



The Shooting Star



Photo: California fuchsia

The Sierra Foothills Chapter
California Native Plant Society

Native Plant Sale

Saturday October 22, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Rocca Park, Main Street, Jamestown

Books
Posters
Handouts
Knowledgeable
People



Cleveland Sage (Salvia clevelandii)
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Trees
Shrubs
Perennials
Annuals
Seeds
Water-Wise
Plants

Join CNPS at the Plant Sale and
get \$5.00 off your plant purchases that day.

Hand Crafted Bird Houses, Bat Houses, Books and
Information Presented by the
Audubon Society of Tuolumne County



Photo: Western Redbud

CNPS NATIVE PLANT SALE OCTOBER 22th Rocca Park, Jamestown 9-12

We are in special need of volunteers with trucks or SUVs to load plants the night before and deliver them the morning of the sale. Reminder that volunteers get to select plants before the sale is open to the public. We also need cashiers and tag pullers. So email Stephanie at sjgarcia@mlode.com to volunteer.

Our sale is on Saturday, October 22, from 9 am until Noon. We will be at the same location: Rocca Park, Main Street, Jamestown. We will have many different species of shrubs and perennials that need minimal water, once established, during our hot summer months. At the sale, there are al-

ways many knowledgeable people to answer your questions and help you choose the appropriate plant for your location.



Photo: Woolly Bluecurls

CALENDAR

October 22 — CNPS Fall Plant Sale, Rocca Park, Jamestown, 9-12

November 3—Board Meeting 6:00 pm (members welcome) and General Meeting 7:00 pm at Sonora Library

Check in often for updates to our website:
www.sierrafoothillscnps.org

If you change your mailing or e-mail address, be sure to send a note to Jennie Haas. This will keep your newsletter on time!

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Dedicated to the Preservation of California Native Flora.

CNPS Sierra Foothill Chapter's Fall Plant Sale: October 22nd!!

LATIN NAME	COMMON NAME	PLANT FORM
Muhlenbergia rigens	Deer Grass	GRAMINOIDE
Achillea millefolium	Black Butte	PERENNIAL
Asclepia speciosa	Showy Milkweed	PERENNIAL
Asclepias fascicularis	Narrow-leaved Milkweed	PERENNIAL
Epilobium canum	Calistoga	PERENNIAL
Epilobium canum	Catalina	PERENNIAL
Epilobium ssp. canum	California Fuschia	PERENNIAL
Eriogonum grande ru-	Red Buckwheat	PERENNIAL
Eriogonum umbellatum	Buckwheat "Shasta"	PERENNIAL
Heuchera micrantha	Coral Bells	PERENNIAL
Mimulus aur. calycinus	Yellow Monkeyflower	PERENNIAL
Mimulus cardinalis	Cardinal Monkeyflower	PERENNIAL
Mimulus aurantiacus	Golden Sticky Mkyflwr	PERENNIAL
Penstemon heterophylla	Margaret B.O.P.	PERENNIAL
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Penstemon laetus	Foothill Penstemon	PERENNIAL
Arctostaphylos densiflora	Howard McMinn	SHRUB
Arctostaphylos uva ursi	Wood's Comapcta	SHRUB
Berberis aquifolium	Skylark	SHRUB
Calycanthus occidentalis	Spice Bush	SHRUB
Carpenteria californica	Bush Anemone	SHRUB
Ceanothus	Concha	SHRUB
Ceanothus	Julia Phelps	SHRUB
Ceanothus	Ray Hartman	SHRUB
Ceanothus gloriosus	Anchor Bay	SHRUB
Ceanothus gloriosus	Emily Brown	SHRUB
Cercis occidentalis	Redbud	SHRUB
Chilopsis	Bubba Desert Willow	SHRUB
Chilopsis	Burgundy Desert Willow	SHRUB
Fremontodendron	San Gabriel	SHRUB
Fremontodendron calif	Flannel Bush	SHRUB
Heteromeles arbutifolia	Toyon	SHRUB
Lupinus albifrons	Silver Bush Lupine	SHRUB
Philadelphus lewisii	Goose Creek	SHRUB
Rhamnus californica	Coffebery Eve Case	SHRUB
Rhododendron occi-	Western Azalea	SHRUB
Romneya coulteri	Matilija Poppy	SHRUB
Salvia	Bee's Bliss	SHRUB
Salvia apiana	White Sage	SHRUB
Salvia clevelandii	Whirley Blue	SHRUB
Salvia clevelandii	Winnifred Gillman	SHRUB
Salvia spathacea	Hummingbird Sage	SHRUB
Sambucus mexicana	Blue Elderberry	SHRUB
Trichostema lanatum	Wooly Blue Curls	SHRUB
Vaccinum ovatum	Blue Madonna	SHRUB
Asclepia speciosa	Showy Milkweed	LINER
Festuca idahoensis	Siskyou Blue	LINER

Field Trips

The 2016 field trip season came to a close in October with the onset of a large wet and windy storm bringing snow to the Sierran passes and much needed precipitation for our reservoirs and water tables. We had some great field trips with excellent trip leaders. If you missed the trips, I hope you'll consider joining us on a few in 2017.

The Field Trip Committee will get together in January or February to plan the 2017 schedule. If you have ideas on where we should go, or if you would like to lead a field trip, contact Jennie Haas at jhaas953@gmail.com or 209-962-4759. Your input would be valued.

--Jennie Haas

ACORN GATHERING BY ANIMALS

(REPRINT)

Acorns provide food for a wide range of insects, mammals and birds. Deer and bear feast on the autumn harvest, putting on fat in preparation for the long winter. Squirrels, wood rats, jays and acorn woodpeckers store the nuts for later consumption. Voles, a small mouse-like rodent, eat many of the young seedlings as well as acorns.

The acorn woodpeckers harvest acorns directly from the oaks and store them individually in small holes they drill in communal storage trees known as "granaries". The holes are reused year after year and accumulate over time as birds excavate new storage cavities. A large granary, developed and enlarged by many generations of woodpeckers, is a spectacular sight. The tree is riddled with thousands of storage holes from its trunk to its upper limbs, and following the autumn harvest, nearly every one will contain an acorn. Several oaks have served as granaries here in the park over the last twenty years.

In his memoirs, John C. Fremont described how grizzly bear cubs harvested acorns: "We were riding on the prairie bottom, near several long acorn oaks (valley oaks). Suddenly we saw among the upper boughs a number of young grizzly bears busily occupied in breaking off the smaller branches which carried acorns, and throwing them to the ground."

-- Steve Stocking

Chapter Board of Directors

We're still looking for chapter members to come forward to take on key board member positions for 2017. Our board participation has been shrinking and we've been having difficulty having enough board members present at meetings to have a quorum. With no quorum, we cannot make decisions. We're down to 4 or 5 active board members but 6 are needed to have a quorum. The fewer the numbers, the lower our potential level of creative thinking. We want to become better than we are. Please consider volunteering to take on one of our vacant slots. They are:

- Vice President, Amador County (an elected position)
- Treasurer (an elected position)
- Conservation Chair
- Program Coordinator
- Publicity Coordinator

Additionally, it would be nice to have a new Hospitality Coordinator. This position has been empty since Winnie Stone retired from it several years ago. This position is not a board member. The person in this position takes care of the refreshments at our general meetings.

Our current nominees for the elected positions are: President: Bob Dean, V.P. Calaveras Co.: Judy Dean, V.P. Mariposa Co.: David Campbell, V.P. Tuolumne Co.: Pat Gogas, Secretary: Stephanie Garcia. Elections will be held at our November general meeting, November 3rd.

The remaining chapter positions are volunteer positions filled with the approval of the Chapter President.

Contact Jennie Haas, jhaas953@gmail.com or 209-962-4759, or Bob Dean, goldrushdean@yahoo.com or 209-754-5887 for more information or to volunteer for one of the open positions.

ORIGIN OF SIERRA FOOTHILLS CHAPTER OF THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

On Rattlesnake Ridge one afternoon in April, of 1989 the seeds of the Sierra Foothills Chapter sprouted. After inspecting a population of Tuolumne fawn lilies (*Erythronium tuolumnense*), Peggy Edwards, Kathy Burnett, and Jennie Haas decided it was time to start a CNPS chapter.

At Peggy Edward's request, Ken Berg came to Sonora on June 15, 1989 to talk about California flora and starting a CNPS chapter. Peggy Edwards was selected to be our first president, and in October 1989, we held our first official meeting.

About that time we started a monthly newsletter, *The Shooting Star*; this bulletin has remained our lifeline to the present.

We formed a conservation committee and joined the Clavey River Coalition in the battle to save that untamed waterway. We cooperated on a project with The Nature Conservancy, in 1992 to monitor the Chinese Camp Brodiaea (*Brodiaea pallida*) population. Members continue to monitor other rare and endangered species. Some of our greatest successes in plant protection have come from working within the system. We had members on the Tuolumne and Calaveras County Board of Supervisors, two members on the Tuolumne County Planning Commission, and members on other local planning and advisory groups.

Our education committee was formed in early 1992. We created our first "Wildflowers by Sierra Foothill Kids" T-shirt later that year. Since 1995, at the Calaveras and Tuolumne County schools science fairs, we have awarded prizes to elementary students for the best plant experiments – as judged by our committee. The CNPS information kiosk at the Red Hills was refurbished in the fall of 2004.

Our twice-a-year plant sales provide us with the funds for our many endeavors. Our field trip program usually consists of four to seven hikes each year.

The mission of the California Native Plant Society is to conserve California native plants and their natural habitats, and increase understanding, appreciation, and horticultural use of native plants.

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