



GOLD FIELD NOTES

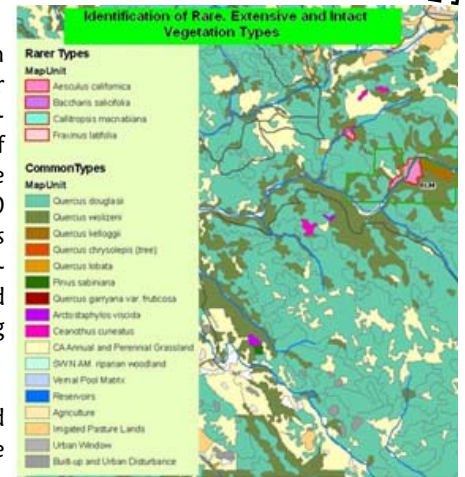
EL DORADO CHAPTER ☼ CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY ☼ March-April 2013

Location: Returning to Placerville Library

MARCH 26TH PROGRAM CNPS VEGETATION MAPPING

This month we will have a presentation from the CNPS Vegetation Program to introduce their procedure for mapping vegetation, and demonstrate how to access existing internet maps of the Sierra Nevada Foothills vegetation. The CNPS Vegetation Program has worked for 20 yrs. to inventory and classify plant communities across the state. Describing and mapping vegetation scientifically enables conservationists and land managers to work to preserve existing plant communities at an ecosystem level.

This program will be held on March 26 and begins at 6:30 PM in the meeting room at the Placerville Library, 345 Fair Lane, Placerville.



Sample of vegetation map produced by the CNPS Vegetation Program.

CALENDAR

March 23 (Saturday)

Plant walk.
Deer Creek Hills. See details inside.

March 26 (Tuesday)

Program.
CNPS and Vegetation mapping.
Newsletter for details.

March 30 (Saturday)

Plant walk.
Table Mountain. See details inside.

April 6 (Saturday; 9 AM to 1 PM)

Plant sale.
Twice-yearly Chapter plant sale. See details inside.

April 13 (Saturday)

Plant walk.
Horkelia parryi on the Eldorado National Forest. See details inside.

April 21 (Saturday)

Plant walk.
Lake Clementine (Placer County).
See details inside.

May 5 (Sunday)

Plant walk.
Leonardi Springs. See details inside.

May 18 (Saturday)

Plant walk.
Lava Cap Wildflowers. See details inside.

May 28 (Tuesday)

Program.
Invasive plants in El Dorado County.
See details inside.

Evening programs are held on the fourth Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November, and begin at 6:30 PM at the Placerville Library,

GREEN FIRE: ALDO LEOPOLD AND A LAND ETHIC FOR OUR TIME SELLS OUT TO PACKED AUDIENCE AT THE COZMIC CAFE

Over 100 people packed into the Cozmic Cafe on March 2nd to see the EDC CNPS sponsored showing of the film *Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and A Land Ethic for Our Time*.

Steve Dunsky of the US Forest Service, the Emmy award-winning film's director, opened the evening by telling the audience that "the Green Fire (of Leopold's conservation ethic) is the fire we hope to ignite with this film."

Moving and beautifully shot, *Green Fire* chronicles Leopold's life, showing through current environmental and educational projects around the world, how Leopold's far-reaching work and ideas have impacted the modern conservation and environmental movements. Afterwards Steve answered questions from the audience, and people shared their thoughts and ideas for continuing Leopold's "land ethic" in the El Dorado County region. As Leopold states in the film, "The Land Ethic cannot be written down. It must be lived."

Special thanks to our co-sponsoring organizations: the Placerville Natural Foods Coop, Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation, and the Season for Nonviolence, and Jacob and Alyssa Mingle of the Cozmic Cafe for making their wonderful space available to us. Thanks also to Steve Dunsky of the US Forest Service for joining us, and to EDC CNPS members and volunteers Marty Oberlander, Annie Walker, Janet Cicero, Shellie Perry, Cindy Podsiadlo, Ben Parks, Doni Mae, Susan Britting, and others, like our friend Cinnamon, who helped make the evening such a great success. Thanks also to Mimi Escobar of the Mountain Democrat for ensuring the great coverage the event received in the paper.

Proceeds from the showing benefit student environmental programs in El Dorado County.

If you missed the event and would still like to see the film, the DVD is available for loan from the EDC CNPS. Contact Tripp Mikich at trippdmnh@yahoo.com or 530-748-9365 to arrange.

NATIVE PLANT SALE



SAT. APRIL 6TH

9AM - 1PM

Spring is nearly here and it's time for our twice yearly plant sale. Once again will be offering a great selection of native and drought tolerant plants that will grow well in our area. Books on gardening with native plants and natural history will also be available for sale.

If you are new to gardening with native plants, there will be plenty of 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. Cash or checks only; all sales are final.

**LOCATED BETWEEN
COUNTY BUILDINGS
A AND B**

The sale will be held at the El Dorado County Government Center between buildings A and B at 330 Fair Lane,

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need help setting up in the morning and assisting throughout the day on Saturday. If you are interested in helping out, Please contact Shellie Perry (530) 644-6335.

GENERAL MEETING RETURNS TO THE PLACERVILLE LIBRARY IN MARCH

The mechanical problems at the Main El Dorado County Library that required us to search around for other meeting venues have been repaired, so I am very happy to announce that starting with the March 26th presentation, we will once again be meeting in the Placerville Library lobby meeting room. Jeanne Amos, the

Library Director, was particularly receptive to our need for ground-level space so that the meeting is accessible to everyone in the community. I want to publicly acknowledge her cooperative attitude, which is especially noteworthy because our meetings extend past the library's closing time. I know that I will remember

her willingness to work with us and give us the use of this spacious room the next time that a library funding measure comes up, and I urge you to as well.

*Rosemary Carey
Chapter President*

SPRING AND SUMMER PLANT WALKS

Please contact the trip leaders by the Wednesday prior to the hike to let them know you will be attending

March 23 (Saturday)

Deer Creek Hills (Sacramento County)

Meeting Time and Location: Meet at the Preserve parking lot on Latrobe Rd. From Sacramento: Take Hwy 50 to Bradshaw Exit, turn right (South) onto Bradshaw, turn left (East) onto Jackson Rd (Hwy 16), continue East, past Slough House, turn left (North) onto Latrobe Rd. Note: Latrobe Road has a creek crossing, dirt/gravel. Rain elevates the creek.

Duration: Trip ends around 1 pm.

Description: Join David Popp, senior docent for the Sacramento Valley Conservancy, to explore Deer Creek Hills and enjoy spring wildflowers. You will wander through shallow canyons, climb to the tops of ridges, and ford small streams on rock stepping stones at high use cross-

ings. Open land and ponds form habitat for over 300 species of plants, 125 species of birds and 40 wildlife species. The area is also rich in history and prehistory. Native American grinding holes are found in the bedrock along Crevis Creek. There are remains from the Gold Rush and a few old homestead sites. Bring sturdy shoes, water and lunch. Donation appreciated. Heavy rain cancels. This is a Sacramento Chapter of CNPS field trip check their chapter's website for more information at www.sacvalleycnps.org

Level of Difficulty: Easy

Bring: Hat, water, sunscreen, snack and sturdy shoes

Contact: David Popp;
avidpp3@comcast.net

March 30 (Saturday)

Table Mountain (Butte County)

Meeting Time and Location: 7:15 AM under the sign in the Raley's parking lot, 166 Placerville Drive, Placerville. 4WD vehicles are not needed and carpooling is advised as it is a long drive and parking can be limited.

Duration: All day, we will be back in Placerville by 5:00 PM.

Description: A riot of spring color is anticipated for this visit to the "basalt grasslands" of Oroville's picturesque Table Mountain, overlooking the Sacramento Valley at 1,200' elevation. We will rendezvous with the Sacramento Chapter for a trip to be led by David Popp. This will be a leisurely walk over a gently sloping basalt flow that combines the floristic elements of vernal pools, valley grassland, and oak woodland. Some time may be involved in keying plants. A plant list can be provided. For more information please visit the field trips page on the Sacramento Chapter's website at www.sacvalleycnps.org.

Level of Difficulty: Easy

Bring: Hat, sunscreen, bug repellent, water, lunch, layered clothing and sturdy shoes.

Contact: Rich Wade (530) 635-5630;
rwade@spi-ind.com

SPRING AND SUMMER PLANT WALKS (CONT.)

Please contact the trip leaders by the Wednesday prior to the hike to let them know you will be attending

April 13 (Saturday)

***Horkelia parryi* on the Eldorado National Forest**

Meeting Time and Place: 9:00 AM under the big sign out in front of Raley's in Placerville. Car pooling is always nice.

Duration: until about 1 PM or later if group wishes

Description: We will be visiting one or more places to see *Horkelia parryi* on the Georgetown Ranger District. This is a list 1B.2 species and is also known from the lone Clay Barrens rare plant complex. It is about an hour's drive from Placerville to the sites on the Georgetown Ranger District, so we will be walking from about ten o'clock until lunchtime. Then if we want to go on to see other *Horkelia* sites, or just explore, we can stay out all day. If enough people want, we could stop by the Traverse Creek botanic area in the afternoon.

Level of Difficulty: Easy to moderate.

Bring: Lunch, water, spare jacket, hiking shoes, hiking stick, sunscreen, mosquito repellent. Please refer to the newsletter article for items I might have forgotten.



Contact: Annie Walker at agastache@att.net; Please do RSVP to Annie

April 21 (Saturday)

Lake Clementine (Placer County)

Meeting Place and Time: Parking lot of American River Grill, etc. in Cool at 9:30 AM.

Duration: 2 to 3 hours

Description: We will be going out to look for the Western Viburnum (*Viburnum ellipticum*) on a trail near Lake Clementine. The shrub is a CNPS listed plant (2.3) rare, threatened or endangered. The north facing slope will be full of Madrones and Oaks and should have some nice woodland wildflowers at this time.

Bring: Hat, bug repellent, sunscreen, water, lunch or snack, sturdy shoes and layered clothing

Contact: Diane Cornwall; (530) 888-1404; dancingwildflowers@me.com

May 5 (Sunday)

Leonardi Springs off Wentworth Springs Rd.

Meeting Place and Time: Georgetown Ranger Station, 7600 Wentworth Springs Rd. east of Georgetown at 9:30 AM

Duration: 2 to 3 hours

Description: We will be going about 30 minutes up Wentworth Springs Rd. to a dirt road that takes us into the area of three or four CNPS listed plants (rare, endangered, or threatened). The plants have grouped themselves together in an easy to get to spot.

Hopefully we will see *Lewisia serrata* or *Lewisia cantelovii*, *Phacelia stebbinsii*, and *Poa sierrae*. Information on these plants will be available.

Level of Difficulty: Easy

Bring: Water, snack, sturdy shoes, bug repellent, sunscreen, and hat

Contact: Diane Cornwall; (530) 888-1404; dancingwildflowers@me.com

May 18 (Saturday)

Lava Cap Wildflowers on Peavine Ridge off of Ice House Road

Meeting Place and Time: Pollock Pines Safeway at 9:00 AM. Carpooling is advised. A high clearance vehicle will be handy to have.

Duration: All day

Description: We will be visiting spring annuals peculiar to the Miocene mudflows. This extremely diverse plant com-

MAY MEETING INVASIVE PLANTS IN EL DORADO COUNTY

Leeanne Mila, Senior Scientist for the El Dorado County Department of Agriculture, will present a program on the invasive exotic plants common around the County. Learn how to identify these weeds: there will be live material and herbarium sheets. She will also discuss control methods.

This program will be held on May 28 and begins at 6:30 PM in the meeting room at the Placerville Library, 345 Fair Lane, Placerville.

munity is formed on very rocky and volcanic soils eroded from the Mehrten formation mudflow. These are herb and grass dominated openings within the Upper Montane Chaparral. These support small, low growing herb species, which are adapted to high soil temps, full sunlight, and droughty conditions. These openings are often completely isolated within dense manzanita. Snowpack melts quickly in spring because of sunny slopes, and a lack of canopy. Seeps are common in upper swales and slow gradually during the late spring and summer. The sequence of flowering is from March to August. Two species are 'sensitive' and endemic to ENF. Possible special plant species to see are Yellow Bur Navarretia, Pleasant Valley Mariposa Lily and True's Manzanita. There is a plant list available.

Level of Difficulty: Easy to moderate

Bring: Water, lunch, sunscreen, hat and sturdy shoes or boots. Long sleeves are useful for barging into the manzanita

Contact: Annie Walker; (530) 626-3678; agastache@att.net. Call by Friday if you plan to come on the trip.

UPCOMING WALKS

(descriptions to follow in next newsletter)

June 8	Little Bald Mountain
June 13	Elder Creek
July 20	Old Carson Pass Road
August 3	Black Butte
August 22	Round Top
September 21	Forestdale Divide



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SATURDAY, APRIL 6
9 AM TO 1 PM

COUNTY BUILDINGS A & B
 (DETAILS INSIDE NEWSLETTER)

For updates between newsletters
www.eldoradocnps.org



CALIFORNIA
 NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

**DEDICATED TO THE
 PRESERVATION OF
 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, or visit www.cnps.org to join online.

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