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Sacramento Valley Chapter Newsletter

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SUMMER 2011

## JUNE MEETING:

Wed., 6/8, 7:00 p.m.  
Shepard Garden &  
Arts Center  
McKinley Park  
3330 McKinley Blvd.,  
Sacramento 95816

Sabrina Okamura Johnson,  
President (916) 929-7896

*Our chapter meetings are free and  
open to the public.*

Wildflower seeds, books and  
Sacramento Valley Chapter t-shirts  
are available for purchase at meetings.  
Refreshments provided!

*Hibiscus and  
friendly  
praying mantis*



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## JUNE PRESENTATION:

### Finger Foods and Gardens Gone Native! Virtual Tour

Mary Maret, Program Chair

**N**o utensils needed! Just bring yourself for a relaxing evening. If you like, bring a favorite finger food or non-alcoholic beverage to share. We'll provide napkins, plates, and cups—but feel free to be really earth-friendly and bring your own re-usable dishes. Snack time will be followed by...

**A virtual "Gardens Gone Native" tour!** If you missed our first ever native garden tour last month—or were not able to get to *all* of the gardens on the tour—here's your chance to see what you missed! This virtual tour will showcase our own CNPS member gardens and take you all over town in just one evening. Our tour includes a rain garden, drought tolerant gardens and ponds. Well-manicured "traditional-look" gardens, artistic gardens, and "wild" gardens. Bird and butterfly habitat gardens, contemplative gardens, and a peace garden. Newly planted gardens and long-established gardens. Our member gardens are as diverse as we are! Our tour will certainly have something for everyone, to inspire your own native landscaping ambitions.



*Bonnie Ross'  
lush native  
garden invites  
visitors to her  
home*

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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.

# Chapter membership to vote on proposed bylaws changes at June meeting

by Chapter Board

Our Chapter's bylaws require a vote of the general membership on any proposed changes to those bylaws. The Chapter's Board discussed the following changes at its April meeting and unanimously recommends that the members adopt them. We will hold a vote on these changes at the June 8 chapter meeting. If you have questions about the proposed changes, please contact Sabrina Okamura-Johnson or Barbara Wolf.

The current bylaws with the proposed changes indicated follow. Additions/replacements are underlined. Deletions are ~~struck through~~.

## BYLAWS CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER Of the CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY BYLAWS

### Introduction

Our Chapter's bylaws require a vote of the general membership on any proposed changes to those bylaws. The Chapter's Board should discuss the changes at its board meetings and unanimously recommend that the members adopt them. A vote on changes should be held at the public meeting. The revised bylaws should be printed in the Hibiscus in full and with any proposed changes. Additions and replacements are underlined. Deletions are ~~struck through~~.

### Voting

The Chapter conducts votes following "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised." This requires the motion to be presented, the motion to be seconded, and then an "all those in favor" and "all those against" vote for the action being considered. The motion passes if the majority of votes are in favor. This voting procedure is also used for Chapter elections.

### Bylaw Update Information

Prepared by: Kay Antunez, P. R. Ferguson, and Florence Lowe, with recommendations from the Executive Board, February, 1981. Modified: November 1988 by vote of the Chapter. Modified: October 2002 by vote of the Chapter. Modified: June 2003 by vote of the Chapter. Modified: January 2007 by vote of the Chapter. Modified: June 2011 by vote of the Chapter.

## BYLAWS

### Article I. Name

This organization shall be known as the Sacramento Valley Chapter of the California Native Plant Society.

### Article II. Purpose

The purpose of the organization is to ~~encourage the preservation, conservation, and propagation of the native flora of California through research and education~~ conserve California native plants and their natural habitats, and increase understanding, appreciation, and horticultural use of native plants.

### Article III. Membership

*Section 1. Members.* Any person, family, or group interested

in the native plants of California is eligible for membership in the Chapter. Membership in the California Native Plant Society is ~~a requirement for membership in~~ required in order to be a member of the Chapter.

*Section 2. Rights of Members to Vote.* Each member shall be entitled to one vote on any question requiring a vote of the membership. Each family holding a family membership is entitled to two voting delegates. No absentee or proxy votes shall be permitted. Any other group having a single membership shall have one vote. The official voting delegate of this group shall be so designated in writing to the chapter membership chair.

*Section 3. Termination of Membership.* Nonpayment of dues shall terminate membership. Membership may not be transferred.

*Section 4. Meetings of the Membership.* The members of the Chapter shall hold meetings at such times and places as they deem suitable, necessary, or convenient to accomplish the purposes of the Chapter. There shall be at least six (6) meetings annually (not including field trips) as required of each Chapter by the Bylaws of the California Native Plant Society.

*Section 5.* Any action requiring membership approval shall be published in the Chapter newsletter prior to the meeting at which action is to be taken. Decisions shall be made by a majority of the members present.

*Section 6. Fiscal Year.* The fiscal year is ~~the calendar year~~ April 1 – March 31.

### Article IV. Executive Committee

*Section 1.* The elected officers, Chapter Council Delegate (if one is appointed) and standing committee chairs shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Chapter. Members of the Executive Committee must be Chapter members in good standing.

*Section 2.* A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be six (6) members, or four (4) if three (3) elected officers are present.

*Section 3.* ~~The Executive Committee is responsible for authorizing those expenditures of the Society which exceed the amount of \$100.00 and for bringing unusual, or particularly large proposed expenditures to the Chapter membership for vote. A majority vote of the Executive Committee is needed when voting on mat-~~

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ters involving money greater than \$100.00. The Executive Committee shall prepare an annual budget, which shall be approved by a majority vote. Expenditures authorized in this budget do not need further approval. ~~The Executive Committee shall prepare an annual budget, which shall be approved by a majority vote of the Committee present. Expenditures authorized in this budget do not require further approval. Committees or ongoing chapter projects with foreseeable expenses shall prepare a yearly project budget, which shall be included in the Chapter budget. A majority vote of the Executive Committee members present at an Executive Committee meeting is required to authorize unbudgeted Chapter expenditures in excess of \$500. A majority vote of the elected officers is required to approve unbudgeted expenditures of \$500 or less. The Executive Committee will bring unusual or particularly large proposed expenditures to the Chapter membership for a vote.~~

**Section 4.** The Executive Committee shall hold at least four (4) meetings annually. Additional special meetings may be called by the President, as necessary.

#### Article V. Elective Officers

**Section 1. Officers.** The officers of the Executive Committee of the Chapter shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

**Section 2.** President shall: preside at all regular and special meetings of the Chapter and the Executive Committee; appoint, with Executive Committee approval, a Delegate to the Chapter Council if the President wishes to delegate responsibility for representation on the Council; chairs of committees, as needed to conduct the work of the Chapter; and be an ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

**Section 3.** Vice President shall: perform the duties in the absence of the President or at the President's request; assist the President in carrying out duties of the office.

**Section 4.** Secretary shall: keep records of all business meetings of the Executive Committee ~~and of the membership;~~ and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Committee.

**Section 5.** Treasurer shall: keep files of all correspondence and maintain accounts of the Chapter including assets, liabilities, receipts and disbursements; deposit all moneys and other valuables in the name of and to the credit of the Chapter; ~~disperse~~ disburse funds of the Chapter as may be ordered by the Executive Committee; upon request, present an account of the financial transactions; provide the State Treasurer ~~annually~~ annually with an annual financial report for the ~~calendar~~ fiscal year and with quarterly ~~with a reports on~~ of taxable sales; and perform other such duties as may be ~~prescribed~~ requested by the President or the Executive Committee.

**Section 6. Election of Officers.** A three-member Nominating Committee appointed by the Executive Committee shall nominate ~~officer~~ officers ~~candidates~~ at the October Chapter meeting. ~~of the Chapter. If the Nominating Committee does not successfully identify candidates prior to the October meeting, any member in good standing may self-nominate or nominate another member in good standing at the October chapter meeting. if the committee has been successful in finding a nominee. Members shall be noti-~~

## Attend the June 8 meeting to vote on these changes to chapter bylaws

~~ified by mail of the slate of officers nominated in the November issue of the chapter newsletter. In the event that a slate of candidates is not available for publication in the November newsletter, candidates may be presented at the November Elections meeting of the Chapter. Nominations for officers may also be made from the floor at the November meeting provided that consent has been obtained from the nominees. In the event that nominees present themselves in a short timeframe before the November Elections Meeting, and notifying members by mail is not feasible, nominees will be presented at the November Elections Meeting. Elections shall be held at the November Elections Meeting. Election protocol includes introducing the nominees, asking the general membership for additional nominees, and conducting the vote. Any member of the Executive Committee shall conduct the vote following the "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised" voting procedure. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of members present, using member-voting protocol detailed in Article III, Section 2.~~

**Section 7. Vacancies.** A vacancy in any office may be filled by a majority vote at a meeting of the Executive Committee. Any officer thus elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor and until a successor is elected by the membership.

**Section 8. Term.** The term of the office shall be two years or until a successor is elected. Terms will begin in January ~~after the previous year's~~ following the November election meeting.

**Section 9. Records.** Each member of the Executive Committee shall, upon expiration of his/her term of office and upon the election of a successor, deliver to the successor all pertinent records of the office.

#### Article VI. Committees

**Section 1. Standing Committees.** As the need arises, the Executive Committee shall appoint committee chairmen ~~of the committees~~ to assist in the duties and functions of the Chapter. Such committees may include, but are not limited to, the following: Conservation, Newsletter, Field Trips, Membership, Programs, Webmaster, Nursery and Hospitality.

**Section 2. Temporary Committees.** The President may appoint such temporary committees as may be deemed necessary for the business of the Chapter.

**Section 3. Duties.** The Chairman of each committee is a voting member of the Executive Committee. Each committee shall keep a record of its activities and make it available upon request of the Executive Committee.

#### Article VII. Commitments

In the absence of express authority of the Executive Committee, no officer, committee chair, or member shall have the power to act or bind the Chapter in any manner.

#### Article VIII. Authority

"Robert's Rules of Order, Revised" shall be used as a guide to govern parliamentary procedures of the Chapter.

#### Article IX. Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regular meeting provided that a copy of the proposed amendment is included in the notice of such a meeting.

Prepared by: Kay Antunez, P. R. Ferguson, and Florence Lowe, with recommendations from the Executive Board, February, 1981.

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# Calendar of Events

See our calendar online at  
<[www.sacvalleycnps.org](http://www.sacvalleycnps.org)>  
for more, updated events  
and happenings!

## JUNE

**Sat., 6/11, 8:30 a.m. - Noonish  
Eight Mile Curve and Beyond;  
Foresthill Road**

**Leader: John Huls: 916-284-7021;  
johnhuls@sbcglobal.net**

The Eight Mile Curve trailhead gives us a unique blend of three floristic provinces in a delightful quarter mile walk. Next we will follow Foresthill Rd. making stops in town and eastward into mid-elevation mixed forests, fragrant with Kit-kit-dizzy. This is a joint trip with Sacramento Audubon; so be sure to bring your binoculars.

For ride sharing meet in the Office Depot parking lot at Highway 80 and Madison (behind the In-&-Out Burger) at 7:30 a.m. Or join us at 8-Mile Curve at 8:30. Take the Foresthill Rd. exit from I-80 at Auburn. From the off-ramp turn left onto Lincoln Way and drive up the hill to Foresthill Rd. Turn right and travel 8 miles to 8-mile curve. It is a huge sweeping turn-out on the north side of the road, just beyond Drivers Flat Rd. Park near the green service gate. No fees or passes required. Bring a lunch to enjoy at the American River Canyon Overlook at Worton's Foresthill Market, or buy a sandwich at the market.

**Sat.-Sun., 6/11 and 12  
CNPS Rare Plant Treasure Hunt at  
Walker Ridge**

Join CNPS for a rare plant treasure hunt at Walker Ridge, along the Lake-Colusa County boundary. We will focus on locating and documenting rare plant populations in this area, which is currently proposed for an extensive wind power-generation facility. In all, about 30 plants on the California State Rare Plant List grow here, and the diversity of soil substrates and vegetation types provide critically important wildlife and plant habitat. CNPS and others have petitioned the U. S. Bureau of Land Management to protect this place as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

Experienced or not, **you are welcome for any portion of the weekend.**

Meet Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Judge Davis Trailhead on Hwy. 20, located just west of the Lake-Colusa line, about 14 miles east of the Hwy. 20 & 53 junction, and about 4 miles west of the Hwy. 20 and 16 junction. For those staying both days, we'll camp in the Walker Ridge area; prepare for minimal facilities (bring water, chairs, firewood, tents, etc.).

For more information contact Danny Slakey at [dslakey@cnps.org](mailto:dslakey@cnps.org) or Peter Warner at [phytopagan@gmail.com](mailto:phytopagan@gmail.com).

**Fri., 6/24, 5:30 - 7 p.m.  
Wine & Cheese with the Bees  
Old City Cemetery Demo Garden  
1000 Broadway, Sacramento 95818**

Tour the garden and enjoy the summer blooms as the afternoon turns to dusk amidst the scent of sage and the hum of busy bees. Meet and mingle with new and long-time chapter members. Sample fine wines and a wonderful array of cheeses and bee-inspired appetizers, as our summer celebration coincides with national Pollinator Week! Wear comfortable shoes to walk along bark-mulched paths.

**Free for our members. You must register to attend.** Attendance will be capped so register early! RSVPs close on Tuesday, June 21, 2011. Contact: Cassandra Nguyen Musto (916) 397-8773 or [cnpsgarden@gmail.com](mailto:cnpsgarden@gmail.com).

## JULY

**Mon., 7/4, 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
River Bend Park, Rancho Cordova  
Celebrating California Trees  
Leader: John Huls: 916-284-7021 or  
johnhuls@sbcglobal.net**

The holiday will get hectic later in the day so why not start it off with a refreshing short walk. We will key in on the natural history and folklore of our native riparian trees. Meet in the parking lot just north of the pedestrian bridge. From Highway 50 exit at Bradshaw Rd. Turn left onto Bradshaw

then right on Folsom Blvd. Follow the brown and white signs to Rod Beaudry Drive. Turn left and proceed to the park entry. \$5 car fee or annual pass required. (Alternate entry: From William Pond Park on the Carmichael side of the river you can walk over the pedestrian bridge to the parking lot to the north)

## AUGUST

**Sat., 8/6, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
CNPS Outreach at Harvest Day  
Fair Oaks Horticulture Center  
11549 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks**  
Help staff our outreach tables for the Chapter and the Demo-Garden at the Sacramento County Master Gardeners' "ultimate garden event" — Harvest Day! Spend a couple of hours at our tables then hear speakers, watch demonstrations, visit other educational booths, tour the gardens, sample fresh tree-fruit, grapes, and vegetables. Contact Sabrina ([soj@surewest.net](mailto:soj@surewest.net)) or Mary ([maryolo1@netscape.net](mailto:maryolo1@netscape.net)) to sign up to help.

## ONGOING

**Native Plant Demo-Garden  
Old City Cemetery  
1000 Broadway, Sacramento  
Sundays, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.**

Wear hat, long-sleeved shirt, boots and bring water, gardening tools, gloves, and knee pads. To volunteer during the week contact Sabrina (916) 929-7896 or [soj@surewest.net](mailto:soj@surewest.net).

**Elderberry Farms Native Plant  
Nursery Workdays  
Wednesdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Located at Soil Born Farms  
2140 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova**  
We have a lot of repotting to do and need your help. RSVP so that I know how many peanut butter and jelly sandwiches I'll be fixing. E-mail Chris at [lewisc916@yahoo.com](mailto:lewisc916@yahoo.com). To join the Nursery listserv, send a blank e-mail to: [Elderberry\\_Farms\\_Native\\_Plant\\_Nursery-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Elderberry_Farms_Native_Plant_Nursery-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

### American River Parkway Walks

Fridays, 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Locations along the American River Parkway and Folsom Lake vary weekly. Please dress in layers and bring your hat, water and snack. To receive notices join the Elderberry Farms listserv (see Wednesday Workdays) or e-mail lewisC916@yahoo.com.

### Chapter Meeting & Guest Speaker 2nd Wed. of month, 7:00 p.m.

(Jan.-June; Sept.-Nov.)

Shepard Garden & Arts Center,  
McKinley Park, Sacramento

See page 1. Meetings are free and open to the public. Books, wildflower seeds, and our SacValley t-shirt always available for purchase. Refreshments. For info: **Sabrina Okamura-Johnson (916) 929-7896** or e-mail [soj@surewest.net](mailto:soj@surewest.net).

### Chapter Board Meetings

4th Wed. of month, 7 p.m. SMUD Art Gallery & Community Center, 6301 S Street, Sacramento, CA95817

(Jan.-June; Sept.-Nov.)

Contact: Sabrina Okamura-Johnson (916) 929-7896 or [soj@surewest.net](mailto:soj@surewest.net).

### Ceanothus - Collaborative Plant Identification Workshops

3rd Sat. of month, 9 a.m.

Davis Center for Biological Diversity.  
Michael Bower, (530) 902.8721

Bring any plants you're curious about, the Jepson Manual, and your enthusiasm! Visit [www.ceanothus.org](http://www.ceanothus.org) for upcoming workshop dates, locations, and directions. Free. Questions to [ceanothusfieldbot@gmail.com](mailto:ceanothusfieldbot@gmail.com)

### Habitat 2020

Day and Time TBD

For information contact Glen Holstein, [holstein@cal.net](mailto:holstein@cal.net); (530) 758-6787

### Call for Abstracts

CNPS 2012 Conservation Conference  
January 12-14, 2012

Town and Country Resort and  
Conference Center, San Diego

"Conserving and restoring the roots of California's richness" is the 2012 conference theme. Submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations by August 4, 2011. For instructions, or to submit abstracts visit:

<http://ice.ucdavis.edu/conferences/cnps/2012>. For information see [www.cnps.org/2012](http://www.cnps.org/2012).

# California Native Plant Society

Sacramento Valley Chapter  
Stockton Subchapter



## California Native Plant Week Stockton celebration success

by Martha Mallery

**California Native Plant Week** was well celebrated when Stockton CNPS members collected over one hundred species for a weekend display at the Nature Center in Oak Grove Regional Park.

Around 350 visitors came to admire the collection of wildflowers gathered from the valley grasslands, vernal pools, nearby foothills and coast range. Compliments flourished about the colorful display in the Nature Center. Outside, the native plant habitat garden featured a grassland decked with poppies, goldfields surrounding a vernal pool, a streamside jungle, and a Native American village in the oak woodland. (Alas, our educational exhibits couldn't compete with the poppies and went largely unnoticed.)

Nature Center Coordinator James Rexroth brought plants for sale from local nurseries, and enthusiastic visitors went home to begin their own native gardens.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of the weekend: Collectors Grover Bethards III, Kathy Hieb, David Marriccini, James Rexroth, and Maxine Schwab. Arrangers Barbara Bowers, Pamela Reyes and Maxine Schwab; and our I.D. People: David Marriccini, Dr. Dale McNeal, James Rexroth, Dr. Kathy Schick, and Bob Stahmer.

A great job all!



### STOCKTON FIELD TRIPS

Trips are often taken on short notice. Please call Martha at (209) 477-3966 or Bob Stahmer at (209) 943-2277 for e-mail or phone alerts.

Hibiscus welcomes news and listings from our Stockton subchapter, serving San Joaquin Valley CNPS Sac Valley members. If you would like to contribute, please contact Martha Mallery at (209) 477-3966 or Bob Stahmer at (209) 943-2277.

<http://www.sacvalleycnps.org/stockton/stockton.html>

### Social Networking in the Garden

The Historic City Cemetery Demonstration Garden is now on Facebook! "Like" our page, **California Native Plant Demonstration Garden :: Sacramento**.

**Yelpers!** Give us a review and help put us on the map as a cool Sacramento garden. Look for special Yelp promotions.

## OTHER EVENTS

### Effie Yeaw Nature Center - May 2011

Free Programs (Donations welcome)

Ancil Hoffman County Park, 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael, CA

**Interactive Exhibit: Bountiful Harvest: An Exploration of Maidu Culture**

Park entrance fee: \$5.00 per car or FREE to ARNHA members.

Hours: Wed. - Sun. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*The Nature Center may be closed in stormy weather. Please call to confirm hours.*

(916) 489-4918 [www.sacnaturecenter.net](http://www.sacnaturecenter.net)

**Sat. 6/4, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Six-legged Sensations - Insects**

**Sat. 6/11, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Turkey Vultures**

**Sat. 6/18, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Who's My Daddy?**  
Discover new facts about deer, butterflies, salmon etc. and their offspring.

**Sun. 6/19, 1:30 p.m.**  
**Summertime Stories**  
Sunny stories told by the Sacramento Storytellers Guild. Suitable for all ages.

**Sat. 6/25, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Celebrate National Pollination Week**  
One-third of our food crops and 80 percent of flowering plants depend on pollination by birds, bees, bats, beetles, moths, flies, and butterflies. Learn how these animals fill this important role and how humans can help them.

**Tues. 6/7 or 6/21, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Evening Beaver Walks with Jack Hiehle**  
Limited to 15 people, best for adults and children over 10 years old. \$10 per person. Call the Center (489-4918) for reservations and information.

**SUMMER FUN DAYS - June 13 - August 12, 9 a.m. - 12 noon**  
One-week and two-week day camp programs for youngsters K-5. Pre-

registration required, space is limited, call (916) 489-4918. ARNHA member discount. Prices and descriptions online at [www.sacnaturecenter.net](http://www.sacnaturecenter.net).

**Saturday, June 18, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.;**  
**Fee: \$60.00**  
**Maidu Cultural Program Teacher Inservice**

Covers historical life of the Valley Nisenan Maidu people, with presentations, classroom activities and an ethnobotany walk. Includes a copy of The Valley Nisenan curriculum guide and lunch. This is a standards-based program that addresses social science and science standards.

**Wednesday, June 15,**  
**8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.;** **Fee: \$60.00**  
**Science Standards: Connecting Children to Our Environment, Teacher Inservice**

Explore nature's ecosystems using the senses, arts, and language. Learn to use cooperative games to teach environmental principles. Take a guided walk to learn plant and animal adaptations and how man has affected the natural habitats. Acquire tools that address the K-8 science standards. Lunch and a binder filled with information and classroom activities are included. Register online at: [www.sacnaturecenter.net](http://www.sacnaturecenter.net)

## Thank You Sac Natural Foods Co-op!

Working with community organizations is one of the many ways the Sacramento Natural Foods Co-op contributes to our community. The California Native Plant Society is a part of the Co-op's Make Every Day Earth Day Program. The Co-op donates 5 cents on behalf of customers for every bag that is reused. CNPS is one of four local organizations that benefits from this program.

The Co-op has been a community owned grocery store since 1973. It is a part of a larger food community that includes farmers, producers, shoppers and the Earth.

The Co-op features:

- A 100% certified organic Produce Department, featuring seasonal local produce.
- A Seafood Department that ranked number one in California and number two in the nation according to Greenpeace's 2011 "Carting Away the Oceans" campaign for sustainable seafood.
- A Community Learning Center & Cooking School that offers something for everyone.

Visit the Co-op at 1900 Alhambra Blvd in Sacramento, or online at [www.sacfoodcoop.com](http://www.sacfoodcoop.com).



## Elderberry Farms Friday walks

by Chris Lewis

Our walks (and this chamise - *photo right*) attract a crowd! See the calendar for more info. To receive notices join the Elderberry Farms listserve by sending a blank email to: [Elderberry\\_Farms\\_Native\\_Plant\\_Nursery-subscribe@yahoo-groups.com](mailto:Elderberry_Farms_Native_Plant_Nursery-subscribe@yahoo-groups.com) If you can't subscribe, e-mail [lewis916@yahoo.com](mailto:lewis916@yahoo.com).



*Left to right are John, Will, Bobbie, Paige, Carol, Linnea, and Mary, with Tad and Jim above them.*

## Native Plant Gardening Committee on the move

by Chris Lewis

It's been a year since we first formed the informal Native Plant Gardening committee.

### Look what we've accomplished:

With the leadership of **Dennis Dahlin** and **Maria Kochis**, we had our first Gardens Gone Native! garden tour. We started a referral list of landscape professionals who use native plants. The UC Davis Student Chapter of the California Invasive Plant Council (Cal-IPC) developed a local invasive plant list. Potential projects include developing a speakers list and sample garden plans.

### Where are we going?

Are you interested in introducing native plants to gardeners or children?

Join me for a potluck and brainstorming session to plan our next move on Sunday, June 12, 5-8 p.m. RSVP to [lewisC916@yahoo.com](mailto:lewisC916@yahoo.com) by June 5, or sooner if you can help plan this gathering.



Western tiger swallowtail and buckeye

Photo ©2011 Chris Lewis

## RARE PLANT UPDATE

### *Clarkia biloba ssp. brandegeae* (Brandegee's Clarkia)

by Jill Spear, Rare Plant Chair

*Clarkia biloba ssp. brandegeae* is a California endemic herb in the Onagraceae family. This annual starts blooming in May and continues through July. Brandegee's Clarkia has four lavender to purple-pink petals with two lobes, eight stamens, and lanceolate (sword-like) leaves. In our chapter area this Clarkia can be found in Sacramento and Yuba counties, as well as in the foothill woodlands of Butte, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer and Sierra counties. This plant is often found on roadsides from 200-1700 ft. in elevation. *C. biloba ssp. brandegeae* is threatened by road maintenance and weed control activities.

This Clarkia can be confused with the more common *Clarkia biloba ssp. biloba*. Their habitat and range overlap in the foothills but the more common species can be found at higher elevation and is also found in the eastern San Francisco Bay area. To distinguish between these two plants, the main characteristics to look for are larger petal lobes and narrower leaves on *C. biloba ssp. biloba* than that of *C. biloba ssp. brandegeae*.

Brandegee's Clarkia is known from 89 localities across its range. Yuba County has 11 of these occurrences. Only a few of these locations were recently documented in 2003 while some other occurrences have not been seen since 1937. Sacramento County has one occurrence which was last documented in 1990. Due to the nature of threats and the number of occurrences for Brandegee's Clarkia it is listed as a CNPS 1B.2 plant which means it is rare, threatened, or endangered in California.

Brandegee's Clarkia is a great target for a rare plant treasure hunt! If you think you have seen it, be careful not to disturb the plant or its habitat. Record its location as precisely as possible and let us know by e-mail to [jillespear@gmail.com](mailto:jillespear@gmail.com). Have fun botanizing!



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#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (area code 916 unless otherwise noted)

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