



California Native Plant Society

MARIN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Tiburon Mariposa Lily (Calochortus tiburonensis)

Marin chapter established 1973

Monday, May 9 Marin Chapter Meeting

Jake Kurzweil on "A Snapshot of Marin's Fauna"

It is clear that Mt. Tamalpais is a biodiversity hot spot. With its wide mosaic of habitats ranging from lofty redwood groves to the serenity of the oak woodlands, one could easily assume that along with the diversity of flora, there would be a vast diversity of fauna. This is what the Marin Wildlife Picture Index project attempts to prove. Join Jake Kurzweil in a tour of the animal world that we only seldom stumble upon. We will discuss the purpose, methods, and findings of this project as we take a snapshot of Marin's fauna.

Growing up in a tributary of the Ross Valley Watershed, Jake Kurzweil spent his youth exploring the diverse ecosystems of Mt. Tamalpais, observing the local flora and fauna, hiking its jagged ridges, and riding down its fire roads. After years spent studying and working on natural resources across the North and Intermountain West, Jake has returned to the mountain that first ignited his passion for nature and now manages One Tam's Citizen Science and Restoration Program. This program includes a diverse portfolio, ranging from the Marin Wildlife Picture Index project to habitat restoration across four different agencies lands. When he's not in the field, he spends his time building partnerships to ensure that his backyard is there for generations to come.



Bobcat on the prowl—Jake Kurzweil



Coyote—Jake Kurzweil

May meeting:

5:30 p.m. Join friends and meet our speaker for a no-host dinner at Gira Polli of Mill Valley, 590 East Blithedale Ave. at Camino Alto. Please call Gerd or Kristin Jakob at 415.388.1844 at least one day ahead to be assured of a seat with our group.

7:30 p.m. Meet at the Redwoods retirement home, 40 Camino Alto, Mill Valley. Books, posters, and cards will be for sale before and after the meeting; lecture starts at 8 p.m. The Redwoods is undergoing major renovation work and onsite parking will be limited, so we recommend parking along or across the street. Our meetings are held in a room in the wing parallel to Miller Ave instead of in the main auditorium. The main entrance is shifting to that southern side of the complex, so look for directional signage. We apologize for any inconvenience!



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Periodic e-bulletins are sent out to members and others who wish to be reminded of upcoming events and activities or notified of schedule changes. To sign up, please write to Jim Desser at jdesser@gmail.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Being a homebody has distinct advantages: it's a large part of the reason why I'm a good plant propagator. I'm most always at home or in my garden, where I carefully and consistently, on a daily basis, monitor the growth of all the plants coming along from seed or cuttings. I'm also not so interested in seeing new places; what I really like is to delve into the same places, finding layer upon layer of details that emerge when a person starts to look for all the "small things."

My favorite naturalist ever is Bob Stewart, and he is also a fan of the small things: the insects and the "belly flowers." My "Garden Friends" group has made a tradition of being in the field with Bob one day in April each year while he is in the Bay Area; this year we walked "my hill" in Novato, from the south side where I live up to the ridge, then west on the ridge until we came to Saxon's property, which is on the north side of the hill.

The walk with Bob revealed some very interesting differences in the plant communities that exist on the different sides of the same hill. The south side is dominated by coast live oaks, blue oaks, and a few Oregon oaks. On the ridge top we see manzanitas and madrones. The north side features black oaks and a host of hybrid oaks, with lots of bay trees on the downslopes.

The dominant native grass on the south side is purple needle grass (*Stipa pulchra*), while on the north slope California fescue (*Festuca californica*) grows in large drifts under the tree canopy. Here on the south side there are large drifts of narrowleaf mule-ears (*Wyethia angustifolia*); on the north side we saw scattered patches of the smooth mule-ears (*Wyethia glabra*). On Saxon's property we see a few beautiful specimens



Wyethia glabra (smooth mule-ears)—Vernon Smith of a delphinium with deep purple flowers and large drifts of a species of plectritis. On both the north and south slopes we see patches of shooting stars (*Primula hendersonii*); but Johnny jump ups (*Viola pedunculata*) grow only on the south side.

One interesting tiny plant, a non-native that grows everywhere as a "weed," is scarlet pimpernel (*Lysimachia arvensis*, formerly *Anagallis arvensis*). The common form has a lovely orange flower with a purple center. Growing on both sides of our hill is a form of this same plant with deep royal blue flowers which is uncommon most everywhere else. The flowers are small, no more than ¼- to ½-inch in diameter, but it really shows up when the drifts are large.

I've noticed that the plant has been hybridized, so the flowers are now of a significant size and it is sold as "Blue Pimpernel." My sons always used to complain when I'd weed out the scarlet pimpernels and ask; "Why are you killing such a pretty flower?" Since then I've always left a few growing, and now I'm also going to let the blue form grow wherever it wants to!

—Charlotte Torgovitsky



Wyethia angustifolia (narrowleaf mule-ears)—Vernon Smith

CELEBRATION OF AL MOLINA

Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m.

On May 7, the College of Marin will celebrate the life of the late Professor Al Molina and his impact on generations of Marin students. Because Professor Molina was one of the inspirations for the Marin chapter of CNPS, all chapter members are especially invited to join in the festivities. Beginning at 10 a.m., a special exhibit will be open for viewing in the COM Science Museum, Room SMN 105 on the Kentfield campus. At 12 noon, there will be a presentation by Professor Molina's family and friends, ending with the dedication of a new museum display case in his honor. For more information or to contribute memorabilia to the exhibit, please contact Dr. Paul da Silva at PdaSilva@marin.edu or 415.485.9542.



RING MOUNTAIN GRASSLAND RESTORATION

Saturday, May 28, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Come to Ring Mountain to restore habitat on this special volunteer day. Late May offers a great opportunity to see the Tiburon mariposa lily (star of the Marin CNPS logo!) in bloom and to help preserve its habitat. This month we will protect serpentine grasslands by finding and removing invasive tocolote and yellow star thistles. These invasive plants were once a thriving population on the rise, but this annual removal effort is yielding positive results. We have not found yellow star thistle in several years, and tocolote star thistle is now on the decline. We'll also finish the day with storytelling and activities for kids!

Join us to become part of this habitat restoration success story. Drop-in days are held on the last Saturday of every month (except November and December). All skill levels are welcome and no previous experience is necessary. All ages are welcome; anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Dress in layers you can get dirty, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. Please bring gloves if you have them. Snacks, lunch, and extra water will be provided. In the event of heavy rain and/or high winds, call 415.473.3778 to find out about event status. In the event of cancellation, program will be rescheduled. RSVP's are appreciated but not required.

Questions or to RSVP: Contact Volunteer Coordinator Greg Reza at 415.473.3778.

Location: From Hwy 101 in Corte Madera, take the exit for Tamalpais Dr. east. Go straight onto San Clemente, which merges into Paradise Dr. after 0.4 miles. Follow Paradise Dr. approximately 1.7 miles, turn right onto Taylor Rd., and follow to end (dead end).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- * **Sunday 5/1, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.**
Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour (East Bay)
- * **Sunday 5/1, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**
MCP Naturalist Walk: Indian Valley
- * **Monday 5/2, 7 p.m.**
Chapter Board Meeting, 30 N. San Pedro Rd., San Rafael
- * **Wednesday 5/4, 9 a.m.–12 noon**
MCP Naturalist Walk: Cascade Canyon
- * **Friday 5/6, 6–9 p.m. (also 6/3)**
Plant ID Workshop at College of Marin
- * **Saturday 5/7, 9 a.m.**
Tam Lands Bioblitz (see April newsletter)
- * **Saturday 5/7, 10 a.m.**
Celebration of Al Molina at College of Marin, Kentfield
- * **Sunday 5/8, 1–3 p.m. (also 5/13, 6/10, and 6/12)**
The Zen of Weeding, Samuel P. Taylor State Park, Lagunitas
- * **Monday 5/9, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**
Chapter Meeting: Jake Kurzweil on "A Snapshot of Marin's Fauna," plus Sarah Minnick on "Streptanthus Recovery Efforts at Ring Mountain"
- * **Tuesday 5/10, 8 a.m.–3 p.m.**
Chapter Field Trip: Audubon Canyon Ranch's Modini Mayacamas Preserve, Sonoma County
- * **Tuesday 5/17, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**
MCP Naturalist Walk: Carson Falls
- * **Thursday 5/19, 9:30 a.m.**
Third Thursday Weeders Workday at Point Reyes
- * **Sunday 5/22, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**
MCP Naturalist Walk: Birds and Flowers at Loma Alta
- * **Wednesday 5/25, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.**
MCP Naturalist Walk: Rare Plants of the Tiburon Peninsula
- * **Saturday 5/28, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.**
Chapter Field Trip: Tiburon's Middle Ridge Preserve
- * **Saturday 5/28, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.**
Ring Mountain Grassland Restoration
- * **Saturday 6/4, 2–6 p.m.**
Chapter Field Trip: Ring Mountain
- * **Monday 6/6, 7 p.m.**
Chapter Board Meeting, 30 N. San Pedro Rd., San Rafael
- * **Monday 6/13, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**
Chapter Meeting: Ted Kipping on "The Floral Riches Of Kit Carson Pass"



WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you would like to make a suggestion for a chapter meeting program, field trip, plant identification workshop, outreach program for schoolchildren, or anything else that could help us improve our service to the public, please contact us. You can phone or email your ideas to any of the board members listed on page 8.

MARIN CNPS FIELD TRIPS, SPRING 2016

Make some seedy pals with the Marin chapter of the California Native Plant Society. All hikes are free and open to the public, so please invite your friends. Beginning plant enthusiasts welcome on all hikes.

Come prepared for any type of weather or conditions, dress in layers, have non-slip footwear, and bring rain/wind protection just in case. Although it may be sunny and warm when you leave home, the weather could be cold and foggy when we reach our destination. Bring lunch and plenty of water, binoculars and/or hand lenses, and your favorite field guides. Contact hike leaders with any questions about individual hikes.

Audubon Canyon Ranch's Modini Mayacamas Preserve

Tuesday, May 10, 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

Marin CNPS will join Sherry Adams, Preserve Biologist at ACR's Modini Mayacamas Preserve, for a serpentine and fire ecology plant walk. The drive up to Pine Flat Road in Sonoma County normally offers stunning displays of foothill penstemon, monkeyflowers, bulbous plants, lupines, clarkias, and many other showy perennial and annual plants. This outing will specifically focus on a serpentine area where Sherry will point out plants that are uncommon or entirely absent from Marin County: needlemat galium (*Galium andrewsii*); Brewer's milkvetch (*Astragalus breweri*, CNPS list 4); St. Helena morning glory (*Calystegia collina* ssp. *oxyphylla*, CNPS list 4); flame ragwort (*Packera greenei*); knobcone pine (*Pinus attenuata*); and ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*). We hope there will even be a few St. Helena fawn lilies (*Erythronium helenae*, CNPS list 4) still in bloom.

Given that the entire Preserve burned in 2004, Sherry will discuss post-fire regeneration of plants with different fire adaptation strategies. The planned route is less than three miles along fire roads with a bit of climbing, but at a relaxed botanizing pace.

Meet at 8 a.m. at the Smith Ranch Road park & ride in northern San Rafael or at 9 a.m. at the intersection of Pine Flat Rd. and Red Winery Rd. in Healdsburg. The group will leave extra vehicles at the latter site and car-pool the rest of the way into the Preserve. All Preserve visitors are encouraged to use a stiff brush to remove mud and seeds from footwear and pant cuffs. Sherry will have one available at our meetup spot.

The preserve plant list is posted at <http://tinyurl.com/MayacamasPlants>.

Leader: Sherry Adams. For more information and to sign up, contact cklongstreth@gmail.com. Heavy rain cancels.

Tiburon's Middle Ridge Preserve

Saturday, May 28, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Serpentine outcrops are found in three main locations on the Tiburon peninsula: on Ring Mountain and Old St. Hilary's (two of Marin County's preserves), as well as on the Middle Ridge, a Town of Tiburon Open Space parcel. Eva Buxton, who for several years has led a habitat restoration effort funded by Marin CNPS for federally- and state-listed species, will lead a hike of approximately 1.5 miles on mostly flat ground to see some of the rare species, including Tiburon jewelflower and Marin dwarf flax, as well as other species that grow on and off serpentine soils. Due to plenty of rainfall this season, the rare plants should be out in profusion.

Meet on Gilmartin Dr. with the Preserve on your left. From Hwy 101, take Tiburon Blvd. east for 2.9 miles to Gilmartin Dr. Make a left and drive uphill for 0.5 mile and park along the curb.

Leader: Eva Buxton. For more information, contact Eva at evabuxton@sbcglobal.net or 415.435.2745. Heavy rain cancels.

Ring Mountain

Saturday, June 4, 2–6 p.m.

We hope to find in bloom several of this Marin County Open Space preserve's rare plants, including Tiburon mariposa lily (*Calochortus tiburonensis*), found only at this location, and Marin dwarf flax (*Hesperolinon congestum*). Other lovely flowers we can expect to see include Ithuriel's spear (*Triteleia laxa*) and farewell-to-spring (*Clarkia rubicunda*). Participants able to linger until 4 p.m. will be rewarded by the delightful sight of clouds of the whitish starry flowers of soap plant (*Chlorogalum pomeridianum*), which seem to hover over the grasses, of which there are many attractive native species in the preserve. The top of the ridge affords 360-degree views, and serpentine rock outcroppings host an array of interesting plants. A plant list is available on the CNPS Marin chapter website.

Meet at the top end of Westward Dr., off Paradise Dr. in Corte Madera, a few blocks east of the Paradise Shopping Center (comestibles and restrooms available at Paradise Market). Latecomers should easily find our group higher up the trail that starts at the end of Westward. Bring lunch, plenty of water, and clothes for possibly cold, possibly hot, almost certainly breezy weather. This will be a joint outing with the Northern California Society of Botanical Artists (NCalSBA), so bring your sketching supplies if you are artistically inclined.

Leader: Kristin Jakob, kristinjacob@att.net, 415.388.1844 (land line).

Field trip information continued on page 5

MARIN COUNTY PARKS NATURALIST WALKS, SPRING 2016

The walks listed here are for ages 15+. Marin County Parks requests that no pets (except service animals) attend. If conditions are questionable, call 415.893.9527 after 8 a.m. on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them.

Indian Valley

Sunday, May 1, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

This Novato valley is a wonderful place to spend a spring day. We'll slowly make our way to the ridge and back, stopping all along the way to enjoy flowers in bloom, birds in song, and butterflies on the wing.

Meet at the College of Marin Indian Valley Campus in Novato, parking lot 6 (1800 Ignacio Blvd.) From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the Ignacio Blvd./Bel Marin Keys Blvd. exit west onto Ignacio Blvd. and continue approximately 2.5 miles all the way through campus. Parking lot 6 is adjacent to the police station.

Leader: Shannon Burke, 415.893.9520. Rain may cancel.

Cascade Canyon

Wednesday, May 4, 9 a.m.–12 noon

We'll take advantage of an early start to enjoy the chorus of breeding birds that make this lovely preserve their home. As we make our way through different habitats, we'll keep an eye out for these songsters, as well as for an array of wildflowers that decorate this canyon.

Meet at the gate at the end of Cascade Dr. From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd. west to Fairfax. After 3.4 miles, turn left onto Pacheco Ave., turn right onto Broadway, and make the first left onto Bolinas Rd. After 0.4 miles, bear right onto Cascade Dr. (at the stop sign) and continue about 1.5 miles to the gate (dead end). Parking is limited; please carpool if you can.

Leader: Shannon Burke, 415.893.9520. Rain may cancel.

Carson Falls

Tuesday, May 17, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

This hike begins with a slow climb up the Pine Mountain Fire Road through serpentine chaparral where wildflowers and birds abound. From the ridge we'll descend to the waterfall, which is one of the few remaining breeding sites in Marin for the rare foothill yellow-legged frog. Unfortunately, when visitors and their pets disturb these waters, this can be devastating to the developing eggs and tadpoles. Since 2005, the Marin Municipal Water District has enlisted the help of

frog-watch volunteers to educate the public about the frogs and remind people to stay out of the water. We'll join Suzanne Whelan, MMWD Watershed Volunteer Coordinator, who will tell us about the program, what has been learned, and what you can do to assist in this conservation effort. 6.5 mile round trip, 1100 ft. elevation gain.

Meet at the Azalea Hill trailhead. From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd. west to Fairfax. After 3.4 miles, turn left onto Pacheco Ave., turn right onto Broadway, and make first left onto Bolinas Rd. Go 3.8 miles (1.3 miles past the entrance to the Meadow Club). The parking area is on the left.

Leader: David Herlocker, 415.893.9508. High fire danger cancels.

Birds and Flowers at Loma Alta

Sunday, May 22, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

The north slope of Loma Alta is always a fantastic destination for both birds and wildflowers. The serpentine habitat near the beginning of the road hosts a few rare plants and there is usually a very diverse and colorful bloom that lasts through late spring. The birds regularly seen here include lazuli buntings, horned larks, and grasshopper sparrows, which should be quite active at this time caring for nearly or newly fledged young. This fire road is a steady climb, but we'll take it very slowly. We'll find a shady place to enjoy lunch, and then descend before the afternoon heat.

Meet at the Big Rock trailhead. From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Lucas Valley Rd. west approximately 5.5 miles. Look for the big rock and roadside parking.

Leader: David Herlocker, 415.893.9508. High fire danger cancels.

Rare Plants of the Tiburon Peninsula

Wednesday, May 25, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

The late-season bloom on this ridge includes one of the rarest and most unusual plants in the world, the Tiburon mariposa lily. We'll look for this and other flowers as we take in spectacular views of the bay. After lunch, we'll drive over to Old Saint Hilary's Preserve to see the rare and lovely Tiburon jewelflower as well as a number of other late-blooming beauties.

Meet at the gate at the end of Taylor Rd. in Tiburon. From Hwy 101 in Corte Madera, take the exit for Tamalpais Dr. east. Go straight onto San Clemente, which merges into Paradise Dr. after 0.4 miles. Follow Paradise Dr. approximately 1.7 miles, turn right onto Taylor Rd., and follow to end (dead end).

Leader: David Herlocker, 415.893.9508. High fire danger cancels.

BOARD NEWS

New Recording Secretary April Post

Board member April Post has offered to officially become our chapter's Recording Secretary after very capably filling that role on an interim basis since January. Thank you, April!!

Many thanks to the board members willing to serve again in 2016! We still have one open position that is vital to the club:

Needed: Membership Chair

The Marin chapter is looking for someone who can reach out to our members and really help our chapter grow! This is a very important position in a volunteer-based organization such as CNPS. The work can be done at home, and as Chair you can create a committee to help with the tasks, if you prefer.

CNPS members register with the state organization, and each chapter gets a monthly membership report in Excel spreadsheet format. The Membership Chair can decide to keep it simple with a welcome letter to new members on a monthly, quarterly, or semi-annual basis. We have a welcome letter already drafted; it just needs seasonal updating. CNPS stationery, envelopes, and nice little gifts such as a decal, bookmark, and informative brochures are provided for enclosures. Our chapter will reimburse you for any other expenditures, such as stamps.

We also have more ideas to share about various resources and how previous Membership Chairs have reached out to the general membership. Outreach to engage both new members and "old-timers" is vital to the work our chapter does within the community.

Please consider donating your time to an important cause. In the process, you can also help the board of directors come to decisions about what our chapter can do to best protect the amazing floristic resources of Marin County and the state at this critical time.

Please get in touch with me, or either of our Co-Vice Presidents, if you're interested in helping. Thank you!

—Charlotte Torgovitsky



12TH ANNUAL BRINGING BACK THE NATIVES GARDEN TOUR

Sunday, May 1, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

This is a self-guided tour of 32 fabulous private gardens that provide habitat for wildlife, are pesticide-free, conserve water, and contain 60% or more native plants. More than 50 free talks will be given throughout the day.

On the weekend of the tour, once again, a number of native plant nurseries will be open on Saturday, April 30 and/or Sunday, May 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Take advantage of this opportunity to shop for unique or hard-to-find native plants that are not normally available in most nurseries. Knowledgeable staff will be on hand to help shoppers select the right plants for their gardens. You do not have to register for the Tour to shop at these nurseries.

Registration is required. Registrants will receive a Garden Guide containing descriptions of each garden and directions. As always, the Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour is free (though donations are requested, and needed)!

Visit www.BringingBackTheNatives.net to register for the tour, view photos of the gardens, read garden descriptions, download plant lists for each garden, obtain contact information for landscapers that specialize in native plant gardens, and more.



PLANT FAMILIES AND PLANT ID WORKSHOPS AT SFSU!

Second Thursday of each month, 6–7:30 p.m.

Talented and knowledgeable graduate botany students at San Francisco State University lead these workshops on the second Thursday of the month. Upcoming workshop dates are May 12 and June 9. The atmosphere is relaxed and there are no tests to take.

We will discuss characteristics of a plant family using a PowerPoint presentation for approximately 20–30 minutes and then delve into keying plants of the same family. Understanding the characteristics of plant families is important not only when keying plants, but also when seeing them in the field. So let's be adventurous on this, the first leg of our journey, and see how much we can learn about plants and the families they belong to.

If you have the old or new edition of the *Jepson Manual* or *Plants of the San Francisco Bay Region: Mendocino to Monterey*, bring it along with a hand lens. If you have any further questions, please email Mila Stroganoff at milastroganoff@sbcglobal.net.

Location: SFSU Botany Lab (Room 440) in Hensill Hall, 1600 Holloway Ave., San Francisco. Campus map: sfsu.edu/~sfsuamap/.

Directions: MUNI's M-Ocean line and #28 bus both stop at 19th Ave. & Holloway St. At the Daly City BART station, board an SFSU shuttle (it runs every 10–15 minutes). If you drive, there is street parking on 19th Ave. as well as paid campus parking. Hensill Hall is located just off 19th Ave., between Winston and Holloway.

PLANT OF THE MONTH

Text by Doreen Smith; photos by Vernon Smith

May brings us flowers of members of the genus *Navarretia*, Polemoniaceae. The rarest is Marin county *Navarretia* (*N. rosulata*), a tiny flower that grows on open serpentinite scree and even in graded fire roads. Often associated with Sargent cypress (*Hesperocyparis sargentii*), plants can be abundant in the Mt. Tamalpais area and the associated high ridges as far north as French Ranch, San Geronimo. The southernmost population is on the Old Stage Road above Bootjack Camp.



Above and below: *Navarretia rosulata*



At one time, this species was confused with *N. heterodoxa*, but though they are similar vegetatively, that species has bright blue flowers while *N. rosulata*

has white-to-lilac flowers in a neat bouquet with surrounding bracts. We once thought it was an only-in-Marin endemic, but recently another population was found by Jake Ruygt in Napa County, west of Lake Berryessa, miles disjunct from ours.

Not all the *Marin Flora* 2007 listed species of *Navarretia* are confirmed present in Marin. *N. tagetina* may be from a misidentified specimen. Whichever reference you consult about plants, there are always some errors; people are not perfect, only human.



Save native plant habitat at Point Reyes with the...

THIRD THURSDAY WEEDERS

Thursday, May 19, 9:30 a.m.

Once a month, the Third Thursday Weeders help tackle invasive weeds that threaten important plant habitat in the Point Reyes National Seashore. Over the past five years, the Weeders have made great progress on the iceplant and veldt grass infestations at the Outer Point, European beachgrass at Abbott's Lagoon, perennial pepperweed in the Giacomini Wetland, and cape ivy at Pierce Point.

Going forward, the Seashore has designated the Weeders as site stewards for the road leading from the Lighthouse parking lot to the whale watch platform. This location is a priority, high-visibility area that is in special need of regular, skilled attention. The group will remove iceplant seedlings, Bermuda buttercup, erharta grass, and other weeds as needed.



The Joy of Weeding—Carolyn Longstreth

The Weeders' next work day at the Lighthouse will take place on May 19. Further details will be emailed to the group early in May. Plan to bring plenty of water, lunch and snacks, warm and wind-stopping layers, sturdy shoes, and work clothes. No shorts or open-toed shoes. The Park provides tools and gloves.

To be added to the email contact list, please send a message to leader Carolyn Longstreth at cklongstreth@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

ZEN OF WEEDING

Habitat Restoration at Samuel P. Taylor St. Park Second Friday & Sunday of every month, 1–3 p.m.

2016 is the sixth year for our Marin CNPS collaboration with Samuel P. Taylor State Park and San Geronimo Valley's SPAWN (Salmon Protection and Watershed Network). Our list of exotic invasives has grown to about 10, although we focus mainly on *Myosotis latifolia* (forget-me-nots).

This is easy, companionable work. Spending time working under the redwoods restores our spirits as well as the habitat. Our goal is an invasive-free park. We want all the campers and visitors to Samuel P. Taylor Park to discover a more pristine native habitat. Bring your friends, neighbors, and families to join in this great project. We guarantee you will have fun and get hooked on weeding the woods.

We meet just before 1 p.m. at the far end of the picnic area. Bring gloves and get a free parking pass when you volunteer. Contact Nancy Hanson at nphanson@comcast.net if you want to attend, need more info, or want notice of other work parties at the park.

PLANT ID WORKSHOPS AT THE COLLEGE OF MARIN

College of Marin Plant ID Workshops have resumed in 2016 on the first Friday evening of each month. Upcoming dates are May 6 and June 3. Workshops will be held from 6–9 p.m. in SMN 112 on the Kentfield campus. The easiest access is from Parking Lot #9 off Kent Avenue. From there, it is just a short walk across the footbridge to the SMN building. Bring plant samples and the *Marin Flora* if you can! For more information, contact Dr. Paul da Silva (pdasilva@marin.edu).



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Board contact information has been removed from the online version of this newsletter.

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The mission of the California Native Plant Society is to conserve California native plants and their natural habitats, and increase understanding, appreciation, and horticultural use of native plants. Membership is open to everyone.

Join CNPS Now!

Membership benefits include informative publications, field trips, monthly programs, and discounts on books and posters. Also included are *Fremontia* (a journal with articles on all aspects of native plants published three times/year), the *Bulletin* (a quarterly statewide report of activities and schedules), and the chapter newsletter. Please call the membership chairperson, Charlotte Torgovitsky, for more information.

Join or Renew Online

Renew your CNPS membership online using a credit card. As an option, set it to renew automatically year after year. It's quick, easy, convenient, and reduces renewal mailing costs.

Visit www.cnps.org and click **Join/Renew**.

Join or Renew by Mail

Yes! I wish to affiliate with the Marin chapter.

New Member Renewal

Membership Category:

- Mariposa Lily \$1,500
- Benefactor \$600
- Patron \$300
- Plant Lover \$100
- Family, Group, or Library \$75
- Individual \$45
- Student or Limited Income \$25

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