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The New Calscape: A Hands-on Program

Monday, February 10

Keying Session 6:00 pm

General Meeting 7:00 pm

Door prizes!

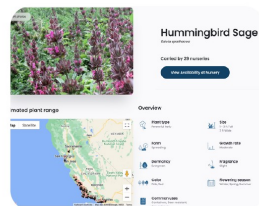
NEW LOCATION!

Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History 1305 East Cliff Dr.

Have you checked out the new Calscape? This CNPS website is California's most popular way to learn about our native plants, especially for gardeners. Come to our February 10 General Meeting and hear about all the benefits it offers. Bring your laptop, tablet or phone to this special hands-on program that will guide you through exploring and using the new Calscape.



Calscape.org is a unique online tool that lets you discover which plants grow native to your specific location. Use it to build plant lists for your garden, see growing instructions, and find native plant nurseries and landscape professionals near you.



KEY FEATURES

- Discover plants native to your area
- See detailed profiles of every plant
- Get personalized recommendations with our new Calscape Garden Planner

... and so much more!



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TO GET STARTED



Calscape has long been helping gardeners create wildlife habitat, save water and resources, and bring California's natural beauty to their gardens. A vibrant redesign has made this resource even more useful and inspiring—showcasing over 8,500 native plants and cultivars, providing free gardening designs, a garden planner tool, a native plant nursery directory, and help in finding native plant landscaping professionals.

Our presenter, Maya Argaman, will walk you step by step through various Calscape features, such as searching for plants by criteria like plant community, garden location, and garden needs; creating plant lists; and reserving plants for pickup at a nursery. You can start a wish list for our April 12 Spring Plant Sale!

Many CNPS members are already using Calscape and loving it. If you are one of them, join us, learn about new features, and help others who are just beginning.

Maya Argaman is Horticulture Senior Program Coordinator for the California Native Plant Society. Maya graduated from UC Davis with a degree in Environmental Science and Management. Before CNPS she worked for the Bureau of Land Management in New Mexico and the Forest Service in the Sierras. Maya has been part of the Calscape team since 2023, helping build new content, recruit nurseries and landscape professionals to the new directories, and helping spread the word about the new Calscape. See you there!

Prez Sez

Winter is a time for rest, and provides us more solitude to contemplate our personal progress with newfound insights and increased resilience. With this season of reflection, we can consider our successes and areas where we chose to maintain the status quo.

In the natural world, plants and animals experience a form of dormancy during this period, representing the circle of life. Soon, this phase of rest ends with signs of spring rejuvenation, warmer and brighter days. Manzanita, flowering currant, fetid adder's-tongue and silk tassel have started to bloom, so get out there and enjoy your favorite trails, the natural beauty and peaceful feeling!

The February 10 meeting will include the installation of the Board slate. Check page 2 for the list, and see if any of the open positions look like a good fit for you. We welcome your involvement and depend on membership support for our many ongoing projects.

This year I'll be stepping down as President, and look forward to continuing in other chapter roles, and helping with the transition of new Officers and Board Members. I'm deeply grateful for your support and trust over the years, and can't wait to see what the chapter's next leaders will achieve together.

Linda Brodman

Save the Dates!

General Meeting, Monday April 7

"The Land Trust of Santa Cruz County: Connecting People to Land Preservation Since 1978." Speaker: Mark Bibbo, Conservation Project Manager for the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, and Conservation/Rare Plants Committee Lead Santa Cruz County Chapter CNPS.

Spring Plant Sale, Saturday April 12

9:00 am Cabrillo Horticulture

Our biggest sale of the year! Come early for good selection. Cabrillo College will also be holding their sale, with plants and herbs to get spring vegetable gardens started, and many succulents.

Habitat Restoration Projects

Restoring native habitats in the parks and protected lands of Santa Cruz County

Location to be determined; call or email for information

Saturday, January 25, 10 am to 1 pm

Saturday, February 1, 10 am to 1 pm

Wednesday, February 12, Special project *** Time TBD

Saturday, February 15, 10 am to 1 pm

Saturday, February 22, 10 am to 1 pm

We are a volunteer group working to restore native habitat in the parks and protected lands in Santa Cruz County. Our program provides an opportunity for people to learn about the natural systems that surround them while helping to restore special and wild places. No prior work experience is necessary, just show up at the event.

We welcome individual volunteers from 8 to 80 years, as well as special group projects. Wear comfortable layered clothing, bring something to drink, and lots of enthusiasm! We work rain or shine, but if things get particularly unpleasant, we call it a day. Tools provided; bring gloves.

Please contact Restoration Program Leader Linda Brodman for questions: (831) 334-3858, or redwdrn@pacbell.net

Board Elections Coming Up!

Board elections will be held at the February 10 general meeting. We encourage you to help us fill four board positions: Vice President, Secretary, Programs, and Hospitality. If want to know more of what the job entails before you volunteer, please contact Linda Brodman, Laurie Kiguchi, or Julia Davenport.

Also, please consider joining in chapter activities, such as plant sales, field trips, and habitat restoration. It's a fun way to learn more about native plants, meet interesting people, and help local habitats stay robust and resilient. You can even join some of these groups without being a member.

Board Slate 2025

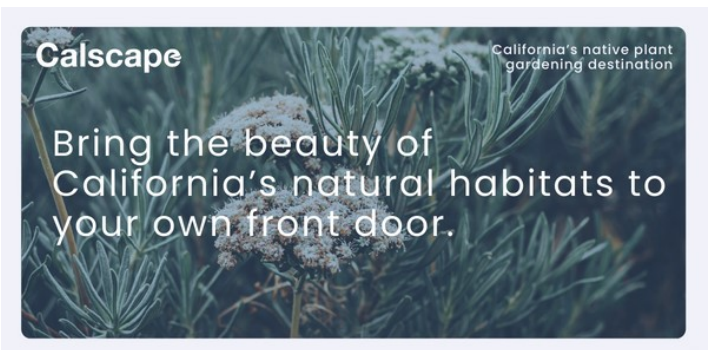
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From Foggy Hills to Sandhills



The oak woodlands in the Santa Cruz Mountains commonly feature coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*), Shreve oak (*Quercus parvula* var. *shrevei*), and blue oak (*Quercus douglasii*). Photo: Mike Heine

Over the last three years, a team of ecologists from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, UC Santa Cruz, and CNPS has been monitoring the regeneration of plant communities across the Santa Cruz County landscape, so severely burned in the 2020 CZU Lightning Complex Fire.

Check out Mike Heine's stunning pictorial essay on the recovery, in the Spring/Summer 2024 issue of *Flora*, available online. To find the article, go to cnps.org and search for "from foggy forest to sandhills".



Fragrant fritillary (*Fritillaria liliacea*) CRPR 1B.1, belongs to the lily family of native plants. It grows in chaparral and woodland habitats, often with serpentine soils. Photo: Mike Heine

Field Trips

Mt. Madonna with Lucy Ferneyhough and Grace Brieger, Saturday, February 15, 9:00 am

Join two botanists at Mt. Madonna County Park to look for fetid adder's tongue (*Scoliopus bigelovii*) on this five-mile hike. Bring water, layers, and lunch. Meet at the Henry Miller Site trailhead at the end of Pole Line Rd. Contact Grace Brieger at (650) 704-4346 for information and signup.



Fetid adder's-tongue (*Scoliopus bigelovii*). Photo: Linda Brodman

Ferns of Fall Creek with Deanna Giuliano, Sunday, February 23, 10:00 am

Come frolic in the forest of Fall Creek on a fern foray with Deanna Giuliano, where we will try to locate the fifteen species that grow in the park. Hike will be a leisurely three miles. Bring water, layers, and a lunch. Meet at the Henry Cowell State Park parking lot on Felton Empire Road in Felton. Heavy rain cancels. Limit fifteen people. Contact Deanna for information and sign-up, drosegiuliano@yahoo.com

Bonny Doon Ecological Preserve with Andy Werner, Tuesday, February 25, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

We'll hike around 4-5 miles in this fire-prone diverse Sandhills Preserve. We'll meet at the parking lot next to the Martin Rd. Firehouse. Bring lunch/snacks. From Hwy 1 take Bonny Doon Rd to Pine Flat Rd and quickly turn right onto Martin Rd. Go 1 mile to the Firehouse and park on the left. From Hwy 9, take Felton-Empire Rd to Ice Cream Grade and turn left onto Martin Rd. Go 1 mile to the Firehouse, parking on your right. Contact Andy Werner at apwerner44@gmail.com for information and signup. Limit 12 people. No dogs.

Henry Cowell Park with Andy Werner, Tuesday, March 18, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm

We'll hike 4-5 miles on terrain that is sometimes steep both up and downhill and there are sandy spots. Bring lunch/snacks, water, and hiking poles. The route will include most of the Pine Trail. Parking is free at the meetup spot, which parallels Graham Hill Rd. Take Graham Hill Rd towards Felton and go past the Horse Grounds; to the right will be Treetop Dr. Soon after Treetop turn a hard left into the entrance of the driveway. Look for my tan Toyota Tacoma pickup. Contact Andy Werner at apwerner44@gmail.com for information and signup. Limit 12 people. No dogs.

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Your membership includes: *Artemisia* scientific journal filled with articles on all aspects of native plants, *Flora* magazine presenting statewide activities and schedules, and Santa Cruz County Chapter newsletter *The Cypress Cone*.

Fill out the form below or visit the state CNPS website (www.cnps.org) to join or renew your membership online. State your chapter affiliation as the Santa Cruz County Chapter.

Name: _____

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CNPS has thirty-six chapters throughout the state. Membership is open to all persons, professional and amateur, with an interest in California's native plants and other activities such as natural history, botany, ecology, conservation, photography, drawing, hiking, and gardening.

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