



GOLD FIELD NOTES

EL DORADO CHAPTER ☼ CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY ☼ MARCH-APRIL 2023

CALENDAR

March 28 (Tuesday)

Chapter program.
Creating Bird-Friendly Environments
by Nancy Gilbert. See to right for
details.

April 1-9 and 15.

Twice yearly plant sale.
Online sale April 1-9 and pick-up on
Saturday, April 15. See details inside
newsletter.

April 13 (Thursday)

Plant talk.
Beauty and the Beast: California
Wildflowers and Climate Change —
A 25-Year Journey. Hosted by the
Redbud chapter via Zoom at 6 pm.
Check here for details: [https://
chapters.cnps.org/
redbud/2023/01/23/april-13-2023/](https://chapters.cnps.org/redbud/2023/01/23/april-13-2023/)

May 17 (Thursday)

Plant talk.
Natural History of Native Bees hosted
by Redbud Chapter, CNPS. In-
person meeting in Nevada City and
may also be on Zoom. Check website
for details: [https://chapters.cnps.org/
redbud/2023/01/23/may-17-2023/](https://chapters.cnps.org/redbud/2023/01/23/may-17-2023/)

June 24 (Saturday)

Workshop.
Introduction to the willows of Cali-
fornia. Offered by the Friends of the
Ahart Herbarium (Chico State). See
website for details: [http://
friendsoftheahartherbarium.org/
eventsviwcalendar/2023/willows](http://friendsoftheahartherbarium.org/eventsviwcalendar/2023/willows)

*Evening programs are held on the fourth
Tuesday of January, March, May, July,
September, and November. The program
begins at 7 PM and is generally hosted via
Zoom. Check the chapter website for
details on Zoom link and location
(<https://www.eldoradocnps.org/>).*

MARCH 28 PROGRAM CREATING BIRD-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENTS

Nancy Gilbert of the Redbud Chapter of CNPS will cover essential information on how to create bird-attracting gardens and landscapes, illustrated by numerous photos of birds interacting with native plants. Items she will address include:

- essentials for creating good bird habitat: food, water, protective cover and shelter, sentinel, and preening perches;
- places and resources to rear young;
- the benefits and drawbacks of feeding wild birds;
- how to maximize nesting opportunities and bird house basics; and
- how to design your garden to create habitat diversity for maximum bird benefits.

Nancy Gilbert has an MS in Science Education and is former owner of the California native bulb nursery, Far West Bulb Farm.

This general meeting will take place Tuesday, March 28 from 7 to 8:30 pm, via Zoom. After chapter business is taken care of, participants will hear the presentation prepared by Nancy Gilbert on Creating Bird-friendly Environments.

The meeting is free of charge, but all participants must register in advance. To register for the Zoom meeting, visit <https://tinyurl.com/3-28-23-EDC-CNPS-mtnq>.

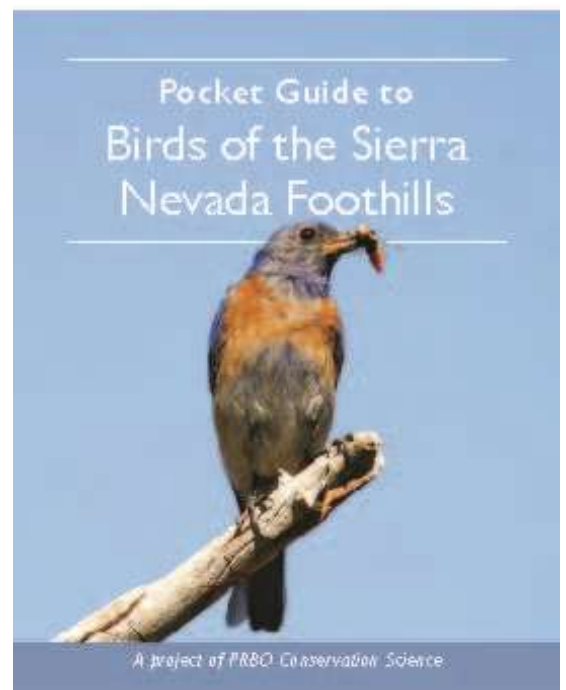
IDENTIFYING THE BIRDS IN YOUR GARDEN

Now that you are on your way to creating a place for birds to live in your garden, this handy guide from Point Blue Conservation Science can help you identify them.

This pocket guide is available for download and self printing at: [http://
pointblue.org/wp-content/
uploads/2018/06/
SierraFoothillsPG4webreduced.pdf](http://pointblue.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/SierraFoothillsPG4webreduced.pdf)

The guide has fabulous pictures of 66 birds and organizes them by the four locations in which they nest and raise young or are generally found:

- Understory, shrub and ground nesters and dwellers
- Midstory nesters and dwellers,
- Canopy nesters and dwellers, and
- Cavity nesters and non-traditional nesters (such as nests on cliffs, streamside banks, eaves, or other human-made structures).



SPRING PLANT SALE RETURNS IN APRIL!

Join us again this year for online shopping from April 1 to April 8 (<https://shop.eldoradocnps.org/>). You will be able to pick up your plants on Saturday, April 15 at the parking lot for County Building C in Placerville. See details about online shopping and pick-up in flyer below.

Native Plant Sale

Plants - Books - Garden Art

Sponsored by the El Dorado Chapter of the California Native Plant Society.



2023 SPRING PLANT SALE

April 1 9:00 am - April 8 12:00 pm

Location: shop.eldoradocnps.org

PLANT PICKUP April 15


Your pickup time will be assigned when you place your order (sometime between 11:00 - 2:00)

Location: **2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA**
(parking lot in front of County Building C)



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EARLY SPRING PLANT WALKS

To sign up for any of the field trips below, please contact Ginna Meyer (vcmeyer@me.com).

When: Thursday, March 30

What: Old railroad bed trail

Where: Latrobe Road at the Deer Creek bridge.

What to see: We will be meeting at a good-sized gravel parking area on the west side of Latrobe Road just south of the Deer Creek bridge. We'll head west on the railroad bed and explore the plant life along the way. In the spring, this a lovely trail to see familiar flowering beauties, including sky and other lupines, frying pan poppy, johnny-tuck (butter 'n eggs), goldfields, and so much more, as we wend our way through foothill oak woodlands and more open grasslands. We may even get as far west as to see a couple of vernal pools.

When: April – May

What: Pine Hill Preserve Tours

Where: Six field trips within 3 units of the Pine Hill Preserve

What to see: These tours will bring you up close and personal with not only the 8+ rare plant species that the Preserve was established to protect with habitat conservation, but you'll also see the diverse habitats of the Preserve, from grassland to (two types of!) chaparral, to oak woodlands, and many, many other plant species. The Pine Hill Preserve is found within the El Dorado County gabbroic intrusive geological complex, where there are a number of plants that are found nowhere else on earth. However, within the area of this gabbroic complex, there are 740+ species of plants, making this a biodiversity hotspot within the biodiversity hotspot that is California as a whole.

Depending on which tour you join, you will see many of these plant species as well as animals – two of our tours focus on these: birds at Kanaka Valley and pollinators on Pine Hill itself. See the tours list below.

All tours will begin a 9 am EXCEPT for the April 16 Bird Tour.

Saturday, April 8 - Cameron Park Unit Plants Tours (from Meder Road)

Sunday, April 16, meet at 7 am - Kanaka Valley Bird Tour with Chris Conard

Sunday, April 23 - Cameron Park Unit Plants Tour (from Wild Chaparral and from Coach Lane)

Saturday, April 29 - Pine Hill Ecological Reserve Plants Tour

Sunday, May 7 - Kanaka Valley Plants and Pollinators Tour with Lisa Couper

Saturday, May 13 - Pine Hill Ecological Reserve Plants Tour

When: Friday, May 19

What: Traverse Creek Botanical Special Interest Area, El Dorado National Forest

Where: Intersection of Bear Creek and Meadowbrook Roads, south of Georgetown

What to see: Traverse Creek, like Pine Hill Preserve, harbors a unique suite of plant species, some of which are rare, and restricted to serpentine soils – soils derived from serpentinite. In spring to summer, we can see these blooming, as well as so many non-rare plants, but equally as beautiful. The Area also encompasses archeological sites. Plant communities there include chaparral, with leather oak - also found on soils derived from gabbro (see "Pine Hill Preserve") - riparian habitats along creeks, and oak woodlands. Wildflowers we see there include vast expanses of goldfields, along with brodiaeas, bitter-root, monkeyflowers, trillium, and many more.

MAY 23 PROGRAM HOW GARDENING WITH NATIVE PLANTS HELPS WILDLIFE

Presented by Doug Tallamy via Zoom at 7 pm. See details in the next newsletter or on the website closer to the event.

RESULTS FROM THE CHAPTER ELECTIONS!

In November, a slate of officers were elected to by the membership to the chapter board. We want to deeply thank and appreciate the following people for stepping up to provide leadership to our chapter for the coming two-year term.

Vice President	Debra Ayres
Secretary	Sue Wallace
Treasurer	Ola Jane Gow

We have yet to recruit a **PRESIDENT** for the board and that position remains **VACANT**. If you or someone that you know might be interested in this leadership position, please contact us at

web.eldoradocnps@gmail.com.



And finally, many thanks to all who volunteer in so many different ways to support native plants and the chapter!

SELECTING PLANTS FOR YOUR GARDEN

Looking for some help selecting plants for your garden? Calscape might be just the tool for you. This web-based map and database allows one to find out the types of plants that are native to a specific location (. This can help you learn what native plants are best suited for the place where you live. I checked this website for Placerville (<https://calscape.org/loc-california/?&poploc=1>) and found that 831 plants are native to the Placerville area. The website also has the Calscape Garden Planner to help you find plants unique to your zip code and offers design ideas for a range of landscaping styles: <https://gardenplanner.calscape.org/>



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 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 journal *Artemisia*, quarterly magazine, *Flora*, 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.

CHAPTER OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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