silbory, Ila Osburn, Carol Woods, Sue Ayer Marquette, Sam O'Connell, Arlene Broyles, Rita Zito and Sydney Carothers. Everyone plays a role in helping to keep the nursery moving forward by helping with starting seeds; transplanting starts into 6 packs, 4" pots, and 1-gallons; weeding/trimming plants; sterilizing pots, documenting seed germination and transplanting data; and keeping our hoop-house and tools, tables, gloves, etc. clean and sterilized. Thanks everyone for working so hard!

Many thanks go to Barbara Wilkinson for taking the lead on getting the new garden area ready for upcoming spring planting. Barbara has figured out, using her own beautiful yard as a lab, a method for dealing with weeds and, getting an area without good soil healthy and productive again. Barbara and volunteers first laid cardboard, then covered it with bales of rice straw and finally, thick layers of wood chips. We have started preparing our first planting area by putting down compost and soil.

Thanks again to Barbara and Alan Wilkinson for picking up 20+ bales of rice straw and a yard of compost and for using their trailer to move loads of wood chips to the nursery. Thanks to Karen Isa for getting cardboard for the garden area.

Thanks also to Christine Kelly and Sam O'Connell for helping me with the new sign formats at the Kneeland Glen Farm Stand. Our old signs can't withstand the rains and wind of Humboldt county. Thanks to Christine for helping out with the plant stand while Sam is off on "maternity leave". Christine has willingly done everything I asked and it is greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to PIP Printing in Downey, CA who printed our new vinyl signs with a "mom" discount, courtesy of my oldest son and daughter-in-law; thanks Matt and Nicole!

Thanks to Barbara Wilkinson for helping with our spring plant sale poster. Barbara, ever creative, also came up with the idea of making gardening aprons out of empty potting soil bags. She figured out how to cut them into aprons and with another bag, creates "ties" for them. We have been using our aprons to stay clean and dry. Rumors are we will sell them at a very reasonable price at the spring plant sale. Thank you Barbara for your creativity!



Special thanks to our faithful watering team, headed by Barbara Reisman: Sydney Carothers, Sam O'Connell, Rita Zito and Mary Alward! They are the ones who regularly water, keeping our plants happy and healthy.

If you want to help at the nursery, we work Wednesdays 10 – 1ish and on additional days, usually Sundays, as needed. We are at the Freshwater Farms Reserve, 5851 Myrtle Ave. Our exclusive mailing list is only for nursery volunteers. To be added to this list, contact north-coastcnps@gmail.com or call Chris Beresford 826-0259.

Project Workdays

Thanks to everyone who came out to help at the nursery on special projects these last few months. In the garden area we got weeds out, put down cardboard, rice straw and wood chips We put chips along the driveway side of the hoop house to keep weeds down, finished up the fence, added shelving to the shade area, and got rid of the half- moon shaped planter. This provides additional space for tables and freed-up blocks we will use in our garden for raised beds. Additionally, we put out extra pallets for additional plant space, moved tables for better spacing, transplanted poppies into gallons, dug out and repotted CA fuchsia from the front of the white building, cleaned and sterilized containers, restocked and cleaned up the plant stand, and set up the new shelving unit in the barn for storage of our supplies. Wow, what great work days!

Thanks to everyone who came out to help: Karen Isa,

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Carol & CJ Ralph, Richard Beresford, Alan & Barbara Wilkinson, David Callow, Brian Dorman, Nancy Brockington, Sharon King, Barbara Reisman, Derek Bay, Jak Kirchubel and the wonderful CCC Corpsmembers who volunteered their Sunday: Jazmyn Galong, Paul Prestridge, Richard Potter, Hailey Quinnett, Cameron Rashed; you guys are the best! Special thanks to: Jak Kirchubel for organizing the CCC's and getting pizza; Karen Isa and Carol Ralph for organizing and preparing food and drinks; and Barbara Wilkinson and Barbara Reisman for baking yummy desserts.

Spring Plant Sale – Volunteers Needed!

The spring plant sale will be held at the nursery on Saturday May 4th and Sunday May 5th. Volunteers are needed for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. If you can help all day or any time during the sale, your help will be appreciated. For questions, please contact Melanie Johnson at mjokega@reninet.com or text/phone 707) 502-8856.

Friday 9–3: help is needed setting up the plant sale.

Saturday 9:30-4: parking assistance, advise/assist customers, tally purchases, carry purchases to cars, tidy stock. Most tasks require no botanical knowledge.

Sunday 9:30–4: same as Saturday, clean up at end of the sale.

Sunday 3:30 - 5ish –clean up. Remove all CNPS nursery signs from plants, take down tent and tables. Help re-organize plants. Help nurseries collect their unsold plants.

The plant sale is always a busy, fun day with lots of folks looking for native plants. Come and be part of this event which raises the funds for our chapter activities, such as supporting college scholarships, the annual wildflower show, our page in EcoNews, almost monthly programs and nursery operation. For questions or additional information about the plant sale, contact Chris northcoastcnps@gmail.com or at 826-0259.

Help State Parks—*Second Saturday Work Days*

Second Saturdays of every month volunteers gather for "restoration work days" at either Trinidad State Beach, Patrick's Point State Park, or Humboldt Lagoons State Park. That usually means pulling English Ivy. Wear sturdy shoes for walking off trail. Gloves and tools are provided or bring your own. Volunteers receive a free entrance to Patrick's Point State Park. Call Michelle or Katrina at 677-3109 or write michelle.forys@parks.ca.gov or katrina.henderson@parks.ca.gov.

HEAVY RAIN OR STRONG WIND CANCELS EVENTS.

Patrick's Point State Park

Ask Entrance Station Attendant for that days' work site or meet at the Visitor Center parking lot.

9 am to 1pm

Apr. 13
July 13
Oct. 12

Trinidad State Beach

Meet at Trinidad State Beach picnic area parking lot in Trinidad (north of Trinidad School, off Stagecoach Rd.)

9 am to 1pm

May 11

Humboldt Lagoons State Park

Meet at Stagecoach Azalea trailhead off Kane Road/Big Lagoon Ranch Road.

9 am to 1pm

Apr. 6

Spring Wildflower Show

Theme of this year's show: Oak Woodlands

Hundreds of fresh wildflower specimens, both native and non-native, from the fields, dunes, forests, and prairies of Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, near and far. Where else can you see eight clover species side-by-side? three trilliums? Four Ribes? eleven species in the carrot family? Let our collectors do the driving and leg work. You stroll in to see, smell, and enjoy.

Special features:

Pete Haggard "Gardening with Native Plants--Update for 2019" 11am Saturday

Oaks: the Forgotten Old-growth. Presentation by Yana Valachovic Director Humboldt and Del Norte UC Cooperative Extension. Noon Sunday

Frank Lake presentation "American Indian Oak woodland stewardship in Northern California". 3pm Saturday

Kathy O'Leary's California oak paintings (1:30 Sunday)

Plant ID: Bring your photos or samples of wild plants for us to identify.

Artists' session, Friday evening, 7-9 p.m. (also known as Art Night) Artists Annie Reid, Joyce Jonte, and Patricia Sennott will provide creative and congenial atmosphere for artists from beginners to professional to sit down together and draw the flowers of their choice borrowed from the show. Paper and tools will be provided, or bring your own. Annie Reid will be available to offer instruction and encouragement to beginners. Bring your iPad if you are interested in learning field sketching on your tablet. Please tell us you are coming, 677-0927.

Native American Cultural Plants. This display will showcase edible, medicinal, and cultural-use plants of importance to the Wiyot Tribe, many which occur in remnant coastal prairies, headlands, dune forest openings, and edges. This should include several species of flowering "Indian potatoes" or geophytes, several members of Apiaceae, the berry flowers of Rubus and Ericaceae, and a hand full critically important trees and shrubs. Many of these species' habitats are in decline due to forest encroachment, development, and invasive species infestations in the absence of indigenous land management and cultural burning practices. The Wiyot Tribe and other neighboring tribes are engaged in eco-cultural restoration activities which seek to both restore culturally important plant communities and species, while at the same time ensure the continuance of cultural activities centered around plants.

Plants of the Dunes Friends of the Dunes

Edible native plants. See favorite edible, native plants, species you can grow outside your door for your consumption, while providing native habitat for native wildlife.

Invasive plants. Many people are surprised to learn that they harbor in their gardens something that may invade our wildlands. See some of the most troublesome wildland weeds of our area, gathered and presented by Laura Julian and the Humboldt-Del Norte Weed Management Area.

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Plant books, posters, postcards, and t-shirts will be available for purchase. CNPS sells five different wildflower posters, 19 different Dorothy Klein postcards, and a popular t-shirt depicting California Pitcher Plant (by local artist Gary Bloomfield). Northtown Books offers a remarkable selection of plant books--identification, edible or medicinal, exploration, botany, etc.

School visits. School classes can sign up to visit to the show on Friday.

Join the team! To volunteer to help contact Carol Ralph at 707-822-2015 or theralphs@humboldt1.com. We need people to collect flowers near and far, identify them, arrange them, set up tables, work shifts at tables, lead school groups, and clean up. Most tasks require no botanical knowledge.

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North Coast Chapter Spring Native Plant Sale

- ⇒ thousands of native plants for sale, more than 100 species
- ⇒ wide selection of cheerful annuals; great variety of native bulbs
- ⇒ trees, shrubs, perennials, ferns, grasses
- ⇒ experienced gardeners to help you
- ⇒ plants from our volunteer nursery and Samara Restoration Nursery, Lost Foods Nursery, Beresford Bulbs, Mattole Restoration Council, and Chris Brant Landscaping.
- ⇒ cash, check, or credit card
- ⇒ bring a box to carry home your plants

You Can Help! To volunteer, contact Chris Beresford at 826-0259 or thegang7@pacbell.net. We need people to set up plants for purchase, label plants, advise customers, tally purchases, take money, and clean up. Most tasks require no botanical knowledge.

Native Plants Year Round



5627 Myrtle Avenue in Eureka

open daily from 12 – 6

We are now selling plants at the Kneeland Glen Farm Stand at Freshwater Farms Reserve of the Northcoast Regional Land Trust, 5851 Myrtle Ave. (near Three Corners Market). We offer plants throughout the year and sell them when they look their best, outside of the spring and fall plant sales. Our display space is limited, so if you don't find the plant you are looking for, contact us at: northcoastcnps@gmail.com and we will get back to you. Check out the blooming bulbs now!

MEMBERS' CORNER

THANK YOU RENEWING MEMBERS

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Dan Paquette
John McRae
Ashley Dickinson
Karen Sullivan
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Gary Balcerak
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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Support these local businesses and with proof of your North Coast membership, receive discounts on your purchases.

Greenlot Nursery, 10% discount on plants, 443-9484

Lost Foods Native Plant Nursery: 10% discount on plants, 268-8447, LostFoods.org

Mad River Gardens: 10% discount on plant purchases, 822-7049

Miller Farms: 5% discount on plant materials, 839-1571

Pierson's Garden Shop, 10% discount on all garden shop items (except sale or non-discountable items—please ask staff before going to register), 441-2713

Samara Restoration LLC, 10% discount on plants, 834.4379 / samararestoration.com.

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COMMUNICATIONS

North Coast CNPS members have four ways to share information with each other:

Issue	Print Date	Submission Date	Announce Events In
Winter	January 1	December 1	Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr
Spring	April 1	March 1	Apr, May, June, Jul
Summer	July 1	June 1	Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct
Fall	October 1	September 1	Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan

E-mail newsletter articles, factoids, tidbits, etc. to the Newsletter Editor by the submission date.

Articles should generally be no more than 1,000 words and images can be any size and in these formats: JPG, JPEG, BMP, GIF, or PNG (note preferred location in the article and send image as a separate attachment).

- The **Darlingtonia Newsletter** (quarterly),
- Our **chapter's website**: www.northcoastcnps.org
- **E-mail lists/forums** To subscribe, send an e-mail to: Announcements: NorthCoast_CNPS-subscribe@yahoogroups.com / Gardening: NorthCoast_CNPS_Gardening-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
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We, the North Coast Chapter of CNPS, are a member organization of the Northcoast Environmental Center (NEC), a valuable voice for conservation in our area. We have a seat on their board of directors. The NEC is the only organization with which we share our mailing list. We think it is important that our members receive *EcoNews*, an informative publication about conservation issues in our area. Our chapter pays NEC to mail *EcoNews* to our members who are not also NEC members. You can reduce this cost to our chapter by joining NEC at www.yournec.org or requesting your *EcoNews* be electronic (contact Gary Falxa at garyfalxa@gmail.com).

NATIVE PLANT CONSULTATION SERVICE



Are you wondering which plants in your yard are native? Are you unsure if that vine in the corner is an invasive exotic? Would you like to know some native species that would grow well in your yard?

The North Coast Chapter of the California Native Plant Society offers the Native Plant Consultation Service to answer these questions and to share our experiences gardening with natives. This service is free. We hope it will inspire you to join CNPS or make a donation.

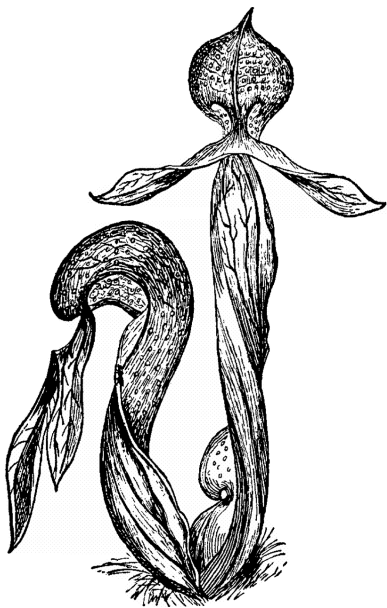
Contact our coordinator Samantha O'Connell at 707-601-0650 or maineflower@gmail.com to put you in touch with volunteer consultants who will arrange a visit to look at what you have and help choose suitable plants for your garden.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- ◆ 10 Evening Program
- ◆ 14 Field Trip
- ◆ 20 Field Trip
- ◆ 27 Field Trip
- ◆ 28 Field Trip

May

- ◆ 3 Wildflower Show
- ◆ 4 & 5 Wildflower Show and Plant Sale
- ◆ 8 Evening Program
- ◆ 18 Field Trip
- ◆ 19 Field Trip

June

- ◆ 2 Field Trip
- ◆ 9 Field Trip
- ◆ 15 Field Trip

July

- ◆ 14 Field Trip

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