



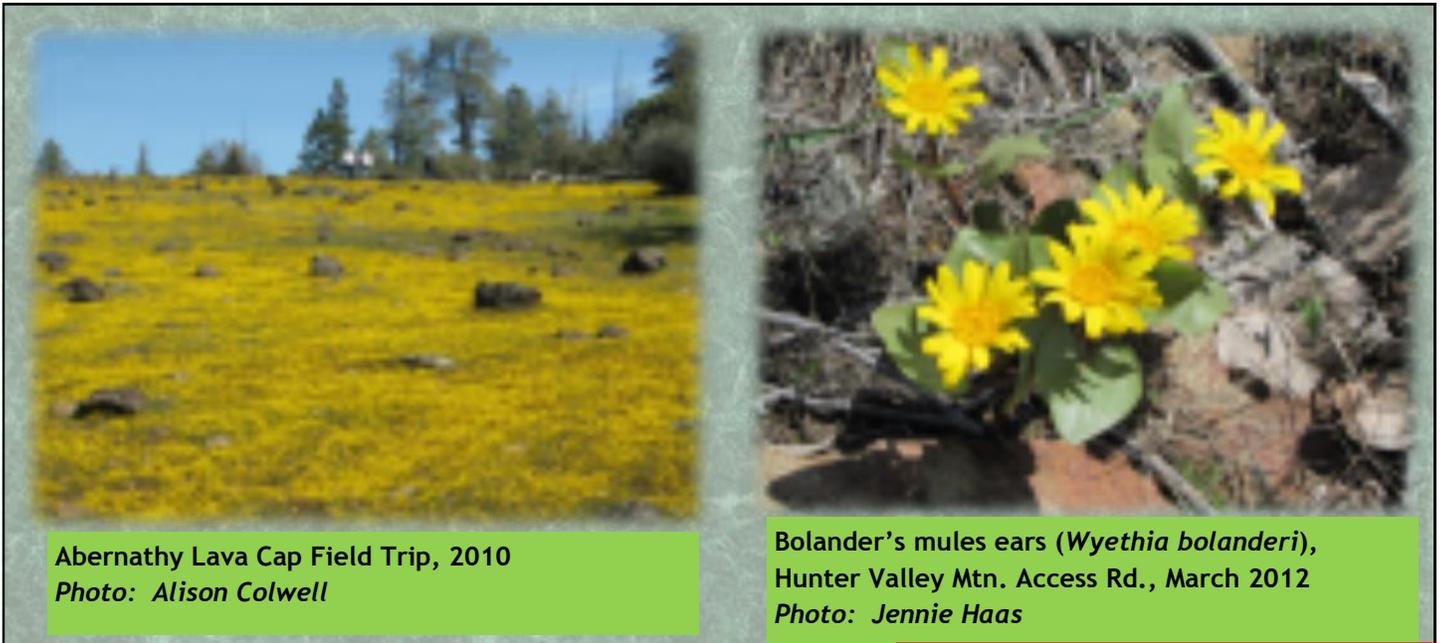
# The Shooting Star

SIERRA FOOTHILLS CHAPTER

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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**Abernathy Lava Cap Field Trip, 2010**  
*Photo: Alison Colwell*

**Bolander's mules ears (*Wyethia bolanderi*),**  
Hunter Valley Mtn. Access Rd., March 2012  
*Photo: Jennie Haas*

## Spring Native Plant Sale in San Andreas April 8th from 10-1

This year's Spring Native Plant Sale will be held on the grounds of the Calaveras County Water District located off of Pool Station Road in the Reed Business Park, in San Andreas.

We will have the same selection of rare high quality plants for sale as well as a fine selection of books and material that every gardener and native plant lover should have in their personal library.

Directions to the Calaveras County Water District Building at 120 Toma Court, San Andreas: Take HWY 49 to San Andreas. Turn left onto Pool Station Road, and go 2 miles; turn left on George Reed Road. Turn left on Toma Court. CCWD is on the corner of George Reed and Toma Court.

If you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions, please contact Judy Dean at [goldrushdean@yahoo.com](mailto:goldrushdean@yahoo.com).



## CRITICAL NEED FOR A NEW TREASURER

We have a critical need for a volunteer to step forward and take on the role of Treasurer. This member of the Chapter Board of Directors manages the budget, pays the bills and reports on the account balances to the board once per month. Contact Bob Dean, (209) 754-5887, [goldrushdean@yahoo.com](mailto:goldrushdean@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

## CALENDAR OF CNPS EVENTS

### Sunday, March 26

Field Trip: Red Hills. Meet at main parking lot along Red Hills Road at **9:30 am**. Hiking Level: Moderate with some rocky terrain. Leaders: Barry and Judy Breckling. Phone: 209-878-3041

### Sunday, April 2 (Tentative)

Field Trip: Orvis Ranch Wildflowers. Meet at Roasters Coffee in Copperopolis at **10:00 am**. Hiking level easy. Leader: Don Kurtz. Call to confirm field trip. Phone: 925-998-8736

### Saturday, April 8

CNPS Spring Native Plant Sale. San Andreas

### Saturday, April 22

Field Trip: Abernathy Lava Caps. Meet at Camp Mather General Store in Mather at **10:00 am**. Hiking level easy, but with some rocky, steep areas. Leaders: Barry and Judy Breckling. Phone: 209-878-3041

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.*

## Field Trips

We set up our field trip schedule in the dead of winter using our best recollections of past trip locations, a few notes and some creative juices inspired by dreams of wide swaths of colorful wildflowers. We make our best educated guess at how the winter weather trends might affect the abundance, types and timings of those sought after blooms. We never know for sure until the time gets close, whether we will hit the peak or miss it. Most of the time we do a pretty good job on timing. But sometimes, things can interfere with our trips anyway. This year we're finding that, while the wildflowers might be good, the four atmospheric rivers that dumped more than 40 inches of rain in a very short period of time, caused damage to some of the roads leading to our destinations or caused damage at the destinations themselves. Our motto for this year is to be flexible and realize that the best laid plans may go awry.

The full 2017 field trip schedule is included in this newsletter as a pull out section. Be sure to read the trip descriptions fully. We're relying more on RSVPs this year so that we can communicate directly with interested people, in case something comes up warranting a change to the plans. Please contact the trip leaders well in advance so that we know how many people to plan for and prepare plant lists for, when they're available. RSVP-ing for the Orvis Ranch trip is critical since the to-be-announced date depends entirely on the condition of the roads and might require a short notice to the field trip attendees.

Our first trip scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> is, so far, a go. Be sure to check in with the Brecklings beforehand if there's any sign that the weather might interfere.

Unfortunately, our second trip, the April 2nd North Fork of Merced River trip along the Merced River Trail, has to be cancelled due to damage from flooding and slides along the access road and trail. The road might be repaired and opened in time but the trail, which is impassable in numerous places, will require a great deal of work to make it safe to hike. Lynn reported that all of the trails in the Merced Canyon have similar damage and a suitable replacement is not available. We'll try again next year.

**Hite's Cove & Nearby Merced River Plant List:** If you would like a PDF copy of this ten page plant list recently completed by Lynn Robertson, e-mail her at [billielr@sti.net](mailto:billielr@sti.net).

*-- Jennie Haas, Field Trip and Membership Coordinator*



**PLANT SALE**  
**SIERRA ROCK GARDEN SOCIETY**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017**  
**11 AM to 3:00 PM**

**The Farmory at the Armory**  
**10800 Airport Road, Columbia**  
**95310**

The Sierra Rock Garden Society will have its annual plant sale, offering many unique plants especially suited to foothill gardens. Plants offered will range from rock garden plants to trees! Prices will please. Sale profits support our free international speaker events.

Info: Sheila Deeg, 694-0140; Val Myrick, 533-3193



## 2017 Gardening with Natives Symposium

The symposium planning and speaker recruitment are going very well. We now have five speakers lined up with one additional subject that we're still recruiting a speaker for. We're mostly working on the more mundane things for the next couple of months while we continue to pull together all of the details. One thing that we're planning to do is invite more local companies and organizations to have displays and information tables about subjects such as gardening and water conservation subjects.

We could use a volunteer to take the lead on publicity of the symposium. This would entail coming up with a publicity plan and schedule, writing press releases and distributing the press releases to various media outlets. We'll also need help with set up the afternoon before the symposium and during the day of the symposium. If you would like to volunteer, please contact our symposium volunteer coordinator, Val Myrick, [vkmyrick@pacbell.net](mailto:vkmyrick@pacbell.net), 209-533-3193.

--Jennie Haas, Field Trip and Membership Coordinator

Mono Lake Committee Seminars

### High Country Plants & Habitats:

**How are they coping with climate change?**

July 28-30, Friday-Sunday, 2017

Instructor: Ann Howald

Cost: \$165 per person, \$150 for Mono Lake Committee members

Limited to 15 participants



Taught in the Tioga Pass region of the Sierra Nevada, this field seminar visits subalpine meadows and forests, subalpine lakeshores and streams, and natural rock gardens. Field identification of common trees, shrubs, wildflowers, and ferns, resident birds, insects and other wildlife combines with discussions of how these plants and animals rely on each other for food, seed distribution, nesting sites, and other necessities. A special focus is how high elevation plants and animals are being affected by climate change, and how they are coping with "weird weather" and other new realities.

From a 2016 participant: "Ann seamlessly wove biology of plants, pollinating insects, seasonal/climate change impacts, history of the region, studies of the area and its ecology – past and present, birding behavior, etc. into our discussions. Overall experience: 10"

For detailed information, please visit: <http://www.monolake.org/visit/seminars>

## Ratto Ranch

{320 Acres on Table Mountain}

## Wildflower Walks

*Open Family-Friendly Event*

**When** April 1, 2017 10am - 4pm

**Where** Ratto Road off of Jamestown Road  
Shaws Flat area - Tuolumne County

**Bring** Hat, water, camera, sturdy shoes

*Sponsored by the Tuolumne County Land Trust call  
Barbara at 209.532.3544*

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