

# CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY MARIN CHAPTER



Madrone bark and leaves with bay leaves at Indian Tree OSP

Photo by Ann Elliott

## October 2025 Newsletter

### Starting Soon!

### 2025 Fall Native Plant Sale

Online orders are made at [shop.cnps.org](http://shop.cnps.org).

- Online sales open: Thursday, **October 9 at 6 pm**
- Online sales close: Monday, **October 13 at 10 pm**
- Pickup for prepaid on-line orders: Saturday, **October 18 from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm**; Bon Air Shopping Center, on Sir Francis Drake Blvd just off 101 in Greenbrae

### In-Person Plant Sale

We will also be holding an in-person plant sale on Saturday, **October 18** at the same time (10:30 am to 1:30 pm) and location as the pickup in the Bon Air Center parking lot. Pick up some plants and get some advice on site preparation and choosing, planting, and maintaining native plants. [Read more...](#)



*Eriogonum latifolium* - coast buckwheat

Photo by Ann Elliott

### Plant Sale Volunteers Needed

We seek volunteers for several important tasks on the following days:

- **Thursday, October 16** - We have a **new** and special challenge to find (or rent) a large box truck or two smaller box trucks and drivers to pick up a large order of plants at California Flora Nursery in the late morning, and keep the packed trucks overnight for delivery to Bon Air at 9 am on Friday, October 17.
- **Friday, October 17 from 10:30 am to 1 pm** - We will need lots of helpers (and small to medium boxes) to box up the online orders in preparation for pickup on Saturday.



Preparing for packing orders for the spring native plant sale  
Photo by Ann Elliott

- **Saturday, October 18 between 10:30 am and 1:30 pm** - We welcome assistance with the order pickup, and with in-person customer plant advice and purchases.

If you can help on Thursday, Friday and/or Saturday, **please call, text, or email [Kristin Jakob](mailto:KristinJakob@cnps.org) 650-608-1274**

Many thanks!

## Marin Chapter Meeting

### "A Gardener's Selection of California Natives"

Guest Speaker: **Kristin Jakob**

Monday, **October 13 at 7:30 pm**

This introductory program will focus on a diverse palette of California plants, mostly Bay Area natives, that offer multiple seasons of interest, habitat value, structural character, or all three. Most are readily available from local nurseries and CNPS plant sales and are generally easy to grow. The plant selection includes trees, shrubs, perennials, groundcovers, vines, ferns, grasses, bulbs and annuals. Kristin will describe the plant communities in which they originate, as well as their notable characteristics and cultural preferences.



*Epilobium canum* 'Calistoga' - CA fuchsia  
Kristin Jakob

Kristin has been gardening for over 50 years, primarily in Marin County, where she first planted California native plants during her early teens.

[Read more. . .](#) [Join us! Register for this Zoom meeting here.](#)

## Marin Chapter Field Trips

- Sign up for field trips using [Meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com) or the [Meetup app](#). Signups usually begin the first of each month at 8 am.
- Sign the [Waiver for Marin Chapter 2025](#), if you have not done so already. Tambien [Renuncia del participante](#) en Espanol.
- Practice clean trail etiquette. [Pocket Guide – Every Step Counts](#) and [Cleanliness Tips for Hikers](#).
- Contact the leader(s) with any questions.



spraying each other's boots  
Photo by Stacey Pogorzelski

## Mountain Theater - Easy Grade Loop

Wednesday, **October 8, 2025 10:30 am to 1 pm**

Leaders: **Ann Elliott & Stacey Pogorzelski**

Location: Rock Spring Trailhead on Mt. Tamalpais

Let's check out the Easy Grade Multi-use Trail that CA State Parks has almost completed. Enjoy forests, meadows, and views of creek and ocean during the fall.

We'll hike from the Rock Spring Parking Lot, past Forbes Bench, down Old Mine Trail, back up on Easy Grade Trail to Mountain Theater, short connector to Rock Spring. Distance: 2.0 miles Elevation Change: 500 feet

[Read more. . .](#) [Meetup Registration Link](#)



*Baccharis pilularis* ssp. *consanguinea* - female coyote brush on Mt. Tamalpais by Allison Kidder

## Stewardship Opportunities

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### Volunteer Workday at Marin County Parks & Open Space District Native Plant Nursery

Leader: **Aja Wylder**, Marin County Parks Nursery Manager; **Stacey Pogorzelski** and **Caroline Christman**, Marin CNPS

Tuesday, **October 21, 10 am - noon**

Location: **Marin County Native Plant Nursery in San Rafael**, near the Marin County Civic Center

Join us for our monthly morning of pruning and transplanting native plants at the Marin County Parks and Open Space District Nursery. Set in a lovely, shaded garden, the Nursery grows native plants to be used in habitat restoration projects throughout parks and natural preserves in Marin. For those new to the nursery, Aja will provide a tour of the nursery, demonstrate nursery methods, and describe how the plants being grown will be used in restoration projects. Volunteer activities may include pruning, potting up seedlings, transplanting plants into larger pots, pot washing, or working in the native plant garden. The next nursery day will be **November 18**.

[Read more including directions. . .](#)

[Meetup Registration Link](#)

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### Habitat Restoration at Mt. Burdell

Leader: **Greg Reza**, Marin Co. Parks & Open Space

Coordinator: **Stacey Pogorzelski**

Thursday, **October 23, 9 to 11 am**

Join a community of habitat restorers! Marin CNPS is partnering with Marin County Open Space District staff to remove invasive species and improve native habitat at Mt. Burdell. Located at the northern edge of Novato, Mt. Burdell has serpentine grasslands with rare plants, an incredible array of oaks, and seasonal streams that support milkweed - the critical host for Monarch butterflies.

During this workday we will focus on removing invasive species that threaten the wild narrow-leaf milkweed population including pennyroyal, Himalayan blackberry, and nearby patches of yellowstar thistle. This work will help prepare the area for planting native plant species this winter. The next work day will be **November 13**.

[Read more including directions. . .](#)

[Meetup Registration Link](#)

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Volunteers potting up CA fuchsia seedlings at Marin Co. Native Nursery - Stacey Pogorzelski



Looking forward to cookie reward after weed pulling at Mt. Burdell. Photo by Stacey Pogorzelski

## CNPS Marin Board - Call for Nominations and Chapter Election

Our December membership meetings are also official annual meetings during which our members vote on a slate of officers for the Marin Chapter Board of Directors. We have space on the board for more members. If you are interested in serving, please contact [Kristin Jakob](mailto:kristin.jakob@cnps.org) 650-608-1274 before October 20th.

The tentative proposed slate for 2026 is as follows:

**President:** Kristin Jakob

**Vice-President:** Stacey Pogorzelski

**Treasurer:** Bonnie Gosliner

**Recording Secretary:** Woody Elliott

**Board Members:**

Eva Buxton

Paul da Silva

Ann Elliott

David Long

Carolyn Longstreth

Laura Lovett

Eddie Robertson



Kristin Jakob arranging native flower centerpieces for 50th Anniversary Gala

## Save the Date!

February 5-7, 2026

Workshops & Field Trips:

February 4, 2026

Riverside Convention Center

Registration Opens Fall 2025

[Read more...](#)



## Field Day Emphasizes Best Management Practices for Nurseries

The [National Ornamentals Research Site at Dominican University of California](#) (NORS-DUC) studies plant diseases caused by invasive pathogens and develops control strategies for diseases which occur in nurseries.

At our annual Field Day we will present new and on-going research, discuss Best Management Practices, and have field demonstrations of diagnostic and control methods. The Field Day 2025 will take place on Tuesday, **October 7, from 9 am to 2 pm** at the Dominican University of California, San Rafael, CA.

The program is at the "read more" link. Participation is free, but registration is needed by email to: [wolfgang.schweigkofler@dominican.edu](mailto:wolfgang.schweigkofler@dominican.edu)

[Read more...](#)



## Persistence Pays Off

Broom Service has been back at 2Bird Island in San Geronimo, where the French broom "grows like a weed." Unlike at other sites, the broom seems to thrive on their attention. Over the years, they have probably made 10 sweeps at this location without seeing a decrease in regrowth. But through their persistence at least the plants are much smaller now. Their goal here is to keep it from spreading to nearby San Geronimo Park.

[Contact Mel Wright](#) for more information about Broom Service and to join their Thursday morning work parties.



Ayano Hayes and Carly Frazee go after this patch of young french broom plants before they become an impenetrable wall. Photo by Melvyn Wright

## Autumn

*Emily Dickinson*

The morns are meeker than they were,  
the nuts are getting brown;  
The berry's cheek is plumper,  
The rose is out of town.

The maple wears a gayer scarf,  
The field a scarlet gown.  
Lest I should be old-fashioned,  
I'll put a trinket on.



*Lonicera hispidula* - honeysuckle berries  
Photo by Ann Elliott

## Upcoming Marin Chapter Events

- **10/6 7 pm Marin Chapter Board Meeting** via Zoom, please email [Kristin Jakob](#) to attend
- **10/8 10:30 am - 1 pm Field Trip: [Mountain Theater - Easy Grade Loop](#)** Leaders: Ann Elliott & Stacey Pogorzelski
- **10/9 6 pm [Fall Native Plant Online Sale](#)** opens
- **10/13 7:30 pm Chapter Meeting: [A Gardener's Selection of California Natives](#)** Speaker: Kristin Jakob [Register here.](#)
- **10/13 10 pm [Fall Native Plant Online Sale](#)** closes
- **10/18 10:30 am - 1:30 pm [In-Person Plant Sale and Plant Pickup](#)**
- **10/21 10 am - noon [Volunteer Workday at Marin County Native Nursery](#)** Leaders: Aja Wylder & Stacey Pogorzelski
- **10/23 9 - 11 am [Mt Burdell Habitat Restoration Work Party](#)** Leader: Stacey Pogorzelski
- **11/10 7:30 pm Chapter Meeting: [Overcoming Barriers to Conservation and Restoration](#)** Speakers: Ashley Boren and Erica Lovejoy [Register here.](#)



*Salvia* 'Celestial Blue' -  
'Celestial Blue' sage



Sustainable Conservation at  
the Lagunitas Creek Watershed

## Other Native Plant Activities in Marin, Nearby, or Virtual

- 10/7 9 am to 2 pm [Field Day at National Ornamentals Research Site at Dominican University of California](#)
- 10/16 10 am to 2 pm [Thursday Weeders at Abbotts Lagoon](#) also on 10/30, and 11/13
- 10/16 7 pm [Keeping Pathogens Out: Best Practices to Prevent Phytophthora in Native Habitats](#) Speaker: Dr. Johanna Del Castillo via Zoom, Yerba Buena Chapter
- 10/16 6:30 pm [Evolution of the Fire-Adapted California Flora](#) Speaker: Jon E. Keeley via Zoom, Ahart Herbarium



*Lonicera involucrata* var. *ledebourii* - coast twinberry  
by Ann Elliott

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### Also checkout:

- [CNPS.org/events](#) for interesting talks and field trips sponsored by CNPS Chapters and staff throughout the state.
- [Events Calendar for Marin County Parks](#). They host a variety of local hikes, service projects, and presentations.
- [Regional Parks Botanic Garden](#) hosts talks (some online), workshops, tours and plant sales.
- [Point Reyes Nature](#) has great ideas for exploring the Point Reyes National Seashore.
- [The Soul of the Earth](#), exploring the world flower by flower, Betsey Crawford's monthly essay series.



*Lupinus arboreus* - bush lupine and *Eriophyllum staechadifolium* - lizard tail  
By Ann Elliott

## Fall is Planting Time

Enjoy cooler days and the return of rain. Purchase some native plants from our [sale](#) to fill the holes in your garden and support habitat for pollinators, birds, and other creatures.

- Post your flower, seed, planting and weeding adventures on our Facebook group [Marin Native Plants](#).
- Check out news and events at our Facebook group [California Native Plant Society - Marin Chapter](#).
- Follow us on Instagram [marincnps](#).
- Post anywhere with the hashtag #marinnativeplants.

[Ann Elliott](#), Newsletter Editor & Field Trip Committee



*Salvia clevelandii* - Cleveland sage  
A Pine Siskin eats the late summer seeds.  
Photo by Suzi Katz



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