



*Special Plant Sale Issue, September 21*

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## All In On Redbud's Online Fall Plant Sale!

We're getting ready even more plants than last year, and bringing in more plants, in anticipation of Redbud's upcoming online Fall Native Plant Sale. In this newsletter, you'll find everything you need to know to get the best selection of plants! So read this carefully, add our dates to your calendar, and build a plant list (or several). Start getting excited, as the plant sale is just around the corner!



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*Coyote mint (*Monardella villosa*) is among the featured plants at our upcoming plant sale. All photos in this newsletter depict other featured plants. (See even more in our most recent newsletter). Coyote mint is a magnet for swallowtails and other butterflies.*

## All About the Plant Sale

### By the Plant Sale Committee

#### Overview of Plant Sale

Let's start with the big picture of the plant sale. We're using the same [Redbud store](#) we used last year (actually, an improved version, as we've worked with the state CNPS office to fix most issues that came up during our spring sale). It will open when the sale opens, not now; this is how we control sale timing, as well as continue to add inventory! We've also posted our [plant list](#) on our [Plant Sale page](#).

We'll begin with two special **days just for CNPS members, from 9 a.m. on Wednesday, September 29, until 5 p.m. on Thursday, September 30.**

The Fall Plant Sale will be open to the **general public from 9 a.m. Friday, October 1, to 5 p.m. Saturday, October 2.**

As soon as you complete your plant purchase, you'll be prompted to sign up for a pick-up time. Pick-up times, available via sign-up only (using SignUp.com), are Friday, October 8, and Saturday, October 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Make Your Plant List

Preparing a list of plants you want to buy is essential to getting as many of the plants you like as possible. You can download our [plant list](#) now. As in years past, we'll likely need to make a few last-minute adjustments because of availability. You can use our [plant list](#) and [Calscape](#) to plan what to put on your list. Our [custom Calflora list](#) is great (no cultivars, as Calflora focuses on plants that occur in nature). Be ready to buy the plants you'll want!



*Pacific coast iris hybrid comes in a wide array of colors.*

Some species have sold out early in the past; we've tried to have more plants of those species. Nonetheless, as happens at many native-plant sales, some species for which we have only a few plants will sell out quickly. Our best advice is to make sure you're a CNPS member, and, as they say, "**shop early for best selection.**"

#### Make Sure Your Membership is Current

To shop as a CNPS member, you must be a current member. If you want this option but haven't joined yet or your membership will expire before the end of October, join right away. (Detailed directions follow.) Then forward your membership receipt to our Membership Chair, Diane Wetzel, [redbudchapter@gmail.com](mailto:redbudchapter@gmail.com) by September 24 at the very latest. Please include your name and phone number in your email, and let us know if this is a new membership or a renewal.

If you think you're a member but you're not sure, **check now to make sure your membership is current through the end of October.** Your membership card has the expiration date, or log in to [www.cnps.org](http://www.cnps.org) and click "My Profile " in the upper right corner. You may also contact our Membership Coordinator, Diane Wetzel, at [redbudchapter@gmail.com](mailto:redbudchapter@gmail.com).



*Both mugwort (Artemisia douglasiana) (on left) and white sage (Salvia apiana) (on right) are often grown for their ethnobotanical properties. Both these species have been grown by our home propagators.*

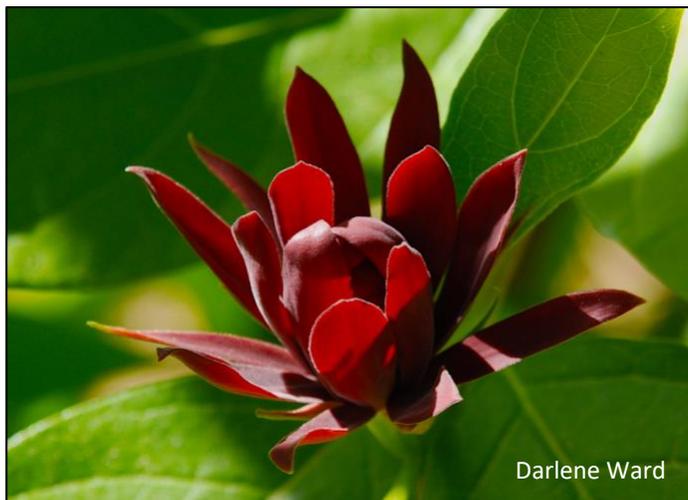
To check membership status online, and to join or renew:

- Log in to [www.cnps.org](http://www.cnps.org).
- Click "View and update your user profile."
- Scroll to near the bottom, to "Membership Information." Read what's next to "Status."
- If it reads "Current Member," and the "Expiration" is October 31 or later, you're all set.
- If not, at very top of page, click the icon for "California Native Plant Society."
- Click "Join/Renew" on top right. If you are logged in, it will know who you are, and you can renew. If not, it will ask you to join.
- Renew/join. Select the amount you choose to give for your membership. Complete the process.
- When you get to the Transaction Summary, check your email. You should quickly get a receipt from CNPS. Forward it to [redbudchapter@gmail.com](mailto:redbudchapter@gmail.com) **by 5 p.m. on Friday, September 24.** We ask you to do this because it takes about three weeks for membership info to get into the CNPS database and sent to our chapter, and we don't want you to miss out! Thanks!
- If your membership is current but you have an updated email address, please let us know at [redbudchapter@gmail.com](mailto:redbudchapter@gmail.com) **by 5 p.m. on Friday, September 24.**

If you'd like to shop at the Redbud fall sale as a member, and you're a CNPS member but not a member of the Redbud Chapter (Redbud is not listed as your primary or secondary chapter), please email an image of your CNPS membership card to [redbudchapter@gmail.com](mailto:redbudchapter@gmail.com) by 5 p.m. on Friday, September 24, with permission to add you to our newsletter subscriber list (if you like).

### Members-Only Sale

- We will open the Redbud store at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Sep 29.
- **We can accept orders for the members' sale ONLY between Wed., Sep 29 at 9 a.m. and Thu., Sep 30 at 5 p.m.** Pacific Daylight Time (PDT). We will process orders in the sequence received. This process is designed to ensure fairness to all. Please do not ask for exceptions.
- You will need to pay for your order, via credit card only, at the time of sale.
- We will check each order against our roster of current Redbud members. If you're not a current member, your order cannot be processed. If you do submit an order, it will be refunded and you will need to submit your order during the sale to the general public.
- Please be aware that plants in your cart aren't reserved for you & can be purchased by other customers who check out before you do.
- As soon as you complete your purchase, you'll see the link where you should reserve a time to pick up your plants October 8 or 9. Via that link, you'll see the address where you'll pick up your plants.



*Western spicebush (Calycanthus occidentalis) is a locally native shrub with large, very aromatic flowers. Locate where it will get at least a bit of afternoon shade and at least some regular water.*

### Sale to General Public

We'll open up the Redbud store again, for **sales to the general public, from 9 a.m. Friday, October 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, October 2.** Most of the same directions apply as to the members-only sale.

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### Plant Pick-Up

As previously mentioned, plant pick-up will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, October 8, and Saturday, October 9. You must sign up for a time slot to pick up your plants; if you show up to get your plants without an appointment, they won't be ready and you'll disrupt the schedule for all! (If you have trouble with the sign-up process, please email [nativeplanthelp@redbud-cnps.org](mailto:nativeplanthelp@redbud-cnps.org) with your available times.) The pick-up site is near Bennett and Brunswick in Grass Valley; you'll get the address when you choose a pick-up time. We'll have signs out to make it easy to find. Everyone at the site, volunteers and customers, will follow COVID-safety guidelines, including wearing masks at all times. See our [customer COVID procedures](#).

### We've Fine-tuned Our Online Plant Sales

We hope you're thrilled to have a chance to select from so many native plants! We understand that some folks may miss the thrill and excitement of our live sales of native plants — we do, too.



*We'll have all four species of milkweed that are native to Nevada and Placer Counties — showy milkweed (*Asclepias speciosa*) (left), narrow-leaf milkweed (*Asclepias fasciculatum*) (right), heartleaf milkweed (*Asclepias cordifolia*), and Kotolo milkweed (*Asclepias eriocarpa*). All but Kotolo milkweed are native to both counties; Kotolo is native just to Nevada County.*

Online sales do have advantages. The store provides detailed plant descriptions and gorgeous photos of each species for sale in our Redbud store, primarily by Nancy Gilbert and Shane Hanofee. This gives you more information and more time to explore the available species so you can make great selections from the comfort (and pandemic safety) of your home.

In the past year, we've learned that holding plant sales via our online store has also meant that we can accomplish the plant sale with fewer volunteers...and less chaos. And no waiting in line for tallying and checkout! We also have gathered information about which species are highly desirable, so we have grown — and ordered from growers — many more of your favorites.

By the way, if you aren't able to buy all the plants you want, you can send your wish list to [nativeplanthelp@redbud-cnps.org](mailto:nativeplanthelp@redbud-cnps.org), and we'll aim to make them available in the future!

And now, enjoy shopping for plants!



*Hooker's evening primrose (Oenothera elata) is a tough local perennial herb (so it dies back completely in winter but "springs" back); it is very adaptable and easy to grow. We'll have plenty of these available at the plant sale.*



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