May Hite Cove Wildflowers –
presented in the form of a puzzle, for children and adults
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54. Other species use the common name “Farewell to Spring,” but at Hite Cove, I am THE ONE. Note that my ovary has 8 grooves (inset).

55. Monarch butterflies adore me. If you cut me, I bleed (latex). My fruits are pods packed with seeds wrapped in silky parachute filaments.

56. I am a vine. My tiny flowers produce clusters of edible fruit.

57. I am thriving this year, esp. in the yellow trail section. My “flowers” are composite: – disk flowers and rays.

58. I am a small tree with a delightful citrusy scent. Look (or sniff) for me in the red and blue trail sections.

59. I am a relative of #54 and my flowers are roughly the same size. I occur sparingly on the red trail.

60. I am a thriving member of the chaparral community. I got a big boost from the Ferguson Fire.

61. I occur at low abundance along the red trail. My opposite leaves and square stem give you a hint as to which family I belong to.

62. I am a very abundant Hite Cove wildflower. Use my bracts (inset) to rule out a non-native species with similar-looking flowers.

All of the flowers in this puzzle were photographed on May 17, 2021. Numbering picks up where the April puzzle left off. See February puzzle for a map with color codes to red-yellow-orange-blue trail sections. An answer key will accompany the next Newsletter.
63. I’ll add “spice” to your life if you explore the blue and red trail sections.

64. My family fared poorly this year on account of the drought. I did my best to produce a few flowers for you to admire.

65. I am the #1 chaparral shrub at Hite Cove. My cream-colored flowers have five petals and a pleasant scent.

66. Look for my dangling pitcher-shaped flowers in the blue and orange trail sections.

67. I am the only member of my genus that grows at Hite Cove. The square nectary at the bottom of each petal will help you guess the correct species.

68. I am one of five members of my genus in this month’s puzzle. Not the most abundant, but I do think I am the most elegant.

69. I am easy to overlook until May and June, when I am decked out in tall white candles.

70. The Ferguson Fire signaled my seeds to germinate. I live for a few years, then die, while my seeds lie dormant, waiting for the next fire.

71. Most members of my family have yellow or white flowers. I “buck” the trend by dressing in pink. Locally abundant at the top of Pinoche Ridge.
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72. I have the largest flowers of all plants in the Jepson Manual. You will find a big patch where the orange trail starts behind Cedar Lodge.

73. I resemble #59 but my flowers are smaller – about the size of a nickel – and the dark spots extend to the edges of my petals.

74. I am a showy non-native with a spike inflorescence. I have established a strong presence along Hwy. 140.

75. I am a relative of #55 with deep red flowers and leaves that are as soft as velvet. You are most likely to encounter me in the yellow trail section.

76. Like #74, I am non-native. My petals have black spots along the edges, and my leaves have tiny “spots” that look like “windows” on the back side.

77. No one calls me “Farewell to Spring,” but I am just as deserving of the name. When I appear, spring is almost done.

78. My cute little flowers are hard to put into words – distinct from all other Hite Cove species.

79. My white flowers have green spots, making me one of the easiest members of my genus to ID to species.

80. I am fairly abundant along the orange trail, but my flowers and fruits are so small that you might overlook me.