



GOLD FIELD NOTES

EL DORADO CHAPTER ☼ CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY ☼ September-October 2016

SEPTEMBER 27 PROGRAM

FIRE RESISTANT LANDSCAPES IN A NEW ERA: WILDLIFE AND NATIVE PLANTS STILL WELCOME!

Landscapes that help protect your home from fire do not need to look like moonscapes. Much can be done with careful placement of plants and hardscape, as well as careful choosing of native plants. It can be confusing though. Some plants show up on both fire resilient and fire prone lists, and much misinformation is given about how to create your required defensive space. Master Gardener and chapter president Alice Cantelow will address these issues and provide valuable resources for creating a sustainable, low water use, wildlife friendly yard that is still resistant to fire.

This program will be held on Tuesday, September 27, at 7 PM at the Planning Commission Room, Building C, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville. The program is free to both members and the public.

RESOURCES TO CREATE FIRE RESISTANT LANDSCAPES

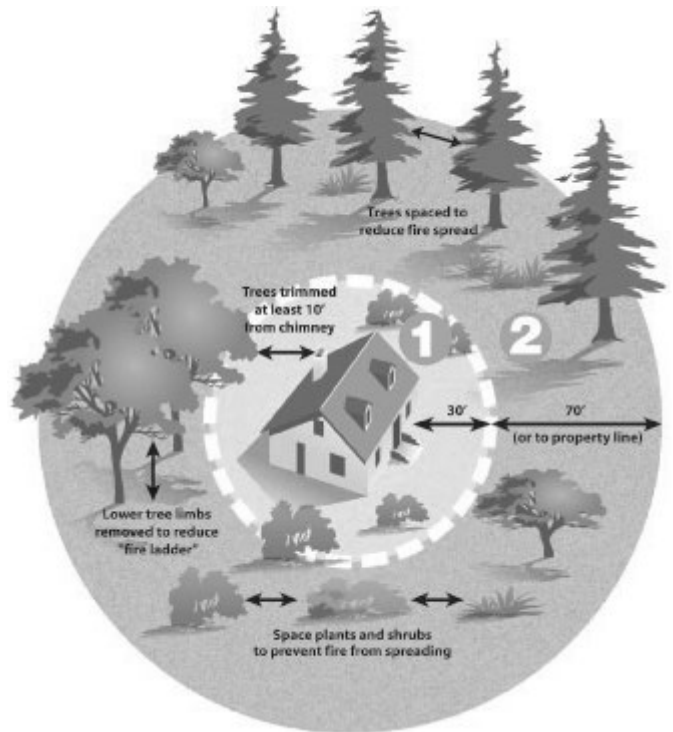
Check out the following websites for additional plants lists and tips on creating fire resistant landscapes.

List of fire resistant plants suitable for the Cool and foothill area of El Dorado County: <http://www.edcfiresafe.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Appendix-D-Fire-Resistant-Landscaping-Plants-for-the-Cool-Area.pdf>

List of fire resistant plants developed by the Redbud Chapter for Nevada and Placer counties: <http://www.redbud-cnps.org/fireresist.htm>

Developed by Master Gardeners, *Landscaping Tips to Help Defend Your Home from Wildfire*: <http://firecenter.berkeley.edu/docs/CeMasterGardener8322.pdf>

Developed by the Diablo FireSafe Council, *Plants with a Favorable Fire Performance Rating (not all native plants, but a nice selection)*: <http://www.diablofiresafe.org/tolerance.html>



September 27 (Tuesday)

Chapter program.
Fire Resistant Landscapes: A New Era. See article to right for details.

October 1 (Saturday)

Native plant sale.
9 am to 1 pm at Building C (new location). See inside for details and plant list.

October 18 to 21

Conference.
Natural Areas Conference, which will explore strategies and tactics that resource and natural areas managers can employ to prepare for and respond to climate change. US Davis, see website for details: <https://naturalareas.org/conference>

October 22 (Saturday)

Workshop.
Tree Identification, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Hosted by Friends of the Chico State Herbarium. See website for details: <http://www.friendsofthechicostateherbarium.com/eventsviewcalendar/2016/10/22/tree-identification>

November 15 (Tuesday)

Chapter program.
CNPS Conservation Program: 2021. See note inside for details.

Evening programs are held on the fourth Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. The program begins at 7 PM at the Planning Commission Room, Building C, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville.

TWICE YEARLY PLANT SALE: OCTOBER 1

The days are getting cooler but the soil's still warm---the perfect time for planting natives! Our 2016 Fall Plant Sale will not only feature a great selection of California native and drought tolerant plants (many grown locally), but also books and posters about native plants, reference materials, and wildflower seed. If you're new to gardening with native plants, not to worry, as there will be plenty of experienced native plant 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. Unfortunately, we are not able to take plant orders prior to the sale, so make certain to arrive early for the best selection. **CASH OR CHECKS ONLY**, and all sales are final. Please bring your own boxes to transport your plants.

NOTE NEW LOCATION! COUNTY BUILDING C

The sale will be held at the El Dorado County Government Center, in front of Building C, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville.



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 Christie Johnson (209) 304-1771 or mwdesigns@suttercreek.com.

CALSCAPE: YOUR GUIDE TO NATIVE PLANTS SUITABLE TO EL DORADO COUNTY

Trying to decide what to grow in your garden? Using the plant list included in this newsletter and the CalScape website (<http://calscape.org/>), you can find out about the flowering season, growth form, flower color and more for a variety of native plants that grow in El Dorado County. This site can help you zero in on drought tolerant plants that love shade or a shrub that will take full sun with low water needs. And, the pictures included with each entry help you see the flower color and growth form of the plant.

NATIVE PLANT SALE

NEW LOCATION!

County Bldg C 2850 Fairlane Ct Placerville
Sat. Oct 1 9am-1pm



**Perennials, Shrubs, Grasses, Trees, Seeds
Many Drought Tolerant Plants!
Native Garden, Landscape & Plant Books,
Posters, Info & More**

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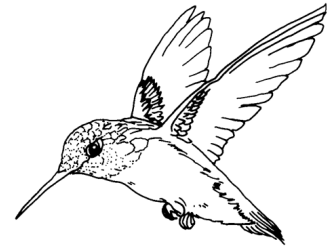


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ATTRACTING HUMMERS TO YOUR GARDEN

The more closely your yard looks as if Mother Nature did the landscaping, the more likely it is that hummingbirds will make regular visits. The number of hummingbirds that frequent your yard is closely linked to the abundance of their four life-sustaining needs:



Food: 75% nectar, 25% protein from small insects and spiders and some pollen

Water: They love to zip through moving water, such as a birdbath fountain, mist sprayer, or garden sprinkler.

Cover: To Hide from predators and for nesting (as well as nesting materials).

Perches: They spend 60–80% of each day perching, surveying their territory and dozing.

Checkout this terrific article from the Redbud Chapter on hummingbirds in our area and a list of plants that are likely to attract them (<http://www.redbud-cnps.org/Hummingbird%20Plants%20short.pdf>).

END OF THE SEASON TRIP TO JEFF DAVIS PEAK

I want to say how much I appreciated the folks who came out for my 'not many plants' field trip. On August 27, 13 of us traveled into Hope Valley and hiked the old trail up to Jeff Davis Peak, a volcanic plug of some popularity with rock climbers. We did see a few wildflowers, Arnica, Penstemon, which were that much more beautiful being so scarce in the barren landscape of the volcanic slopes. On the other hand we saw 6 different conifers: mountain hemlock, western white pine, juniper, Jeffrey pine, white bark pine and lodgepole. We also sampled some fresh berries from the Ribes montigenum which were sweet as could be. Attending were Steve and Shellie, Tripp, Christie and Tim, Misty, Karen, Stan, Roger, Gloria, Bill and Tal and myself.

*Annie Walker
Intrepid Wanderer*



NOVEMBER 15

PROGRAM

CNPS CONSERVATION

PROGRAM: 2021

*New Date
Third Tuesday!*

CNPS Conservation Program Director Greg Suba will present an overview of the CNPS Conservation Program's recent history of work, and describe where the Program is heading over the next 5 years. Through narrative and pictures, Greg will present a tour across the state, touching on major conservation efforts by CNPS Chapters, and focus on major initiatives at the CNPS state office; statewide energy planning, forestry, and mapping Important Plant Areas.

Greg Suba has been CNPS Conservation Program Director since May, 2009. Raised in Missouri, Greg studied in North Carolina, and began his professional career in California as an environmental scientist in 1990.

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Jeff Davis Peak (top left) and CNPSers checking out a random boulder (bottom left).
Photos: Annie Walker.

Editor's note: read more about Jeff Davis Peak here:

www.summitpost.org/jeff-davis-peak/155336



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New Location!

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

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www.eldoradoCNPS.org and



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 conserve California native plants and their natural habitats, and increase understanding, appreciation, and horticultural use of native plants. 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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