

APRIL 2008

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## The Newsletter for the Sacramento Valley Chapter of the California Native Plant Society

*Serving the Sacramento, Yolo, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, lower Placer and northern San Joaquin County areas*

### APRIL MEETING:

Wed., 4/9 7:00 p.m.  
Shepard Garden &  
Arts Center  
McKinley Park  
3330 McKinley Blvd.,  
Sacramento 95816  
Mary Maret, President  
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*Our chapter meetings are free and  
open to the public.*

Books, wildflower seeds, and  
Sacramento Valley Chapter t-shirts  
are always available for purchase  
at the meetings.

Refreshments provided!

### Wildflower Weekend is here!

April 12 & 13

(includes the  
Spring Plant Sale)

See inside for details!

STILL recruiting volunteers!

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See p. 4&5 for our  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

*And now for something  
completely different:*

## BOOK SALE!

Twice as nice at half the price

Can anyone have too many books? In fact, our chapter does! We have way too many books in our inventory and need to make room for new titles. So in a break with tradition, the main event at our April 9 meeting will be a stupendous, **half-price book sale!**

Come to the meeting and load up on all of those books you have been eyeing but haven't gotten around to buying yet. There will be gardening books, field guides, books on oaks, lichens and ferns too. All for half-price! (new titles excluded). That's 50% savings, so you can buy twice as many! What a bargain! Get that pesky holiday shopping started early, or enhance your own library. You'll help us reduce our inventory and get the books you want at bargain basement prices! Bring your own boxes and shopping bags. Remember, we can only accept cash or checks.

**PLUS:**

**SacValley CNPS – Where we are, where  
we're going!**

When we're tired of shopping for books, Chris Lewis and other Board members will present a brief overview of the activities that make up the Sacramento Valley Chapter of CNPS and how the Board strives to implement our Mission through those activities.

Learn about: **Outreach**--Chapter Meetings, Fairs & Events, Newsletter, Website, Field Trips; **Conservation**--Collaboration; Horticulture: Plant Sales, Chapter Nursery, Demonstration Garden, Kids & Community Gardens; **Plant Science**--Mather Vernal Pool Preservation Campaign, Rare Plants, Advocacy; **Stewardship**--Sacramento Weed Warriors; A Mini- Virtual Garden Tour; and the Stockton Sub-Chapter.

*The mission of the California Native Plant Society is to increase understanding and appreciation of California's native plants and to conserve them and their natural habitats through science, education, advocacy, horticulture and land stewardship.*

# American River Ranch Native Plant Nursery News!

**Next Workday Sat. April 19**



March's workday was a huge success! THANK YOU to Kevin, Dana, Petra, Carol, Carolyn, Melinda, Kristina, Ariel, Lee, Linda & Tom, Lynda, Jennifer, Carina, Elia, and Jamie - for your time & energy! It was the teamwork that made it happen! Then a few days later, Kevin and Carol joined me again for more weed-block laying and gravel shoveling. Boy do we know how to get a work out! Then the following week, Tony Loftin offered to help design & build our tool/storage shed and soil bin! As always special thanks to Carol Crofoot for keeping up with the watering on all our many babies.

**April showers bring...** okay this isn't about May flowers! Because Wildflower Weekend is the second weekend in April, we'll have our **next Nursery Workday on Saturday April 19th 9:00 – 1:00**. We'll have lots to do and may even have a new **Hoop House** to put up!

**Can you help out?** Come join us for an exceptionally beautiful day down on the river! Rain or shine we'll have potting, labeling, or other work to be done. On Nursery workdays we need small muscle and big muscle help! The Nursery always loves volunteers, be it every week, once a month, or just occasionally!

**Please contact Chris at [lewisc916@yahoo.com](mailto:lewisc916@yahoo.com) or 812-2876.** (Some of us are out there during the week also. If you can help out anytime, please let me know!)



*The photos don't do justice to the work or accomplishment!*

## Driving Directions from Sacramento:

The Nursery address is 2140 Chase Dr.  
 - Highway 50 East  
 - Mather Field/Rancho Cordova Exit  
 - Left on Mather Field  
 - Right on Folsom Blvd  
 (after crossing light rail)

- Left on Coloma Rd (Raley's on your left)  
 - Left onto Chase Dr  
 Take the gravel road on your left directly before Hagen Park kiosk. Follow drive through gate (to open simply lift chain). Where the drive splits go up

toward the left and park where you see other cars, near the farm stand.

## Biking directions!

American River Ranch is just 1 mile upstream from the bicycle bridge that connects William B. Pond and Goethe Park. (Contact us for more info.)

# WILDFLOWER WEEKEND

*Celebrating  
California Native Plants*

**HABITAT EXHIBITS &  
NATIVE PLANT SALE**

**Saturday, April 12  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Sunday April 13  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Crawford's Barn  
2715 Tiber Drive,  
Sacramento**



## Presentations

**Saturday, April 12**

**10:00**

### **Gardening with Natives**

**Jennifer Hogan, Klds & Community Garden Chair &  
Past Chapter President**

- Have you ever wondered what a Native Plant is or why you should garden with native plants?
- What are the benefits, to you and the environment, of planting natives?
- How can you convert your yard to a native garden?

Jennifer Hogan will take you through these basics of gardening with California Native Plants, and more!

### **11:00 Hiking in the Sacramento Region**

**Tony Loftin, Sierra Club Outings Chair**

Learn about great hikes in our region, with an emphasis on family-friendly places where wildflower displays can be especially nice during the right time of year. Tony has been the Outings Chair of the Sierra Club's Mother Lode Chapter (covering Northern California) since 1994.

### **12:00 The Secret Lives of Native Bees**

**Byron Love, Conservation Biologist**

Bee pollination is essential for the maintenance of native plant populations, yet most people don't know the difference between native bees, honey bees, or meat bees. Byron will show us the secret lives of Sacramento's native bees. You'll be amazed at the diversity in shapes, sizes, and habits of the bees that buzz around our gardens, parks, and backyards.

### **1:00 Endemics of Vernal Pools**

**Carol Witham, Past State CNPS President**

From the cracked mud and seemingly barren plains comes an eruption of color on the alluvial terraces of the eastern edge of the Great Valley of California and the surrounding lower foothills. A succession of rainbows of color in concentric rings appears around the drying vernal pools:

small, rain-filled depressions in a hard layer of earth that prevents the water from percolating downward. These pools are home to a flora and fauna found nowhere else on earth. From meadowfoam to fairy shrimp, Carol Witham will introduce you to many of the plants and animals that make our vernal pools unique.

Carol Witham is a recognized authority on vernal pools. She leads CNPS's campaign to preserve them and their associated grasslands. She is the editor of publications about vernal pools and also runs the website <[www.vernalpools.org](http://www.vernalpools.org)>

### **2:00 - 4:00 Plant ID Clinic**

**Ceanothus California Field Botanists Association**

Let's do some plant identifying! Bring your any plants you've collected (you can check on our website to see which ones we have done so far), a hand lens, tools, and your Jepson Manual. <[www.ceanothusfieldbotanist.blogspot.com](http://www.ceanothusfieldbotanist.blogspot.com)>

**Sunday, April 13**

### **11:00 CA Heartland**

**Betsy Weiland, 2005 Environmentalist of the Year**

The World Wildlife Fund has identified our great Central Valley as one of North America's most endangered ecoregions. But more of its landscapes are intact around Sacramento than anywhere else. It's time we recognize what we have and start protecting it. Betsy will show us what's worth fighting for!

### **12:00 Backyard Birds of Sacramento**

**Julie Serences, Audubon Education Chair**

Learn how to make birds happy in your backyard! We'll talk about Sacramento's common backyard birds and the simple things you can do to make your backyard more inviting to our feathered friends. We'll also talk about how to contribute to Citizen Science Projects such as the Great Backyard Bird Count and Nest Watch. Julie is currently Chair of the Sacramento Audubon Society Education Committee.



# April 2008 Calendar of Events

See our calendar online  
at [www.sacvalleycnps.org](http://www.sacvalleycnps.org)  
for more, updated events  
and happenings!

## APRIL

Wed., 4/2, 8 a.m.-noon

Bannister Park

Leader: Jack Hiehle, 967-0777

Explore another beautiful area along the American River with Jack. As always, you can share in his knowledge of the natural history of the parkway. Meet Jack in the parking lot at the end of Bannister Road, south off Fair Oaks Blvd., west of Sunrise Blvd.



Sat., 4/12 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

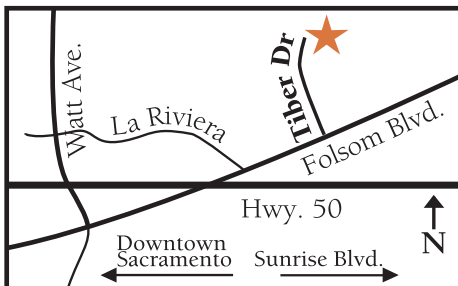
Sun., 4/13 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Wildflower Weekend

Crawford's Barn, 2715 Tiber Drive, Sacramento - FREE admission!

Celebration of California Native Plants and Spring Native Plant Sale.

Exhibits, presentations, books, plants and seeds for sale both days! See p. 3 for program details! (916) 812-2876 or [lewisc916@yahoo.com](mailto:lewisc916@yahoo.com)



**If you can spend 2 hours or more helping at the Spring Plant Sale at Wildflower Weekend, please contact Betsy Weiland at [flweiland@yahoo.com](mailto:flweiland@yahoo.com) or phone 916 488-3894.**

Tuesday, 4/15, 9 a.m.-noon

Phoenix Field

Leader: Jack Hiehle, 967-0777

Join Jack at Phoenix Field (Jim David Park) for a walk around the beautiful vernal pools. This trip will feature rare plants and spring blooms in the vernal pools. Jack will lend his expertise in identifying these unusual plants. Phoenix Field is located on Sunset Blvd. just east of Hazel Ave. Don't forget your binoculars to view the resident birds.

Sunday, 4/20

Habitat Improvement Work Day

Leader: Jack Hiehle, 967-0777

Help Jack restore native vegetation along the American River Parkway. Tasks vary from month to month, so call Jack for details and meeting time, usually early morning.

**Tuesday, April 22  
is Earth Day.  
Do your part!**

Saturday, 4/26, 8:15 a.m.

Pine Hill, El Dorado County

Leader: Jack Hiehle, 967-0777

Walk with Jack up to a Fire Lookout and explore, with a focus on the rare and endangered plants found in this special area. Jack will not ignore the birds, so bring your binoculars as well. Meet at 8:15 a.m. at the north end of the parking lot of the Raley's shopping center on the northeast corner of El Dorado Hills Blvd and Highway 50. Alternate meeting place is at 9 a.m. at the gate on Pine Hill Road. (Hwy 50 to Bass Lake Road; north on Bass Lake Road to Green Valley Road; right on Green Valley (watch for a school on your right) and then turn left on Ulenkamp Rd.; follow Ulenkamp to Pine Hill Road; turn left on Pine Hill and follow it to the gate and meet Jack there.) This trip will last-early afternoon so bring a lunch and liquids.

## ONGOING

Native Plant Demo-Garden

Saturdays and Sundays

10 a.m. until noon (Rain cancels)

Wear a hat, long shirt and boots (or sturdy tennis shoes). Also bring gloves, gardening tools and knee pads if you have them. RSVP by Sunday at 5 p.m. to confirm 929-7896. For more info, [Sabrina.soj@surewest.net](mailto:Sabrina.soj@surewest.net)

Chapter Meeting & Guest Speaker

2nd Wed. of month, 7:00 p.m.

(Jan-June; Sept.-Nov)

Shepard Garden & Arts Center, McKinley Park, Sacramento.

Meetings are free and open to the public. Books, Wildflower Seeds, and our SacValley t-shirt always available for purchase. Refreshments.

Habitat 2020 Conservation

Mon. 4/14 7:00 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Avenue at the corner of Watt Avenue and Northrup

For information, contact Chris Lewis, [lewisc916@yahoo.com](mailto:lewisc916@yahoo.com) / (916) 812-2876.

American River Native Plant

Nursery/Demo Garden Workdays

Sat., 4/19 - due to Wildflower Week-

end. Otherwise, 2nd Saturday of every month

2140 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova

Rain or shine, there is lots of work to be done. Consider riding your bike out! For information, contact Chris Lewis, [lewisc916@yahoo.com](mailto:lewisc916@yahoo.com) or call (916) 812-2876.

Chapter Board Meetings

4th Wed. of month 7:00 p.m.

(Jan-June; Sept.-Nov) Arden-Dimick Public Library, 891 Watt Ave. at Northrup, Sacramento 95864.

*Different location for April meeting!* Call Mary Maret for more information (916) 961-4057.

# Other Events

## Effie Yeaw Nature Center - April 2008

Located in Ancil Hoffman County Park,  
2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael, CA

All programs are FREE unless stated otherwise.

Park entrance fee: \$5.00 per car or FREE to ARNHA members.

Open 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. daily.

For more information about the Center or events,  
contact: <[www.effieyeaw.org](http://www.effieyeaw.org)> or (916) 489-4918

### Interactive Exhibit: Endangered Species of California's Central Valley

#### Songbird Serenade

Listen and look for some of the Nature Center's migrating songbirds as they travel north for the summer. Bring your binoculars.

**Saturday 4/5 at 1:30 p.m.**

#### Animal Identities

What makes a mammal, bird, or reptile what it is? Learn these differences in a fun and interactive way. Then take a hike through the Nature Area to look for some of our wildlife neighbors.

**Sunday 4/6 at 1:30 p.m.**

#### Fly by Butterfly

What is a pipevine swallowtail? Find out as you explore the life cycle of this butterfly and craft your own butterfly to take home. Then take a walk throughout the Nature Area and investigate the pipevine swallowtail's world.

**Saturday 4/12 at 1:30 p.m.**

#### Family Friendly Nature Hike

From bustling insects to giant oaks, spring is a busy time in the Nature Area. Take a guided walk to discover the many plants and animals that live along the American River while enjoying the sights and sounds of Spring.

**Sunday 4/13 at 1:30 p.m.**

#### Phoenix Field Vernal Pool Walk

Meet Jack on Sunset, east of Hazel Ave. and discover the beauty of these rare and amazing seasonal gardens.

**Tuesday 4/15 at 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.**

#### Creek Week

Be part of an area-wide volunteer effort to improve our creeks by collecting and removing trash and invasive exotic plants. For information, go to: [www.creekweek.net](http://www.creekweek.net)

**Friday, 4/18 through Saturday, 4/26**

#### Creek Watcher

Creeks are ideal places for people to play, learn and explore. They are also vital habitats for plants and wildlife. Take a guided walk to discover the beauty of Carmichael Creek.

**Saturday 4/19 at 1:30 p.m.**

#### Sing into Spring

Let the songs in your heart blossom by playing instruments, singing and dancing with local musician Lisa Phenix. Suitable for all ages.

**Sunday 4/20 at 11:00 a.m.**

#### Planet Patrol

Discover what you can do to help save the earth and celebrate Earth Day every day!

**Sunday 4/20 at 1:30 p.m.**

#### Maidu Abalone Pendants

Learn the skill of making abalone necklaces the way the native Maidu have for centuries, then take your craft home to show family and friends.

**Saturday 4/26 at 1:30 p.m.**

#### The Colors of Spring

The Nature Area is blooming! Join an EYNC naturalist on a walk around the Nature Area looking for what is flourishing this spring time.

**Sunday 4/25 at 1:30 p.m.**

### Will the real Lois Wolk please stand up?

Our thanks to guest Janet Penney for being a good sport at the March meeting. Congresswoman Wolk was tied up in budget meetings and couldn't attend. Janet was a close look-alike and acted as a surprise stand-in for the presentation! The award, a beautiful framed photo, will be delivered to the real Lois Wolk.

California Native Grasslands Assn. (CNGA) Field Day at Hedgerow Farms, Winters, Yolo County  
**Friday, April 18th, 2008**  
8 a.m.–4 p.m. CNGA phone/fax: 530-759-8458 e-mail: [admin@cnga.org](mailto:admin@cnga.org)

#### FREE River-Friendly Landscaping Workshop

**Sun., April 20, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

McMillan Center (in Fair Oaks Park on Fair Oaks Blvd., just south of Madison Ave.)

Registration is free, space is limited, pre-registration required by April 8.. To register call Suman Kumar at (916) 874-8326 e-mail [kumarsu@saccounty.net](mailto:kumarsu@saccounty.net) (include your name, address, and e-mail).

**Sierra Nevada Lecture Series**  
Presented by the Sierra College Natural History Museum, the Sierra College Center for Sierra Nevada Studies – Free & Open to the Public

Thursday nights, 6 – 9 p.m.

Sierra College- Rocklin Campus  
Room LRC 107

Learning Resources/ Library Bldg.  
visit <[www.sierracollege.edu](http://www.sierracollege.edu)>

#### April 3

##### Sierra Nevada Trout and Salmon

Peter Moyle, professor of fish biology in the Department of Wildlife, Fish, and Conservation Biology, UC Davis

#### April 10

##### The Life and Mysterious Disappearance of Ranger Randy Morgenson

Eric Blehm, author of "The Last Season"

#### April 17

##### The Life and Legacy of John Muir

Jim Canaday, Senior Environmental Scientist (retired), California State Water Resources Board, Professor of Natural Resources, American River College

#### April 24

##### The High Sierra of California

Tom Killion, Printmaker and Author

Lectures weekly through May 8.

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### Save the date: Jan. 17-19, 2009 CNPS 2nd Statewide Conservation Conference

by Amanda Jorgenson

The CNPS 2009 Conservation Conference: Strategies and Solutions, will take place at the Sacramento Convention Center and the Sheraton Grand Hotel, Sacramento, CA. The CNPS 2009 Conference will be co-located with The Western Section of the Wildlife Society's annual meeting which will take place January 21-23. Jerome Ringo, Apollo Alliance President, will be one of our keynote speakers. (<http://www.cnps.org/cnps/conservation/conference/2009/keynote.php>).

The main goal of this conference is to identify and promote science- and policy-based strategies and solutions to improve the conservation of California's native flora and natural landscapes. To learn more about the principal objectives and programmatic content of the conference, please visit <http://www.cnps.org/cnps/conservation/conference/2009/goals.php>

Registration opens July 1, 2008.  
<http://www.cnps.org/registration>

### Volunteers are needed!

This, like many other CNPS endeavors, is also a volunteer-based initiative and your support is needed. To help with the conference arrangements, please contact Josie Crawford at [jcrawford@cnps.org](mailto:jcrawford@cnps.org). To help on-site, please contact Andrea Williams, [Andrea\\_Williams@nps.gov](mailto:Andrea_Williams@nps.gov). Partial rebates of conference registration are available to on-site conference volunteers. More details can be found on the conference website.

### Wanted: Conference Sponsors

If you wish to become a conference sponsor or know someone who would, please contact Amanda Jorgenson: [ajorgenson@cnps.org](mailto:ajorgenson@cnps.org).

## CNPS Vernal Pools Workshops

**Vernal Pool Plant Taxonomy, April 14-16**

**Vernal Pool Plant Communities, April 17-18.**

Go to <http://cnps.org/cnps/education/workshops/index.php> for full details and registration for both classes

### Vernal Pool Plant Taxonomy April 14-16, UC Davis and several Central Valley vernal pools

Participants will acquire a higher level of knowledge and confidence in identifying vernal pool plants both in the laboratory and in the field. They will learn characters used to distinguish species beyond those used in the typical dichotomous plant key and gain field identification skills to make participants more efficient and effective at vernal pool vegetation assessments, floristic surveys and rare plant surveys. Three days of classroom and field exercises

**Instructors:** Carol Witham, Jennifer Buck, Ellen Dean, and Robert Preston  
**Registration Fee:** CNPS members \$525 ; Non-members \$550

Late registration additional \$50 after March 28, 2008  
Fees include lunches (3) and transportation in vans (2 days)

### Vernal Pool Plant Communities Apr 17-18, U.C. Davis and Central Valley vernal pools

This is an intensive and pragmatic 2-day course on plant community identification, sampling design, and ecology. The course also reviews general plant community attributes and the relationship between vernal pool community classification and rare species occurrence, conservation, restoration, and vegetation mapping. The course is designed to accommodate consultants or agency staff individuals with diverse backgrounds who want or need to improve their knowledge of, and skills with, vernal pool vegetation and

habitats. The class is being designed to specifically accommodate the needs of the California Department of Fish and Game and the USDI Fish and Wildlife Service. Two days of classroom and field exercises.

**Instructors:** Michael Barbour, Ayzik Solomesheh, Stephen Rae, Carol Witham, and Jennifer Buck

**Registration Fee:** CNPS members \$425; non-members \$450

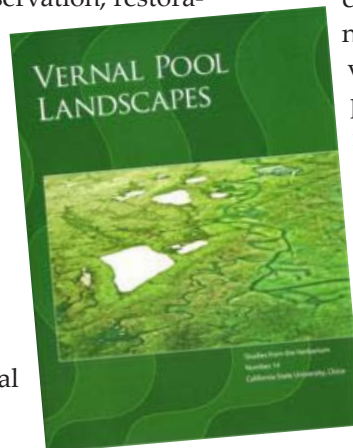
Late registration additional \$50 after March 28

Fees include lunches (2) and transportation in vans (2 days)

## An announcement from Studies from the Herbarium

Lawrence Janeway, editor-in-chief,  
*Studies from the Herbarium*

*Vernal Pool Landscapes*, a new book edited by Robert A. Schlising and Douglas G. Alexander, is now available. This new book includes 18 articles based on papers presented at "The Vernal Pool Complexes of the Northstate—Biology, Conservation, and Management," a conference held in Chico, California on March 23, 2006, convened by the Butte Environmental Council. It includes 217 pages with 12 color plates. This book summarizes current knowledge of California vernal pool biology, conservation, and management, as presented by top researchers, managers, and conservation scientists. \$23.00 by mail or \$20.00 purchased at the herbarium (including tax). For details and/or an order form please go to <http://www.csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/studies/number14.html>



# Dwarf Downingia

(*Downingia pusilla*)

**Federal Status:** None / **State Status:** None

**Threatened by:** Development, over-grazing, agriculture, competition from non-native species, and off-road vehicles

**Other :** CNPS List 2 (Rare, Threatened, or Endangered in California. But more common elsewhere)

**Blooming period:** March through May

Dwarf downingia is a small herbaceous annual that occurs in a variety of aquatic habitats including vernal pools, seasonally wet swales, seasonal wetlands, edges of stock ponds, ephemeral drainages, and artificial features such as tire ruts, ditches, and excavated depressions. It occurs at elevations ranging from 1 to 445 meters above mean sea level. The known range of dwarf downingia includes Fresno, Merced, Napa, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Tehama, and Yuba counties.

Dwarf downingia has stout stems, is somewhat fleshy, and often appears in clumps. The entire plant is approxi-

mately 2 to 15 centimeters tall. The flowers are approximately 2 to 4 millimeters across. It occurs with other vernal pools species. Populations tend to vary from year to year because this species does not compete well with invasive species. It may proliferate with some level of disturbance via grazing or other artificial means. The seeds can remain dormant in the seedbank until the right hydrologic conditions occur or some disturbance removes the surrounding vegetation and permits it to germinate. The upper lip of the corolla has three lobes and the lower has two. Dwarf



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downingia is technically differentiated from other species of downingia by its fruits, which are spirally striate (i.e., grooved or ridged) and appear twisted. In the field, this species can be easily distinguished from other downingias because of its generally small appearance. The corollas of this species are typically solid white with two minute yellow spots near the throat. Occasionally the corollas may be light blue to purple-tinged.

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## This month!

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# 2008 WILDFLOWER WEEKEND

APRIL 12-13

*Celebrating California Native Plants*

Be sure your membership is current! See your address label for your renewal date.

## APRIL 2008 Hibiscus

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The Sacramento Valley chapter newsletter, Hibiscus, is published monthly, except for July, August, and December. Subscriptions are \$10 per year. To subscribe solely to this newsletter, send your \$10 check to: CNPS Sac Valley Membership, 2707 K St., Ste. 1, Sacramento, CA 95816-5113. Deadline for Hibiscus contributions is midnight of the Friday after the monthly meeting for possible inclusion in the next month's newsletter. Email to [bwolf@surewest.net](mailto:bwolf@surewest.net)

## Do your part for our chapter!

We are still recruiting for:

**Vice President** - heir-apparent to the presidency

**Hospitality Chair** - Juice-and-Cookie Master! Target of appreciation!

**Book Chair** - bibliophile's dream job

**Program Chair** - we'll let you (actually, the guests you invite) entertain us.

Current chair persons will help you ease into the position. Some positions lend themselves to teaming up--get a partner and share the experience. For information or to volunteer, Call Mary M. at (916) 961-4057

## Are you being served?

Subscribe to the chapter listserv by sending a blank email to: [CNPS\\_SacramentoValley-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:CNPS_SacramentoValley-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

Contact Harry Spanglet ([spanglet@water.ca.gov](mailto:spanglet@water.ca.gov)) for more info.

## Interested in plant identification?

Whether you are new to plant ID or you are a seasoned botanist, check out Ceanothus! Our workshop meets weekly rotating between Auburn, Rocklin, Sacramento, and Davis. Bring some live plant material and practice using the Jepson Manual. It's amazing how much you learn, even by keying out the things you already know!

Check out our website at [www.ceanothusfieldbotanist.blogspot.com](http://www.ceanothusfieldbotanist.blogspot.com) for more information or send us an email at [ceanothusfieldbot@gmail.com](mailto:ceanothusfieldbot@gmail.com) to get on our email list.

**Ceanothus**  
 (See I Know This!)  
**California Field Botanists Association**



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## 2009 CNPS Conference Call for Papers is now open

**Deadline is June 30, 2008.** Abstract submission instructions and session information can be found on the conference website, <http://www.cnps.org/cnps/conservation/conference/2009/>

The main goal of this conference is to identify and promote science- and policy-based strategies and solutions to improve the conservation of California's native flora and natural landscapes. To learn more about the principal objectives and programmatic content of the conference, please visit <http://www.cnps.org/cnps/conservation/conference/2009/goals.php>

We encourage submissions from a wide audience of researchers, practitioners, students and professionals alike.

See p. 6 for more information about this conference.