

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY MARIN CHAPTER



June 2024 Newsletter

Marin Chapter Meeting

“A Trifecta of Updates from the CNPS Conservation Program”

Guest Speaker: **Nick Jensen**, CNPS Conservation
Program Director

Monday, June 10 @ 7:30 pm

Nick will provide a trio of updates on big endeavors from
the Conservation Program.

First, Nick will talk about the exciting work that his team
and volunteers statewide have been doing to advance the
protection of federal lands via national monument
campaigns: expansions of Berryessa Snow Mountain and San Gabriel Mountains National Monuments and
proposed Chuckwalla National Monument, located south and east of Joshua Tree National Park.

Next, Nick will provide an overview of our brand-new Conservation Advocacy Toolkit, released in April, and
how this online resource can be used by members to advance the advocacy portion of our mission.

Last, he will introduce our latest publication, [*Wildflowers of California*](#), which is the result of years of
collaboration between CNPS staff and volunteers, and Timber Press. This wonderful book was lead-authored by
Sandy Namoff (who just happens to be Nick's wife), and features thousands of beautiful photos, and profiles of
900 common wildflower species.

[Read more. . .](#)

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



Nick Jensen inspecting *Lasthenia gracilis* in the
Tehachapi Mountains photo by Sandy Namoff

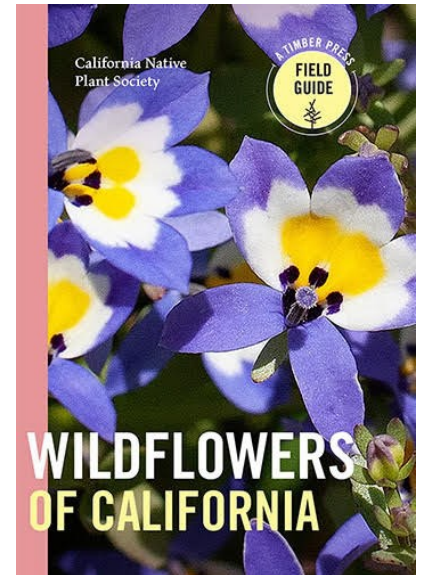
NEW from CNPS!

CNPS has just published [*Wildflowers of California*](#), a comprehensive field guide perfect for anyone eager to learn about the diverse wildflowers in the state.

Organized by flower color and family, illustrated with over two thousand photographs, and including a range map for each described flower, *Wildflowers of California* is as user-friendly as it is informative. Several years in the making, the guide includes native and non-native annuals, perennials, and shrubs.

On sale through June for \$21.00; then full price of \$29.99 after that.

[Order through the Marin chapter store here.](#)



Marin Chapter Turns 50

50th Anniversary Activities - Accept the challenge, join the fun!

50 Acts of Caring Challenge

Check out our list of simple things that you can do to make your landscape a healthier place! Tell us what you are doing in your yard.



Visit [@marincnps](https://www.instagram.com/marincnps)

for the first 45 ideas.

New this week:

- 42. Gardening for hummingbirds
- 44. Feeding the decomposers
- 41. Integrated pest management

[Read more...](#)

50 Native Plants Challenge

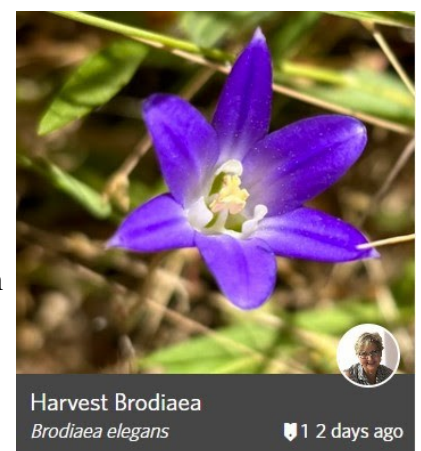


Join our [iNaturalist](#) project and seek out native plants in the wild. [Read more...](#)

[Marin CNPS 50th Anniversary Marin Native Plant Challenge List](#)

Over 30 participants are having fun. They have observed over 1,200 plants from the 75 species on the list. Our top observer hopes to locate all 75 plants.

Join them and add your observations in the wild to our project today.



Marin Chapter Field Trips

- Sign up for most field trips using [Meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com) or the [Meetup app](#).
- Electronically sign the CNPS waiver (once per year). [2024 Marin CNPS WaiverSign Link](#).
- Contact the leader(s) with any questions.

Mt. Tamalpais

Sunday, **June 9, 2024** - 10 am to 2 pm

Leader: **Robert Steers**

Mt. Tam offers a wide variety of plant communities with many rare and endemic plant species. Join Robert Steers botanist and author of the recently published [Plants of Mount Tamalpais](#) for an exploration on the mountain. Avoiding The Dipsea Race crowd, meet Robert at Bon Tempe Dam Trailhead, past Sky Oaks entrance to the Mt. Tam watershed.

[Read more. . .](#)

[Meetup Registration Link](#)

Marin Headlands Tour: Julian Trail, Hawk Hill, Pt. Bonita Lighthouse & Trail, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Sausalito

Friday, **June 14, 2024** - 9:30 am to 3 pm

Leader: **Ann Elliott**

We will explore the **Julian Trail**, a north-facing portion of the Coastal Trail with a wide variety of typical coastal flowers and shrubs. We expect a few lingering spring wildflowers, like columbine, coastal onion, buckwheat, clarkia, coastal angelica. We will descend gently for about one-half mile and then return.

Then we will explore the very successful and ongoing **Hawk Hill Visitor Improvement Project and Mission Blue Butterfly Habitat Restoration** project and be on the lookout for Mission Blue Butterflies (less than 1 mile of walking).

We will picnic before heading to **Pt. Bonita Lighthouse** featuring late spring coastal vegetation and pillow basalt along the half-mile trail to the lighthouse.

[Read more. . .](#)

[Meetup Registration Link](#)



Sedum radiatum - Coast Range sedum
Photo by Sarah Minnick



Allium dichlamydeum - coast onion
Julian Trail, Marin Headlands
Photo by Ann Elliott

Marin Chapter Field Trips, cont.

Olompali Orchids and Other Plants & Flowers

Saturday, **June 29, 2024** 9 am to noon

Leaders: **Clint and Madeline Kellner**

We will hike the loop trail (2.3 miles) at Olompali State Historic Park and look for the small delicate flowers of the summer-blooming rein orchid, *Piperia transversa*. We will also see the rare Napa false indigo shrub, California fescue grasslands, and some blue oaks.

[Read more. . .](#)

[Meetup Registration Link](#)



Piperia transversa - summer-blooming rein orchid
Photo by Vernon Smith

Bull Point in Point Reyes National Seashore

Saturday, **July 20, 2024**

Leaders: **Betsey Crawford & Lena Zentall**

As June turns into July and most of the county dries up, we head to cooler, wetter Bull Point on Pt. Reyes. What looks to most like just another cow pasture turns into a haven for summer plants, several of them rare. There's the fragrant and rare *Horkelia marinensis*, a rare *Linanthus*, and an endemic checkerbloom. Habitats range from freshwater marsh to coastal dunes. We wander a bit, so it's hard to tell distance, but less than 3 miles. There's almost no elevation change. We're often off trail and on uneven, sometimes boggy terrain.

More information and registration coming July 1.



© Betsey Crawford

Sidalcea calycosa ssp. *rhizomata* - Point Reyes checkerbloom at Bull Point in Point Reyes National Seashore
Photo by Betsey Crawford



Oxalis oregana - redwood sorrel
Kent Pump Road Ann Elliott

May 2024 Field Trip Reports

Rain did not deter Eva Buxton and a few stalwart plant lovers on May 4 along Kent Pump Road searching for a new leptosiphon to be described. Fair weather CNPS members who visited the next day were rewarded with abundant blooms open in the sun.

On May 10, a grassy knoll on Tiburon's Middle Ridge revealed rarities and beauties with the expert locating and descriptions of Eva Buxton.



Allium lacunosum - pitted onion
Tiburon Middle Ridge, Ann Elliott



Aquilegia formosa - columbine
Loma Alta Fire Road Ann Elliott

May 2024 Field Trip Reports, cont.

The flower show on the road cuts and peeking through the grass along the Loma Alta Fire Road yielded many plants for folks searching to document species for our 50th Anniversary Native Plant Challenge. Views from the top rewarded the energetic on May 15.

On Tuesday May 21, a Marin CNPS group of 15 toured the Novato Baylands restoration site and nursery. We learned how Point Blue Conservation Science selects species to propagate, marveled at the transformation from air force runway to seasonal wetland, and observed numerous propagated plants both in the nursery and in the field. More about the restoration [here](#).



Novato Baylands Field Trip with Point Blue STRAW
Photo by Stacey Pogorzelski



Cypripedium californicum -
California lady slipper orchid
Photo by Woody Elliott

The Cedars (really The Cypresses) is a botanical and geological delight. On May 25, after we bounced through four stream crossings off the county road from Cazadero, we were ably guided by its keeper, Roger Raiche, who pulled a full sized pickup with his Jeep 4x4 from sliding its rear over a steep bank into the creek. Three more stream crossings we waded through on foot. After lunch, the group walked along sketchy trails to see the several endemics growing on red and green serpentine derived soils. Roger explained the chemistry of serpentine formation under the sea and on the Mars-like landscape of The Cedars. A trip not to be missed next time.

Hal Brown Plantain Pull

Learn about salmonids in Corte Madera Creek and help to restore salt marsh habitat by removing invasive species and planting native plants!

This event organized by the Watershed Stewards Program is a family-friendly opportunity is for all ages.

Saturday, **June 8, 2024**, 10 am - 2 pm at Hal Brown Park at Creekside, 250 Bon Air Road Kentfield. [Sign up here](#).

For more information contact Shannon Husband or Shane Lile:

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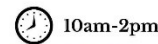
Saturday June 8, 2024

Scan here for event details & to RSVP



Restore habitat and learn about salmonids in Corte Madera Creek

Restore salt marsh habitat by removing invasive species and planting natives



10am-2pm



Hal Brown Park at Creekside, 250 Bon Air Rd, Kentfield, 94904

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Bring a refillable water bottle, close toed shoes, and sun protection! Gloves, tools, and lunch will be provided!

The Watershed Stewards Program (WSP) is dedicated to improving watershed health by actively engaging in restoration science, civic service, and community education while empowering the next generation of environmental stewards.



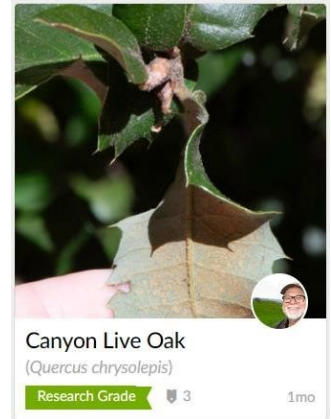
Calochortus luteus - yellow mariposa lily
Bon Tempe Lake Photo by Ann Elliott

Upcoming Marin Chapter Events

- 6/9 10 am - 2 pm [Field Trip: Mt. Tamalpais with Robert Steers](#)
- 6/14 9:30 am - 3 pm [Marin Headlands Tour](#)
- 6/29 9 am - noon [Field Trip: Olompali Orchids plus](#)
- 7/20 10 am - 2 pm Field Trip: Bull Point
- 8/24 CNPS Marin 50th Anniversary Event

Other Activities in Marin and Nearby

- 6/6 5:30 pm [CNPS Naturehood Webinar: Online Tools for a Native Plant Garden](#)
- 6/13 7:30 pm [Climate Change, Latent Pathogens, and Large-Scale Tree Mortality in California](#) Speaker: Matteo Garbelotto, PhD, Yerba Buena CNPS Zoom talk.
- June 9 [Kite Hill Wildflower Preserve workshops](#) on restoring California grasslands
- 6/18 7:30 pm [Weed Warrior and Tom Sawyer on Healing Routes Home](#) Milo Baker CNPS



Be sure to periodically check [CNPS.org/events](https://www.cnps.org/events) for interesting talks and field trips sponsored by CNPS Chapters and staff throughout the state.

Below is a list of links to listings for Field Trips in nearby CNPS Chapters.

- [Milo Baker](#)
- [Napa Valley Chapter](#)
- [Yerba Buena Chapter](#)
- [East Bay Chapter](#)
- [Santa Clara Valley Chapter](#)

Also check the [Events Calendar for Marin County Parks](#). They host a variety of local hikes, service projects, and presentations.



Limnanthes douglasii ssp. *sulphurea* - Point Reyes meadowfoam Photo by Ann Elliott

Share Pictures from Your Summer Rambles

Send me photos, news, and events that might interest other members.

Check out the [pictures](#) of wildflowers and native plants being taken for our 50th Anniversary Challenges.

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bumble bee in *Heracleum maximum* - common cow parsnip at Abbott's Lagoon by Ann Elliott

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