



# California Native Plant Society

## MARIN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

*Tiburon Mariposa Lily (Calochortus tiburonensis)*

*Marin chapter established 1973*

### **Monday, May 8 Marin Chapter Meeting**

#### **Eva Buxton on “Sierra Nevada Plants”**

The Sierra Nevada mountain range does not have a Mediterranean climate. Therefore, it is not invaded by non-native plants from that climate zone, as lower-elevation areas in California, including Marin County, are. Instead, even road-banks and other disturbed sites are colonized by native plants. High-altitude areas support many unique genera and species adapted to poor soils, high winds, and harsh winters.

Marin Chapter Conservation Chair Eva Buxton became interested in plants as a young child growing up in Sweden. She has an MA in Ecology and Systematic Biology with emphasis on botany and worked as a botanist for an environmental consulting firm. As a backpacker and with a daughter living in Tahoe City, Eva has spent much time in the mountains and will show some of the numerous plants growing in the Sierra Nevada range.



*Hymenoxys hoopesii* (tall mountain sneezeweed)—Kristin Jakob



Golden Trout Wilderness—Kristin Jakob

#### **May meeting:**

**6 p.m.** Join friends and meet our speaker for a no-host dinner at The Cantina, 651 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. Note the later start time.

**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.



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# GARDENING IN HARMONY WITH NATURE

by Charlotte Torgovitsky

The flickers have now left my oak woodlands and moved to higher elevations in the Coast Ranges; I'll look forward to seeing them again when we're camping in the forests this summer. Meanwhile the tree swallows are here already, and I'm waiting to hear the first calls of the ash-throated flycatchers as they arrive from wintering grounds in Baja California. For the last five or six years, they have shown up around the fifth of May, and by June they are raising a brood in the nesting box hung in an old coast live oak.

Last year the flycatchers did not breed here, perhaps due to the drought conditions and reduced insect populations. This year is obviously very different, and I've already seen dense clouds of insects floating upwards into the air, massing and dispersing. They create shifting patterns of light and dark as the tiny creatures come together and then move apart again, much like the famous murmurations displayed by large flocks of starlings.

Now much of my time in the garden is spent hand-pulling weeds, which seem to grow by several inches each day! I am selective about which weeds I pull, and often inspect the plants closely for signs of life. Weeds are not all bad foreign invaders; a number of them support large populations of insects, which in turn support all sorts of other creatures. Many of these non-native weeds are obviously here to stay, so it's great that they actually benefit a number of native creatures.

Though I pull plenty of Italian thistles (*Carduus pycnocephalus*), I always leave some controlled patches on our property. When I look closely at a stand of these plants, I find aphids and often ants tending them, soldier beetles, and ladybird beetles and their larvae. I often find the larvae of two species of butterflies feeding on the thistles: the Mylitta



American lady larva on cudweed—Bob and Mieke Watkins crescent (*Phyciodes mylitta*) and the painted lady (*Vanessa cardui*).

When the thistles are in bloom, they attract numerous species of native bees, honeybees, hover flies, and butterflies. All of these come for the nectar produced from flowering heads of tightly packed disc flowers. Later still the seeds are eaten by a variety of foraging creatures; goldfinches are particularly fond of thistle seeds and also use the downy chaff to line their little cupped nests.

For signs of butterfly larvae I look for damaged leaves and insect frass (excrement) and also for leaf nests. All lepidopteran larvae have the ability to spin silk, and a number of butterfly larvae use their silk to create little hideouts by "sewing" leaves together. They then spend much of the day hidden within their nests and venture out to feed at dusk and dawn.

I also leave drifts of cudweeds for the larvae of the American lady butterfly (*Vanessa virginiensis*). Though there are several species of native Californian cudweeds (gnaphaliums), and all are growing on our property, the one that seems to be preferred by the American lady is an introduced European species, *Pseudognaphalium luteoalbum*. Even this early in the year, I have found several plants with nicely developing larvae.

Pearly everlasting (*Anaphalis margaritacea*) is a California native and also a host plant of the American lady. It's a plant that's been hard to establish in my garden; after wandering around in small patches for years, there is finally a nice cohesive stand in the garden and it is now supporting larvae!

The red admiral butterfly (*Vanessa atalanta*) is yet another insect that finds sustenance from weedy plants; in this case it's often native nettles (*Urtica dioica*) that are used as larval host plants. Nettles have many good qualities but are nevertheless despised by many people.

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*Vanessa virginiensis* (American lady)—Bob and Mieke Watkins

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They usually grow in moist riparian habitats, and though our property is nowhere close to a stream, I see the red admirals regularly flying on our hillside.

I have to admit that I purposefully brought pellitory (*Parietaria judaica*), a non-native weedy plant to my garden in order to provide for the larvae of the red admirals. This plant needs year-round moisture, and it grows rampantly wherever I water by hand, but there's no danger of it growing in the oak woodlands. Now I have both the adults and the larvae of the beautiful red admiral living here in my garden!



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

✿ **Monday 5/1, 7 p.m.**

Chapter Board Meeting, 5 Hamilton Lndg, Suite 200, Novato

✿ **Saturday 5/6, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.**

Chapter Field Trip: Marin Islands, San Pablo Bay

✿ **Saturday 5/6, 1 p.m.**

Sudden Oak Death Blitz Training, Dominican College, San Rafael

✿ **Monday 5/8, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**

Chapter Meeting: Eva Buxton on “Sierra Nevada Plants”

✿ **Friday 5/12, 1–3 p.m. (also 5/14)**

The Zen of Weeding, Samuel P. Taylor State Park

✿ **Saturday 5/13, 7:30–9:30 a.m.**

Botanical Photography Workshop, Tiburon

✿ **Saturday 5/13, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

Chapter Field Trip: The Buck Institute, Novato

✿ **Saturday 5/13, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**

Sonoma/North Marin Eco-Friendly Garden Tours

✿ **Thursday 5/18, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**

Third Thursday Weeders Workday at Point Reyes

✿ **Sunday 5/21, 9 a.m.**

Chapter Field Trip: Pine Mountain Fire Road

✿ **Monday 6/5, 7 p.m.**

Chapter Board Meeting, 5 Hamilton Lndg, Suite 200, Novato

✿ **Monday 6/12, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**

Chapter Meeting: Daniel Gluesenkamp on “Citizen Scientists, Conservation Gardening, and Superbloom Photographers: How Will We Save California’s Incredible Flora?”



## PLANT OF THE MONTH: NAVARRETIA

Text by Doreen Smith; Images by Vernon Smith

Some rare *Navarretia* species grow on Mt. Burdell in Novato.

When Olompali Rancho and Mt. Burdell Open Space Preserve were first opened to the public, people on CNPS botanical expeditions led by Wilma Follette found three new species of *Navarretia* for Marin County.

Two are rare: the vernal pool white-flowered Baker’s navarretia (*Navarretia leucocephala* spp. *bakeri*, CNPS LIST 1B.1) and the cream-flowered adobe-soil cotula navarretia (*N. cotulifolia*, CNPS LIST 4.2). The third is the more common blue-flowered *N. pubescens*.



*Navarretia leucocephala* spp. *bakeri* (Baker’s navarretia)



*Navarretia cotulifolia* (Cotula navarretia)



*Navarretia pubescens* (Purple navarretia)

## SPRING NATIVE PLANT SALE

We could not have been luckier: despite many dreary drizzly days and abundant rains this season, we had beautiful weather on the sale day! Many enthusiastic gardeners were inspired by a break in the drought conditions to purchase additional plants to expand their native gardens or to get started on a new garden designed with California's unique conditions in mind.

We are indebted to the Marin Master Gardeners, who co-sponsor the sale, and to the city staff at Falkirk Cultural Center who allow us the use of their beautiful venue. Much is owed to Gail Mason, our main liaison with the Master Gardeners; she kept track of all the small details and provided a lovely assortment of refreshments. Debbie Baker worked to coordinate all the Master Gardeners; they really helped us pull this event together.

Lots of people work together to organize an event like this. It takes months of advance planning and is much more than just a plant sale. It is a key opportunity for our chapter to reach the community with our message. This spring the focus was on plants for native pollinators.

Many thanks go to the planning committee: Laura Lovett, Jean Ballestero, Bonnie Gosliner, and Sara O'Keefe. They were a huge help to the plant sale co-chairs, Kristin Jakob and Charlotte Torgovitsky. We all worked together to create an event that helps raise awareness about a different kind of garden, and that offers alternatives to standard gardening practices.

A number of the plants offered for sale were expertly grown by a team of volunteers working with Charlotte during the year. April Post nurtured plants left from the fall sale, and we also had local natives grown at SPAWN in San Geronimo Valley this year. Kristin, Daniel Kushner, Charlotte, Jean, and Sara organized plant purchases.



Plant sale setup—Laura Lovett

What would we do without all our helpers? Laura Lovett designed our plant sale flier, posters, educational signage and handouts. Steve O'Keefe, Treva McCarty and Nancy Niche facilitated the transport of equipment and plants.

Jean Ballestero did a great job for CNPS as our Volunteer Coordinator, getting help from Linda Oqvist, Elsa Latini, Marie Narlock, Karen Holleran, Sara O'Keefe, Peter Norton, Woody Reynolds, and Eddie Robertson. Eddie, a skilled carpenter, also made some beautiful new signs that were very helpful for organizing plants by their habitat needs. Thanks also to Lynn Lozier, Georgia Fie, Loretta Figueroa, Tish Brown, Cody Ender, and Cheryl Beauvias, who helped with customers and with the break-down at the end of our event.

Jane Medley and Susan Schlosser set up and staffed the book and poster tables; Sam Gilbert, Marybeth Kampman, and Daniel Kushner did a fine job of cashiering; and Cynthia LaMar and Katie Martin talked to customers about the benefits of CNPS membership. Linda Oqvist gave two tours of the California native plant demonstration gardens at Falkirk, and Charlotte gave a talk on welcoming native pollinators into your garden.

And last, but certainly not least, many, many thanks to all the enthusiastic native plant gardeners who support our chapter by attending the sale. We sold lots of plants, signed up some new members, and spread the word about a new approach to gardening in California!

Thank you all—we couldn't have done it without you!

—Kristin Jakob and Charlotte Torgovitsky, Plant Sale Co-Chairs



## UPCOMING PLANT ID WORKSHOP

**Thursday, May 11, 6–7:30 p.m.**

Plant ID workshops happen on the second Thursday of each month. Each session starts with a short PowerPoint presentation pointing out characteristics of a plant family. We 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 botany terms. Bring your *Jepson Manual* 2<sup>nd</sup> edition if you have it and a loupe.

**Location:** San Francisco State University Botany Lab (Room 440) in Hensill Hall, 1600 Holloway Ave. at 19<sup>th</sup>, San Francisco. Campus map: [sfsu.edu/~sfsuemap/](http://sfsu.edu/~sfsuemap/). If you drive, there is street parking on 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. as well as paid campus parking.

**Questions:** Email Mila Stroganoff at [milastroganoff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:milastroganoff@sbcglobal.net).

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

## **THIRD THURSDAY WEEDERS**

**Thursday, May 18, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**

Don't you hate to see beautiful native vegetation being displaced by invasive exotic species? If so, the "Third Thursday Weeders" are for you! Spend a companionable day at beautiful Point Reyes and help us protect important plant habitat in the Point Reyes National Seashore.

The Weeders meet regularly on the third Thursday of every month. Over the past four years, we have removed infestations of iceplant, veldt grass, European beachgrass, perennial pepperweed, cape ivy, and Napa star-thistle. Lately we've concentrated our efforts on the Lighthouse area and a dune restoration project near Abbotts Lagoon. We always have a good time and it's highly rewarding to see the native plants making a comeback in these areas!

To sign up and receive notification of the meeting place, please contact Carolyn Longstreth at [cclongstreth@gmail.com](mailto:cclongstreth@gmail.com) or 415.669.7514.



The roots on this iceplant reveal how the plant can spread as quickly as it does—Carolyn Longstreth



Baby blue-eyes responded beautifully to this year's abundant rains at the Lighthouse—Carolyn Longstreth

Bring plenty of water, lunch and snacks, warm and wind-stopping layers, sturdy shoes, work clothes. No shorts or open-toed shoes.

Hope to see you there!

—Carolyn Longstreth



## **BOARD NEWS**

### **Recording Secretary Needed!**

This is an excellent position for a newcomer to the board, requiring a willingness to attend our board meetings held on the first Mondays of January–June and September–November, plus one on a Saturday during summer.

Please contact Kristin Jakob at 415.388.1844 if interested.

### **Welcome David Greenberger**

The board of CNPS Marin is delighted to welcome its newest member, David Greenberger, who works for the One Tam collaborative—thank you, David!

—Kristin Jakob

## MARIN CNPS FIELD TRIPS MAY 2017

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 water, lunch, and snacks; binoculars and/or hand lenses; and your favorite field guides. Contact hike leaders with any questions about individual hikes.

Check out our event listings at [www.meetup.com/California-Native-Plant-Society-Marin-Chapter-Meetup](http://www.meetup.com/California-Native-Plant-Society-Marin-Chapter-Meetup).

### Marin Islands

**Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.**

Meg Marriott of the National Wildlife Refuge system has invited Marin CNPS to visit East Marin Island in San Pablo Bay! One of two tiny Marin Islands north of the Richmond-San Rafael bridge, East Marin Island contains some spectacular native flora, including three species of rein orchid. It is hoped that our chapter can apply its expertise to detect some species that have not been previously documented by the NWR staff! We will travel to East Island in a 21-foot Whaler boat. Limited to 15 participants. If you would like to attend, please contact Carolyn at [cclongstreth@gmail.com](mailto:cclongstreth@gmail.com) and she will email you directions to the launch site.



*Piperia transversa* (transverse rein orchid)—  
Vernon Smith

## 500 Acres of Oak Woodland on Private Land: the Buck Institute

**Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

Join Todd Plummer, Research Associate at the Buck Institute for Research on Aging, for a botanical exploration on private property on Mount Burdell in Novato, a site largely unexplored since 1999. Expect to see many species on the Marin CNPS list for Mount Burdell, including vernal pool specialties like *Ranunculus lobbii*, various brodiaeas, clarkias, and other colorful delights. But who knows what additional plants we might find in forgotten pastures last grazed over 20 years ago, as well as unnamed creek bottoms, numerous seeps and swales, vernal pools, and serpentine outcrops?

Dress in layers and wear sturdy, preferably waterproof footwear. Bring lunch, water, hat, sunscreen and perhaps hiking poles, because much of our hike will be off-trail.

**Leader:** Todd Plummer, [plumtodd@gmail.com](mailto:plumtodd@gmail.com)

**Directions:** From Hwy. 101, take the San Marin/Atherton Exit. Travel west on San Marin for about 100 yards, then turn north onto Redwood Blvd and drive for 0.9 mile. Turn left onto Buck Center Drive and drive through the gate and up the hill to the designated parking area. Please note: due to security and safety concerns, please arrive by 10 a.m. Unescorted visitors will not be allowed to hike on the property.



*Ranunculus lobbii* (Lobb's aquatic buttercup)—Vernon Smith

### Botanical Photography Workshop

**Saturday, May 13, 7:30–9:30 a.m.**

Come and learn introductory botanical photography in this 2-hour workshop to be held on the Tiburon Peninsula. The class will emphasize the use of smartphone cameras, but digital cameras are welcome as well (no monopods/tripods, diffusers, or reflectors, please). This is not a class on garden

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or art photography, but one where we focus in and capture the botanical details of a variety of plants. We'll discuss the importance of subject selection, composition, lighting, and background. The entire class will be hands-on. We'll meet early to catch the soft morning light. Bring a fully charged battery and be prepared to squat, kneel, or even lie down to get to the level of the plants.

**Instructor:** Sterling Sam

The class is limited to six participants. Register by texting Sterling at 415.215.9805 or emailing Carolyn Longstreth at [cklongstreth@gmail.com](mailto:cklongstreth@gmail.com). Sterling or Carolyn will provide directions to the venue.

## Pine Mountain Fire Road

**Sunday, May 21, 9 a.m.**

This outing will explore the wondrous serpentine grasslands and chaparral of Pine Mountain Fire Road. This open-ended hike will include the option to head down to Carson Falls for lunch. Yellow mariposa lilies and harvest brodiaeas should be prevalent and we'll make a point of seeking out the rare Mt. Tamalpais bristly jewelflower (*Streptanthus glandulosus* ssp. *pulchellus*) and other endemics. It's a 1.7-mile hike to get to the falls on hilly but well-maintained trails.

Meet at the Pine Mountain Fire Road Trailhead about one mile south of the Meadow Club on the Fairfax-Bolinas Rd. There is a dirt parking lot.

**Leader:** For questions or more information, contact David Greenberger at 831.428.1806 or [dgreenbe1@gmail.com](mailto:dgreenbe1@gmail.com).



## CALLING ALL CITIZEN SCIENTISTS

### Sudden Oak Death Surveys Critical Following Wet Winter

Sudden oak death (SOD) is a serious invasive disease that is killing tanoak, coast live oak, California black oak, Shreve's oak, and canyon live oak trees in California. It is the primary cause of tree mortality in coastal California, with more than 5 million trees having died in since its discovery in the mid-1990s. A water-loving organism, the pathogen continues to spread in drought years, but at a much slower rate than in wet years.

This year is poised to be one of the most significant in a decade for SOD. Given the well above normal precipitation and two consecutive wet years in California, researchers hope to recruit as many citizen scientists as possible for the 2017 SOD Blitz surveys. Extensively monitoring at-risk communities for spread of the pathogen that causes SOD (*Phytophthora ramorum*) will be vital to optimizing oak protection.

"It is essential that we have as many eyes in the field as possible looking for SOD symptoms this spring. With all of the wet weather, it is likely that *Phytophthora ramorum* is on the move. Super-sized SOD Blitz surveys will more thoroughly inform communities about local pathogen activity, empowering them to make educated decisions about where best to focus preventative treatments and manage for the pathogen to help protect susceptible oaks. Prevention is key," said Matteo Garbelotto, the UC Berkeley faculty member who runs the Blitzes.

**When:** May 6, 1 p.m.

**Where:** Joseph R. Fink Science Center, Rm 103.  
Dominican College, San Rafael

**Contact:** Wolfgang Schweigkofler,  
[wolfgang.schweigkofler@dominican.edu](mailto:wolfgang.schweigkofler@dominican.edu)

People living or recreating near areas known to be impacted by SOD are encouraged to participate in a Blitz. Volunteers with a smartphone should bring it to the training with the free SODMAP Mobile app ([www.sodmapmobile.org](http://www.sodmapmobile.org)) already installed, as it can help in identifying potential collection locations. Bring a GPS unit if a mobile device is unavailable.

Symptomatic California bay laurel and tanoak leaves generally precede oak infections, and are often the first sign that *P. ramorum* is in a location. Participants will be trained to identify and collect symptomatic bay and tanoak leaves as well as tanoak twigs and record sample locations. All materials necessary for sampling will be provided during training sessions.

SOD Blitz samples will be taken to the UC Berkeley Garbelotto lab to determine the presence or absence of the pathogen. Results will be posted online in the fall to SODMAP ([www.sodmap.org](http://www.sodmap.org)) and to the SODMAP Mobile app. These two tools are updated annually with laboratory-confirmed (positive and negative) landscape findings and can be used to help inform people as to the presence and risk of SOD at a given location.

SOD Blitzes are made possible by the work of local volunteers, along with funding from the PG&E Foundation and the State and Private Forestry organization of the USDA Forest Service.

For more information on Sudden Oak Death and *P. ramorum*, visit the California Oak Mortality Task Force website at [www.suddenoakdeath.org](http://www.suddenoakdeath.org) or contact Katie Harrell at 510.847.5482 or [kpalmieri@berkeley.edu](mailto:kpalmieri@berkeley.edu). For more information on the Blitzes, visit [www.sodblitz.org](http://www.sodblitz.org).



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## ZEN OF WEEDING

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

Spring is in full swing at Samuel Taylor Park. The birds are back from their winter vacations and singing in their territories alongside our resident species. Veined white butterflies are laying eggs on the white milkmaids, as are the big black pipevine swallowtails on the blooming pipevines. There are baby salmon in the creek in spite of the massive rains. The coltsfoot is blooming along with the yellow *Viola glabella* and pink bleeding hearts.

Our weeding encourages the resurgence of native plants that support the insects that feed the fish and birds. Come on out and join us—you'll feel much better about everything after two hours in the redwoods. We'll return to the Ox Trail this month, having completed our section of the South Creek Trail in April. Please reply if you are coming so that I know who to expect.

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. Join us for easy, companionable work as the wildflowers continue to open; we'll restore their habitat as well as our spirits. 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](mailto:nphanson@comcast.net) if you want to attend, need more info, or want notice of other work parties at the park.



*Dicentra formosa* (Pacific bleeding hearts)—Krista Fechner

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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 this page.

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## Sonoma County and North Marin

## ECO-FRIENDLY GARDEN TOURS

***Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.***

This FREE annual self-guided tour promotes sustainable landscaping practices by showcasing inspiring gardens. The Milo Baker (Sonoma County) chapter of CNPS is hosting a number of California native gardens on this year's tour. Some that I've already had the pleasure of visiting are truly worth seeing and admiring. Registration is required: visit [www.savingwaterpartnership.org](http://www.savingwaterpartnership.org). The website has garden descriptions and highlights.

My own garden Novato is also open on the tour again, and every year many of the same visitors come back to see how it's evolving. I've taken advantage of the steady rains and moist soils this year to expand my native habitat plantings, and sowed lots more wildflowers.

I have propagated many of the plants that are now growing and maturing in the garden in my home nursery. A nice selection of California natives and other good habitat plants will be on sale, and at 1 p.m., I'll be demonstrating some simple propagation techniques so that others can feel more confident about growing their own plants. There is nothing quite so satisfying as having known a now-vigorous and beautiful 15-foot holly-leaf cherry since it was a mere seed!

Hoping to see you in my garden!

—Charlotte Torgovitsky

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