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Monterey Bay Chapter

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May/June 2014

The Carmel River Riparian Corridor General Meeting Speaker: Nikki Nedeff

Yes, there's a period of very dry weather happening... drought is a predictable thing in our semi-arid, Mediterranean climate and our native habitats are generally able to tolerate occasional episodes of moisture scarcity with a whole palette of interesting biological adaptations. Ah, but riparian habitats are different and we create predictable and severe drought conditions for the Carmel River and its plant and animal resources every single year. The General Meeting presentation will discuss the environmental context and social setting of the Carmel River and describe current and on-going efforts to conserve and restore its valuable fish and flora.

Our evening's speaker Nikki Nedeff played in the Carmel River as a child and grew up to study riparian plant ecology as an adult. She has spoken to the CNPS chapter on several occasions and has a life-long interest in our local natural environment. Nikki teaches Plant Community Ecology at CSUMB, is a lecturer at MPC and with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, and works as an ecological consultant when she isn't out smelling the flowers and enjoying the outdoors.

General Meeting • Thursday, May 8

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

Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History



CALENDAR of FIELD TRIPS & EVENTS

Thursday, May 1, 9:30am Field Trip
Mount Madonna—The Most Beautiful Jewel Flower

Join Andy Werner as he ventures into a remote serpentine area of Mount Madonna to seek the 'most beautiful jewel flower.' We also hope to see the candy flower and many other beautiful early wildflowers. 5 miles with 1,000 ft. elevation gain. Bring lunch and water. Arrive early; we depart from the Sprig Recreation area at 9:30am. Call Lynn for a reservation at 375-7777.

Saturday, May 3, 10am to 4pm Plant Sale/Event
Earth Day

Join us in a daylong celebration of sustainable living in honor of Earth Day at the Hilton Bialek Habitat at Carmel Middle School!

We'll showcase our community's sustainability efforts including MEarth's long-standing educational programs. You'll enjoy MEarth's annual native and organic plant sale, silent auction, workshops, live music, and lots of great food with 700+ of your friends and neighbors from throughout our community and beyond.



Hikers on Lynn Bomberger's Garzas Creek field trip are enjoying lunch in the middle of the creek. Photo by Lynn Bomberger

Saturdays, May 3 & June 7, 1pm to 4pm Stewardship
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 bdelgado62@gmail.com or 277-7690 for more information.

Saturday, May 17, 9:45am Field Trip
Santa Lucia Preserve Field Trip with Chris Hauser

Chris Hauser, director of land stewardship for the Santa Lucia Conservancy, will lead a field trip on the Santa Lucia Preserve. We will drive to a few locations, in order to take a few short walks to explore several unique plant communities. Bring a camera, water, a snack, rain gear, and good walking shoes. We will meet by 9:45 at the Santa Lucia Conservancy office at 26700 Rancho San Carlos Road, a quarter mile south of Carmel Valley Road. Call or email Chris Hauser to make a reservation, 831-392-6931, chauser@slconservancy.org.

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Sundays, May 18 & June 15, 11am to 2pm **Stewardship**
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 bdelgdo62@gmail.com for details.

Saturday, May 31 10am **Field Trip**
Garzas Creek Wildflower Walk

Garzas Creek offers a wide variety of beautiful flora and fauna and if we're lucky, we'll see the Red Larkspur in bloom. Plan on a 4 mile loop with 800 ft. elevation gain. Bring water and lunch. Arrive early; we depart at 10:00am from the Rio Road Park & Ride in Carmel. Call leader Lynn Bomberger for a reservation at 375-7777.



Above are participants on Lynn Bomberger's Toro Park field trip discovering the tiny non-native Persian Speedwell. Photo by Susan Rautine

Sat-Sun, June 14-15, 10am to 4pm **Wildflower Show**
MPPRD's 15th Annual Wildflower Show at Garland Park

Wildflowers will be on display from 10am to 4pm both days at the Garland Ranch Regional Park, free! Guided Wildflower Walks on both days. A Wildflower Field Sketching class is offered by Erin Hunter at the Garland Meeting Room on Saturday from 12pm to 4pm (Fee: \$25/\$28, pre-registration is required). A one hour WILDFLOWER SLIDESHOW titled "A Time and a Place" by Sharon & Michael Mitchell on Sunday from 11:30am to 12:30pm at the Garland Meeting Room. Pre-registration recommended for the walks and the slideshow. Register Online: www.mpprd.org hit "Click here to Register" on the Let's Go Outdoors Catalog icon—then register under the category of 'Wildflower Show.' Call 831-659-6065 for more information.

Sunday, June 22, 9am to 5pm **Field Trip**
Chews Ridge Wildflowers, Butterflies & Birds

Join Michael Mitchell, one of the authors of *Wildflowers of Garland Ranch - a field guide* and lepidopterist-ornithologist Chris Tenney on this special co-led outing. As the highest public road in Monterey County, Chews Ridge always offers a variety of plants, birds and butterflies including the rare Unsilvered Fritillary this time of year. There will be several stops with easy strolls of a mile or two. Meet in Garland Ranch lower parking lot by 9:00am; bring lunch and water. All wheel or 4WD vehicles are recommended. Call Lynn at 375-7777—space is limited.



Everyone had a great time on Lynn Bomberger's Jacks Peak field trip even though we didn't see any Hound's Tongue or much of anything else in bloom! Photo by Susan Rautine

August 15-17, 2014 **Excursion**
Channel Islands Naturalist Excursion

Join retired Point Lobos Park Ranger Jerry Loomis on this three-day hiking excursion on the Channel Islands off of the coast of Santa Barbara. When hiking, you'll see many interesting plants endemic to the area and will be accompanied by a National Park Naturalist. Snorkeling and/or kayaking will also be options in the afternoons. Travelers will stay on the liveboard dive boat 'The Conception' owned by Truth Aquatics. For more information, please go to truthaquatics.com and contact Jerry at 419-1051 or loomis15885@gmail.com.

Dates Vary **Workshops**
CNPS 2014 State Wide Workshops

Statewide, CNPS offers many workshops such as: Online Tools for Botanists and Biologists, Introduction to Plant Family Identification, Measuring and Monitoring Plant Populations, and many others to choose from. For details on the workshops, go to <http://www.cnps.org/cnps/education/workshops>.



Oooops, we thought the camera already snapped! Shown above are participants in Michael Mitchell's recent Khan Ranch field trip. Photo taken by Michael's sneaky camera

January 13-17, 2015, in San Jose! **Conference**
CNPS 2015 Conservation Conference

Help us celebrate with over 250 speakers, a poster session, 15 workshops, banquet, mixers, auctions, artwork, photography, and poetry. We proudly announce the opening of the CNPS 2015 Call for Abstracts and encourage you to submit an abstract for an oral or poster presentation. The program will focus on communicating the most recent and effective conservation science. Go to cnps.org/2015/abstracts for further details.

CNPS Santa Cruz Area

Field Trips

Check online at cruzcnps.org for details on listed Santa Cruz area field trips.

CONSERVATION REPORT

Hi, Corky Matthews is okay, but Bob Hale is compiling this report. It is difficult to follow the level of dedicated and exceptional quality of work Corky has presented to our chapter for over 35 years. I thank her greatly for the inspiration and support she has given me while working on conservation issues and on field trips.

CLEAR CREEK MANAGEMENT AREA REOPENED WITH NO OHV'S: On March 14, 2014 the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) reopened the Clear Creek Management Area to very limited access and non-motorized recreation. This is an exceptional area of serpentine barrens and habitats surrounding San Benito Mountain in eastern San Benito County. It is home to several endangered species, numerous sensitive species and widespread, unusual serpentine barrens.

Our chapter has been involved for decades, trying to get BLM to limit damage to the environment caused by largely unchecked motorcycle and Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) usage. Pressure from a lawsuit, which our chapter was instrumental in, led to the BLM finally designating a route network and open play areas—about 10 years ago. Expanding usage and limited BLM enforcement, though, allowed erosion and damage to continue. BLM then issued an emergency closure due to concerns about asbestos exposure about five years ago.

So presently, the prohibition of OHV usage is a tremendous positive for plant and habitat protection. Usage will be regulated to 32 miles of main dirt roads providing access to non-motorized recreation. Access is limited to 5 (vehicle) or 12 (foot) days per a year.

However, this saga may be continued. Our Congressional Representative, Sam Farr, has introduced HR 1776, a bill to reopen the area to OHV usage as a National Recreation Area. The bill has yet to move in Congress. We will keep you posted if your comments are needed to help protect the plants.

MONTEREY SHORES ECO-RESORT APPROVED: California Coastal Commission approved, April 13, the large resort in the Sand City Dunes. Mitigation requires native dune habitats be restored, but we question how they will be protected from thousands of visitors. Our chapter will need monitors to ensure the project is successful.

FORT ORD CONSERVATION OUTING: On May 17, here's a chance to get into an area of Fort Ord that has been off limits to the public since 1917. It will be a 90-minute walking tour inside the historic Impact Area to learn about the burn program and munitions clean up. It begins at 9:45 am to Noon and is limited to 100. For a reservation call Melissa Broadston at 831-393-1284 and for more information go to fortordcleanup.com.

FORT ORD BUS TOUR: On August 23, the Fort Ord semi-annual bus tour will focus on habitat management, prescribed burns and munitions clean up. There will be an open house from

7am to 1pm with the bus tours at 10:00am and 11:45am. For a reservation call Melissa Broadston at 831-393-1284 and for more information go to fortordcleanup.com.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: Our chapter needs eager volunteers for our Conservation Committee. Any effort, from just writing comments, to researching an issue, to organizing people's responses to, or to presenting testimony will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Bob Hale at 656-3108, hale@nps.edu or Chris Hauser at 392-6931 or chauser@slconservancy.org.

ARTICLES, ETC.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

For many years now, Corky Matthews has been our stalwart Conservation Chair. We are now a Conservation Committee consisting of Corky, Bob Hale and Rosemary Foster. If you would like to participate, please join us, whether it is ongoing or one issue that is important to you.

CENTRAL COAST RARE PLANT TREASURE HUNTS 2014

Join CNPS for some rare plant hunting in the Ventana and Silver Peak Wilderness of Monterey County! For details, go to: <http://www.cnps.org/cnps/rareplants/treasurehunt/calendar.php> and check the calendar for these and even more events.

May 13th-15th – Lost Valley Loop Backpack

May 23rd – 25th – Tassajara Hot Springs Backpack

June 21st – 22nd – South Coast Ridge Botanical Mountain Biking and Day Hikes

July/August Dates TBD – Ventana Double Cone Backpack

TWO EXCITING PROJECTS NEED YOUR HELP

The Boy Scouts are asking for help in surveying the rare and endangered Dudley's Lousewort (*Pedicularis dudleyi*) as well as doing a plant survey of the camp.

Our chapter has been eager for many years to know the range of this rare plant along the Little Sur river corridor. By following the State CNPS's Rare Plant Treasure Hunt protocols vital missing data would be available for the state's database on rare and endangered plants.

Corky Matthews did a plant survey in 1988 that can serve as a good starting place for an updated survey. If you would be interested in taking on either of these projects or joining someone else in a project please contact Beth Benoit at 394-4234 or bthbenoit@yahoo.com.

WANTED

Do you have natural history field guides you no longer use—local guides to: birds, reptiles, flowers, trees, butterflies, mammals, mushrooms, geology? The local Boy Scout Camp is trying to put together a Nature Library and would welcome any books that you would care to donate. Bring them to the next CNPS meeting or give me a call at 394-4234 and I will pick them up...Beth Benoit.





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