



# GOLD FIELD NOTES

EL DORADO CHAPTER ☼ CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY ☼ July-August 2013

## CALENDAR

### July 23 (Tuesday)

Program.  
CNPS past, present and future. See newsletter for details.

### July 27 (Saturday)

Workshop.  
Wild pantry and medicine chest. See details inside.

### September 10-12 (Tuesday-Thursday)

Workshop.  
Vegetation Rapid Assessment/Relevé, workshop hosted by CNPS vegetation program. Workshop location is UCNRS Sagehen Field Station Truckee, CA. See website for details and registration: <http://www.cnps.org/cnps/education/workshops/>

### September 21 (Saturday)

Rare Plant Treasure Hunt.  
Yosemite's Lost Pacific Yews. Join the Sierra Foothills CNPS Chapter and the National Park Service for a trip to look for Yosemite National Park's lost Pacific Yews. Trip runs from 10 am to 4 pm. Contact Alison Colwell (aelcolwell@msn.com; 240-997-5153) or Danny Slakey (dslakey@cnps.org) for more information.

### September 24 (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, 345 Fair Lane, Placerville.*

## JULY 23<sup>RD</sup> PROGRAM

### WHAT'S "GROWING" ON WITH CALIFORNIA'S NATIVE PLANTS: THE PAST, OUR PRESENT, AND PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE

For almost 50 years, the California Native Plant Society has celebrated native plants and protected wild gardens. From a growing native plant horticulture program to an exciting rare plant campaign, there is a lot going on with the California Native Plant Society and with our wonderful flora. Dan Gluesenkamp, the new Executive Director of CNPS, will speak about plants, places, and projects at our general meeting on Tuesday, July 23rd. He previously worked as Executive Director of The Calflora Database, where he led development of exciting new tools for conservation and research, and as Director of Habitat Protection and Restoration for Audubon Canyon Ranch's 30 preserves. His history with California plant conservation and research includes on-the-ground experience restoring native habitat, and experimental research on invasive turkey impacts, nitrogen deposition, and sierra meadows. Dan is a founder and past president of the California Invasive Plant Council, co-founder of the Bay Area Early Detection Network (BAEDN), and in 2009 discovered a presumed-extinct Franciscan manzanita plant growing on a traffic island at the Golden Gate Bridge.

This program will be held on July 23. Socializing and plant identification begins at 6:30 pm and the program begins at 7 pm in the meeting room at the Placerville Library, 345 Fair Lane, Placerville.



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NATIVE PLANTS OF EL DORADO COUNTY  
PHOTOGRAPHS BY TRIPP MIKICH



### NOT JUST ANY FLOWERS - NATIVE PLANTS OF EL DORADO COUNTY

An exhibition of 30 photographs by EDC CNPS Board Member Tripp Mikich depicting the diverse native flora of our region, has been extended through August 16th at the Cosmic Cafe, 594 Main Street in Placerville (Closed Mondays). \$25 from each print sold benefits EDC CNPS. For more information, contact Tripp at [trippdm@gmail.com](mailto:trippdm@gmail.com) or 530-748-9365.

## SPRING PLANT SALE UPDATE

Our Spring Native Plant Sale was very well publicized, thanks to the efforts of Tripp Mikich and Rich Wade. In fact, we had so many customers, we ran out of plants! (I solemnly promise to have more plants for the Fall sale.) So, was it a good sale?

Well, I certainly enjoyed it. I always enjoy our chapter plant sales, because the massed enthusiasm of a big group of native plant lovers is infectious. It causes people to get really excited about the idea of working with the earth instead of just stomping it into submission. And that gives me hope for the future. When a nine-year-old child picks out a couple of plants for their birthday, including a

Milkweed “for the Monarchs”- well, it doesn’t get much better than that. Sure, the plant sales make money that funds good causes, but the connections we make with people are what really count. The chance to share stories, share wisdom, and make new friends is worth more than money. So I want to say “Thank You” to everyone who posted flyers, created and set up the invasive weed, landscaping and other displays, brought plants, books, etc. to sell, bought plants, books etc., fetched and carried, took money, gave advice, answered questions, brought food and drink so that the hungry might be fed, plugged our sale on the radio, and, in so many ways, shared your generous spirit. Thanks to all your efforts, our little corner of the world is becoming a better place.

Yeah, it was a good sale.

One more thing- Jinnah Benn and Mahala Young of Lotus Valley Natives donated a lot of beautiful plants to the sale, for which I am grateful. Lotus Valley Natives produced healthy, attractive, locally native plants, so I am saddened that they have closed their doors, but pleased to report that Jinnah and Mahala will continue retail-selling native plants with two new ventures: Flourish, a downtown Placerville nursery, launched by Mahala Young, and Lotus Valley Farm, an internet mail-order wildflower seed business, operated by Jinnah Benn. For further info, see [www.flourishontheweb.com](http://www.flourishontheweb.com), and [www.lotusvalleyfarm.com](http://www.lotusvalleyfarm.com).

Shellie Perry  
Plant Sale Coordinator

## SUMMER AND EARLY FALL PLANT WALKS

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

### July 20 (Saturday)

#### Round Top, Alpine County

Meeting time and location: 8:00 A.M., at the Perry household, 6311 Sly Park Road.

Duration: Full day.

Description: We will start from Woods Lake, and walk to Lake Winnemucca, and then up the side of Round Top Mountain to a spot where we can see the population of *Crepis nana* that CNPS member Howard Williams discovered last year. We will also encounter the rare *Chaenactis douglasii* var. *alpina*, plenty of other nice subalpine wildflowers, and lots of majestic views.

Level of difficulty: Fairly difficult. 5.75 miles roundtrip, with about 1,800 feet elevation gain. The last bit is steep, without much of a trail. Sturdy shoes are required. It will be windy at the top.

Bring: Sturdy shoes are required. Also water, food bug juice, sunscreen, a hat and \$5 for parking.

Contact: Shellie Perry;

seperry55@comcast.net; 530-644-6335.

### July 27 (Saturday)

#### Black Butte, near Woods Lake

NOTE: This is a date change. It has been moved up due to the earlier flowering season.

Meeting time and location: Meet at the Perry household at 9:00 AM; the address is 6311 Sly Park Road.

Duration: All day

Description: Black Butte on the edge of Mokelumne Wilderness and is a volcanic neck adjacent to a high mountain meadow. We will be hiking on a trail with the option of wandering in a meadow, scrambling on the volcanic slopes of Black Butte, or climbing around on the granite outcrops. Last fall a few of us found some *Pinus monophylla* (pinyon pine) on the granite. A unique find, as it is more or less out of its range. Normally it’s common in the Great Basin plant community. If there is enough interest we can visit the remnant of Log Cabin Mine.

Level of difficulty: Moderate. Elevation gain about 800 feet.

Bring: Bring your usual supplies, lunch, water, hiking shoes, and a jacket in case of cool weather. We will drive to the Parking Area at Woods Lake.

Contact: Annie Walker at

agastache@att.net for more information.

### August 3 (Saturday)

#### Forestdale Divide, Alpine County

Meeting time and location: 9:00 AM at the Perry household, 6311 Sly Park Road.

Duration: All day

Description: We can access part of the Pacific Crest Trail and do a loop hike. We will be visiting glacial tarns as well as dry volcanic slopes. Species to be seen include mountain meadow plants. Shrubs and trees include mountain ash, twinberry, red elderberry, huckleberry oak, red fir, mountain hemlock, whitebark pine. We will be driving up Mormon Emigrant Trail, to Highway 88 and over Carson Pass to the Red Lake junction, and driving south from there. This is a native surface road with some rough spots. High clearance is desirable. Carpooling is suggested.

Level of difficulty: Moderate. Easy trails, but at higher elevations, to 9000 feet.

Bring: Lunch, water, hiking shoes, stick, camera, binoculars, light jacket, thunderstorms with rain are a possibility at these elevations.

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## SUMMER AND EARLY FALL PLANT WALKS (CONT.)

**August 17 (Saturday)**

**To be Determined**

Destination, meeting time and place, and all other info will be determined in early August, so stay tuned!

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**September 7 (Saturday)**

**Forestdale Creek, Alpine County**

Meeting time and location: 9:00 A.M., at the Perry household, 6311 Sly Park Road.

Duration: Half-day or full day, depending on how long people want to stay.

Description: We will wander around a high-elevation beaver-dammed meadow on Forestdale Creek, where we will find late-blooming riparian plants. (We will also get to find out whether or not the beavers have rebuilt a large dam that was destroyed by Spring flooding.) We will see the uncommon *Epilobium howellii* in the hills just above the meadow. We might also visit another meadow for some different flowers.

Difficulty: Easy. 2 to 3 miles, not much elevation gain. Quite suitable for children and well-behaved dogs.

Bring: Water, food, bug juice, sunscreen and a happy heart.

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING MEADOW RESTORATION AND CREATION

Steve Dowty is a long time grower of California Native Plants, specializing in plants for meadows. Come to our meeting on September 24th to hear him talk about his experiences restoring existing meadows, and planting new meadows in the Placerville area. Steve will tell us which plants work best in specific areas and garden types. Whether you have a Wetland or an Oak Woodland, creating a successful meadow means more than just scattering some wildflower seeds, and Steve is just the man to demystify the process.

This program will be held on September 24 and begins at 6:30 PM in the meeting room at the Placerville Library, 345 Fair Lane, Placerville.

## WORKSHOP

**FOOD AND MEDICINE**

**INDEPENDENCE: ENJOYING THE  
WILD PANTRY AND MEDICINE  
CHEST**

**Saturday, July 27th from 9 am – 1 pm**  
**\$40 YWI Member/\$45 General**

Join the Yuba Watershed Institute (YWI) as they explore a San Juan Ridge meadow at 3,000 feet (with views of Donner Summit) and learn how to use fresh and locally available native/wild plants for food and health. This interactive program includes Medicine Making with Rachel Berry, Wild Food Cuisine with Alicia Funk and Foraging on the Trail with Matt Berry and Daniel Nicholson. We will discuss how to enjoy these plants as an effective, local and free source of food and medicine. Space is limited. Please email [info@yubawatershedinstitute.org](mailto:info@yubawatershedinstitute.org) to register.

Photos above and to left: Intrepid native plant hunters explore meadows in the Carson Pass area on a recent plant walk. Check out the plant walk listing for the rest of the season and join us for a happy ramble in some of our local sweet spots in the Sierra Nevada.



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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](http://www.cnps.org) to join online.

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