



*Erysimum menziesii*

# The Wallflower

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Monterey Bay Chapter

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## What's in a Name?

### Meeting Speakers: Michael & Sharon Mitchell

Does botanical Latin confuse or delight you? Do you avoid using scientific names for plants, preferring "It's a *daisy*?" Does the very term "binomial nomenclature" make you reach for your herbal tonic? Join us for a presentation of wildflower photographs as we explore the origin of the scientific and common names of some of our more interesting or striking local plants to see what we can learn about the plants and their history. Lose your fear of terms like *amplexicaule*, *brachyloba*, *mucronata*, *staticoides*, and *unguiculata*! Find out who Menzies was (and how to pronounce his name) and why California wildflowers (including our own beautiful *Erysimum menziesii*) were named in his honor.

*Michael Mitchell is an enthusiastic naturalist, avid photographer and co-author (with Dr. Rod Yeager) of Wildflowers of Garland Ranch – a field guide and a new web-based field guide to about 1000 species found in and around the Monterey Peninsula. The web-based guide should be available during the spring at [www.montereywildflowers.com](http://www.montereywildflowers.com). Sharon has been an environmental educator both in England and California. She has led many walks at Garland Ranch and elsewhere and has a particular interest in the traditional uses of plants.*

General Meeting • Thursday, March 14

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

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### CALENDAR of FIELD TRIPS & EVENTS

Saturday, March 2, 9am to 3pm      Workshop  
**Hastings Reserve Phenology Workshop**

This workshop is designed to introduce participants to the science of phenology—the study of seasonal cycles in plants and animals—and how it's used to track the effects of climate change on our diverse landscapes. Learn how you

can contribute your own observations to this important study. On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 9 am to 3 pm, join ecologists from UC Santa Barbara for a fun and informative (and free!) field workshop at the Hastings Reserve in Carmel Valley. Contact Vincent Voegeli, the Resident Director, at 831-659-2664 for more information. Learn more at: <http://www.usanpn.org/cpp>.

Saturday, March 2, 1pm to 4pm      Restoration  
**Broom Bash, East Side of Point Lobos State Reserve**

Join us on these First Saturdays of the month in the beautiful Monterey pine forest of East Point Lobos. We'll use several techniques to remove French broom and help restore this area that wants to thrive with native plants. Meet in Carmel at the Rio Road Park and Ride. All supplies provided. Bring a friend, water and a snack. Contact Bruce Delgado at 277-7690 or [bdelgado62@gmail.com](mailto:bdelgado62@gmail.com) for more information.

Monday, March 4, 1pm to 4pm      Field Trip  
**Del Monte Forest Walk Hosted by Pebble Beach Company**

Join Thomas Quattlebaum, Pebble Beach Company's Environmental Stewardship Manager, and local ecologist Nikki Nedeff for a walk along the Green Trail and through the beautiful Gowen Cypress and Bishop Pines of the Morse Botanical Reserve. The walk is 2 ½ miles, 400 ft. elevation gain, with flora & fauna stops. Bring water and a snack. Arrive early; we depart at 1:00pm from the Pebble Beach Company Resource Management Offices. Call Thomas Quattlebaum at 625-8402 for a reservation and

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## Save the Date!

### 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wildflower Show

April 19 (Fri) • April 20 • (Sat) • April 21 (Sun)

10:00am to 5:00pm each day

at the

**Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History**

This month, the Conservation Report is a summary of a letter to Jeff Kwasny, Resource Officer of the Los Padres National Forest (LPNF) from Greg Suba, Conservation Program Director of the CNPS State Office and Brian LeNeve, President, CNPS Monterey Bay Chapter. The subject is regarding fuelbreaks in the Los Padres Forest. The complete letter is posted on our chapter website.

CNPS has developed a Native Plants and Fire Safety Policy that urges the use of the most up-to-date fire science consistent with the long-term protection of sensitive plant and animal communities when devising fire plans. Following from our policy, we provide the following scoping comments regarding the Strategic Community Fuelbreak Improvement Project (SCFIP).

**1. The SCFIP must incorporate measures that address fire hazard reduction within the defensible space immediately around existing structures.** One of the stated needs of the SCFIP is to "increase the wildland fire suppression efficiency when in proximity to communities and related infrastructure." Studies show that residents of the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) achieve better fire protection from modifications to flammable vegetation on their own property, along with fire-resistant landscaping and fire-resistant construction materials including fire resistant coatings. The thirty-foot defensible zone around a house or other structure represents the most important area of defensible space for existing structures, particularly during extreme weather. According to recent publications (Fremontia Vol. 38:2-3, 2010), housing arrangement and location determine the likelihood of housing loss due to wildfire; thus land use planning appears to be more important than fuel modification for reducing fire hazards, replacing woody fuels with herbaceous fuels appears to increase fire risks to homes, and treating the wildland-urban interface is critical for making homes safe.

**2. Fuelbreaks planned under the SCFIP are excessively wide and will cause greater harm than they will provide benefits.** We are particularly concerned that 150 to 300-foot wide fuelbreaks will result in, exposure of soils leading to increased erosion, increased invasion by non-native plants in treated areas, increased trespass by and damage from illegal off highway vehicle (OVH) use, and the fragmentation of natural communities and disruption of natural ecological processes.

**3. Fire pre-suppression activities in the Ventana Wilderness must be consistent with the Big Sur Wilderness and Conservation Act protecting wilderness values.**

**4. The use of mechanical equipment, including chainsaws, in the Ventana Wilderness is inconsistent with the Wilderness Act and cannot be allowed under the SCFIP.**

**5. Full floristic botanical surveys performed at the appropriate season will be incorporated.**

**6. We ask that future SCFIP public hearings should occur on the Monterey Peninsula, where many forest users live.**

CNPS has been an interested stakeholder working collaboratively with the LPNF to address the maintenance and preservation of the native flora of the Monterey District. Members of the Monterey Bay Chapter of CNPS have participated in the series of Fire Scape meetings over the last two years. We look forward to continued collaboration with the US Forest Service, including a Ventana Wilderness Plan and appropriate fire safety measures for the Monterey Ranger District.



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additional details on the meeting location; gate access will be provided for the day. The walk will be limited to 15 people.

**Sunday, March 10, 9:00am to Noon**                      **Field Trip**  
**Birding, Nature and Wildflower Exploration at Fort Ord**

If you enjoy great views of the Salinas Valley and walking through maritime chaparral with its variety of plants and birds, then this 3 to 4 mile hike is for you. Amy Brewster is a local naturalist and a regular hiker at Fort Ord. We hike at a leisurely pace, so we may stop and enjoy wildflowers and any birds in the area. Please bring water, hat, binoculars and a snack. Meet at the BLM Fort Ord Creekside Trailhead off Portola Drive from Hwy 68, just west of Salinas. Please call Amy to reserve: 831 776-1363.

**Sunday, March 17, 9:00am**                                      **Field Trip**  
**Sensational Spring flowers at Toro Park**

Welcome Spring with a hike into Toro Park with Gordon Williams. Our morning begins with a walk up the East Ridge trail. For lunch, we will climb a ridge where there should be a nice display of early spring flowers. The remainder of our field trip will be determined by wherever the wildflowers are. We hope to see at least 50 different species! Bring water and lunch. Meet at the Toro Park Entrance off of Hwy 68 off Portola Drive's exit. About 4-5 hours, 5.5 miles and 600 feet total elevation gain. Leader, Gordon Williams 372-6374.

**Sunday, March 17, 11am to 2pm**                              **Restoration**  
**Soberanes Creek Cape Ivy Bash**

Here Soberanes Creek falls into the ocean and needs our help continuing to remove various invasive weeds, primarily Cape ivy. On these Third Sundays, meet in Carmel at the Rio Road Park and Ride to carpool. All supplies provided. Bring a friend, water, and a snack. Contact Bruce Delgado at 277-7690 or bdelgado62@gmail.com for details.

**Thursday, March 21, 10:30am**                                      **Field Trip**  
**Garzas Creek Wildflower Walk**

Join Andy Werner and Lynn Bomberger on a 3.3 mile loop with 530 ft. elevation gain. The walk includes the Terrace Trail where there should be a stunning display of wildflowers and if we're lucky, we'll find some Checker lilies as we head down to the creek. Also, the Garland Ranch parking area might have some blue scarlet pimpernels blooming. Bring water & lunch. Arrive early; we depart at 10:30am from the Rio Road Park & Ride in Carmel. Call Lynn at 375-7777 for a reservation.

**Thursday, March 28, 9:00am**                                      **Field Trip**  
**Kahn Ranch Spring Wildflower Walk**

Michael Mitchell, one of the authors of *Wildflowers of Garland Ranch - a field guide*, will take us into the Kahn

Ranch (a lesser known part of Garland Ranch) which is a special place to see not only beautiful vistas but a wide variety of spring wildflowers. The outing begins with a short walk to a waterfall then with a climb into a different habitat where we will be surrounded by flowers along the way. 3.7 miles/1,100 ft. elevation gain. Bring water, a snack & hiking boots. We aim to be back in time for lunch. Meet by 9:00 in the main parking lot (lower lot) of Garland Ranch. Call Lynn for a reservation at 375-7777.

**July 7-14, 2013**    **Workshop**  
**Golden Trout Wilderness Botanical Workshop**

Spend the week exploring alpine habitats of Cottonwood Lakes Basin and the John Muir Wilderness. Daily hikes and talks led by professional botanists and naturalists, \$525 includes meals. For more information, contact Susan D'Alcamo at dalcamo@mcn.org or call 925-899-0719. Registration deadline is March 15, 2013.

**CNPS Santa Cruz Area Leaders**                                      **Field Trips**

At the time of publication, there weren't any Santa Cruz area field trips listed. Check their website for possible updates.

**ARTICLES, ETC.**

**HUNTING FOR RARE PLANTS OF MONTEREY COUNTY**

The Rare Plant Treasure Hunt (RPTH) is a statewide initiative of CNPS in which volunteers survey for rare plant populations. The RPTH recently received a grant to document rare plants in Central Coast State Parks and the Ventana Wilderness of the Los Padres National Forest. The northern Los Padres is one of the most biologically diverse, yet under-surveyed forests in our state. This is a great opportunity to explore and botanize these parks, while conserving their rare plants. Project coordinator Danny Slakey will give a short presentation on the project at the March CNPS General Meeting. Check out the website at [www.cnps.org/cnps/rareplants/treasurehunt/](http://www.cnps.org/cnps/rareplants/treasurehunt/) or email Danny at [dslakey@cnps.org](mailto:dslakey@cnps.org).

**BOTANICAL SOCIETY TO CELEBRATE 100th ANNIVERSARY**

All botanical enthusiasts are invited to set aside the weekend of April 12-14 to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the California Botanical Society. Go to [www.calbotsoc.org](http://www.calbotsoc.org) for details.

 **NOTICE** 

Beginning in May, CNPS Monterey Chapter will change to having General Meetings every other month. Our meeting months will be: January, March, May, July, September and November.



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**Publication Schedule of the Next Two Wallflowers**

Newsletter	Deadline
April	Tues, March 12
May	Tues, April 16

Articles received after the deadline cannot be published.

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