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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.

Sacramento Valley Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, May 10, 2006 7pm
Shepard Garden & Arts Center, McKinley Park
3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento

A Baja California Natural History: The land of the Boojum and the Cardon Ernesto Sandoval

Ernesto Sandoval's horticultural home is the Botanical Conservatory at UC Davis, where he is the curator. His botanical home away from home is Baja California. He's been traveling there since his first intrepid visit in 1995 with vehicles from Wrenta-Wreck and a AAA map. Today it's University vehicles and a much better knowledge of beautiful and interesting locations for seeing some of the Peninsula's fascinating flora. As field trip organizer for the UC Davis Botany Club, he's led several trips to



Baja California over the winter break and three during lush and moist spring breaks.

The beer and the beaches are minor distractions of these trips to see the plethora of plants — whether succulent and spiny or flowering and fighting for survival — in one of the most amazing portions of the Sonoran Desert. Ernesto hopes to, at least, convince people to visit an amazing desert that most tourists see as a 1000 mile wasteland with tropical beaches at its southern tip and great fishing. Be prepared to be splendidly spun into the web of desert life, Baja style.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS! Our chapter meetings are free and the public is invited to attend. Each meeting includes a "Know Your Natives" Plant Identification Challenge. Books, wildflower seeds, our Sac Valley CNPS Chapter t-shirts, and bird boxes will be available for purchase at the meeting. Refreshments will be served. --from Diana Hickson, Sac Valley Chapter Program Chair

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.



The Hibiscus Calendar of Events for May

2: American River Parkway Plan Update UCAC Meeting

Topic: Review final draft of Chapters
Peggy Berry & Chris Lewis would like to invite anyone interested in preserving the habitat in the Parkway to come to the meetings & make yourself heard Library Galleria, 828 I Street, 6 - 9 p.m. Call Chris Lewis at 916 482-5282 for more info

2: Nature Walk w/Jack Hiehle Phoenix Park 8-11am

Call Jack @ 967-0777 for more info

6: Wings Of Spring All About Birds 9am - 4pm Sacramento Zoo

Part of the *International Migratory Bird Celebration*,

6: Sacramento Weed Warriors invasive plant removal.

Call Frank Wallace for more info at 016 427-5694

6: City of Davis Wetlands Tour www.yolobasin.org/events.cfm

7: **Wildflower Hike** through oak savannah to Fairy Falls in Spenceville Wildlife Area located between Camp Far West Reservoir and Beale AFB. Meet at Roseville I-80 Park and Ride on Taylor Road by Eureka exit by Brookfield's at 8:30 AM. For more information, contact Rich Blackmarr at (916) 641-5774.

7: **Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour** Please visit www.BringingBackTheNatives.net now to reserve your place on the tour. Volunteers are needed.. Kathy@KathyKramerConsulting.net or call (510) 236-9558 between 9 am and 9 pm.

10: CNPS Sac Valley Chapter Meeting

7pm Shepard Garden & Arts Center McKinley Park
3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento

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13: Yolo Wildlife Area Tour www.yolobasin.org/events.cfm

16: **American River Parkway Native Plant Nursery & Demo Garden Visioning meeting** Rancho Cordova Library 7:00 pm for information, please contact Chris Lewis @ 916 482-5282

16: Nature Walk w/Jack Hiehle Paradise Beach 8-12noon

Call Jack @ 967-0777 for more info

20: **Walk On The Wildside** Call Mary Schiedt @ 530 400-7094, or, Bonnie Ross @ 916 962-3619, who both lead walks during this event.

21: Habitat Improvement w/Jack Hiehle Effie Yeaw

Call Jack @ 967-0777 for more info

24: Sac Valley Chapter Board Meeting at Chris Lewis' house 7pm 916 482-5282

27: Nature Walk w/Jack Hiehle Paradise Beach 8-12noon

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Fair Falls

Leon Turnbull Photography

Fancy Plants And Special Dragonflies

On June 11th, Diana Hickson and Greg Kareofelas will lead a field trip to the Butterfly Valley Botanical Area in Plumas National Forest. Besides being the home of the California Pitcher Plant (*Darlingtonia californica*), a rare and unusual insect eating plant known from only a few scattered boggy areas, there are four other species of insectivorous plants - two bladderworts and two sundews. Orchids, lilies and many other special plants are also found in this unique area. In addition, we should be able to locate California's most unique dragonfly - *Tanypteryx hageni* - which only flies for a brief time period in small local colonies.



A Pitcher Plant in Bloom

Because of the complex set of roads, we will meet at 10:30-11:00 along Hwy 70 and caravan in.

Please contact Greg @ (greg@yolo.com) or Diana (dianahickson@comcast.net) as we need to limit the number of folks on this trip. Final instructions will be given at that time.

Mid-June will be a perfect time to see the greatest diversity of both unique plants and insects in this incredible place. The botanical value of Butterfly Valley was first noticed in the 1860's and some of California's premier naturalists have visited this area!

Botany in your Inbox: Sign up for The Sacramento Valley Chapter email list

--from Harry Spanglet

The Sacramento Valley chapter operates an email list that delivers *exciting* botanical items right to your e-mailbox, and YOU are invited to join!

The CNPS-Sacramento Valley email list is a great way to share news and views. Any subscribed member can send a message, which is then turned around and re-distributed to everyone on the list; right now we have about 75 people on it. Joining is easy: just send an email.

What can you expect? Interesting and timely information, such as: wildflower alerts, announcements about all things botanical, such as trips, hikes, walks, shows, plant sales, lectures, garden tours, public meetings, conferences, etc., references to useful gardening and botanical web sites, legislative/action alerts related to conservation, public gardens, open space issues, job announcements related to botany, gardening and horticulture, requests for volunteers for revegetation, botanical surveys, weed control, events

To subscribe to the list: send a blank email to:

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You will receive instructions on how to post messages, unsubscribe, contact the moderator, etc. For a taste of the previously posted messages, check out the archive at: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CNPS_SacramentoValley

Please contact Harry Spanglet (spanglet@water.ca.gov) if you have any questions, or have any problems subscribing.

Propagating with Natives in the President's Garden

Member-at-Large Sabrina Okamura-Johnson led a native plant propagation workshop at Chapter President Chris Lewis's house on a beautiful sunny day in late March. Participants were treated to views of Chris's beautiful native front and back gardens and her wildlife pond, which feature multiple plant communities from sunny dry chaparral plants to local wetland species. Participants snacked on lemonade, cookies, and veggies while propagating plants for their gardens from cuttings taken from the Chapter's demo garden at the Old City Cemetery. Sabrina demonstrated the propagation techniques for Cleveland's sage, black sage, hummingbird sage, and California fuschia, and participants were provided with hand-outs that detailed the requirements, maintenance, and plant communities of these species.

Turnout for the event was higher than anticipated, illustrating that a lot of people are very interested in using native plants in their private home gardens.

Contact Jessica Hankins, Horticulture Chair, at (916) 731-4910 for more information about how you can convert your yard to native California plants.



American River Parkway Native Plant Nursery & Demo Garden Visioning Meeting
Rancho Cordova Library, 9845 Folsom Blvd,
Sacramento Tuesday, May 16 7pm
For information, please contact
Chris Lewis @ 482-5282

Docent Training Day At Mather Field

Sunday, April 2nd, vernal pool expert and former CNPS President Carol Witham and Mather Field Preservation Coordinator Eva Butler led a docent training walk at Mather Field. As Carol and Eva led the group through the grasslands and vernal pools, one very special guest -- Illa Collins of the Sacramento County Board Of Supervisors -- shared her knowledge and interest of this unique ecosystem. Pictured is Eva and Illa sharing ideas about how to help preserve and protect the wildlands which were formally part of Mather Air Force Base.



For more information about the Mather Field Preservation project, check out our chapter's website: sacvalleycnps.org. To learn more about vernal pools, check out Carol Witham's excellent site: vernalpools.org

Wildflower Weekend



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Thank you also to all of our dedicated volunteers without whom this entire event would not be possible. Outstanding volunteers include: Debra Ayres, Eva Butler, Ellen Dean, Jennifer Hogan, Glen Holstein, Russell Huddleston, John Hunter, Mary Maret, Tammy Mebane, Ken Myatt, Bill Patterson, Bonnie Ross, Aimee Rutledge, Mary Schiedt, Renee Shahrokh, Frank Wallace, and Barbara Wolf. How many of you saw the giant sign on H Street & 57th Street? That was the creation of Linnea Fronce. And to

Carol Witham for holding a Book Signing and helping with the VP and other exhibits. Additional / invaluable help: Dr. Debra Ayres Sac State students without whom set up & take down of the event would have been a



Much harder job: Urujeni Bakuramutsa, Dung Bui, Patrick Hamati, Brian Hansen, Olga Kravachuk, Huy Le, Patricia Margarito, Sara Motamed, Leslee Samoy, Salina Naranjo, Minh Tran, Lue Vang. We couldn't have done it without additional help from Rick Bettis, Rich Blackmarr, Cathy (from Cornflower), Fran Clarke, Carol Crofoot, Taryn Domingos, Susan Fregien, Melanie Gogol-Prokurat, Janet Gerland, Hazel Gordon, Elke Guenter,

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Rare Plants in Brief



Stebbin's Morning-Glory
 (*Calystegia stebbinsii*)
 Status: State and Federal
 Endangered Species
 Habitat: Chaparral and
 woodlands on gabbro soils

Blooming Period: April –
 July
 Range: California Endemic
 Known from fewer than fifteen
 occurrences in Nevada
 and El Dorado Counties
 Threatened by develop-
 ment, vehicles, road main-
 tenance, and alteration of
 fire regimes; Protected in part by Pine Hill Ecological Reserve. For
 more information, contact Russ Huddleston at (916) 286-0239.

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