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Monterey Bay Chapter

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The Sierra Nevada Mountains as Seen From the Pacific Crest Trail

General Meeting Speaker: Chris Hauser

The Sierra Nevada Mountains form some of the most rugged and diverse botanical regions in California, with a diversity of climate zones and plant communities. Botanists often describe the vegetation patterns in these mountains by describing an imaginary west-to-east cross-section across the mountains, in which elevation and rainfall influence the vegetation patterns. In this talk, we also will explore the way the vegetation and geology change along a south-to-north transect, as seen from a hike along the Pacific Crest Trail, which runs along the spine of the Sierra Nevada Mountains along its 2,650-mile route between Mexico and Canada.

Chris Hauser has lived in the Monterey area with his wife and two children for about 9 years, and currently works for the Santa Lucia Conservancy where he manages the land stewardship program on the Santa Lucia Preserve. He enjoys hiking, camping and gardening with his family, and recently has started taking lightweight long-distance backpacking trips to explore large wilderness areas. Over the course of his life, he has backpacked about 1,000 miles in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, and he hopes to eventually hike the entire 2,650 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail.

General Meeting • Thursday, May 12

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

Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History



SPECIAL REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

Our Chapter has openings for several jobs which are listed under 'Articles, Requests, Etc.' on page 3. If you enjoy CNPS events and people, please become a volunteer to help out—it would be greatly appreciated.

CALENDAR of FIELD TRIPS & EVENTS

Sunday, May 1 Field Trip & Pot Luck
Upper Garzas Creek Hike/BBQ Potluck

Join Al Washburn and his sidekick Bruce Delgado at Al's cabin in the woods along Garzas Creek at 2,000 feet altitude. You'll have your choice of a gentle walk along the creek or a more strenuous hike up the steep surrounding hills. There will be beautiful waterfalls and riparian habitat, lush ferns, wildflowers, and probably a few mosquitoes. Meet at 9am sharp at the gated entrance to Santa Lucia Preserve on Rancho San Carlos Road. 4WD useful but not required; carpooling a must. Bring potluck lunch items to share around a cooking fire. Return ± 3pm. Dogs OK. Contact Al at awashburn8@comcast.net or 373-4873 for a reservation.



Andy Werner pauses to enjoy the beautiful scenery and wildflowers on his recent Mount Madonna field trip. Photo by Roger Merle

Thursday, May 5 Field Trip
Point Lobos Bird Island Trail & Geology Discovery

Join Jerry Loomis on a "questions encouraged" CNPS/Sierra Club discovery walk in Point Lobos. 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 Point Lobos for 22 years and currently is a docent there. 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—limit of 8.

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Friday, May 6 **Field Trip**
Little Sur River Hike

Our easy hike of about 5 miles is through a redwood sorrel blanketed serene redwood forest along side the Little Sur River—basic paradise. If our timing is right, we'll see star flowers, inside-out plants and red Clintonias in bloom! Arrive early: we depart at 9:30am from the Rio Road Park & Ride—all wheel or 4WD vehicles best for the 7 mile rough road to trail-head. Can you help drive? Bring water and lunch. Call leader Lynn Bomberger at 375-7777 for a reservation—limit of 8.

Saturday, May 7 **Education**
Sudden Oak Death Blitz

Come join the 6th Annual Carmel Valley Sudden Oak Death Blitz organized by UC Berkeley. We will teach people how to identify and sample for the pathogen responsible for SOD. Participants will leave fully equipped to take leaf samples from anywhere they want, all at no cost! Data generated by the BITZES is made public through the web at www.sodmap.org. Contact Kerri Frangioso at kfrangioso@ucdavis.edu for a reservation. We'll meet in Garland Ranch Regional Park Meeting Room (museum), Carmel Valley at 10am to finish ± noon.



Two participants on Lynn Bomberger's Garzas Creek field trip are admiring the beautiful tiny star flower. Photo by Lynn

Saturdays, May 7 & June 4 **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 by 1pm—we'll return ±4pm. All supplies provided. Bring a friend, water and a snack. For details, contact Bruce Delgado at bdelgado62@gmail.com or 277-7690

Saturday, May 14 **Field Trip**
Late Spring Wildflower Tour, Fort Ord Nat Monument

BLM and CNPS volunteer David Styer and BLM botanist Bruce Delgado will lead this driving/hiking tour of late spring wildflowers. Total hiking 2 miles. We'll visit splendid vernal pools, oak woodland, maritime chaparral, and native grasslands where innovative habitat restoration and both goat and

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sheep grazing are on-going. Bring water and lunch. Meet before 10am inside Imjin Office Park located at 940 2nd Ave, Marina (BLM's new office northeast of REI). Early departures not possible due to locked gates—we'll finish ± 3pm. Call Lynn at 375-7777 for a reservation—limit of 30 people.



Participants on Sue Hubbard's Beginning Wildflowers field trip check out a beautiful tiny wildflower. Photo by Sue

Sundays, May 15 & June 19 **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 by 11am—we'll return ±2pm. All supplies provided. Bring a friend, water, and a snack. Contact Bruce Delgado at 277-7690 or bdelgado62@gmail.com for details.

Wednesday, May 18 **Field Trip**
Santa Lucia Preserve Field Trip with Chris Hauser

Chris Hauser, botanist and director of land stewardship for the Santa Lucia Conservancy, will lead a CNPS/Sierra Club field trip in the Santa Lucia Preserve. We'll walk along the Williams Canyon dirt road to observe the beautiful plant communities and to see what's blooming. Bring water, lunch and wear good walking shoes. We'll meet by 9:30am at the Santa Lucia Conservancy office at 26700 Rancho San Carlos Road, a quarter mile south of Carmel Valley Road. Call Lynn at 375-7777 for a reservation—limit of 15.



Chica, Ed Mercurio's very cute new dog, was our mascot on Lynn Bomberger's early wildflower outing at Toro Park. Photo by Cari Christensen

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Saturday, May 28 **Field Trip**
Chews Ridge Wildflowers with Michael Mitchell

Join Michael Mitchell, co-author of *Wildflowers of Garland Ranch—a field guide* and the second edition of Corky Matthew's *The Plants of Monterey County—an Illustrated Field Key* on this special traditional outing. As the highest public road in Monterey County, Chews Ridge always offers a unique variety of plants. 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—we'll return ± 5pm. All wheel or 4WD vehicles are recommended. Call Lynn for a reservation at 375-7777—limit of 12.

Thursday, June 9 **Field Trip**
Evening Soap Plant Quest

This 5½ mile hike with 700 feet elevation gain in Toro Park takes us through a forested valley along the Ollason trail, then up to oak dotted grasslands. If we are lucky, we will see soap plants blooming—they bloom in the late afternoon and evening. If not, we'll have a nice late day walk in the woods. Bring water and dinner. Arrive early; we depart at 4:30pm from the dirt parking area outside Toro Park. Call leader, Lynn Bomberger at 375-7777 for a reservation—limit of 8.

Sat-Sun, June 11-12 **Wildflower Show**
MPPRD's 17th Annual Wildflower Show at Garland Park

Festivities will be at Garland's Visitor Center 10am to 4pm celebrating the diversity of wildflowers at Garland! Our volunteer naturalists collect and display wildflowers from Garland Park, the Frog Pond Preserve and Marina Dunes Preserve. The exhibit is FREE! Saturday afternoon there will be a wildflower walk and the Visitor Center will be open both days for new exhibit viewing. Sunday afternoon there will be a demonstration on "*How to Harvest Rainwater*" by Roger Manley. To learn more about the activities and to register visit: www.mprpd.org or call 831-659-6065. Garland Ranch Regional Park is located at 700 West Carmel Valley Road.

Sunday, June 12 **Field Trip**
Soberanes Point Flower Walk

Join leader Bob Hale for an easy walk around the coastal bluffs of Soberanes Point and nearby coastal chaparral with an

optional short detour to a monkey flower slope. A wet winter should yield a brilliant display of flowering shrubs. We'll also look at the progress of our chapter's stewardship projects on the Point. Easy 2½ miles with ±250 feet elevation change, but perhaps a bit of low poison oak. Bring water, snack and a windbreaker. Meet and leave from Rio Road Park and Ride at 9am—return around noon. Call Lynn, 375-7777 for a reservation—limit of 8.

ARTICLES, REQUESTS, ETC.

MEETING FACILITATOR—HELP WANTED

Calling all energetic CNPS membership meeting attendees! Your kind actions are requested for setting up 2 tables for the books, staging for the speaker, and additional chairs for last minute arrivals who run fashionably late. If you are willing to help coordinate behind the scenes to communicate availability, arrive early or stay late, your support will be greatly appreciated. Ideal candidates will be willing to commit to at least one year of membership meetings (six meetings) occurring in the odd-numbers months. Please contact Chapter President Chris Hauser at chauser@slconservancy or 392-6931 for details. Thanks!

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET
SOME VERY INTERESTING PEOPLE**

Do you like meeting interesting people? CNPS Monterey needs a Program Chair—one who will host speakers for our meetings every other month. This is a fun way to get involved with CNPS. Please call Lynn Bomberger at 375-7777 or Carol LeNeve at 624-8497 for more information.

CONSERVATION CHAIR REQUEST

Our chapter is in need of volunteer help to address the many varied conservation challenges such as the ones described in our Conservation Reports. Please contact Bob Hale at 656-3108 or hale@nps.edu for your valued input.

OUR REVISED COUNTY BOOK

THE book, *The Plants of Monterey County, an Illustrated Field Guide* by Mary Ann Matthews and Michael Mitchell, is now available at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, Wild Bird Haven and Pilgrim's Way Bookstore.





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July/August	Monday, June 13

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