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The Newsletter of the California Native Plant Society
Monterey Bay Chapter

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July/August 2013

Monterey Bay Chapter CNPS Potluck Picnic!

Join CNPS members and guests Sunday, July 14, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm for our Monterey Bay Chapter CNPS potluck picnic! It will be at the Indian Village Picnic Grounds in Pebble Beach where you can enjoy good food, good company, guided wildflower walks (coastal dunes and the Monterey Pine forest), and horseshoe tossing.

Please contribute an appetizer, salad, bread, fruit or a yummy dessert—Linda Smith has offered to make a turkey chili. Bring your own beverages if you choose. Be sure to dress in layers—be prepared for sun or fog. If it's a chilly day we might use the large fire pit to warm up!

For a map and directions to the Indian Village, go to: www.delmonteforestconservancy.org/indian_village.html and click on 'View Map'. The gate next to the Gingerbread House will be open so that you may park at the picnic area—it is handicapped accessible.

If you will be attending, please RSVP to Linda Smith by July 8 so that we can plan accordingly. Either call her at (410) 562-4813 or email lindasmith411@comcast.net with your name and the number in your party.

You will be given free entrance into Pebble Beach by informing the gate attendant at any entrance gate that you are attending the CNPS picnic at the Indian Village.

Monterey Bay CNPS Picnic Sunday, July 14

From 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Indian Village Picnic Grounds in Pebble Beach



CALENDAR of FIELD TRIPS & EVENTS

Saturdays, July 6 & August 3, 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 re-

store 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 for more information.



Bob Hale with some participants on his recent Soberanes Canyon field trip. Photo by Margret Cordts.

Sunday, July 7, 9:30am

Field Trip

Kahn Ranch Leopard Lily Exploration

Join Rod Yeager, co-author of *Wildflowers of Garland Ranch—a field guide*, in a "let's see what we can find" day at the Kahn Ranch. Our hike will take us on several picturesque trails, including alongside a small creek. We're sure to see an interesting selection of summer wildflowers, hopefully including the spectacular leopard lilies in bloom. About 4 miles with 800 ft. elevation gain. Bring water and a snack. Meet by 9:30 in the main parking lot (lower lot) of Garland Ranch. Call Lynn for a reservation at 375-7777.

Tuesday, July 9, 9:00am to 4:30pm

Field Trip

Chews Ridge Wildflowers and Butterflies

Join wildflower enthusiast Corky Matthews and lepidopterist Chris Tenney on this special co-led outing. As the highest public road in Monterey County, Chews Ridge always offers a variety of plants and butterflies this time of year. There will be several stops with easy strolls of less

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CONSERVATION REPORT

Members may have noticed that the Conservation Reports in recent newsletters have been sparse to non-existent. Part of the reason has to do with the two-month gap between newsletters, which greatly reduces the timeliness of these communications. A way to help resolve this concern would be to post urgent conservation issues on the chapter website encouraging chapter members to write or call decision-makers about important issues affecting native plants. Another, or perhaps additional strategy would be to send out emails to a list of chapter members who are concerned about conservation issues and are willing to help. Actions sought by CNPS are more likely to be taken by decision-makers who see that there is broad public support behind them! Please email or call a board member with your suggestions!

PICO BLANCO BOY SCOUT CAMP: Our chapter has been working at least since the 1980's to modify activities at PBBSC that have been damaging the habitat of the rare Dudley's lousewort (*Pedicularis dudleyi*). Former Scouts and PBBSC counselors the late Jeff Norman and Kim Kuska have been very active in trying to improve protection of the plant, whose numbers have significantly declined. Last November the chapter sent a letter to the various agencies having jurisdiction over rare plants urging that protective actions be taken. Since then the local scout council has merged with the Santa Clara Scout Council. The new leadership indicated that it wants to work with our chapter to resolve the problems, and invited CNPS to meet with BSA representatives at the camp. On Saturday, June 8, President Brian LeNeve, VP Beth Benoit, Treasurer Jim Pittman, Corky Matthews, and Nikki Nedeff, along with CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife biologist Jeff Cann, met with Ron Schoenmehl, Director of Support Services; Michael Wilson, Camping Manager; and biologist Andrea Edwards, who is working on a plant management plan for the camp, to look at some of the problem areas and discuss possible solutions. Of particular concern has been the removal of "hazard" trees, especially Douglas firs, which provide essential habitat for the lousewort; methods of protecting the existing plant populations, and plans for further removal of trees for fire safety. The BSA provided a delicious lunch and Brian provided a tutorial on steelhead habitat on the Little Sur River! The chapter looks forward to having further input into camp operations affecting the lousewort as well as contributing to and reviewing the management plan.

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than a mile. Meet in Garland Ranch parking lot (not along CV Road) at 9am; bring lunch and water. A plant list can be printed out from the chapter website. All wheel or 4WD vehicles are recommended as the road is steep and unpaved beyond Jamesburg. Location might need to be changed depending on flowers and butterflies. Call Lynn for a reservation and more information.

Tuesday, July 9 to Thursday, July 11 Backpacking Rare Plant Treasure Hunt: Sykes Hot Springs

The 10-mile trek on the Pine Ridge Trail from Big Sur to Sykes Hot Springs is the most popular trail in the Ventana Wilderness, but it has seen heavy impacts from all this use. Join us to document rare plant and noxious weed populations along the trail to help the USFS to improve management of the trail. Trip itinerary: **Day 1)** Backpack 10 miles from Big Sur to Sykes Hot Springs, then soak in the springs. **Day 2)** Easier day hike, botanize nearby trails. **Day 3),** hike out. For more details and to RSVP, email dslakey@cnps.org.

Sundays, July 21 & August 18, 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.

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Friday, August 9, 10:30am to 1pm Field Trip Point Lobos Bird Island Trail & Geology Discovery

Join Jerry Loomis on a "questions encouraged" discovery walk in Point Lobos. Our walk will take us along the newly constructed Bird Island handicap access trail that was closed for over a year. Our focus will be on birds, native plants, Native American history, geology, marine biology and anything else we might find along the trail. Jerry was a park ranger at the reserve for 22 years and currently coordinates the "Point Lobos Summer Adventures Program" for children. About 2 miles with minimal elevation gain. Bring water and lunch. Arrive early; we depart at 10:30am from Rio Road Park and Ride in Carmel. Call Lynn for a reservation at 375-7777.

Sunday, August 25, 9:30am to noon Field Trip Del Monte Forest Berries Nibble

Join Bob Hale & Julie Anne Hopkins as we zig & zag through serene Del Monte Forest, nibbling on a variety of ripe berries along the way. Huckleberries (yum), Salal and Blackberries should be ripe and ready to sample. We will explore the rare pygmy forest and streamside Monterey pine habitats. Rough-leaved Asters may still be looking beautiful. Bring water and a snack. Approximately 3 miles with 400 ft. elevation gain. Arrive early; we depart at 9:30 from the DMF "Haul Road" Gate on Highway 68. Call Lynn at 375-7777 for a reservation.

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Leader Michael Mitchell with participants on his recent Spring Wildflower field trip. Photo by Michael Mitchell.

CNPS Santa Cruz Area Leaders **Field Trips**
Check online at cruzcnps.org for details on the following:

At the time of publication, there were no Santa Cruz area field trips listed online. Check their website for possible updates.

ARTICLES, ETC.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

At the recent state CNPS Board of Directors meeting, we voted to accept the application of people from Baja California, Mexico to become the 34th chapter of CNPS. The decision was announced at the Chapter Council Meeting June 1, 2013 and became affective immediately.

At the March meeting we meet the officers of the proposed chapter and Chapter Council then voted to have the Board look into the possibility and vote to accept or reject. After many months of checking with everyone we could think of, it was decided that it was possible and legal.

The area of the new chapter will be that part of the CA floristic province that is in Mexico. It will allow for better protection as well as input for a lot of CA species of concern.

HELP PROTECT BEAUTIFUL GARRAPATA STATE PARK NATIVE PLANTS *Evening wildflower and stewardship Walks July/Aug*

Come join Bob Hale for informal nature walks and light weed work in Soberanes Canyon or on Soberanes Point. I've worked for a decade to keep these areas as weed free as possible. You can help continue these efforts and enjoy the beauty of the canyon in the quiet uncrowded evenings of summertime. The flower displays continue well into August with monkey flowers and buckwheats. Any effort will be greatly appreciated by me and the habitats we will nurture. I am very flexible, so just give me a call at 656-3108 or hale@nps.edu and I can arrange to best fit your schedule.

WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE...

No, not a baby; it's a website -

www.montereywildflowers.com

Michael Mitchell and Rod Yeager have compiled a photographic guide to almost 1,000 wildflowers, trees, shrubs and ferns to be found within about 15 miles of Monterey. Like their field guide to the Wildflowers of Garland Ranch, there are multiple photographs for the vast majority of the species together with information about the plants, how to identify them and where to find them. The website has been designed to be as user-friendly and easy to navigate as possible, starting either from color-coded pages with thumbnail photographs of all the plants or a complete index of common and scientific names. Try it out!





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