

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY MARIN CHAPTER

August 2022 Newsletter



Clarkia amoena ssp. *huntiana* Arroyo Sausal Rd by Ann Elliott

Marin Chapter Meeting

"Plants of the Wetlands Along the San Mateo Coast"

Monday, August 8 @ 7:30 pm

Guest Speaker: **Toni Corelli**, Botanist, Photographer, Author

The San Mateo Coast extends 60 miles along the Pacific Ocean south of San Francisco, with acres of public land in over 25 parks and state beaches. Fresh water from watersheds of the surrounding Santa Cruz Mountains settles on the mostly flat coastal bluff, replenishing the groundwater before draining to the ocean. This leads to diverse wetland habitats including seasonal freshwater wetlands, saltwater and brackish marshes, riparian (creek, stream, and river) wetlands, wet gullies, ditches and ponds that support many plants and animals.



Photographs from upper left: Pond surrounded by small-fruited bulrush (*Scirpus microcarpus*); riparian (Pilarcitos Creek) with arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*); ditch with tall cyperus (*Cyperus eragrostis*); seasonal wetland with Western blue-eyed grass (*Sisyrinchium bellum*).
Photos by Toni Corelli

Toni Corelli is a botanist and author of several books on the local flora of San Mateo and Santa Clara County. For the last 20 years Toni and two State Park volunteers have surveyed the public lands of the San Mateo Coast identifying over 700 different species of plants occurring there. Join her for an exploration of some of these diverse and amazing wetland plants.

[Register for this Zoom meeting here.](#)

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 20.
- **Electronically sign** the CNPS Liability waiver for the trip (Susan will provide the link.)

Tomales Bay State Park: Jepson/Johnstone Loop

Tuesday, August 2, 2022 - 10 am

Leader: **Todd Plummer**

During late summer, this trail comes alive with the fruits of fall. We'll eat huckleberries, marvel at the fruit on the California honeysuckle, search for the CNPS Listed 1B *Campanula californica* (marsh harebell) and have lunch at a beautiful secluded beach.

Go west on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. several miles past Inverness, up the hill. At the fork in the road, bear right on Pierce Point Rd. and go about a mile. Meet at the (unsigned) small parking area at the top of the Jepson Trail. If you reach the entrance to Tomales Bay State Park, turn around and go back 100–200 yards.



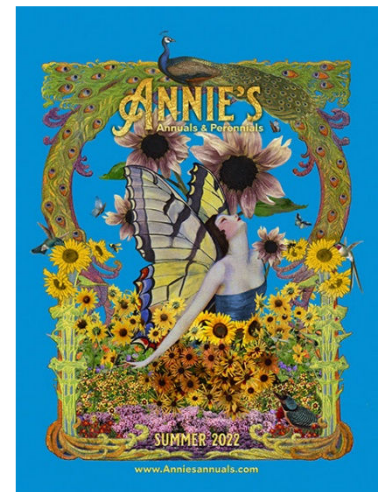
Lonicera hispidula - CA honeysuckle - Vernon Smith



Vaccinium ovatum - CA huckleberry
by Vernon Smith

“Covered California” - great low growing natives for less lawn more garden

With so many beautiful, low growing, spreading, bloomiferous, drought tolerant, CA native, lawn-alternative options, there's no time like now to ditch the lawn and gain a garden. The native bees, butterflies, birds, other critters, and your wallet, will thank you. This week we've assembled some of our "Favey Fave" lawn-to-garden options. Plus, Saturday (7/23) at 10am **Ann-Marie Benz from the California Native Plant Society will be giving a FREE TALK in the Nursery** about the best ways to plan to take out your lawn, key next steps, and how to choose native plants according to your specific garden goals, area and style.

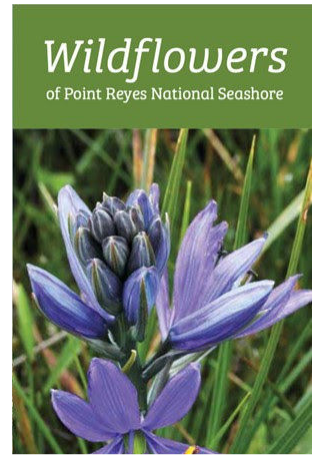


Just Published: *Wildflowers of Point Reyes National Seashore*

The second edition of *Wildflowers of Point Reyes National Seashore* is hot off the press. This stunning booklet revised and enlarged by Chapter leaders Eva Buxton, Kristin Jakob, and Vernon Smith is designed to help visitors identify some of the most common and conspicuous flowers - especially those that grow beside trails, along the roadsides, and in the areas most often visited.

[Read more...](#)

[Buy it now!](#)



Volunteer Opportunities:

Events and festivals are happening again. If you are interested in sharing your love of native plants, consider joining our outreach team. Contact [Stacey](#).

Follow the Marin Water's Watershed Recreation Management Planning for Mt. Tamalpais and vicinity. Advocate for protection of native plants and habitats. [Read more...](#)

[Check here for more volunteer opportunities.](#)



Calochortus luteus - yellow mariposa lily
Azalea Hill Tr.
Ann Elliott

CNPS 2022 Conference

Oct. 20-22, 2022 San Jose

Workshops & Field Trips Oct. 18-19

Rooting Together: Restoring Connections to Plants, Place & People

The 2022 CNPS Conference is taking on an essential topic: How do we restore our connections to plants, place and people? We invite you to be part of the conversation and the effort to celebrate, protect and restore California's plants—and everything connected to them.

[Early registration is now through August 15!](#)

Are you artistic? Submit your art or photography. [Community Art & Photo Contest](#)

[Read more...](#)



Other CNPS Events and Issues

Ask your State Senator to support AB 2146, California's Pollinator Protection Act, which passed the Assembly on May 23. This bill would limit the use of neonic pesticides in California. Neonics are devastating to pollinators like bees and butterflies and leach into soil and groundwater. [Read more...](#)

CA State Senator Mike McGuire represents Marin County. Email him: senator.mcguire@senate.ca.gov



Cirsium occidentale var. *occidentale* - cobweb thistle
Abbott's Lagoon Tr. By Ann Elliott

Kids' Corner (for the young at heart)

"Seeds on the Move"

We all notice and enjoy bright and showy flowers. However, when flowers fade they produce seeds surrounded by fruit or pods. A seed is a baby plant ready to grow when it has the right location and conditions. Check out the links below to find out more about seeds and how they move to their "happy place."

About Seeds:

- [How Does A Seed Become A Plant? - SciShow Kids](#)
- [Seed - Britannica Kids](#)
- [How Do Flowers Grow From Seeds?](#)
- [Facts About Seeds - The Ranger Zak Show](#)

Seeds on the Move:

- [How do seeds get around? - Maddie Moate](#)
- [The Tiny Seed – A read aloud Eric Carle book](#)
- [The Traveling Seed – Seed Dispersal for Kids](#)

Next time you are in your garden or out in the wilds keep your eyes out for different kinds of seeds. Think about how each seed might get dispersed (by gravity, wind, water, or animals)



Dendromecon rigida - bush poppy flower & seed pod
Big Rock Trail by Ann Elliott



Wyethia angustifolia - faded flower/seed head of narrow leaf mule ears
Big Rock Trail by Ann Elliott



Clarkia rubicunda - farewell to spring, ruby chalice
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Upcoming Marin Chapter Events

8/2 10 am Field Trip [Tomales Bay SP Jepson/Johnstone Loop Trail](#)

8/8 7:30 pm General Meeting "[Plants of the Wetlands Along the San Mateo Coast](#)" Speaker: **Toni Corelli**

Join the Conversation

Facebook Group [Marin Native Plants](#) - Share your flower and plant discoveries.

YouTube channel [CNPS Marin](#) - Peruse our collection of recorded presentations.

[Digital Newsletters](#) - Send me your poetry, thoughts, projects, and events to share with Marin Chapter members and followers to read in the newsletter.

Help our events and photos reach a wider audience on Instagram, Twitter, TikTok. etc. Share them there or create new native plant content to share.

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Prunella vulgaris var. *lanceolata*
Bull Point Tr. by Woody Elliott



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