



# The Shooting Star

SIERRA FOOTHILLS CHAPTER

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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## March Meeting and Program

### *Landscaping for Wildland Fire Preparedness*

**Presenter: Emily Kilgore of Cal Fire**

**Thursday, March 7, 6:00 p.m.**

**Tuolumne County Library Meeting Room**

**480 Greenley Rd., Sonora**

– Over the past two years, we’ve been witness to massive wildfires in northern California moving out of wildlands into communities where the loss of life and property shocked us and exceeded previous known levels of destruction. We’ve seen that with the sheer size of these fires and the rapid pace at which they can run, the expectation that there would be a fire truck parked at each of our houses to protect us and our homes is no longer realistic. While the exact causes of these fires going so large and being so destructive can be the subject of debate, there are things that we, as members of similar communities on the edge of wildlands, can do in the face of this new normal.

– Emily Kilgore will cover the basic Wildland Fire Preparedness measures (Ready, Set, GO) that will increase our odds of surviving a local wildfire incident. She’ll also highlight landscaping considerations for the homeowner to increase the odds that our homes might make it through a wildfire.

– Emily has been a Tuolumne County resident for 19 years. She currently serves as the Fire Prevention Specialist and Public Information Officer for the Cal Fire Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit.

## “Manage Your New CNPS Profile!”

If you received an e-mail from CNPS with the subject line of “Manage Your New CNPS Profile!,” you can be confident that it came from the state CNPS organization. This is one step that CNPS is taking to become compliant with the CAN-SPAM Act of 2003 which basically requires businesses to give recipients of e-mails an opt-out option. The way that the state organization has decided to do that is to give members and customers account profiles where we can click a box telling them we don’t want to receive e-mails.

This instruction will affect communications at the chapter level as well. If you indicate in your profile that you don’t want e-mails from CNPS, our chapter will no longer send you e-mails unless you provide us with written instructions that you want certain types. We are allowed to maintain our field trip e-mail list which recipients signed up to be on and have an opt-out option to be dropped at any time.

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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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## “Manage Your Profile” (cont’d. from page 1)

One thing that will be affected is our ability to maintain on our e-mail list members who allow their membership to lapse for more than 90 days. We are now required to drop anyone whose name and contact information is removed from our membership update from the state organization. The reasoning is that if a membership lapses, they are revoking permission to send e-mails until such a time as that permission is reinstated by renewing membership and updating their profile. We are allowed to maintain a list of subscribers who request to be on our e-mail list.

Follow the instructions in your e-mail from CNPS to set a new password. Once that is completed, you can update your profile (name, address, phone number) by clicking on “Personal Profile” at the top of the page. You can then click on “Interests and Subscriptions” at the top of the page and select the topics that you would like to receive information about and by scrolling down, you’ll see the box for e-mail preferences. To continue receiving e-mails from both the statewide and chapter CNPS organizations, leave the checkbox in the checked/default condition. Note that unchecking the box will result in you being unsubscribed from all CNPS e-mails including chapter e-mails.

Jennie Haas will be contacting subscribers and lapsed members currently on our e-mail lists asking for validation to continue receiving our newsletter and other chapter communications. Feel free to contact Jennie directly to opt-in or opt-out of further e-mails. Jennie can be reached at [jhaas953@gmail.com](mailto:jhaas953@gmail.com) or 209-962-4759.  
– Jennie Haas

## FIELD TRIPS

While we’ve been inundated by rain and snow in February, the plants have been taking it in and building up their root systems, getting ready to burst forth with spring flowers. We’ll try to catch the blooms at or near peak as we go through the spring and summer.

The field trip committee had to delay our annual planning meeting until February 24<sup>th</sup> due to the inclement weather on February 9<sup>th</sup>. As of this writing, we hadn’t met yet but two March field trips and an early April field trip were offered up ahead of that. We hope you’ll join us.

For all field trips: bring lunch, water, sunscreen and appropriate clothing and footwear. Hiking level varies with each trip. Check the trip description for the need to RSVP. Your trip will be enhanced by bringing field guides and magnifying lenses, although these are optional. Carpooling is encouraged. Call ahead if the weather looks iffy. Our field trips are open to everyone. Bring a friend or two. It is Chapter policy that pets are not allowed on our field trips. We appreciate everyone’s adherence to this policy.

Sign up for our field trip alerts e-mails. Send an e-mail with the subject line “Field Trip e-mail List” to Jennie at [jhaas953@gmail.com](mailto:jhaas953@gmail.com). We’ll use this mailing list and Twitter to provide timely information of field trip changes and those impromptu “unscheduled field trips.”  
– Jennie Haas

### March 2, 2019 – Red Hills Don Pedro Overlook

Leader: Don Kurtz. Hiking Level: 5 miles moderate – some rolling hills, some stream crossings. See what the spring rains have brought to the southern edge of the Red Hills ACEC (Area of Critical Environmental Concern). We’ll hike a wide fire road thru pine and *Ceanothus* to a view spot that looks out over one of the northern arms of Lake Don Pedro. **Please RSVP** to Don Kurtz at [apple.heads@gmail.com](mailto:apple.heads@gmail.com) or call / leave voicemail at 925-998-8736. We’ll meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Red Hills parking area with the cinder block restroom on Red Hills Road. From Jamestown head west on 49 south to Chinese Camp. Turn onto Red Hills Road and follow it west until you see the parking area with the cinder block restroom on the left. We’ll re-organize into car pools to minimize the number of vehicles. The parking at Don Pedro trail head is small and rutted and muddy. We should be back to the main staging area by 2 p.m. In the event of bad weather on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the field trip might be rescheduled to March 16<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to contact Don ahead of time for the most up to date information.

## Field trips (cont'd. from page 2)

### March 23, 2019 - Hite Mine Road / Ferguson Fire Burn Scar

Leader: Doug Krajnovich. Hiking Level: Moderate (out-and-back walk, ~4 miles with ~1000 ft. elev. gain). Since the Hite Cove trail is closed, we will enter the Ferguson Fire burn scar using Hite Mine Road, which starts just behind Cedar Lodge and Indian Flat. The default plan is to follow the road from Cedar Lodge to Pinoche Ridge (roughly 2 miles each way). Everything but the first quarter mile got burned. The ridge affords a superb view of Hite Cove and the South Fork. Even if the bloom has not progressed very far, this will be an interesting walk on account of the fire. Sign-up strongly recommended on account of potential for iffy weather. March 23 is our target date; March 24 is the backup date. If the forecast calls for more than 20% chance of rain on both days, the trip will be canceled. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Cedar Lodge on Hwy. 140. Gather around the YARTS bus shelter at the west end of the parking lot. For more information or to RSVP, contact Doug K. at [djkran@comcast.net](mailto:djkran@comcast.net) or 209-580-4595 (e-mail preferred).

### April 6, 2019 – Hunter Valley Mountain Access Road

Leader: Lynn Robertson. Hiking Level: easy – primarily car botanizing. We will be in an area extensively burned by the Detwiler Fire. I will talk about the effect of fire on the vegetation including the “fire follower” plants (such as Golden Eardrops & Whispering Bells) we may see. Wildflowers usually seen include the Sierra Fawn Lily, stinkbells, and a rare Balsamroot. Hunter Valley Mountain Access Road is just a few miles west of Bear Valley in Mariposa Co. Meet at 10 a.m. in Bear Valley 10 minutes north of Mariposa on Hwy 49 (south end of town next to Bon Ton restaurant). For more information on the field trip, contact Lynn at [billielr@sti.net](mailto:billielr@sti.net) , 209-966-5316.

## What's Blooming?

If you see a native plant blooming in our chapter area that is unusual or special to you, please share it. If there is space remaining after chapter announcements, I will include your observations in the next newsletter. Just a sentence or two (and an optional photo) will do. Submissions to *What's Blooming?* should be limited to native plants appearing in Calflora. - Ed. [djkran@comcast.net](mailto:djkran@comcast.net)

### February 18

“The only thing that I've noticed blooming lately at 2,500 ft. is *Ribes roezlii*.” – Jennie H.

### January 31 / February 1

“I visited Yosemite on these two days, just before the winter storms hit. There was a foot of snow at the Crane Flat Fire Overlook, none at Hetch Hetchy. I was surprised to see Greenleaf Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos patula*) blooming on the Crane Flat Overlook trail (6.3 kft.); less surprised to see flowers on California Laurel (*Umbellularia californica*) at Hetch Hetchy (4.0 kft.). (Photos attached.) I warned the plants that a big storm was coming, but they refused to listen.” – Doug K.



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