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# The Wallflower

The Newsletter of the California Native Plant Society  
Monterey Bay Chapter

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## Flora of Fort Ord

### General Meeting Speaker: David Styer

In 2003 David was in charge of the Fort Ord plant list of some 600 species, but he was unhappy because no one could tell him where, perhaps 200 of these could be found. That was when he broke Fort Ord into regions bounded by roads and went out to find all species growing wild in each region. Now, fourteen years later, he hasn't found all the plants on that list, but the list has grown to 950 species! After Fort Ord's flora became a joint project with CNPS, we have been allowed to go into the Inland Ranges (some 8,000 acres). That has changed our view of the plant distribution on Fort Ord. From the outside natural areas on Fort Ord may look the same, but from the inside different areas always turn out to have different plants. This evening we will try to enjoy the beauty of the flowers, and look at some of the special habitats of Fort Ord.

*David Styer became an avid bird watcher in 1950 and a few years later, he had two years of field training in botany with the University of Pennsylvania professor Edgar T. Wherry. Between college and the draft David was a plant breeder for the Burpee Seed Company. After military service, and earning a PhD in math, he spent the rest of his working career at the University of Cincinnati. There, he spent most of his free time inventorying nature. He was one of the first people in the 20<sup>th</sup> century in Ohio to rediscover running buffalo clover, *Trifolium stoloniferum*, long thought to be extirpated and even extinct. David retired in 1999, met his wife Jane in 2001 and then moved to the Monterey area. In his early days here, David had actually been inventorying birds on the former Fort Ord, but one of his vivid early memories was seeing the wonderful diversity of native plants in the maritime chaparral—and now the plants of Fort Ord have taken over his life.*

### General Meeting • Thursday, November 9

Visiting and Book Purchasing from 7:00pm  
Meeting and Program Begin at 7:30pm

Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History



### STEWARDSHIP

CNPS stewardship is an opportunity to help eradicate invasive non-native plants on the first Saturday and third Sunday of each month. Please contact Bruce Delgado at 277-7690 or bdelgado62@gmail.com or for details.

## FIELD TRIPS & EVENTS

Monday, November 6

Field Trip

### Del Mesa to Jacks Peak Hike

Join me in a new hike that begins at Del Mesa Carmel in Carmel Valley. From Del Mesa we'll hike into a seldom visited area, then into Jacks Peak Park and back. We'll have a peaceful forest walk with great views along the way. About 5-½ miles with ± 600 feet elevation gain. Bring water & lunch. Arrive early; we depart at 10:00am from Del Mesa. Call for a reservation and directions to the meeting location—limit of 8. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.



*Bob Kurner of Rana Creek Nursery showed us around the nursery. He also taught us about their projects and the various water efficient plants that they propagate. Photo by Javier Placencia*

Tuesday November 21

Field Trip

### Garzas Creek Hike

Our 3-mile loop with 530 feet elevation gain takes us along the Terrace Trail and then we'll drop down to Garzas Creek. We hope to see a nice display of polypods, mosses, and happy lichen (depending on the rains). Bring water & lunch. Arrive early; we depart at 10:00am from Garland Ranch's lower parking lot. Call for a reservation—limit of 8. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Friday, December 15

Field Trip

### Point Lobos Fungi Field Trip with Chuck Bancroft

Chuck Bancroft, state park ranger retired, will join CNPS leader Lynn Bomberger on a walk to explore the forest for fungal friends. On our ±2-mile walk, we will search for and photograph both fungi and mushrooms and any other unique observations. Bring a point & shoot camera, water, snack, and wear good walking shoes. Arrive early; we depart 9:45am from the Rio Road Park and Ride. Call Lynn for a reservation at 375-7777, limit of 10.

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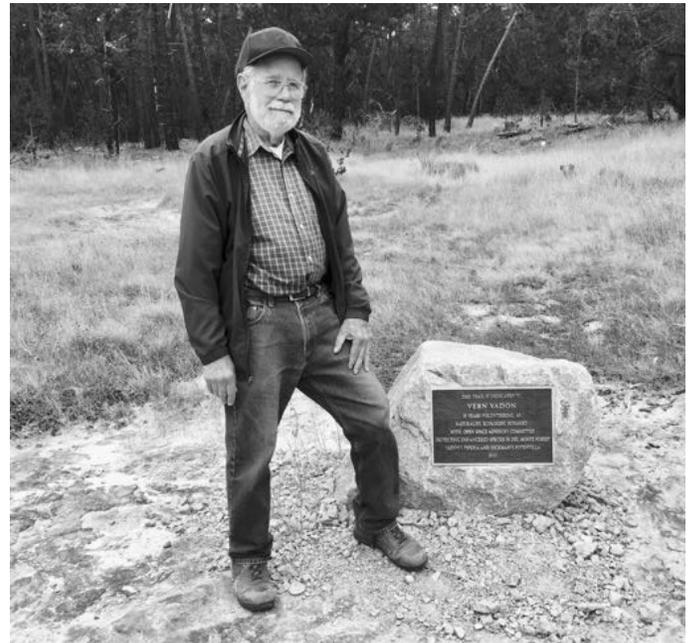
**Monday, December 18  
Fly Agaric Hike**

**Field Trip**

We'll zig and zag through the serene pine forest of Del Monte Forest searching for the beautiful, hallucinogenic and/or deadly Fly Agaric mushrooms (red with white polka dots). Bring water; lunch gives us the option of purchasing a Poppy Hills sandwich. 5 miles, 750 feet elevation gain. Arrive early; we depart at 10:00am from the "Haul Road" gate on Highway 68 in Pebble Beach. Call for a reservation—limit of 8. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

**Tues to Sat, Jan 30 to Feb 3, 2018 Conference  
CNPS Conservation Conference—Save the Date!**

2018 CNPS Statewide Conservation Conference, February 1-3, 2018, Workshops and Field Trips, January 30-31, 2018, Los Angeles Airport Marriott, Los Angeles. The CNPS statewide Conservation Conference is hosted every three years and attracts plant enthusiasts, scientists, conservationists and botanical illustrators from across California. The conference brings together over 1,000 participants who share the common values of conserving and restoring our native flora and habitats. Information about registration and hotel reservations is available at <http://conference.cnps.org>. Register and book rooms early, and plan to share stimulating talks and sessions focused on many diverse topics related to California's rich and diverse plant life.



Vern Yadon chose the location of his special plaque and rock to be in Spruance Meadow which has a huge diversity of native plants. The rock is located on the Green Trail. Photo by Lynn



Bruce Cowan is ready to attack pampas grass, ginesta or other invasives with his weed arrester tools. Bruce's special plaque and roc are located on fire road 6. Photo by Jan Shriner



There was a large turnout for Vince Voegeli's Hastings Reserve field trip. We learned a LOT and were delighted to meet 'Almost' (he can almost fly), Hastings' own acorn woodpecker mascot. Here, he is perched on Karen Loullis' shoulder thinking, "Maybe she won't notice if I put an acorn in her ear." Photo by Lynn

**ARTICLES, REQUESTS, ETC.**

**POINT LOBOS NATIVE PLANT PATROL**

Volunteer at Point Lobos with the Native Plant Patrol! We meet every Friday from 9am to 1pm to restore the Reserve's unique native habitats. Activities include weeding, seed collecting, planting, and more depending on the season. All are welcome, no experience necessary. Contact Julia Fields at [julia@pointlobos.org](mailto:julia@pointlobos.org) for more information and to RSVP.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to revered local naturalists Vern Yadon and Bruce Cowan for their efforts to conserve and maintain habitat in the Del Monte Forest. The Del Monte Forest Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) recently honored them for their 35 years of volunteer service inventorying species and advising on the use of open space.

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During his career, Bruce worked at the U.S. Forest Service, at Asilomar Conference Center as Environmental Horticulturist, and as a private consultant. "I've been enchanted with the Monterey pine forest ever since I was a kid when my family stopped here on a trip. That memory prompted me to come back here to live," said Bruce. "When I realized the forest was in jeopardy, not only from development but from invasive plants like pampas grass, I was inspired to preserve our local plant communities."

Vern was a former Director of the Pacific Grove Natural History Museum for 35 years, was the main man for our Annual Wildflower Show for 50 years, and our local endangered orchid, Yadon's piperia, bears his name.

"I'm grateful I've had the opportunity to study plants in the forest, including rare and endangered species and some that occur only in Monterey County," said Vern. "It is vitally important to protect all native species. Creatures and plants evolve together and the loss of any species makes us less than we were before." OSAC has dedicated a woodland trail to each naturalist to commemorate their important contributions for us all. ~ *PBCSD Newsletter*

**NEW & IMPROVED!**



[www.montereywildflowers.com](http://www.montereywildflowers.com) was created a few years ago as an online photographic guide to the wildflowers, trees and

ferns of the Monterey Peninsula. For technical reasons, Michael Mitchell has had to rebuild the site from scratch. The new site now covers about 950 plants from the whole county rather than just the Monterey Peninsula and features a faster and more intuitive interface. Try it out and let Michael have your comments. If you have suitable photographs of plants that are not included but should be, please do share them with Michael.

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**ARE YOU MOVING?**

If so, please let us know. Either call or email our membership chair, Brian LeNeve, at 624-8497 or [bjleneve@att.net](mailto:bjleneve@att.net).

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**OLD FREMONTIAS?**

Do you have Fremontias lying around that you've read but can't bear to toss into the recycling bin? Please give them to Rosemary Foster at any CNPS membership meeting or event. They are great outreach material and they are eagerly snagged at the Wildflower Show.

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**CAN YOU HELP?**

Our local chapter of the Native Plant Society needs help both large and small. Please look at this list of things where help is needed:

**Conservation Chair**

As Conservation Chair, you may share your civic knowledge of proposed property developments anywhere on the Peninsula for our newsletter every other month.

**Meetings Facilitator**

The Meetings Facilitator prepares the Pacific Grove museum for our meetings every other month by setting up chairs and a few tables. After the meeting, the facilitator will help to put the items away.

Your help will be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please call Lynn Bomberger at 375-7777 or Carol LeNeve at 624-8497 or 624-8497.





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