

Milo Baker Chapter California Native Plant Society

Calendar

9/15	Submissions deadline: October Newsletter
9/17	General Meeting
9/19	Fairfield Osborn Preserve Fieldtrip
9/22	Riddell Preserve BioBlitz
9/28	Gardening with Native Plants Presentation

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General Meeting: September 17, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.

A Restoration Perspective on Native Plants With Wendy Trowbridge

I will talk about the difference between the native plants that we, at the Laguna Foundation, use for our restoration projects and the native plants that we all plant in our gardens. There are many lively debates about what qualifies as a native plant. How local does it have to be? When do you start counting plants as human introduced? The arrival of Europeans? The arrival of native Americans? There had



been less discussion about the difference between cultivars and locally collected native plants, can native plants be weeds, and what the future of native plants might look like as the climate changes. My talk will focus on these questions and more.

Speaker Biography: Wendy became the Director of Restoration and Conservation Programs at the Laguna Foundation in January 2015. She is a wetland plant ecologist who has worked in a variety of systems from the Sacramento River to Ruby Lakes in Northern Nevada to rangelands in Western China. She received a PhD from UC Davis as part of a multidisciplinary study of riparian restoration on The Nature Conservancy's Cosumnes River Preserve. Prior to joining the Foundation, she was a research faculty member at the University of Nevada, Reno where her research focused on invasive species, wetland communities and aquatic food webs.

Join us for dinner before the General Meeting: We'll gather for dinner at 5:45 pm at Kirin Restaurant, 2700 Yulupa Ave. We hope our speakers will join us, but we always have an enjoyable group of fellow members and a delicious Northern Chinese meal, in any case. Please contact Liz Parsons at 833-2063 or lizpar8993@aol.com before noon on the day of the meeting, if you plan to attend.

General Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave, Santa Rosa. Milo Baker Chapter Board meetings are held at 7 pm on the 2nd Tuesday nine months of the year, Environmental Center, 55 Ridgeway Ave, Ste A, Santa Rosa. Anyone interested in the work of the chapter is welcome to attend!

Chapter News

A Message from our Chapter President

As summer winds down and September brings shorter days, fall colors and Indian summer heat, you might want to head out to Bodega Bay to enjoy the fresh air and the satisfaction of pulling weighty ice plant with our Invasive Plant Chairperson, Jan Lochner and her loyal crew. Every Wednesday and many Saturdays a group goes into Doran State Park where they are attempting to free up an area where many native salt marsh plants have grown but are being choked out by the ice plant. Ice plant can be seen all up and down our coast, in marshes, beaches and on dry rocky bluffs. Jan calls it the California mongoose for its potent effect on local habitats.

Over the past 2 years Jan has also led efforts to weed in our own preserves, planning work parties at Vine Hill Preserve, helping out at the Fountaingrove preserves as well as with our partners at Bohemia Preserve. Her energies are legendary in the chapter as she also helps in the plant nursery while running her own plant sales at Willowside School. She has a wonderful attitude that is infectious; she refers to these projects as 'games to play'.

Work in the field of restricting introduced and weedy plant species has never been more important. Many of the county's burned landscapes are now covered in fresh green broom and the late rains this year have brought a bumper crop of star thistle. There is good news from Sacramento however where new funding will reinstate Weed Management Areas.

Milo Baker Chapter was part of an MOU that established the Marin Sonoma WMA almost 20 years ago. This new funding should reinvigorate the efforts to eradicate the worst culprits and restrict new populations. Our

volunteers continue to do vital work in this area, an important part of CNPS objectives.

🍷 Wendy Smit
Milo Baker Chapter President

Plant Sale News

Please note the new location: The plant sale will be held at our new nursery at the Laguna Foundation located at 900 Sanford Road, Santa Rosa. The Veteran's Building in Santa Rosa has been our home since 1980. We think that it will be easier to have the sale at the nursery, because we do not have to move the plants like we have in previous years. No need for truckers this year!

The nursery is the perfect place to grow our plants. We have a great group of people to care for the plants and they are beautiful. Thanks to Betty Young, our nursery manager, for her devoted attention to growing all of these fine-looking plants. I hope that all of our members will come out to see the new nursery and buy our plants.

For more than 40 years, Dan and Nancy at Shooting Star Propagation nursery have donated rooted cuttings (liners) to our sale. We have then potted them in gallon cans and grown them on for the sale. Dan and Nancy retired this year, so we have had to **buy** in liners from Cornflower Nursery in Woodland. Betty Young has had to take this drive to pick up the liners. Sometimes we can get our order delivered along with an order from Cal Flora if Sherrie and Josh at Cal Flora have an order too. In other words, this year is the beginning of something new and different. We are paying for those plants that we cannot grow ourselves from seeds and cuttings. Everything has changed, and we are still finding our way. The Spring sale at the Laguna nursery was a preview of how a sale can be handled at the new facility. We are working out the logistics for our new site.

In the newsletter, you will find our plant sale flyer. Karina Lochner designed it to give the flyer a new look. It features our Pitkin Lily, a Sonoma County rare plant that is growing on our Cunningham Marsh Preserve. Please post it on a bulletin board near you.

Our web site contains a list of the plants that we will have for sale. milobaker.cnps.org. Please check there. Judy Hartwig (823-1821) and Marcia Johnson (829-3808) will be recruiting cashiers, plant carriers, and traffic control/parkers which are especially needed. If you would like to help us on Saturday, the day of the sale let one of these ladies know. If you would like to help set up on Friday, call me, Liz Parsons at 833-2063.

There will be a seed packaging workshop on the evening of October 3, at Betty Young's house. Call Betty if you have seeds to donate.

Remember that our members are our best customers, so come to the sale and support the Chapter. This is our most important fund raiser. And remember-

FALL IS PLANTING TIME IN CALIFORNIA!

🍷 Liz Parsons
Milo Baker Chapter Vice President

Education and Outreach

Reaching Out to the Community

Catherine Lipson joined the Education and Outreach committee two years ago by volunteering for a shift at Science Discovery Day. It all started when Virginia Steenhoven stood up at a CNPS meeting and told members she needed volunteers to work at the annual event, held at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. Community groups or teams of employees from local companies dream up educational

exhibits related to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) for school-age children and their families. CNPS provides an exhibit that includes at least six tables filled with attention-grabbing, nature-oriented activities for the kids and their families to enjoy. Virginia talked about how much fun it is to meet the children and their families, who come from all over our county to learn about science during this free event.

That announcement was all it took to spark Catherine's curiosity! She signed up for a shift and ended up having so much fun that she stayed most of the day. The committee chose a great theme for the exhibit that year: *Seeds!* If you happened to have seen that exhibit, you might have seen us helping kids dunk the LARGEST seed (a coconut) into a tub of water to answer the question: How can plants disperse their seeds through water? We also used those materials at the Plant Sale and other events. After that experience, Catherine began attending planning meetings regularly, learning a lot about environmental education programs from other committee members.

As much fun as it is to showcase creative hands-on activities, the best part of working with the Ed/Outreach committee is responding to questions from the public, kids and adults alike. If you are new to CNPS or environmental education, committee members will help you prepare, using a well-organized trove of brochures, handouts, and books on native plants and how to use them in home gardens. If a visitor to our table asks a question about some unfamiliar topic, you'll certainly have some handy resources, so you can look it up on the spot. All the committee members share their curiosity and willingness to learn during each event and at every meeting: it is certainly that openness to gaining new perspectives that is the most satisfying aspect of working with this committee.

After two years helping with Science Discovery Day and other public events

including our presentation at the Children's Museum, Catherine felt confident enough to accept Virginia's invitation to serve as Co-chair of the committee. Together, the committee encourages new volunteers to contribute creative ideas for hands-on activities related to native plants. We hope to develop curricula for a soon-to-launch group at the Roseland public library, called "Birds, Beasts, and Bugs." We will coordinate educational materials for kid's club meetings, coach volunteers to give brief and possibly bilingual presentations on the natural world and lead short nature walks exploring the remaining oak woodlands in the Roseland Creek NeighborWood.

In a sense, Catherine hopes to pass along that *seed* of curiosity that started during Science Discovery Day. As seeds do, it can grow into a deeper interest in establishing connections between community members and the habitats provided by native plants. Being part of the Ed/Outreach committee may inspire you to branch out and discover talents you didn't know you had. We welcome members to join the fun as we find ways to reach out to our newest arrivals – the children of our community.

🦋 Catherine Lipson
Education and Outreach Co-chair

Fieldtrip Report

Stillwater Cove Camping Trip
July 15-18, 2019

The cove met us so graciously while CNPS members arrived for the first Summer camping trip to Stillwater Cove Regional Park. All four days we had cool fog free weather with afternoon blue skies. After set-up on Monday we explored the bluff trail that leads right out to the ocean from our camping site. The trail meandered through Bishop pine forest where we discovered small grand fir trees and an interesting placement of an Acacia tree.

Blooming we found a patch of wild onion (*Allium dichlamydeum*) mixed with some Ithuriel's Spear (*Triteleia laxa*). We found a Purple Solanum growing out of the center of a Bishop pine that stumped all of us. The blooms were large and purple, but the leaves were nothing like any *Solanum xanti* anyone had seen before, then we came upon a large stand of it, all in bloom. The ocean bluffs were covered in blooms, *Erigeron*, Lizard Tail, Pearly Everlasting, Bush Monkey flower, Bluff Paintbrush, Buckwheat, California Poppy, just to name a few. And a mystery "weed" that turns out is Western Goldenrod (*Solidago occidentalis*)

On Tuesday, 15 CNPSers followed me down into the Canyon Loop trail. The canyon was lush with growth from the wet winter and three new Coast Redwoods had fallen this year. The paths were all lined with *Heuchera micrantha*, all in bloom everywhere! Happy to find the Western azaleas in bloom, reaching for the light at the bottom of the canyon. We also saw in bloom, Trail Plants (*Adenocaulon bicolor*), Modesty plant (*Whipplea modesta*), Rattlesnake plantain (*Goodyera oblongifolia*), Redwood Sorrel, Hedge nettle, Solomon's Seal, Redwood violets, and a few lone Coral Root blooms. Corn Lilies were shooting up with blooms but had not opened yet. We happily found some remaining blue berries of *Clintonia andrewsiana*. This canyon has epic displays of Red and Black Huckleberries that are growing out of the stumps of the cut down old growth redwoods, they are mind blowing works of art.

This stellar group named everything we saw and then we made our way to the ocean cove. On the way we saw Thimbleberries, Horsetail, and Huge California bee plants, (*Scophularia californica*) that blew our minds. The cove walls were covered in flowers, the same as above on the bluff but we also found large swaths of blooming *Dudleya farinosa*, Buckwheat (*Eriogonum fasciculatum*), *Angelica hendersonii*, Paintbrush (*Castilleja foliolosa*), and Bush and Seep Monkey flower. On the beach, Cut leaf

Beach-Bur (*Ambrosia chamissonis*) the non-native Sea rocket (*Cakile maritime*). Finishing out the day we all gathered for an epic pot luck, with a big Campfire, under the Full moon.

Wednesday we all went out the bluff trail again, perfect weather to feel the waves crashing on the shore, and on the way back found a patch of Blue Flax (*Linum lewisii*) hiding in the tall grasses. The rest of the day was free form. Some folks went to Stump beach to explore, some went to Fort Ross to take the tour. Excellent reports of fun by all.

Thursday the remaining 7 of us went back into the Canyon to take the School House trail. We saw the historical sight but also found some new plants including a patch of Yerba Buena, a Madrone peeking out of the Grand fir understory, Bracken fern, native Yarrow, and a Huckleberry surviving in the full sun growing from a crack in the cement foundation. We took the loop trail again to dig a little deeper into this beautiful rich life and feel the magic of this place of regeneration.

Thank you to all who joined us on this adventure. My husband Ken and Bandita the Pooch had a great time sharing our favorite place with you. With gratitude, Ruthie

Events

Sudden Oak Death at Osborn Preserve

September 19th from 11am-3pm

Leader: Kerry Wininger, Sudden Oak Death Program Coordinator for UCCE Sonoma County

Sonoma County has more sudden oak death (SOD) than any other area in California, with new outbreaks still appearing. Osborn Preserve is home to majestic oak woodlands along with 8 other plant communities, including dozens of native species that are susceptible to this devastating forest disease.

Osborn Preserve is the location where SOD was first confirmed in the county in 2000, hosted the first fully bilingual (English and Spanish) SOD blitz citizen science event in the state last spring, and continues to be a hot bed of SOD research and educational activities. Join us for a journey across this varied and abundant landscape while learning about SOD biology and hosts, history, ecology, current state of the field, and what you can do to help protect our native oaks.

Plan to hike at least 1 mile with 200-foot elevation gain, and up to 3.5 miles with 500-foot elevation gain. Our route is adaptable to the needs of the group. Prepare for a journey through shady oak woodlands and sunny grasslands with ticks and insects, poison oak, and uneven terrain. Please bring a bag lunch to eat on trail, plenty of water, sun protection, wear sturdy shoes for hiking, and layers with long pants. No dogs or pets are allowed,

Meet in the Osborn Preserve parking lot at 6543 Lichau Road, Penngrove. Directions from Cotati: East on East Cotati Road, right on Petaluma Hill Road, left on Roberts Road, right on Lichau, follow nearly to the end, turning right at the wooden Fairfield Osborn Preserve sign through the gate into the parking lot. Carpooling is encouraged. Children must be accompanied by a legal guardian. West County carpool, meet Ruthie at Luckys Parking lot in Sebastopol under the Redwoods, leaving at 10:00.

Attendance limit 15. RSVP required to ruthiegardengirl@gmail.com. Please rsvp number of attendees to Ruthie at ruthiegardengirl@gmail.com, put SOD in subject line. Contact phone Kerry Wininger 707-888-5616 or Ruthie 707-322-7462

📧 Kerry Wininger
Chapter Secretary and Sudden Oak Death Program Coordinator for UCCE Sonoma County

Riddell Preserve Bio-Blitz

September 22nd, 9am-2pm

With Jesica Rodriguez,

Bilingual Field Specialist for LandPaths

Definition of a bio-blitz: The mobile application, inaturalist, defines a bio-blitz as 'a communal citizen-science effort to record as many species within a designated location and time period as possible.' For this bio-blitz, we will be using a mobile application to gather photos of native flora of the preserve. Once these photos are uploaded, we will do our best to identify what we are seeing with the help of the application and our collective knowledge. The data we gather can then be utilized and reviewed by scientists and taxonomic experts both locally and globally. Bio-blitzes are great for encouraging public participation, creating high quality data, and make tallying a species count much simpler. All are welcome to attend if you use inaturalist or not.

Riddell Preserve is a 400-acre piece of land in Healdsburg donated to LandPaths by the Riddell Family. It is located in the "interdigitation" zone- the dry, inland side of the outer coast range between the moister coastal range and the drier inland area; it is also in the north-south corridor of West Dry Creek. Riddell is an intimate landscape rich in ecological niches – diversity within the preserve itself. The property is home to forests of Oaks, Madrones, Douglas firs, and Coast Redwood habitat. LandPaths owns the title on the preserve, while the Sonoma County Ag+Open Space district holds the conservation easement over the land. The partnership with the Riddell family and the Ag+Open Space to conserve the land has resulted in rich growth of the native flora over the past years.

Our route will be moderately strenuous, with lots of stopping along the way. Our hike will be no longer than 3 miles. Please bring lunch, snacks, water, sun gear, cell phone, camera, Binoculars, sorry no dogs.

This outing is free thanks to the Ag+Open Space District of Sonoma County and the voters of Sonoma County. Donations are always welcome and will be used to continue protecting land here in the county and making sure that the community has ways to access the protected lands.

We will all meet at the City Corporation Yard in Healdsburg, park our cars, and carpool to the Preserve. The City Corporation Yard is found at 550 Westside Rd, Healdsburg, CA 95448. Directions to the Corporation Yard parking lot: From Highway 101 North, take the Central Healdsburg Exit. and make a slight left on Healdsburg Avenue. Turn left onto Mill Street. Continue under the highway overpass as Mill Street turns into Westside Road. The Corporation Yard parking lot will be on the left immediately before the bridge crossing at the intersection of Westside Rd and Lucius Way. There is a "Corporation Yard" sign at the entrance to the parking lot.

From Highway 101 South, take the Westside Exit and turn right on Westside Rd. The Corporation Yard parking lot will be on the left immediately before the bridge crossing at the intersection of Westside Rd and Lucius Way.

Link for registration (sending an email also works)<https://landpaths.z2systems.com/np/clients/landpaths/event.jsp?event=2869>

*Participants can email Jesica Rodriguez, to RSVP as spaces will be saved specifically for chapter members. LandPaths looks forward to connecting and hosting members from the Milo Baker Chapter of the CNPS.

📧 Jesica Rodriguez
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Gardening with Native Plants

September 28, 2019, 9 am-3 pm

Pepperwood Preserve

Milo Baker Chapter and Pepperwood are partnering to hold a Gardening with Native Plants workshop. As a member of our chapter of California Native Plant Society, you are eligible for a \$5 discount on this class. Please check out the details on the workshop below, as well as information on how to register and get your discount pricing.

Meet at Pepperwood Preserve - at the Dwight Center, \$35 per participant (\$30 for members)
Ages 13 and up welcome

Spend the day at Pepperwood exploring the benefits and how-to of gardening with native plants! Led by a team of experts from the Milo Baker Chapter of the California Native Plant Society, this workshop will give you the knowledge and skills you need to nurture a garden that provides both beauty and habitat.

Hear about favorite native plants for Sonoma County gardens, learn the implications of Sudden Oak Death, and choose from break-out sessions focused on either designing your own native plant garden or tricks of the trade for propagation.

Depending on which break-out sessions you choose to participate in, you will either walk away with a design plan for your garden or a native plant which you propagated!

The day will conclude with tours of Pepperwood's native plant garden and the option to carpool to tour the garden of a private residence located on the preserve.

Visit our fieldtrip webpage for instructions regarding a registration discount:
<https://milobaker.cnps.org/index.php/events/field-trips>

Weekly Ice Plant Removal

Wednesdays 9:30-11:30pm

Doran Beach

One of the most pleasant workdays happens every week – a trip to Doran Beach to pull ice plant. We are clearing out the ice plant that is in the marshland to make room for natives. It is very visual and quite satisfying, with the sound of the waves, birds and foghorn. To join us on a Wednesday, please text Jan to let her know that you are coming: 707-569-4724.

Meet at Penny's 1201 Garden Lane, in Sebastopol, by 9:00 to carpool OR meet at first parking lot on left after kiosk across from the walking path.

🐾 Jan Lochner,
Invasive Plants Chair

Upcoming Field Trips

10/5 SRJC Landscapes/ April Owens

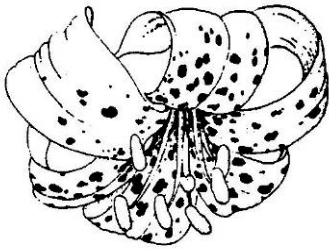
10/27 Fairfield Osborn Preserve/ Tregirl

🐾 Ruthie Saia
Field Trip Coordinator
707-322-7462

Raise Funds while Grocery Shopping!

eScrip is a program where merchants donate a percentage (usually 3%) of your purchase to local schools and nonprofit organizations.

To register: go to escrip.com, choose "Milo Baker-CA Native Plant Society" and complete the enrollment steps. This is an easy way to help support our chapter!



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contains a wealth of information plus
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Milo Baker (Sonoma County)

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Membership category:

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Benefactor.....\$600

Mariposa Lily.....\$1500

New Member Renewal

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