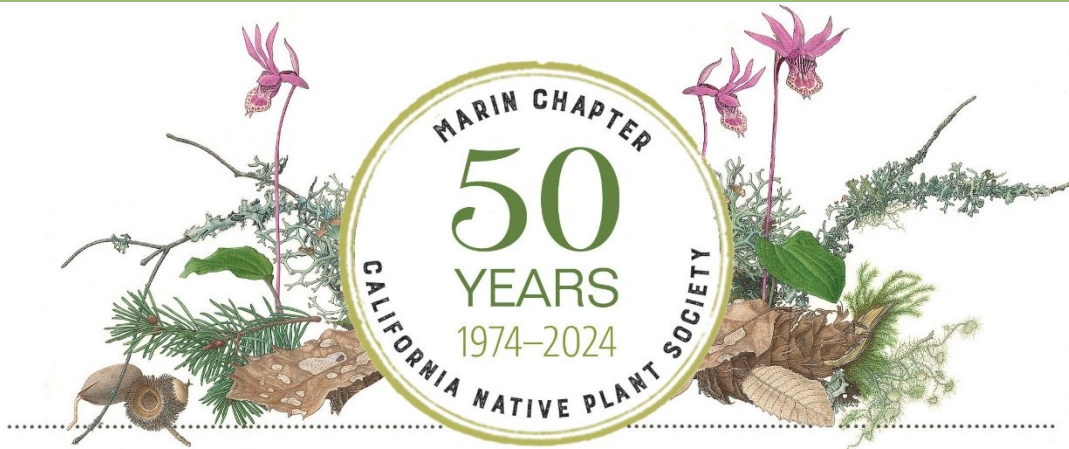


CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY MARIN CHAPTER



July 2024 Newsletter

Marin Chapter Meeting

“Our Uninvited Watershed Ally”

Guest Speaker: **Heidi Perryman, Ph.D.**

Monday, July 8 @ 7:30 pm

Heidi Perryman, a child psychologist, became an accidental beaver advocate in 2006 when a beaver family moved into her town of Martinez, California. She started the organization [Worth A Dam](#) dedicated to maintaining beavers in Alhambra Creek. Through her advocacy for responsible stewardship, creative problem solving, community involvement, and education, Martinez became the first city in California to utilize flow devices enabling beavers to coexist in an urban environment.



Martinez beaver preparing dam material
Photo by Cheryl Reynolds of *Worth a Dam*

Beavers and their dams have a dramatic positive impact on wildlife by creating wetlands which store and filter water thereby augmenting fish and bird populations. Beaver occupied streams are three times more resistant to wildfire. Beaver dams create micro habitats with cooler air and water and slow floods which help to mitigate our changing climate.

Heidi joined a team of experts in researching and publishing a report on the historic population of beavers in California. With Sonoma State University she organized the first beaver summit in California resulting in changes to state beaver policy. Heidi believes that helping people coexist with beavers will have beneficial impacts on the environment, especially native plants. [Beaver Conservation](#)

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

Marin Chapter Turns 50

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It's our 50th anniversary!
celebration dinner
Saturday August 24th
We look forward to seeing you there.

Please Attend Our Anniversary Dinner August 24

Corte Madera Community Center
5 pm drinks & appetizers
6 pm dinner catered by Insalata's
Speaker: Author [Mary Ellen Hannibal](#)
[Purchase celebration dinner tickets now!](#)

Join Our Other 50th Anniversary Activities, too!

50 Acts of Caring Challenge


Check out our list of simple things that you can do to make your landscape a healthier place! All 50 ideas are now posted.

 Peruse all 50 ideas at [@marincnps](https://www.instagram.com/marincnps)

New this week:

- Stop and Look
- Go Low on Mulch
- Make a Difference [Read more. . .](#)

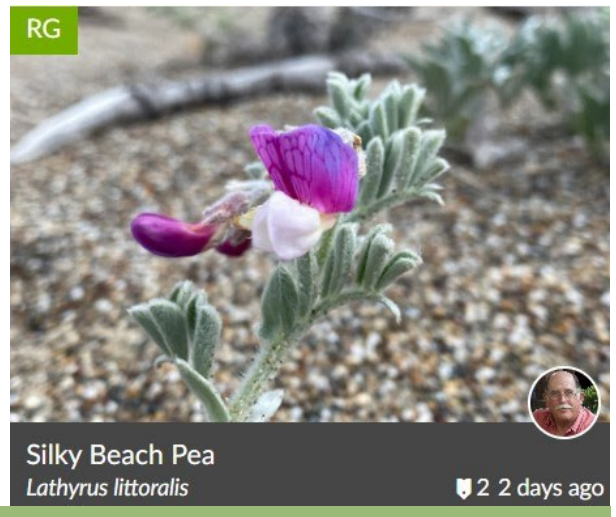
50 Native Plants Challenge

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

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

Over 40 participants are having fun. They have observed over 1,800 plants from the 75 species on the list. Our top observers hope 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 Waiver Sign Link](#).
- Contact the leader(s) with any questions.

Cascade Canyon Summer Exploration

Friday, **July 12, 2024**, 9 am to 11:30 am

Leaders: **Linda Novy** and **Ann Elliott**

Cascade Canyon Open Space Preserve covers over 500 acres of pristine habitat near Fairfax. Although we may miss the spectacular spring wildflower displays of the area, we will encounter a variety of common and uncommon trees, shrubs, forbs, and grasses in a variety of habitats. This area is also known as [Elliott Nature Preserve](#).

There is extremely limited parking, so we will meet in Fairfax to carpool to the trailhead.

[Read more. . .](#)

[Meetup Registration Link](#)

Bull Point in Point Reyes National Seashore

Friday, **July 20, 2024** - 10 am to 3 pm

Leaders: **Betsey Crawford** and **Lena Zentall**

As June turns into July and most of the county dries up, we head to cooler, wetter Bull Point on Point Reyes Peninsula. What looks to most like just another cow pasture turns into a haven for summer plants, several of them rare.

Some plants we hope to encounter include the fragrant and rare Pt. Reyes horkelia (*Horkelia marinensis*), large-flowered linanthus (*Leptosiphon grandiflora*), white bog Orchid (*Platanthera dilatata*), marsh harebell (*Eastwoodiella californica*), coast lily (*Lilium maritimum*), leopard lily (*Lilium pardalinum*), and Point Reyes checker bloom (*Sidalcea calycosa* ssp. *rhizomata*) - the perennial subspecies, rare and known only from a few swampy areas of the coastline.

[Read more. . .](#)

[Meetup Registration Link](#)



Hesperocyparis sargentii - Sergeant cypress
Photo by Julian Geoghegan



Monardella villosa - coyote mint
Photo by Delynne Cullen



Leptosiphon grandiflorus
By Vernon Smith

Bothin Marsh, Mill Valley

Friday, July 26, 2026 - 1 to 3:30 pm

Leader: **Eva Buxton**

The hike will take us along the Mill Valley-Sausalito Path through the tidal marsh complex along the Richardson Bay shoreline and across one of the primary creeks that connects Bothin Marsh to its watershed, Arroyo Corte Madera del Presidio. We will see a range of tidal marsh habitats from low marsh to high marsh and uplands, represented by different plant Associations, notably the *Distichlis spicata*-*Limonium californicum* Association, which is the typical habitat for the

rare *Chloropyron maritimum* ssp. *palustre* (Point Reyes birds-beak). *Chloropyron* and *Limonium californicum* should be in bloom and readably visible from parts of the trail. Many types of shorebirds forage in the marsh, so binoculars can be handy.

[Read more...](#)

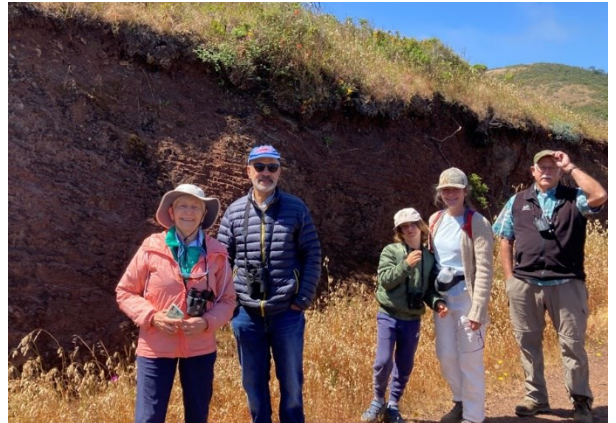
[Meetup Registration Link](#)



Chloropyron maritimum ssp. *palustre* - Point Reyes salt-marsh bird's-beak by Vernon Smith

June 2024 Field Trip Reports

A small group braved the notorious winds of **Marin Headlands** for a late spring flower show. The **Julian Trail** offers a varied cross section of Coastal Marin trees, shrubs, and wildflowers. Other highlights were a tour of [Golden Gate NPS and Parks Conservancy restoration on Hawk Hill](#) and the Pt. Bonita Lighthouse.



Julian Trail and Marin Headlands Tour

Bon Tempe Lake on Mt. Tamalpais: For a botanical field trip well into June, one might not expect to find a lot of plants still in bloom. However, Robert Steers, author of the new book, [Plants of Mount Tamalpais](#), knew just where we could observe a surprising number of early summer blooming species, such as cardinal catchfly, ocean spray, wicker buckwheat, and even the tiny turkey tangle frogfruit. Other highlights included California false indigo, serpentine reedgrass, and spikenard. Robert introduced us to a dozen or so grasses, sedges and rushes, which many of us were eager to learn more about.



Silene laciniata - cardinal catchfly / CA Indian pink
Bon Tempe Lake Photo by Kurt Rademacher

June 2024 Field Trip Reports, cont.

Hidden in the oak and bay woodlands of **Olompali State Historic Park** are beautiful gems. On a joint field trip with [Friends of Olompali](#), 20 people found the white flat-spurred piperia rein orchids, bright red Indian pinks and Indian paintbrush, purple coyote mint, orange sticky monkeyflowers, and blue Ithuriel's spear gracing the trail edge. Toyon and ocean spray were also in bloom, and we saw plenty of the rare Napa false indigo along the trail. In addition, we encountered the state lichen, grass, insect, and bird (lace lichen, purple needlegrass, California dog-face butterfly, and California quail) as well as anise swallow-tail caterpillars eating Kellogg's yampah.



Piperia transversa - flat spurred piperia at Olompali SHP
Photo by Madeline Kellner

CNPS Welcomes All

In recent years, CNPS has been working to intentionally incorporate the values of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice (DEIJ) into everything we do. Recently, CNPS published its Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice Vision Statement on [cnps.org](https://www.cnps.org). You can read about our reasons for focusing on DEIJ and our organization-specific commitments to advancing those values [here](#).



Habitat Restoration at Point Reyes

Join Point Reyes National Seashore in improving habitat for native flora and fauna by removing invasive plants. The Seashore is restarting its habitat restoration volunteer program and hopes to offer this opportunity once a month. Abbott's Lagoon is the meeting location on **July 6, 2024 from 10 am to 1 pm**. Efforts will focus on removing invasive sea rocket.

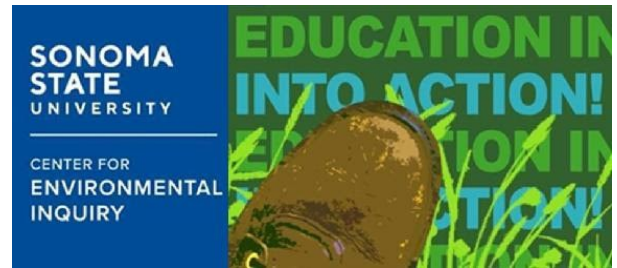
Wear clothes that can get dirty. Long pants and closed-toe shoes are required. Bring layers for changing weather, rain gear if necessary, sunscreen, plenty of water, and a snack. No experience is necessary but be prepared for strenuous activity. Training, gloves, and tools will be provided. Volunteers under the age of 18 need parent/guardian supervision.

Email [Anela Kopshever](#) with the subject "July 6 Habitat Restoration Volunteer" to pre-register. However, drop-in volunteers are welcome! All volunteers are required to fill out a National Park Service Volunteer Agreement Form. Forms will be available the day of the volunteer event.



Naturalist Series at SSU's Osborn Preserve

Learn how to share nature's secrets with others while exploring the stunning ecosystems of Sonoma Mountain with university faculty and other experts. This outdoor Naturalist Educator Series will give you new insights into environmental education concepts and the skills to share your knowledge with elementary school children. Topics include plants, animals, human history and more! Join an "Environmentally Ready" community working to eradicate Nature Deficit Disorder in the North Bay!



Become an [Osborn Naturalist](#) or attend one or more [events](#) on a space available basis.

Upcoming Marin Chapter Events

- 7/8 7:30 pm Chapter Meeting: "[Our Uninvited Watershed Ally](#)" Speaker: Heidi Perryman
- 7/12 9 - 11:30 am Field Trip: [Cascade Canyon](#)
- 7/20 10 am - 2 pm Field Trip: [Bull Point](#)
- 7/26 1 - 3:30 pm Field Trip: [Bothin Marsh](#)
- 8/24 5 pm CNPS Marin 50th Anniversary Event - [Purchase Tickets Now!](#)



Chloropyron maritimum ssp. *palustre* - Point Reyes bird's-beak, *Limonium californicum* - sea lavender, *Grindelia stricta* - gumplant & *Salicornia pacifica* - pickleweed in Bothin Marsh Photo by Ann Elliott

Other Activities in Marin and Nearby

- 7/6 10 am [Habitat Restoration at Abbott's Lagoon, Point Reyes](#)
- 7/11 5:30 pm [CNPS Naturehood Webinar: Regenerating Landscapes](#) Speaker: Doug Kent
- 7/11 7:30 pm [Managing Invasive Plants, Tips and tools for everyday use](#) Speakers: Constance Taylor and Jutta Burger, PhD, from Cal-IPC
- 7/13 7 pm [Come to the Table Forum: Environmentalism and Resiliency](#)
- 7/14 11 am - 3 pm [Rhododendron Hunt](#) (Bolin Ridge) East Bay Chapter
- 7/14 [Kite Hill Wildflower Preserve workshops](#) on restoring California grasslands
- 7/17, 7/18, 7/24, 7/25 [Sonoma State Osborn Naturalist Ed Series](#)



Aesculus californica - CA buckeye
Big Rock Trail Photo by Ann Elliott

Other Activities in Marin and Nearby. cont.

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 offered by 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.



Papilio zelicaon - anise swallowtail caterpillar at Olompali SHP
Photo by Madeline Kellner

Enjoy Our Golden Hills

I would appreciate you sending me your photos and stories from summer outings to share with our readers.

Help to keep our members apprised of interesting upcoming events and information on conservation and native plant topics by sending notices and links.

Thank you.

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Looking toward Mt. Tamalpais from Big Rock

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