



GOLD FIELD NOTES

EL DORADO CHAPTER ☉ CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY ☉ SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2006

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM DRAGONFLIES OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

CALENDAR

September 12 (Tuesday)

Chapter board meeting.
Raley's Superstore meeting room, Placerville Dr., Placerville, 6:30 PM All members are welcomed.

September 16 (Saturday)

Plant walk.
Lester Lubetkin will lead us on a walk/car tour featuring examples of the effects of past climate change in the South Fork American River watershed. Details inside this newsletter.

September 19 (Tuesday)

Monthly program.
Dragonflies of Northern California. See article for details.

September 30 (Saturday)

Herb Faire.
10 AM to 4PM at the El Dorado Center, Folsom Lake College, 6699 Campus Dr., Placerville. FREE. Hosted by the Gold Country Herb Society.

October 7 (Saturday)

Twice yearly plant sale.
Native plants, seeds and books will be on sale from 9 AM to 1 PM at Building "C" of the El Dorado County Government Center in Placerville.

October 17 (Tuesday)

Chapter board meeting.
6:30 PM; call Amy Hoffman to confirm meeting location. All members are welcome.

October 24 (Tuesday)

Monthly program.
Plants of Tahoe Basin presented by Michael Graf. See note inside for details.

Monthly programs are held on the third Tuesday of each month with the exception of August and December. Programs begin at 7 PM. The September, October and November 2006 meetings will be held at the Cameron Park Library. Directions

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Join us for an extraordinary presentation by Greg Kareofelas on the Dragonflies of Northern California. Based in Davis, Greg spent over three years collecting and processing specimens for this talk. In addition to scans illustrating the variation and coloration of these amazing insects, you will learn details of their fascinating life history.

The scans are of actual specimens and show incredible detail in a way that no other method can hope to capture. There will be time at the end of the presentation for a question and answer period. The program will concentrate on the species found in the local area and will also show some of the more obscure and locally rare species.

backyard today, *Tramea lacerate* tends to be the one flying the highest. It is also the least common of the three species. You'll learn about the other two at the talk. Shown here in black and white, one can still see the incredible detail of these insects. Having seen these images in color, I can assure you that you will be even more amazed by their beauty when you see them in full color!

This program will be held at the Cameron Park Public Library. This program is open to the public and all are welcomed to attend.

In addition to the program speaker, the Chapter offers refreshments, an opportunity to purchase books on



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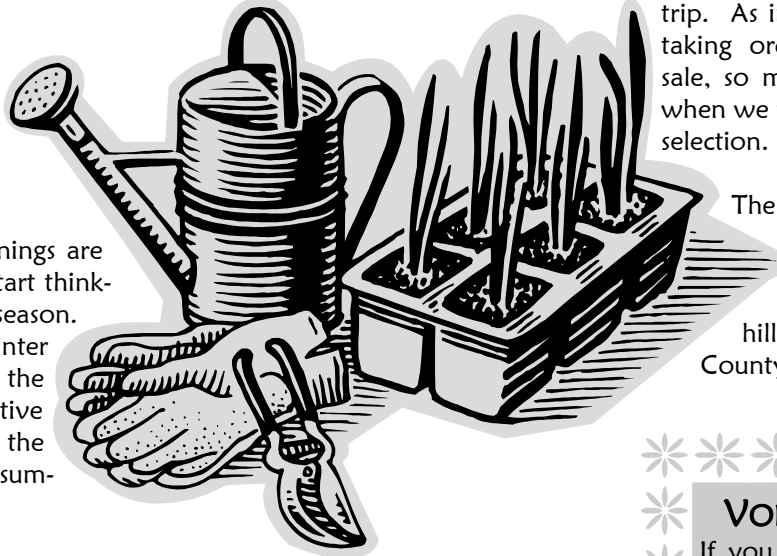
The image pictured here is *Tramea lacerate*. This is one of three species referred to as "Gliders." The Gliders form large feeding flocks that you see circling & feeding over open areas at this time of the year. Look in your

native plants and a free raffle of a native plant themed gift for those attending the program. Please join us to learn more about California's native plants and meet up with folks who are passionate about our native flora.

FALL PLANT SALE
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 7
9 AM to 1 PM

The cooler mornings and evenings are just starting, and it is time to start thinking about the fall planting season. With the wet weather of winter just around the corner, fall is the best time to plant most native plants — especially here in the foothills where the spring and summer tend to be hot and dry.

Once again Cornflower Farms and Steve Dowty will be offering native and drought tolerant plants that grow well in our area. Books on gardening with native plants and natural history will also be available at the sale. Seeds and bulbs of native plants will also be featured. If you are new to gardening



with native plants, there will be several experienced gardeners at the sale to answer your questions.

This newsletter includes a list of plants that are likely to be at the sale so that you can plan ahead for your shopping

trip. As in recent sales, we will not be taking orders for plants prior to the sale, so make certain you come down when we first open at 9 AM for the best selection.

The sale will be held in the entry way to El Dorado County Building C, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville (down the hill from the Main El Dorado County Library).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you are interested in helping with the plant sale, we need people to prepare the plants on Friday and to assist with various tasks on Saturday. Contact Shellie Perry (530) 644-6335 if you can lend a hand.

STEWARDSHIP DAY
CELEBRATING PUBLIC LANDS
SEPTEMBER 30

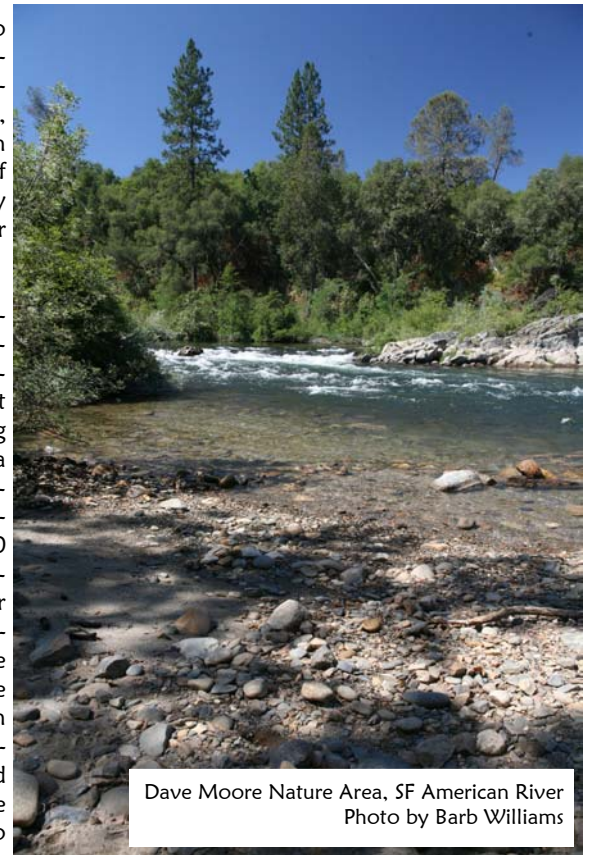
Various locations along the South Fork American River

A third of America belongs to the public, and each September, tens of thousands of us donate the last Saturday in September to help keep it up on National Public Lands Day. This event in El Dorado County will include work projects on the lower South Fork of the American River.

The lower South Fork of the American River has long been hailed for its outstanding scenery and recreational opportunities. BLM-managed public lands on the South Fork are among the most beautiful portions of the river. This work day focuses on the BLM-managed public lands on the South Fork that include the Dave Moore Nature Area, Greenwood Creek parcel, and Cronan Ranch. Each year, tens of thousands of white-water rafters, horseback riders, hunters, hikers, birdwatchers, and more are finding out about and using BLM's South Fork public lands. In addition to offering terrific recreational opportunities, public lands along the South Fork have exceptional heritage and biological resources. Archaeological

sites are plentiful here and attest to intensive occupations of the area pre-historically by Native American hunter-gatherers, and historically by miners, homesteaders, and others beginning in the late 1840s. The nature values of these lands are also significant – they are teeming with birds, deer, and other wildlife, as well as native plants.

The purpose of this event is to improve the recreational facilities, preserve the biological and heritage resources, and foster public involvement in the stewardship of this outstanding area. Volunteers will be taking on a number of projects ranging from family friendly to more strenuous activities. Work project will run from 8:00 AM until lunch at 12:30 pm. The afternoon will be dedicated to volunteer appreciation; speakers, gifts, environmental education opportunities for the younger volunteers and tours of the resource area. BLM will be joined in this effort by the American River Conservancy, a partner in acquiring and enhancing public lands around the American River. All are invited to volunteer on this day. Volunteers are asked to register through the BLM Folsom Office web site <http://www.blm.gov/ca/folsom/npld.html> If you have problems accessing the webs site or



Dave Moore Nature Area, SF American River
 Photo by Barb Williams

need more information contact Barbara Williams, event coordinator, at Barbara_williams@ca.blm.gov or call (916) 985-4474.

PLANT WALK: UNDERSTANDING CLIMATE CHANGE

September 16 (Saturday)

Pony Express Trail, El Dorado County

Meeting time and location: 9 AM Safeway parking lot in Pollock Pines.

Duration: Return to parking lot between 4-5 PM.

Description: On this walk, we will discuss climate change within the South Fork American River Canyon over the last several million years, and gain an understanding of the factors that have created and been affected by climate change. We will also see the types of evidence that document climate change. Appropriate for families and children over 8 years old.

Difficulty: Easy to moderate; some rough ground.

Bring: Bring water, lunch, sturdy walking shoes, hat and sunscreen.

Contact: Lester Lubetkin, work 530-621-5213, home 622-5306, llubetkin@fs.fed.us by 9/13/06 if you plan to join the walk.

FIELD WORKSHOP YELLOW STAR THISTLE CONTROL METHODS

Friday, September 29, 9:30 AM to noon

This workshop, sponsored by the El Dorado County Invasive Weed Management Group, will provide landowners and land managers the latest updates on control methods for Yellow starthistle, including a new herbicide product. Attendees

will learn how to incorporate a variety of integrated pest management control methods into a long-term control plan for their property. Topics include: Control methods and the best time to use each (herbicide treatments – including demonstration plots, mechanical methods – pulling, mowing, weed eating, cultural methods – grazing, mulch, seeding); Planning a long-term control strategy for your property; Safe use of herbicides (backpack sprayers, broadcast spraying with tank sprayers, permit requirements – when do I need a permit?).

The **\$5.00 registration fee per person** includes instruction, handouts and refreshments. Advance registration is required and must be received no later than **September 27th**. A confirmation letter, with a map of the location of the workshop, will be sent to you after your registration is received. Please call Nancy Starr at 530-621-5552 to register.

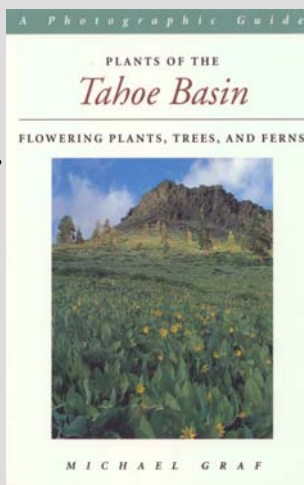


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OCTOBER PROGRAM PLANTS OF THE TAHOE BASIN

Michael Graf, author of *Plants of Tahoe Basin*, will present a fabulous selection of plants from the Sierra Nevada from his enormous slide collection. He will also tell us all about his adventures tracking down the plants that make this field guide the one you would choose if you could only own one plant field guide.

Michael Graf has spent much of his life in Tahoe, hiking the back country and exploring and photographing its natural wonders. He has a law degree and a masters degree in environmental science and policy. He lives in the Bay Area where he practices environmental law. Michael most recently represented CNPS on the Cottonwood lawsuit regarding an herbicide project on the Tahoe National Forest and an off-road vehicle lawsuit against the Bureau of Land Management in the Clear Creek OHV Area. Michael also serves on the CNPS Lawsuit Committee.



NOVEMBER PROGRAM A FIELD GUIDE FOR THE SIERRA NEVADA

Naturalist and artist John (Jack) Muir Laws is creating an illustrated field guide to more than 1,200 species of plants and animals of the Sierra Nevada. In this program, Jack will present an illustrated lecture about the natural history of the Sierra Nevada and the creation of a field guide, including a live demonstration of his amazing artistic

process. He will also bring original illustrations that have been painted in the field and studio. Jack is a wildlife biologist and an associate of the California Academy of Sciences. He has studied the natural history of the Sierra for many years and spent the last four summers painting Sierra wildflowers from life. During the 2005 wildflower season alone, Jack spent more than 70 days in the field working on illustrations for this book. His illustrations capture the feeling of the living plant or animal, while also including details critical for identification.

Location for September, October and November 2006 Programs

Cameron Park Library, 7 PM
From Placerville
Take Highway 50 West
Exit Cambridge Rd.

Turn right at the end of the ramp
Take the first left (Knollwood)
Go to the stop sign and turn left (Country Club Dr.)

The library is on the left, about 1-2 blocks down

From El Dorado Hills
Take Highway 50 East
Exit Cambridge Rd.

Turn left at the end of the ramp; Go over the freeway; Just past the mini mall on the left, turn left (Knollwood); Go to the stop sign and turn left (Country Club Dr.)

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CALIFORNIA'S NATIVE FLORA**

The California Native Plant Society is a statewide nonprofit organization of amateurs and professionals with a common interest in California's native plants. The mission of the Society is to increase understanding and appreciation of California's native plants and to preserve them in their natural habitat through scientific activities, education, and conservation. Membership is open to all.

Membership includes the quarterly journal, *Fremontia*, the quarterly *Bulletin*, which gives statewide news and announcements of Society activities and conservation issues, and the chapter newsletter *Gold Field Notes*. To join, call our main office in Sacramento, (916) 447-2677.

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