

SAILOR BAR STEWARDSHIP

Thank you if you were able to come out for attending our first event last Saturday at Sailor Bar Park! It was great to have so many people, and we got so much work done! Huge thanks to all of you!

Here is your invitation to join us again this Saturday, same time, same place!

**8:30am-10:30am, Saturday, June 6th; [8266 Olive Ave, Fair Oaks, CA](#)
[RSVP HERE!](#)**

Please wear sturdy shoes, bring gloves and tools if you have them (we will have some available as well), and water. And excitingly, the County has installed a green waste dumpster at the park for us!

Big thank you to the iNaturalist Ambassadors for their demo last week! If you'd like to visit our iNaturalist project, [here is the link](#). Any observations uploaded in the park will be added to the project. As of today, over 500 native species have been observed at Sailor Bar on iNaturalist, including over 180 native plant species! We even have 9 endemic species, including the very charismatic California Dutchman's Pipe (*Aristolochia californica*, being munched on by a Pipevine caterpillar!



Those carnivorous-looking structures are the Dutchman's Pipe's flowers, which actually are *not* used to trap insects for food, but for pollination instead! Insects, especially fungus gnats, crawl into the flower "pipe's" opening, drawn in by the musty smell it emits. Once inside, they get confused, crawling around and around, spreading pollen as they go. It's a rare instance of "pollination by deceit". *Most* insects eventually escape!

Aristolochia californica is also notable for being the only host plant of the Pipevine Swallowtail Butterfly. To learn more, I recommend [this short video](#) from UC Berkeley's Jepson Herbarium, which talks about the plant, its unusual pollination mechanism, and its very special relationship with these butterflies.

We can track the occurrence of special plants like this at our park using iNaturalist. If you have questions about how to get started, please feel free to reach out!

Thank you all, and I hope to see you this Saturday morning! I will bring donuts :)

-Deb