



California Native Plant Society

MARIN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Tiburon Mariposa Lily (Calochortus tiburonensis)

Marin chapter established 1973

Monday, October 10 Marin Chapter Meeting

Ralph & Lisa Shanks on “Indian Baskets of Northern California and Oregon”

Ralph and Lisa Shanks are Marin CNPS members who have studied Native American basketry for decades. Working in museums across America and in Europe and with skilled native weavers, a major focus of their research is on how California native plants were used in basketry. California Indian baskets are made from an amazing array of our native plants, including everything from redwood roots to Joshua trees! The rich California native flora allowed Native American weavers to create our state's first and finest native art.

Ralph's talk will have two main goals. First: introducing you to the basketry of Northern California and Oregon and explaining how native plants were central to the creation of these beautiful baskets. Second: drawing together the research from all three books to explain the significance of California Indian basketry in the region.

This will be the third presentation the Shanks have made at CNPS Marin. It results from the completion of their beautiful new book, *Indian Baskets of Northern California and Oregon*. This is the third and final book in the Indian



Traditional Hupa cooking basket with wefts of native California conifer roots and hazel with designs done in beargrass—Lisa Woo Shanks



A beautiful Karuk cap from the Klamath River area made of beargrass, maidenhair fern, hazel, dyed woodwardia fern, and conifer root—Lisa Woo Shanks

Baskets of California and Oregon series. All three books in the series will be available for sale at the meeting.

Ralph Shanks is the author of eight books, nearly all of them dealing with California. He is Research Associate in Anthropology at the University of California at Davis and co-president of the Miwok Archeological Preserve of Marin (MAPOM). One of his first published articles appeared in *Fremontia*, volume 1, number 1.

Lisa Woo Shanks is the editor of the Indian Baskets of California and Oregon Series. She is Research Associate for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, covering Sonoma County south to Santa Barbara County. The Shanks live in Novato.

October 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. We'll resume meetings in the main auditorium in October—please look for directional signage if the main entrance is still under construction, as there might be a temporary entrance just to the right. We apologize for any inconvenience!

MARIN CHAPTER FALL NATIVE PLANT SALE

Saturday, October 15, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Location: Falkirk Cultural Center, 1408 Mission Ave., San Rafael (across from the San Rafael Public Library)

For our fall sale, we are again at this picturesque and popular venue: the habitat garden and greenhouse on the grounds of the handsome and historic Falkirk Mansion in San Rafael. The Marin Master Gardeners maintain the display gardens and will be co-sponsoring this sale.

Among the many plants we will have for sale are a large selection of native shrubs, perfect for habitat gardens, and a beautiful collection of milkweed plants, guaranteed to bring Monarch butterflies to your garden!

At 11 a.m., Charlotte Torgovitsky will talk about How to Garden in Deer Country (without becoming totally frustrated). She'll cover strategies and plant selections.

Please volunteer: Friday, October 14, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. and on Saturday for the sale

At this time, we most urgently need a Volunteer Coordinator, and closer to the sale date, someone for hospitality. Help will be needed for plant pricing and other pre-sale preparations, as well as for a variety of functions on the day of the sale: setting out directional signage, displaying plants, assisting customers with advice and carry-out, cashiering, refreshments, and take-down. Helpers with brawn will be especially welcome for transporting, setting up, and taking down tables and canopies. Volunteers are promised a free plant, good company, and further education!

Please contact plant sale co-chairs Charlotte Torgovitsky 415.892.9148/torgovitsky@comcast.net or Kristin Jakob 415.388.1844/kristinjakob@att.net with questions or to volunteer.



PLANT ID WORKSHOPS AT SFSU RESUME

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

The workshops are back in full swing during the fall. Each session will start with a short PowerPoint presentation pointing out characteristics of a plant family. We will then key out plants with the help of dedicated graduate students. Let's take a close-up look at some plants and learn the meaning of interesting botanical terms. Bring your *Jepson Manual* 2nd edition if you have it and a loupe. I hope to see many of you there.

Workshop dates: September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8.

Questions: Email Mila Stroganoff at milastroganoff@sbcglobal.net.

Location: San Francisco State University Botany Lab (Room 440) in Hensill Hall, 1600 Holloway Ave. at 19th, San Francisco. Campus map: sfsu.edu/~sfsuemap/.

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.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

* **Tuesday 9/6, 7 p.m.**

Chapter Board Meeting, 30 N. San Pedro Rd., San Rafael (location tentative)

* **Friday 9/9, 1–3 p.m. (also 9/11)**

The Zen of Weeding, Samuel P. Taylor State Park, Lagunitas

* **Friday 9/9, 6–9 p.m. (also 10/7)**

Plant ID Workshop at College of Marin

* **Saturday 9/10, 9 a.m.–12 noon**

Broom Buster Work Day at Old St. Hilary's, Tiburon

* **Thursday 9/15, 9:30 a.m. (also 10/20)**

Third Thursday Weeders Workday at Point Reyes

* **Saturday 9/24, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. (also 10/29)**

Ring Mountain Grassland Restoration

* **Sunday 9/25, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.**

Chapter Field Trip: Giacomini Wetlands Excursion

* **Monday 10/3, 7 p.m.**

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Chapter Meeting: Ralph and Lisa Shanks on "Indian Baskets of Northern California and Oregon"

* **Saturday 10/15, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.**

Chapter Fall Plant Sale (volunteers also needed Friday 10/14)

* **Monday 11/14, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**

Chapter Meeting: Mia Monroe on "Muir Woods—A Close Look at Park Health During NPS Centennial"



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.

BOARD NEWS

Many Thanks to Outgoing President Charlotte Torgovitsky!

The board wishes to express its thanks for Charlotte's hard work and dedication serving in this position since January 2014. Charlotte brought her many talents to bear while at the chapter's helm—superb organizational skills, great energy and inspiration, a gift for writing and educating, and visions of how CNPS could become a better and more effective organization. She will remain on the board and will now have more time to dedicate to her interests in education and outreach; forging bonds with other organizations, land stewards, and non-profits; and propagating native plants. Thank you, Charlotte!

Call for Nominations

We invite Chapter members to step forward to help run the Marin Chapter by serving as officers on the board; at present, the position of President is also open. If you are interested in running, or have another member to suggest, please contact one of the Co-Vice Presidents, David Long or Kristin Jakob, as soon as possible.

The elected officers are: President, up to two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to 11 additional board members. A slate of nominees will be published in the October–December chapter *Newsletter* and voted on at the November membership meeting. Please consider volunteering in a leadership role—it can be very rewarding, and CNPS needs you!

Contact information: David Long, 415.381.6327/
sfdlong@ix.netcom.com; Kristin Jakob, 415.388.1844/
kristinjakob@att.net.

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 either of our Co-Vice Presidents, if you're interested in helping. Thank you!



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

THIRD THURSDAY WEEDERS

Thursday, September 15, 9:30 a.m.

Join the “Third Thursday Weeders” to spend a day at beautiful Point Reyes and help tackle invasive weeds that threaten important plant habitat in the Point Reyes National Seashore.



Weeders pose with a tarp installed over highly invasive perennial pepperweed—Carolyn Longstreth

In September, the Weeders will continue their work along the Lighthouse road, a stunning site overlooking the Pacific. We will continue removing small iceplant seedlings to prevent them from getting reestablished. We'll also look for late-blooming native plants that are eagerly recolonizing these areas, including such rarities as curly-leaved monardella, coast gumplant, and many others.

Bring plenty of water, lunch and snacks, warm and wind-stopping layers, sturdy shoes, and work clothes. No shorts or open-toed shoes. We'll pull weeds until about 1:30 p.m., including a break for a picnic lunch.

Please let us know if you plan to join the group by emailing Carolyn Longstreth at cclongstreth@gmail.com. Carolyn will send out a reminder earlier in the month.

Hope to see you on September 15!

—Carolyn Longstreth

GARDENING IN HARMONY WITH NATURE

by Charlotte Torgovitsky

In Novato, as in much of Marin, we are close enough to the coast to notice the marine influence; foggy mornings that gradually give way to sunny, sometimes really hot days. I'm a sun lover, and as such, try to get all my "indoor chores" done in the mornings, and then have the whole afternoon to enjoy the outdoors. I'm also a butterfly lover, because unlike birds, who are always up early to get that "first worm," butterflies and I have daily schedules that mesh very nicely!

I also need to wait until the fog burns off and the air gets warm and dry before I can collect seeds, a process I engage in for a good part of each year. In February, my attention turns to collecting seed of the early wildflowers, like milkmaids and buttercups, and cool season grasses; by summer I'm gathering seed of various salvias, native bulbs, and the late spring- and summer-blooming wildflowers.

By far my favorite wildflower is elegant madia, and with this very floriferous plant, the seed-collecting season extends over many weeks. It's almost poetic to be out there searching for seeds at the same time the nectar lovers, like butterflies, are also drawn to these beautiful flowers. In *Madia elegans*, only the ray flowers are fertile, so the seeds set in a lovely star-shaped pattern. I collect sparingly, aware that seeds are also food for lots of creatures, and that the sweet little goldfinches are particularly fond of madia seed!

It's early August as I write this column, and I'm already noticing the westward drift of monarchs, slowly making the return trip to the California coast. Fresh-looking adults float through the gardens, dipping down to nectar at various flowers. The female also takes a chemical reading with her front tarsi to determine which plants are suitable for her offspring. Monarch larvae were abundant in my garden at the end of April, and easy to see and monitor on the various species of milkweeds



Monarch caterpillar—Donna Grubisic



Monarch butterflies on *A. speciosa*—Harmina Mansur

(*Asclepias*) that I grow. Pupae are harder to spot, and often a good distance from the larval host plants. Most likely adults emerged from a fair number and continued on the migration towards the mountains, where more milkweeds grow.

Monarch populations have surged in the last two years. Over-wintering roosts on the Bolinas mesa are supporting greater numbers, and a whole new roosting grove was discovered close to the water on the East Bay last winter!

There has been some controversy lately about viable milkweed plants growing too close to these roosts, with the thought that this encourages late breeding at a time when these butterflies need to go into a reproductive diapause. Dedicated habitat gardeners are all wondering: how close is too close? Novato is 23 miles from the coast as the crow flies. When milkweeds in the garden still offer enough forage for the larvae and gravid females are laying eggs, is that really a bad thing?

Native milkweeds used to grow much more abundantly in Marin. Now there are only small remnant stands in our open spaces. It is my understanding that the plants were systematically eradicated by the cattle and dairy ranchers, since the plants are poisonous to most herbivores. In response, many of us choose to provide for the monarchs by planting milkweeds in our gardens.

I grow three different species of *Asclepias* in my garden: narrow-leaf (*A. fascicularis*), a California native; showy (*A. speciosa*), native to the western states; and Mexican, or tropical (*A. curassavica*). I also raise larval host plants for more than a dozen different species of butterflies common to the grasslands and oak woodlands of Novato.

The native milkweeds, both herbaceous perennials, are really good habitat plants, supporting much more life than just the monarch larvae. Showy milkweed stalks emerge early in the year and are in full spectacular and fragrant bloom in April, inviting lots of pollinators. Seed pods are set now, but the seeds within are not ripe; the native peoples collected the young pods and ate them as a vegetable. Narrow-leaf milkweed comes into

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its own later in the season; blooming right to the end of summer. By November, both of these species have dropped most of their leaves and just the stems remain. These stems are very fibrous; the native peoples created cordage from the fibers in the spent stems.

Both species have a “mind of their own” when it comes to cultivation; the gardener just has to let them grow where they choose to grow. Once established, showy milkweed runs by the roots to form large drifts, and may not really take hold for a year or more. Narrow-leaf milkweed seeds itself around, increasing its population, and thriving in places where there is no irrigation.

I grow milkweed plants from seed, starting indoors in December. The seed germinates readily when pre-soaked in water and sown into a flat with bottom heat of about 70 degrees. I start them with 12 hours of daily light, gradually lengthening it to 14 hours each day. Then the seedlings get hardened off and I work with my volunteer propagation group to gradually pot them up to larger and larger containers to produce vigorous gallon-sized plants ready for fall planting.

We'll have plenty of milkweed plants at our fundraising Fall Plant Sale on October 15. Monarch butterflies are such an iconic symbol of nature's beautiful mysteries and all that conscientious environmentalists want to preserve for future generations—one insect that most people actually like!

BROOM BUSTER WORK DAY

Saturday, September 10, 9 a.m.–12 noon

Old St. Hilary's Open Space Preserve has a friend in the Broom Buster team, a loyal group of volunteers who have worked together to remove French broom on the preserve for nearly 20 years. In that time, incredible progress has been made to suppress the broom regrowth and allow native species to recover and thrive. Come learn about the importance of invasive species removal and lend a hand! Volunteer work is mildly strenuous and involves bending, pulling, and kneeling. It is possible for volunteers as young as 5 years old to join if teamed with a parent or guardian. Dress in layers you can get dirty, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. Snacks and extra water will be provided. High fire danger cancels: Call 415.473.7191 to get an update on fire danger status and land closures. If a “Red Flag” warning is in effect, all walks and events on Open Space District preserves are cancelled.

Check the Marin County Parks event calendar (www.marincountyparks.org/depts/pk/calendar) for more information.

Questions: Contact Volunteer Coordinator Greg Reza at 415.473.3778.

Directions: Meet at Vistazo Fire Road gate. From Hwy 101 in Mill Valley, take the exit for Tiburon Blvd. (Hwy 131) east 3.5 miles. Turn left onto Lyford Dr., right onto Vistazo West St., and follow to the (dead) end.

RING MOUNTAIN GRASSLAND RESTORATION

Saturday, September 24, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Join us for our monthly drop-in volunteer workday as we focus on restoring the grasslands of Ring Mountain! This preserve is home to numerous rare and endangered plants, but the habitat is threatened by invasive species. This month there may be some opportunities to remove invasive weeds, but our main task will be to get our hands dirty rolling small balls of mud and native seeds to plant later in restoration areas. Educational components are included as we discuss the flowers and plants in the seed mix, as well as projects to restore habitat at Ring Mountain. Drop in any time and stay as long as you want!

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. It is possible for volunteers as young as five years old to join if teamed with a parent or guardian. Dress in layers you can get dirty, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. Please bring gloves if you have them. Snacks and extra water will be provided. High fire danger cancels: Call 415.473.7191 to get an update on fire danger status and land closures. If a “Red Flag” warning is in effect, all walks and events on Open Space District preserves are cancelled. RSVP's are appreciated but not required.

Check the Marin County Parks event calendar (www.marincountyparks.org/depts/pk/calendar) for information about drop-in days.

Questions or to RSVP: Contact Ring Mountain Stewardship Coordinator Sarah Minnick at 415.473.5058.

Directions: Meet at the Phyllis Ellman trailhead on Paradise Dr. in Corte Madera. 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 mile (go past Westward Dr.) The gate is on the right.

SIGN UP FOR E-BULLETINS TO KEEP UP WITH CNPS MARIN NEWS!

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.

MCOSD ACCESS AND DISCOVERY TRAILS

At the end of 2015, the Marin County Open Space District (MCOSD) released the Inclusive Access Plan (IAP) with Destination-Oriented Trails, the title later revised to Access and Discovery Trails. I submitted a comment letter on the IAP in December, and on August 9, 2016, addressed the Board of Directors (in the case of the MCOSD, the Board of Supervisors) regarding the IAP, and an Addendum to the Road and Trail Management Plan (RTMP).

Of course, making roads and trails accessible for mobility-impaired persons is noble, important, and required under the ADA; however, Vistazo Fire Road on the Old St. Hilary's (OSH) preserve in Tiburon is not suitable for such access. In the Marin County Parks/MCOSD Vegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan (VBMP), this preserve was identified as a "legacy zone," an area that supports "unique and irreplaceable remnants of natural biological diversity" and a zone that will be a "sanctuary for natural resources."



Vistazo Fire Road at Old St. Hilary's—Eva Buxton

Four rare and endangered plant species grow in outcrops or on banks adjacent to the fire road: Tiburon jewelflower (*Streptanthus glandulosus* ssp. *niger*), Tiburon paintbrush (*Castilleja affinis* ssp. *neglecta*), Marin dwarf flax (*Hesperolinon congestum*), and Tiburon buckwheat (*Eriogonum luteolum* ssp. *caninum*). The first three are listed under the federal and state Endangered Species Acts. On behalf of CNPS, I maintained that any improvements to the road as well as increased visitor traffic would be detrimental to these plants.

The question must be asked: by what criteria was the Vistazo Fire Road selected? The IAP failed to list either the RTMP or the VBMP as documents on which the IAP was based. Both management plans outline policies that would prevent Vistazo Fire Road, one of

approximately seven proposed roads/trails, from being selected as an Access and Discovery Trail.

I found that the conclusion in the Addendum to the RTMP regarding botanical resources was incorrect. It states that "the proposed project would not result in any new significant impacts, or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant impacts." I do not agree! Significant impacts include improvements to the fire road; provision of wheelchair access to signs that are set back from the road; an increase in visitor traffic that might include dogs and result in dog waste, which is undesirable in serpentine soils; and parking and access improvements at both ends of Vistazo Fire Road. Such impacts are not adequately evaluated in the certified Tiered Programmatic EIR for the RTMP.

Serpentine outcrops near the beginning and end of the fire road are especially sensitive. These outcrops support the Tiburon jewelflower, a federally and state-listed endangered species. The OSH preserve is one of only two locations on the Tiburon peninsula where the Tiburon jewelflower grows. Therefore, an impact on the plants at this preserve is not just an impact on the population at this site—it is an impact on the entire species.

On behalf of CNPS, I asked that Vistazo Fire Road be permanently removed from the Access and Discovery Trail System. Regrettably, the IAP was adopted and the Addendum to the RTMP TPEIR was certified without any discussion by the Board at the meeting.

I urge CNPS members to keep an eye out for the other proposed trails (Deer Island loop trail, Bahia trail, Escalon fire road, Roy's Redwoods meadow trail, and others) and collect information on construction, visitor use, and maintenance resulting from the implementation of the IAP before Vistazo Fire Road is developed as an Access and Discovery Trail. Out of seven trails proposed for wheelchair access, the Vistazo Fire Road will be the last to be considered and funded, according to Carl Sommers (MCOSD).

—Eva Buxton, Conservation Chair



MARIN CNPS FIELD TRIPS, SEPTEMBER 2016

There is no better way to learn your wildflowers and other native plants than to join chapter members and others in the field! All hikes are free and open to the public, so please invite your friends. Beginning plant enthusiasts are particularly welcome on all hikes.

Dress in layers, wear non-slip footwear and come prepared for cold, fog, rain and wind, just in case. 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.

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Giacomini Wetlands Excursion

Sunday, September 25, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

This hike will be led by Lorraine Parsons, project manager for the Giacomini Wetlands Restoration. Lorraine will start by giving an overview of the 2008 Wetlands Restoration, which converted the 550-acre site from a dairy diked off from Lagunitas Creek to a fully connected tidal wetland. The talk will cover the transformation of the affected plant communities over the seven years since the restoration into an evolving mosaic of tidal wetlands, mudflats, grasslands and riparian forbs. The hike will follow the public trail towards the historic dairy barn, where the group will stop to look over the wetlands, then proceed down into the wetlands. This second part of the hike is not strenuous, but it will be off the formal trail, and the ground is somewhat uneven in places, so sensible shoes are advised. Once down in the tidal zone, group members will have a chance to look closely at the salt marsh plant community, including arrowgrass (*Triglochin maritima*), pickleweed (*Salicornia pacifica*), gumplant (*Grindelia stricta*), and sea lavender (*Limonium californicum*), as well as search for the rare salt marsh annual Point Reyes Bird's Beak (*Chloropyron maritimum* ssp. *palustre*). We'll also examine the upland transition zone, which has several native brackish-tolerant native grasses such as creeping wildrye (*Elymus triticoides*), meadow barley (*Hordeum brachyantherum*), and Alaska alkali grass (*Puccinellia nutkaensis*). Total hike length is about 1.5 miles.

Meet at the Giacomini Wetlands Trailhead at the corner of 3rd and C Street, Point Reyes Station.

Leader: Lorraine Parsons.



PLANTS OF THE MONTH: TWO *AMMANNIA* SPECIES, LYTHRACEAE

Text by Doreen Smith

There are few California native plants to choose from that flower during the month of September. Drying lake, lagoon, and reservoir shores can be places to discover some of them. Plants of aquatic and wet habitats are often widely distributed and included as natives in each country where they are present. Perhaps they have been spread by migrating waterfowl from their original prehistoric sources.

Two small unusual species from moist, drying, freshwater shores are in the Lythraceae: *Ammannia robusta* and *Ammannia coccinea*. The *Jepson Manual* #2 of 2012 treatment differs from that in Howell's *Marin Flora* of 2007; I'm using the former. *Ammannia robusta* is the larger of the two species when in flower and has been found on the shores of the reservoirs on Mt. Tamalpais; the petals are

lavender-pink. *Ammannia coccinea* is tiny, has red-purple petals, and is found around Nicasio reservoir.



Grand redstem (*Ammannia robusta*)—
Doreen Smith



Valley redstem (*Ammannia coccinea*)—
Vernon Smith

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). Join us for easy, companionable work along the trails and around the campground. Spending time working under the redwoods restores our spirits as well as the habitat. It is very gratifying to see the native plants making a comeback where we have weeded.

We are excited to be providing a more pristine native environment for the endangered Coho salmon and all the birds and animals, as well as human visitors at this beautiful state park.

We meet just before 1 p.m. at the far end of the picnic area. Bring gloves or borrow from the park supply 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.

MARIN CNPS CONTACTS

Position	Name
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Open Positions: President, Conservation and Invasives Committee Co-Chair (Invasives), Membership Committee Chair

PLANT ID WORKSHOPS AT THE COLLEGE OF MARIN

College of Marin Plant ID workshops will resume after the Labor Day weekend on September 9, and then continue on the first Friday of each month (October 7 and November 4). Workshops are held from 6–9 p.m. in Room SMN 112 on the Kentfield campus. Bring curiosity, as well as plants and a copy of the *Marin Flora* if you have them. For more information, contact Paul da Silva at pdasilva@marin.edu.



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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.

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Yes! I wish to affiliate with the Marin chapter.

New Member Renewal

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- Plant Lover \$100
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- Individual \$45
- Student or Limited Income \$25

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