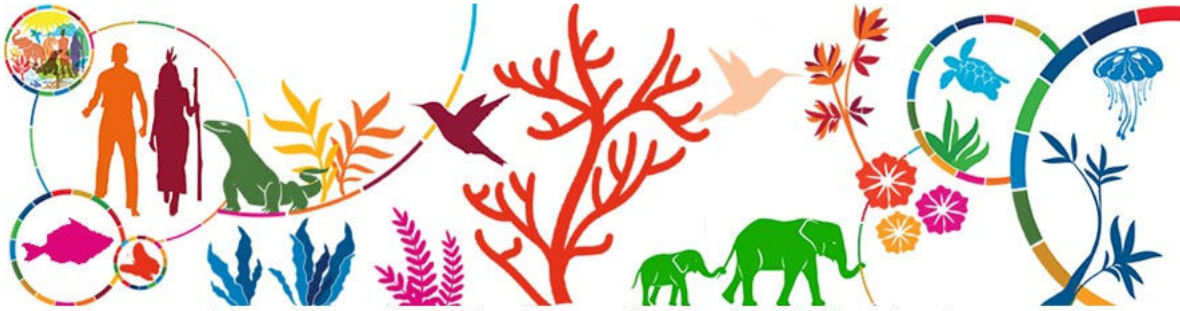


CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY MARIN CHAPTER

September 2021 Newsletter



Biodiversity Commitments by UNESCO, United States, California, and Marin

California Biodiversity Day 2021 - September 7

[Check out a week of events throughout California](#)

Marin Chapter Meeting: "Our Last, Best Chance to Save California Biodiversity: Are We Up to the Challenge?"

Guest Speaker: **Daniel Gluesenkamp**, Executive Director of the [California Institute for Biodiversity](#)

September 13 @ 7:30 pm via Zoom
[Register for this meeting here.](#)

Exploring the California perspective on our biodiversity crisis, Dan will review why California is globally significant, discuss important drivers of biodiversity loss, and explore the broad portfolio of solutions that are already underway. [Read more...](#)



Daniel Gluesenkamp, Executive Director of the California Institute for Biodiversity

Marin Chapter Field Trips

Field Trip Guidelines:

- **Email Susan Schlosser** at scschlosser52@gmail.com to sign up for a field trip, as we are limiting participants to 15.
 - **Electronically sign** the CNPS Liability waiver for the trip (Susan will provide the link.)
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Tuesday September 14 - 9 am to 1 pm - [Native Trees of Marin](#) Join naturalist Kurt Rademacher for an early fall exploration of Marin County native tree species. This 4-mile hike along the Allen Trail in Kentfield will pass through a variety of habitats and see 20 of Marin's 36 native trees; with 8 species of oak (including Oracle and Oregon Oaks!), plus an Ash, Maple and Alder, to name but a few. Kurt will share identification tips, characteristics, some native uses, and the lore behind their names.



Leaves of Native Trees
Kurt Rademacher

[Upcoming field trip details can be viewed here.](#)

Biodiversity Needs You

By Laura Lovett and Rachael L. Olliff-Yang

By including native plants in our home gardens, we provide resources for wildlife missing from the green deserts of grass lawns and imported plants. Taking our gardening cues from nature, some of the intricate relationships between plants, insects, birds, and other animals can be revitalized. Given that so much of our land is under cultivation or development, our backyard efforts, even small changes, can together become significant.



Cheery yellow *Madia elgans* provides nectar and pollen late in the season. by M. Watkins

[Read more...](#)

The Marin Biodiversity Corridor Initiative (MBCI)

By Paul da Silva

The Marin Biodiversity Corridor Initiative (MBCI) is a new effort to strengthen our local responses to the global biodiversity crisis. It focuses on our cities and towns – where most CNPS members live – and relies on planting native plants – something many CNPS members do. Strategies include raising institutional awareness to encourage adoption of biodiversity goals and policies, sharing information and resources between organizations, mapping progress, and promoting public understanding of biodiversity issues.



Danaus plexippus - Monarch Butterfly
By Marcia Basala

[Read more...](#)

The Nature of Oaks:

The Rich Ecology of Our Most Essential Native Trees

By Doug Tallamy

This talk in the Dominican University - Book Passage Fall Speaker Series is co-sponsored by Marin Biodiversity Corridor Initiative. Dr. Tallamy celebrates the importance of oaks and asserts that native plants are the foundation for all terrestrial biodiversity.



Doug Tallamy
by Rob Cardillo

October 27th at 7 PM For tickets:

<https://www.dominican.edu/events> or <https://www.bookpassage.com/events-calendar>

Mark your calendars! Fall Native Plant Sale

Fall is the perfect time to plant native shrubs as the weather gets cooler and (hopefully) damper. Our sale will offer some beautiful habitat shrubs that are harder to find and will thrive in our climate: *Ceanothus* 'Joyce Coulter', mulefat (*Baccharis salicifolia*), button willow (*Cephalanthus occidentalis* var. *californicus*), mountain mahogany (*Cercocarpus betuloides*), mission mallow (*Lavatera assurgentiflora*), ninebark (*Physocarpus capitatus*), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*), and sugar bush (*Rhus ovata*). These are great options to replace any fire-prone plants you plan to remove.



Cephalanthus occidentalis var. *californicus* -
buttonwillow with swallowtail by Las Pilitas Nursery

A complete list of available plants will be included in the October newsletter and posted to our web site shortly.

Order online at www.cnpsmarin.org: Thurs. Oct 7 @7 PM to Sun. Oct 10 @ 7 PM

Pickup: Sat Oct 16 between 10:30 and 1:30 at Bon Air Shopping Center in Greenbrae

CNPS Launches Bloom! California

Bloom! California is a campaign to increase native plant sales throughout our state's built environment – from backyard gardens to city parks to business fronts and more. CNPS is spearheading this partnership with California Department of Food and Agriculture and participating nurseries. It hopes to encourage people and businesses to choose California native plants for beauty, for climate consciousness, and to provide invaluable habitat for the butterflies, birds and other wildlife. Explore the select native plant groups and how to be part of making a difference.



[Read more...](#)

Embrace the Wild in Your Garden

Nature photographer and writer Betsey Crawford says, "I was on a podcast!"

"When Marcus Smith of *Constant Wonder* from BYU Radio got in touch and asked if I'd talk about native plants, gardening, and habitat restoration with him, I responded, 'Does anyone ever say no to a podcast called *Constant Wonder*?' We had a great time chatting about native plants and gardening for biodiversity."



Betsey Crawford
Nature Photographer and Writer

[Listen here...](#)

[Read more from Betsey Crawford: The Soul of the Earth](#)

Fall Community Naturalist Training

Learn nature's secrets and explore the stunning ecosystems of Sonoma Mountain with University faculty and other experts. This training prepares you to share your knowledge leading tours of Sonoma State University's Fairfield Osborn Preserve.

In-person training begins Saturday Sept. 11. COVID safety will be followed.



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YouTube Channel for CNPS Marin Chapter



Check out the [Marin Chapter YouTube](#) channel for recordings of Chapter Meetings and other events. Click the link above, or while in YouTube search for CNPS Marin. Hit the **SUBSCRIBE** button to be notified of new postings.

Weed Wrenches to Loan - Continue Fire Prep

Finish up this year's fire preparedness by clearing broom and other fire-prone woody plants on your property. Even though the ground may be dry, it is still possible to pull broom with a weed wrench.

Borrow up to seven wrenches in three sizes, including one large wrench weighing 16.5 lbs. with a jaw capacity of 2.5 inches. Contact Eva Buxton (Conservation & Invasive Species Chair) evabuxton@sbcglobal.net

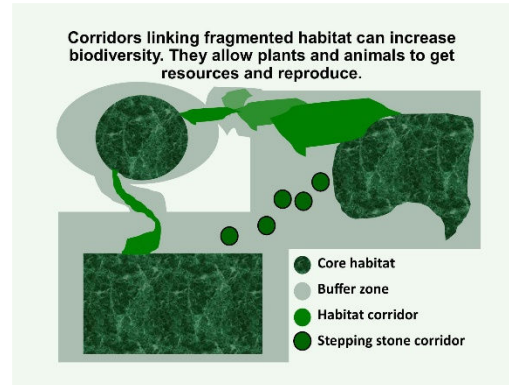


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Kid's Corner (for the young at heart)

Biodiversity and Corridors

"Biodiversity" means the variety of living organisms (different species as well as different forms of life: plants, animals, bugs, mushrooms, etc). High biodiversity is important to keep life-giving processes working, like recycling food and nutrients, making soil, and circulating and cleaning air and water.



Upcoming Marin Chapter Events - 2021

9/13 @ 7:30 pm Chapter Meeting ["Our Last, Best Chance to Save California Biodiversity: Are We Up to the Challenge?"](#) Guest Speaker: Dan Gluesenkamp

9/14 @ 9 am Field Trip [Native Trees of Marin](#)

10/7 to 10/10, pickup 10/16 [Marin Chapter Fall Online Native Plant Sale](#)

10/11 @ 7:30 Chapter Meeting Guest Speaker: Nicole Ibanez, recipient of one of CNPS Marin 2021 educational grants, will share the results of her research

10/27 @ 7 pm The Nature of Oaks by Doug Tallamy, Dominican University

Check CNPSMarin.org for upcoming field trips and events as they are scheduled.

Marin Chapter Board Meetings generally occur on the first Monday of each month. To attend, contact co-President David Long sfdlong@ix.netcom.com

Other CNPS Events

Join these CNPS Events - Statewide & Organized by Other Chapters, etc.

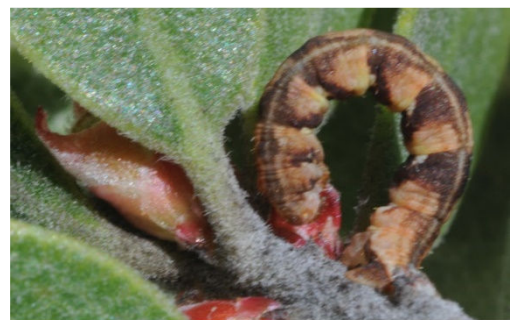
Peruse the [CNPS Calendar of Events](#) that includes talks and virtual garden tours.

9/1 @ 7 pm [The Wild We Make](#) Speaker: David Newsom, Mount Lassen Chapter

9/1 @ 7:30 [How to Attract Wild Birds to your Garden](#) Speaker: Lisa Meyers, Santa Clara Valley Chapter

9/2 @ 5:30 [Naturehood: Gardening in a Drought](#)

9/8 @ 7:30 [San Mateo Habitat Garden with Rainwater Collection and Storage](#) Speaker: Elaine Salinger, Santa Clara Valley Chapter



Looper caterpillar on manzanita, San Geronimo Ridge
by Paul da Silva

9/9 @ 7:30 [The Behr Essential Botany of Early Historic San Francisco](#) Speaker: Peter Baye, Yerba Buena Chapter

9/14 & 15 [CEQA Impact Assessment, with Emphasis on Biological Resources](#). CNPS Workshop

9/15 7:30 [The Distinctive Landscape of Blue Oak Ranch Reserve](#) Speaker: Zac Harlow, Santa Clara Valley Chapter

9/25 1 PM [Drought Tolerant Gardening with San Francisco Native Plants](#) Speaker: Susan Karasoff, Yerba Buena Chapter

9/30 to 10/9 [Willis Jepson Chapter Online Plant Sale](#) - Benicia

10/9 [Milo Baker Chapter Plant Sale](#) - Santa Rosa



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