



# GOLD FIELD NOTES

EL DORADO CHAPTER ☼ CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY ☼ September-October 2013

## CALENDAR

### September 21 (Saturday)

Field trip.  
Yosemite Lost yew. Rare plant  
Treasure Hunt. See details on this  
page.

### September 24 (Tuesday)

Program.  
Meadow restoration. See details on  
this page.

### September 28 (Saturday)

Workshop.  
Designing a pollinator garden. See  
inside for details.

### September 28 (Saturday)

Sale.  
Master Gardener's 5th annual plant  
sale. For details see [http://  
ucanr.edu/sites/  
EDC\\_Master\\_Gardeners/](http://ucanr.edu/sites/EDC_Master_Gardeners/)

### October 5 (Saturday)

CNPS Native Plant Sale.  
See inside for details.

### October 26 (Saturday)

Workshop.  
Medicinal Plants. With Stuart  
Wooley. See Friends of the Chico  
Herbarium ([http://  
www.csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/  
Events.html](http://www.csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/Events.html)) for details.

### November 26 (Tuesday)

Program.  
Making a Landscaping Plan. See in-  
side for details.

*Evening programs are held on the  
fourth Tuesday of January, March,  
May, July, September, and Novem-  
ber, and begin at 6:30 PM at the  
Placerville Library, 345 Fair Lane,  
Placerville.*

## SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> PROGRAM

### 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. 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. He will start with an overview of vegetation changes in California over the last 10,000 years, and the forces driving those changes, which will help us to better understand different types of meadows. Two case studies will then be presented: his property along Ringold Creek in south Placerville, and a high elevation meadow in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Discussion will focus on meadow management and steps for installing meadow vegetation on degraded sites.

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.

## FIELD TRIP

### YOSEMITE'S LOST PACIFIC YEW'S SEPTEMBER 21 (SATURDAY)

Join the Sierra Foothills CNPS Chapter and the National Park Service for a trip to look for Yosemite National Park's lost Pacific Yews. Leader: Alison Colwell. Hiking Level: moderate (fairly level terrain, but off-trail). Katherine Brandegee wrote in her 1891 article "The Flora of Yo Semite" about the Pacific yew (*Taxus brevifolia*) trees found in the Merced River Canyon (Zoe 2:155-167). Although not a rare plant at the statewide level, the Pacific Yew would merit conservation concern due its "locally rare" status. In recent decades there have been several fruitless attempts by various botanists to find these trees in or near Yosemite Valley, leading some to conclude that the trees are likely extirpated. We're not convinced. Ms. Brandegee's brief description gives us a clue which we'll follow in our attempt to relocate this southern-most outpost of this species in the Sierra Nevada. Meet at 10 am at



Arch Rock Entrance Station parking lot on Highway 140. For details see: [http://  
www.cnps.org/cnps/rareplants/  
treasurehunt/](http://www.cnps.org/cnps/rareplants/treasurehunt/)

Or contact [aecolwell@msn.com](mailto:aecolwell@msn.com) or 240-997-5153 to register.

# NATIVE PLANT SALE



SAT. OCTOBER 5TH

9AM - 1PM

Fall is here and it's time for our twice yearly plant sale. Once again we 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. Please bring your own boxes to transport your plants.

## 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, Placerville (across the street from the library).

**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 or [seperry55@comcast.net](mailto:seperry55@comcast.net).



September 7, 2013. The Eldorado Chapter of the California Native Plant Society takes a field trip to Forestdale Creek. Even though most of the flowers are finished, we still found nice things to examine. The views were wonderful too, despite the smoky day. *Photo: Annie Walker*





Sierra Club and the  
Coalition for Change Present  
**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MOVIES**  
**AT THE COZMIC CAFÉ**

**When:** Second Wednesday  
**Time:** Doors open at 6 pm, film at 6:30 pm  
**Where:** Cozmic Café, 594 Main St.,  
Placerville (food service closes at 6 pm)  
**Suggested donation:** \$3.00

October 9      **Chasing Ice**  
November 13    **We're Not Broke**

For more information see the Maidu Group (Sierra Club) webpage:  
[http://overpopulation.org/Maidu\\_webpage/index.php](http://overpopulation.org/Maidu_webpage/index.php)

**NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> PROGRAM:**  
**ANALYZING YOUR SITE TO**  
**MAKE A LANDSCAPING PLAN**

Successful landscaping requires an analysis of the site's physical, biological, and climatic constraints. Questionnaires can identify limiting factors and ways to either accept or mitigate those limitations. Dr. Debra Ayres will explain how to analyze all of the many factors one encounters in the foothills when planning a garden. She started her career as a landscape designer and Master Gardener in El Dorado County before she returned to graduate school to become a plant ecologist.

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

**WORKSHOP**  
**DESIGNING A POLLINATOR GARDEN**  
**September 28 (Saturday)**

Pollinators are essential for reproduction in a majority of plants worldwide - plants provide food, fiber, medicines, and beauty. Yet pollinators quite often are rare in our modern urban and suburban landscapes. Learn how to design a garden to encourage native pollinators by a) using plants that provide overlapping nectar, pollen, and larval food resources, b) providing pollinator nesting habitat, and c) eliminating the use of pesticides that kill non-target pollinators. This workshop will discuss the various pollinators (and associates) that can be encouraged in our gardens through thoughtful planning. They will also visit some pollinator-friendly gardens to discuss plant selection, placement and care of a garden that cultivates a thriving habitat for a wide range of pollinators and insect life, enriching the color, diversity, and health of your garden!

The instructors for this workshop are John Whittlesey, founder and owner of Canyon Creek Nursery, outside of Oroville, until recently Horticulture Chair of the Mount Lassen Chapter of the California Native Plant Society, and part-time instructor for the California School of Landscape Design, outside of Auburn, and Adrienne Edwards, Adjunct Faculty at Chico State, botanist, ecologist, and arborist. Both are board members of Friends of the Chico State Herbarium. The workshop will meet Saturday, September 28, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to around 3:00 p.m., starting in Holt Hall room 129 at CSU Chico,

and later car-pooling to garden sites. Registration is \$100.00 personal, \$90.00 for members of Friends of the Herbarium, \$40.00 student (only 2 seats available at the student price). Please register in advance; class size is limited to 25 participants, class cancelled without a minimum of 8 participants.

For information about workshop registration please contact the Biology office at (530) 898-5356 or see the website [http://www.csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/workshops/pollinator\\_gardens\\_9-28-13.pdf](http://www.csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/workshops/pollinator_gardens_9-28-13.pdf).





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**FALL PLANT SALE**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5**  
**9 AM TO 1 PM**  
**COUNTY BUILDINGS A & B**  
**(DETAILS INSIDE NEWSLETTER)**

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[www.eldoradoCNPS.org](http://www.eldoradoCNPS.org) and



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

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