EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS! Our chapter meetings are free and the public is invited to attend. Bring a friend!

The mission of the California Native Plant Society is to increase understanding and appreciation of California's native plants and to conserve them and their natural habitats through science, education, advocacy, horticulture and land stewardship.

Finger Food Potluck 😊
No utensils... just bring your favorite finger food to share, a plate, and a glass.
We'll provide the non-alcoholic beverages and napkins.

We'll have a short after-dinner talk by Austen Anderson, an 11 years old young man who loves going on botany field trips. A Botany class in June of 2003 got him started. Now he will be giving a talk about "The Importance Of Using Latin Names In Botany And A Couple Of Other Things".

Diana Hickson, Program Chair
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Saturday, May 27, meet at 9:15 for trip at 10:00 a.m.
**Pine Hill**  Leader: Jack Hiehle 967-0777
Walk up with Jack to a Fire Lookout and explore into the early afternoon, looking for endangered plants and resident birds. This is an interesting area, and Jack will share information about the area and the special plants that are found here. Meet at 9:15 at the El Dorado Park & Ride, (east on Highway 50, take the first El Dorado offramp; go right to the second stop sign, and left into the Park & Ride.) Alternate meeting place is at 10:00 a.m. at Ulenkamp and Pine Hill Road. (Hwy. 50 to Bass Lake Road; right on Green Valley Road; past a school on your right and then turn left on Ulenkamp Road to Pine Hill Road.) This trip will last till early afternoon, so bring a lunch and liquids.

Saturday, June 3  **Sacramento Weed Warriors Invasive Plant Removal**
Come join the Sacramento Weed Warriors on Sat. June 3rd. We are celebrating National Trails Day with our Yellow star thistle demonstration project in cooperation with the Butterfield-Riviera East Community Association. Location: Gristmill Rec Area, Amer. River Parkway, in Rancho Cordova, 8:45 - 12:30. Call Frank for details at 427-5694.

Saturday, June 11  **Butterfly Valley Botanical Area**
Diana Hickson and Greg Kareofelas will lead a field trip to the Butterfly Valley Botanical Area in Plumas National Forest. Besides being the home of the California Pitcher Plant (*Darlingtonia californica*), a rare and unusual insect eating plant known from only a few scattered boggy areas, there are four other species of insectivorous plants - two bladderworts and two sundews. Orchids, lilies and many other special plants are also found in this unique area. In addition, we should be able to locate California’s most unique dragonfly – *Tanypteryx hageni* - which only flies for a brief time period in small local colonies. Because of the complex set of roads, we will meet at 10:30-11:00 along Hwy 70 and caravan in. Please contact Greg @ (greg@yolo.com) or Diana (dianahickson@comcast.net) as we need to limit the number of folks on this trip. Final instructions will be given at that time.

Saturday, July 8, 7 a.m.  **Wright’s Lake**  Co-Leaders: Jack Hiehle 967-0777 and Phyllis Wilburn (530) 642-9942
This high mountain lake near the edge of the Desolation Wilderness offers a good sample of high Sierra flora and fauna. Jack will concentrate on the plants and Phyllis will try to locate some of the hard to find bird species. This trip may need to be rescheduled depending on how much snow is still present in the Wright’s Lake area the week prior to July 8th, so please call Jack or Phyllis in advance for further details (i.e. meeting time, place and possible rescheduling).

Saturday, July 15  **The Mt Judah & Roller Pass**
**Sierran Wildflowers and Birds**  Leader: Jack Hiehle 967-0777
Join Jack and members of the Audubon Society on this hike in the Donner Summit area. He will point out all of the flora and fauna of the area, with plants as his specialty. This is a fairly strenuous hike at high elevation, with a 1000ft-plus elevation gain on this 4 1/2 – 5 mile round trip hike. This trip may need to be rescheduled depending on how much snow is still present in the area the week prior to July 15th. So please call Jack in advance for further details (i.e. meeting time, place and possible rescheduling). Bring lunch, water, and clothes appropriate for changeable weather.

Saturday, July 29  **Carson Pass**  Leader: Jack Hiehle 967-0777
This trip is limited to 10 participants to help preserve the habitat in this high foot traffic area. Join Jack on this high elevation, 4 to 5 mile hike in search of Clark’s Nutcracker, Rufous Hummingbird, Green-tailed Towhee and with luck Blue Grouse and Gray-crowned Rosy Finch. At peak wildflower time, there are fields of flowers in dazzling variety. Call Jack for reservations, meeting time and place. Bring lunch and liquids, wear sturdy shoes and be prepared for changeable Sierra weather.

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**Yuba-Sutter Connection!**

Recently I met with an enthusiastic group of folks in Yuba City. Several people became CNPS members that day! They are looking into becoming a Sub-Chapter much like our Stockton Sub-Chapter. This Sub-Chapter’s members enjoy these benefits at no extra cost: their own field trips, members of CNPS co-manage the garden with the Oak Grove Nature Center docents, occasional sub-chapter meetings, carpools to Sac Valley chapter meetings and activities, a quarterly newsletter, and have a page on the Sac Valley CNPS website! Any ‘Sub-Chapter’ would take on its own persona depending on their members interest. We look forward to working with you! ~ Chris Lewis, Chapter President
**Next CNPS Public Vegetation Workshop**

Please join the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) and the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) for this three-day, vegetation and habitat workshop. It will be held in El Dorado County on June 13-15, 2005. The class is designed for professional or student botanists, ecologists, wildlife biologists, vegetation mappers, and conservationists.

Participants must pre-register to attend. Please contact Josie Crawford or Julie Evens for more information.

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**Habitat 2020 Help Needed**

Fundraising help needed! Habitat 2020 is a committee of environmental organizations collaborating on common issues in and affecting Sacramento County. The mission of Habitat 2020 is to protect the lands and waters where our wildlife and native plants live in Sacramento County. The member organizations are Sacramento Audubon, Save the American River Association, Urban Creeks Council, California Native Plant Society- Sacramento Valley Chapter, ECOS, Sierra Club-Mother Lode Chapter, and Friends of Swainson's Hawk. This year a sub-committee led by Betsy Weiland put on an educational outreach event- The Natural Treasures of Rancho Cordova. It was a huge success bringing out 150 people. We need to have the ability to do more outreach as well as have a lawsuit fund. If YOU can help in ANY way, please contact Chris Lewis at lewisc@surewest.net.

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**A merican R iver P arkway**

These are the last opportunities to make your voice heard!

*Sacramento Public Library, 828 1 Street.*  
May 30 5:30-9:00pm.  
Agendized items: Updating area plan maps and policies for the Rancho Cordova area (Goethe and Rossmoor Bar), additional area plan map updates as determined.

**June 19 5:30-9pm.** Note that this is a date change from June 5.

This will be the final Committee meeting to review the Final Draft American River Parkway Plan, and for the Committee to propose and decide to discuss any “outstanding topics” that they would like to document to staff.

**S hepard G arden & A rts C enter N eeds Y our H elp!**

They are having a fund raiser that would feature items for the garden and the kitchen. They envision having each organization gathering saleable items such as tools or books. Set up would be on Friday August 4th and the Garden & Kitchen Fair is on Saturday August 5th. If you can help out, please contact our representative, Linnea Fronce at 441-6205.

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**F ALL P L A N T S A L E**  
(S aturday S eptember 23rd):

Temporary Coordinator: Chris Lewis  
If you would like to help Coordinate this event, please contact Chris.

There are a wide variety of volunteer opportunities for about 40-50 people. You can coordinate efforts or be a team member, use plant expertise or volunteer for one of the vital support positions, and there are both presale and day-of-sale activities. Take a minute to see where you might fit in, and then give us a call. If you’ll be out of town for the sale, consider helping out ahead of time.

**Plant information cards — Presale activity.** Wonderful native plants don’t sell without an information card. We now have a database to add to, we’re looking for pictures to print on the cards and the cards need to be laminated.

**Plant sale layout and set up — Presale activity.** Design the layout and get your workout moving plants: no need to go to the gym.

**Food — Presale and day-of-sale activity.** Good food makes for happy volunteers and vendors!

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**Plant experts** — Day-of-sale activity. Help answer questions on planting and care of native plants and what works where.

**Landscape design consultations** — Day-of-sale activity. Very popular program that helps people get the right plants for the right place. Several Board members are doing their part with Books, Teeshirts, Membership, and Coordinating the Nurseries. Give Chris Lewis a call and let us know how you can help! 916 482-5282 or lewisc@surewest.net.

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**Reminder...**  
**The Hibiscus takes a 2 month vacation during the summer,**  
**so,**  
**see you in September!**  
**Thanx for all of your help and support.**  
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**Event help needed: Harvest Day**  
(Saturday August 5)

This is a fun horticulture event held at the Fair Oaks Horticulture Center, 8100 Temple Park Rd, Fair Oaks from 8 AM to 2 PM. They have How-to sessions, educational booths, garden tours, demonstrations, and tree fruit, grape and vegetable tastings. If you can help out with a shift 8-11 or 11-2, please contact Fairs & Events coordinator Mary Schiedt at (530) 400-7094.
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Articles for the Hibiscus must be submitted to the newsletter editor by the 8th of the month for possible inclusion in the next month’s issue.

Pine Hill Flannelbush
Fremontodendron decumbens
Status: Federal Endangered Species
Habitat: Chaparral and woodlands on gabbro or serpentinite soils.
Blowing Period: April-July
Range: California endemic known from fewer than ten occurrences in the Pine Hill area (El Dorado County) and one near Grass Valley (Nevada County).
Threatened by development and alteration of fire regimes; protected in part by Pine Hill Ecological Reserve.