



March 2009

# The Bay Leaf

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 25, 6-7:15 pm (prior to Membership Meeting),  
Garden Room, Orinda Public Library.

### Native Here

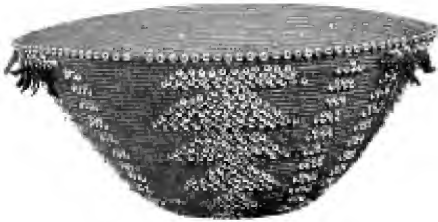
Tuesdays 12 noon-3 pm, Fridays 9 am-12 noon, and Saturdays 10  
am- 2 pm. (see page 2)

Planning Meeting for 2009 Plant Fair, Saturday, April 4, 9:00 am,  
Native Here Nursery (see page 4)

### Membership Meetings

Wednesday, March 25, 7:30 pm, Garden Room, Orinda Public  
Library (see below)

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING



### Indian Baskets of Central California

Speakers: **Ralph and Lisa Shanks**

### Wednesday, March 25, 7:30 pm

Location: Garden Room, Orinda Public Library (directions be-  
low)

Is it any real surprise that California native plants form the basis  
for our state's first and greatest Native American art form? Every  
Native American basket was created using a remarkable and fasci-  
nating array of native plants. California Indian baskets have a rich  
heritage thousands of years old and comprise the finest basketry in  
the world. These fascinating baskets achieve their beauty because  
our rich flora was combined with the artistic talents and cultural  
needs of the diverse First People of California.

What an unexcelled combination: the most complex Native Ameri-  
can cultural region interacting with the flora of California. Each  
Indian basketry tradition reflects the plants of the region where

### Field Trips (see page 5)

Saturday, March 14, 9:30 am, Las Trampas Regional Park (see page  
5 for exact meeting location)

Sunday, March 22, 2:00 pm, Bird Trail, Chabot Regional Park

### Bringing Back The Natives Garden Tour (see page 6)

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the baskets were created. And how surprising these baskets are:  
there are baskets so small they can sit on the head of a pin and some  
so large it took four strong men to carry them when filled. Many  
kinds of baskets were used by both women and men throughout  
all aspects of their entire lives. To make these baskets required  
great knowledge of California native plants. No wonder California  
Indian people became expert ethnobotanists.

Ralph Shanks, M.A., author of *Indian Baskets of Central California*,  
will present a beautifully illustrated slide show on the Indian  
baskets of California. Ralph is president of the Miwok Archeologi-  
cal Preserve of Marin (MAPOM). He has a long-time interest in  
native plants dating from his first published article in *Fremontia*,  
in Vol. 1, No. 1. Lisa Woo Shanks is a USDA Natural Resources  
Conservation Service area resource conservationist who covers  
environmental projects in the Bay Area and Delta. She is an editor  
and photographer and will show you slides of many of the finest  
and rarest Indian baskets ever created, including seldom-seen very  
early baskets from East Coast and European museums. The Shanks  
will emphasize native plant uses in Indian basketry and the role  
both plants and baskets play in California Indian life yesterday and  
today. The Shanks will have copies of their beautiful book, *Indian  
Baskets of Central California* (see review in *Fremontia*, Summer  
2007), available for sale and signing after the presentation.

East Bay CNPS membership meetings are free of charge and open  
to everyone. This month's meeting takes place in the Garden  
Room of the Orinda Public Library at 24 Orinda Way (in Orinda  
Village). The Garden Room is on the second floor of the build-  
ing, accessible by stairs or an elevator. The Garden Room opens

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at 7:00 pm; the meeting begins at 7:30 pm. Light refreshments will be available. Please contact Sue Rosenthal, 510-496-6016 or [rosacalifornica@earthlink.net](mailto:rosacalifornica@earthlink.net), if you have any questions.

Directions to Orinda Public Library at 24 Orinda Way From the west, take Highway 24 to the Orinda/Moraga exit. At the end of the off ramp, turn left on Camino Pablo (toward Orinda Village), right on Santa Maria Way (the signal after the BART station and freeway entrance), and left on Orinda Way.

From the east, take Highway 24 to the Orinda exit. Follow the ramp to Orinda Village. Turn right on Santa Maria way (the first signal) and left on Orinda Way.

Once on Orinda Way, go 1 short block to the parking lot on the southeast side of the two-story building on your right. There is additional free parking beneath the building as well as on the street.

From BART (4 blocks): Exit the Orinda station, turn right and cross

a pedestrian bridge, then cross a second pedestrian bridge on the left. Go 1 short block on the sidewalk to the third pedestrian bridge. Go 2 blocks on Orinda Way to the Orinda Library.

### Upcoming Programs

Wednesday, April 22, 2009, 7:30 pm, (Orinda Library Garden Room)

David Ackerly: California's Changing Climate—Effects on Endemic Plants

Wednesday, May 27, 2009, 7:30 pm

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## NATIVE HERE NURSERY

**Support our Chapter's activities by shopping at Native Here!**

### Sales Help Needed for Sunday, March 29

Native Here Nursery is scheduled to be part of the Growing Natives Symposium <http://www.nativeplants.org/symposium2009>, with a talk by Charli Danielsen in the "amphitheatre" and the nursery open for symposium registrants from 2:15 to 3 pm.

A minimum of two volunteers will be needed to help Margot write up sales, and there will probably be lots of questions from the visitors. Two more volunteers will be needed to help with traffic and parking. Volunteers will need to be at the nursery by 1:45 and expect to stay until 3:45. To volunteer, contact the nursery at [nativehere@ebcnps.org](mailto:nativehere@ebcnps.org) or 510-549-0211, or sign up when you come in to shop, or volunteer during regular hours.

### Tuesday afternoons at Native Here

Now that Native Here is open from noon to 3:00 pm on Tuesdays, several volunteers are coming regularly to pot up plants, weed, water, move plants, groom plants, and all the other nursery tasks. Customers are finding it a good time to call about availability and to come pick up plant orders.

There are still opportunities to shop for plants or volunteer on Friday mornings from 9 until noon, and Saturdays between 10 am and 2 pm. We now have two college students interning on Fridays, which has lowered the average age of volunteers significantly.

It's not all work. Volunteers talk about an amazing variety of subjects, and all take time to observe what's going on with the wildlife that surrounds us in Tilden Park.

### Nature observations at the nursery

At the end of January buckeyes started leafing out and pink-flowering currant started to bloom. A red-tailed hawk was chased by two crows. The warm weather at the end of January and beginning of February made the birds sing. Chickadees flitted in the small oaks, calling to each other. Song sparrows sang in the coyote bush on the other side of the nursery fence and flew into the nursery to take baths in the pans underneath the 15-gallon pots. They and other birds landed in some 1-gallon pots in the Briones section and dug around in the soil. Not good for the plants, so we have to scare them away and put netting over the plant cages.

We accept used pots during our open hours on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. We reuse some of them and put the rest in the bin just outside the top gate. Anyone is welcome to take pots from this bin to use for their own planting projects.

### Featured Plant for March 2009

Our featured plant this month is *Ranunculus californicus* (pictured below, photo by Janice Bray). We have an abundant supply of these perennials in 4" and 1-gallon size pots. Imagine your garden in spring with beautiful yellow buttercups! Come to the nursery and make your garden dreams come true.



All of the previously featured plants: *Cornus sericea*, *Oemleria cerasiformis* (October, 2008); *Quercus agrifolia* (November, 2008); *Physocarpus capitatus*, *Ceanothus gloriosus exaltatus*, *Arctostaphylos bakeri* 'Louis Edmonds' (December, 2008); *Aesculus californica* and *Cupressus sargentii* (January, 2009) remain available.

We still have a dollar special on vine maples and now offer the same special on the rest of our All California plants. Buy one plant for the

## MEMBERSHIP NOTES



Leslie Hunt (pictured above, photo by Brad Heckman), a resident of Walnut Creek and East Bay Chapter member, tells about her involvement with native plants:

Inspired by an article I had read about prairie restorations around Chicago my husband Bill and I started doing habitat restoration with the Nature Conservancy at their Cosumnes River Preserve in Galt, California in 1989 or '90 (<http://www.cosumnes.org>). At that time that was the closest place for us to be able to take an active part. We were thrilled when we heard about Ralph Kraetsch starting the WC Open Space Foundation's Oak Habitat Restoration Project in 1991. Commuting to Galt was a bit much, and now we could volunteer in our own back yard, Walnut Creek. We then found out about Charli Danielsen's Mitchell Canyon bunchgrass project and thought this would be a great place to help out as well as learn more about restoration.

regular price and get the second (same species) plant for \$1. In addition to the *Ceanothus*, *Arctostaphylos* and *Acer* species mentioned above, we have other plants in our All California section, including *Eriogonum arborescens* and a species of *Mahonia*.

Charli Danielsen and Margot Cunningham

In 1991 I was appointed to a task force to develop a master plan for restoring the creeks in downtown Walnut Creek. After the City Council adopted the plan, the task force evolved into Friends of the Creeks <http://www.friendsofthecreeks.org/>. This organization does the annual creek cleanup; habitat restoration, principally arundo removal and maintenance in the Civic Park butterfly habitat; and various political work to advocate for creeks when development is proposed.

Ralph Kraetsch soon began to experiment with growing native grass in addition to planting acorns, and I followed along with him. I learned about the concept of "native here" from Charli Danielsen of Native Here Nursery. It fit with my own inclinations and I have used it in all the restoration work I've done.

After about ten years, Bill started a project to create a nature area in Heather Farm Park. That meant we had to figure out how to grow a large volume of grass and get them planted. One year we had 18,600 grass seedlings in our back yard . . . and not much else. After that we dialed it back to what we and an army of volunteers could comfortably plant in a winter.

Shortly before I retired, I started my own grass project in Shell Ridge Open Space using the techniques we had developed for Bill's project.

Now we both needed flowers to go with the grass, but I couldn't grow them successfully. What to do? I had read about Native Here Nursery in the *Bay Leaf* over the years and I had retired recently, so the solution was obvious – volunteer and get an education. People were generous with their knowledge, and I got far more than I could ever have expected. Besides planting and potting up, I was soon going on seed collecting trips and working on another aspect of my education – how, when, and where to collect the seeds I needed to do restoration. I knew about the most common ones, but there's a lot more to a habitat than that.

A year or so ago, six of us coalesced into a group that works in the Walnut Creek Open Space every week doing various aspects of habitat restoration – everything from seed collecting to weed removal, site preparation, and planting. We also propagate the seeds we collect, so now my back yard is full of flowers and shrubs. In addition to propagating for our own projects, we also support the Heather Farm project with flowers and shrubs, and to some extent the quail habitat group although they plant mostly from seed.

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Our current project is restoring Bayberry Pond in Lime Ridge Open Space. We inventoried the native plants on site and did research to see what Species of Concern we could help. We got a grant to help defray the expense of deepening the pond. We developed a planting plan with riparian, grassland, and chaparral elements (to take advantage of a July 4 fire). We have started to plant the things we grew for this site – toyon, elderberry, and grass – and seeds of various other species.

Since the propagation activities are taking over my back yard again – and it really would be nice to get it landscaped with some native plants that would stay awhile – I applied for a grant to build a small native plant nursery.

I have also helped the City of Walnut Creek this winter with botanical information for two grant applications they wrote to finance a Creek Walk project in Civic Park. Among other things, the project will expand the riparian habitat in the park.

A third area in which I work on habitat restoration is the Iron Horse Advisory Committee, a body appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The trail corridor will not be planted entirely with natives, but the committee's vision for it was to be a wildlife corridor, and the plant palette consists of wildlife-friendly and climate-appropriate species. This is not hands-on work like my other activities, but more policy-making and approval of others' plans. And of course habitat restoration is not the only issue the committee deals with, although it is an important one.

During the time I've been doing habitat restoration, I've been politically involved as well – as a Transportation Commissioner, a Planning Commissioner, and a member of the Bicycle Advisory Committee in Walnut Creek, as well as my current involvement with the county Iron Horse Advisory Committee. It's a course I would recommend to others for two reasons – you learn how to be a more effective advocate, but best of all, you can vote for the environmental issues you care about.

My involvement with EBCNPS and the Open Space Foundation came together last year when we worked together with Save Mount Diablo and the City of Walnut Creek on protective measures for

the two new species discovered on Lime Ridge.

My primary affiliation is with the Open Space Foundation because its principal activity is habitat restoration, although it also has political and educational components (like most other environmental organizations). The Foundation is usually engaged in two or three major habitat restoration projects and a minor one or two.

I've been a member of CNPS since 1991. I try to spend a morning working at Native Here every 2-3 weeks and I do seed collection for the Nursery.

*Leslie Hunt*

If you would like to be featured in this column please send me a write up of yourself, and your CNPS experiences. A photo would really capture your moment. We are open to all ideas. [elainejx@att.net](mailto:elainejx@att.net) & [carollbcastro@hotmail.com](mailto:carollbcastro@hotmail.com)

*Spring is just around the corner and EBCNPS members have been invited to participate in several events. Being invited to table at these important community outreach activities is an honor we try not to pass up. Please volunteer where you can to help us share our mission.*

Saturday, April 11th, 11 am to 4 pm Spring Wildflower Festival, at Sunol Regional Wilderness, Sunol

Saturday, April 18th, 10 am to 4 pm John Muir Birthday - Earth Day Celebration, John Muir National Historic Site, Martinez

Sunday, April 19th, 11am to 4 pm Lamorinda Earth Day, Stanley Middle School, 3455 School Street, Lafayette

Saturday, June 13th, 11 am to 4 pm Heritage Day at Borges Ranch, Walnut Creek

*Elaine Jackson and Carol Castro*

## PLANNING MEETING FOR 2009 PLANT FAIR

Plans are under way for another Plant Fair at Native Here this fall. An initial meeting was held in February, and another is planned for Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

The nursery will be open for business at 10 on that day, so the more formal part of the gathering needs to be done by then. Participants are welcome to stay and work on things in the nursery afterwards.

Tuesday afternoons at Native Here are also good times to catch the Plant Fair co-chairs, Gudrun Kleist and Charli Danielsen.

There is need for a variety of skills and talents to fill committee assignments. Although some of the categories have been filled, skills in communicating with vendors and the public are always welcome.

For more information, e-mail [volunteer@ebcnps.org](mailto:volunteer@ebcnps.org) with 'Plant Fair Committee' in the subject line.

*Charli Danielsen*

## FIELD TRIPS

### **Saturday March 14 9:30 am, Las Trampas Regional Park**

Pete Veilleux will lead this trip to a relatively unknown and underused park with its transitional flora that includes both interior East Bay species as well as plants that do not venture far inland from the Bay. Meet at Pete's nursery, East Bay Wilds, so that we can carpool to the trailhead and not overwhelm the ranch where we start. We'll hike up through the ranch for about 1/2 mile, and then we'll enter Las Trampas and hike up into the canyon until we reach some cliffs and a cave or two. We will head back around 2:00 or 3:00 pm, depending on how the group feels.

**Directions:** From points west and north, take 580 east to Castro Valley, and take the Castro Valley Blvd./Crow Canyon exit. Go left at the end of the ramp and turn right at East Castro Valley Blvd. Take another right at Crow Canyon Road, and then turn left at Cull Canyon Road. Drive to milemarker 2.45 (number of miles from turn onto Cull Canyon Road). As you approach the milemarker, look for a big green water tank up on the hill at the right. There is a large chain-link gate to the right immediately past the milemarker. Head up through the gate and park to the left, where the road forks to the right.

From points east, go west on 580 to Castro Valley and take exit 37. Turn left at East Castro Valley Blvd, and then turn right at Crow Canyon Road. Drive to mile marker 2.45, and as you approach the mile marker you should see the big green water tank on the hill. There is a large chain-link gate near the mile marker. Head up through the gate and park to the left, where the road forks to the right.

### **Sunday, March 22, 2:00 pm, Bird Trail (Chabot Regional Park)**

This short (about 1/2 mile, with insignificant elevation gain) trail is a botanically interesting transition zone between redwood forest and mixed evergreen (mostly oak/bay) forest. At this relatively early in the season date, there will be Osoberry, Flowering Currant, Gooseberries, and lots of Western Leatherwood in bloom, along with early wildflowers such as *Trillium chloropetalum*.

The trail starts close to the MacDonald Staging Area in Chabot Regional Park off Redwood Road in Oakland.

## SAN FRANCISCO FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW

The San Francisco Flower and Garden Show ([www.gardenshow.com](http://www.gardenshow.com)) has been a major horticultural event in the Bay Area for years. CNPS will have a booth this year to promote the use of California native plants in gardens and to publicize CNPS. Five local chapters are sharing the cost of the booth. We will need volunteers to staff the booth for a couple of hours. Volunteers get free entrance and can stay the whole day.

The five-day show will be held March 18-22, 2009 at the San Mateo County Event Center. (Note this is a new location. It was previously held at the Cow Palace.) Show hours are: 10 am to 8 pm Wednesday through Saturday and 10am to 6 pm on Sunday.

**Directions:** to get there from the northern east bay, get on 13 South (Go east on Ashby Avenue in Berkeley, for example) and take the Redwood Road exit. From Oakland, go east on 35th Avenue (which turns into Redwood Road). From the southern east bay, take 580 west to 13 north, and exit at Redwood Road (immediately after the junction). From San Francisco, take the Bay Bridge, staying to the right (but do not go to San Jose). Take 580 East, and then 24 East (towards Walnut Creek). Take the 13 South exit from 24 and take the Redwood Road exit.

Once on Redwood Road, go east (uphill). At the top of the hill you will cross Skyline Boulevard and pass various equestrian facilities. Go down into the valley. About two miles from Skyline Boulevard, turn right into the MacDonald Staging Area parking lot. (It is a large lot and you cross a bridge over a creek; there is a small lot about 1/4 mile to the north which is not the correct place; if coming from the north you reach the entrance to Redwood Regional Park on the left, you have gone about 1/4 mile too far.)

Walk takes place rain or shine. Please contact David Margolies, 510-654-0283, 510-393-1858 (cell), [divaricatum@gmail.com](mailto:divaricatum@gmail.com) if you need further information.

### **Saturday, March 28, 10 am-approx 4 pm (not including driving time to & from Napa Co)**

This is a driving tour of a beautiful northeastern portion of Napa Co known for its wildflower displays. We hope to see such special plants as the endemic St Helena fawn lily, fritillaries, *Lewisia rediviva* (deep pink variety), etc. Carpooling is a must because parking will be limited at most stops (4-5 car minimum). Sign up at [pogogyne1@yahoo.com](mailto:pogogyne1@yahoo.com) before Saturday, March 21, and we will put you in touch with other participants so you can organize your carpools. This will be an all-day driving trip with a number of stops along the way, and a few short walks. Bring lunch, snacks, liquids, and appropriate attire (layers for cold or heat, raingear if it looks threatening). Heavy rain cancels. Leaders: Celia Zavatsky (East Bay CNPS) and Jake Rugyt (Napa County CNPS).

The Chapter would like to have two people at the booth throughout the show. There are four 2 ½ hour shifts Wednesday through Saturday and four 2-hour shifts on Sunday. Couples and friends are encouraged to sign up for a shift together.

**Transportation:** There is great public access via Cal Train, a shuttle from BART, and parking is only \$8/day.

Please contact Ellen Edelson, who is organizing the booth, if you would like to help staff the booth or if you have some good ideas for the booth. She is from the Yerba Buena chapter of CNPS. She can be reached at 415-531-2140 or at [e.edelson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:e.edelson@sbcglobal.net).

## 2009 CNPS CONSERVATION CONFERENCE REPORT

Three Cheers for the 2009 CNPS Conservation Conference! After about eighteen months of tireless work by volunteers and staff throughout the state, CNPS can rest easy that the 2009 Conservation Conference was nothing short of a great success. About 900 attendees participated in the conference that featured opportunities to convey the importance of conservation through many different communication media; oral presentations, posters, letters to the President, poetry, field trips, photography and art. The conference was organized into sessions that included climate change, planning tools, land management, equal protection for plants, rare plants, restoring rare plants, assessing and mitigating impacts, and a regional session on the Central Coast and Valley that I had the pleasure of chairing.

Our chapter alone had some two or three dozen attendees including Delia Taylor, Heath Bartosh, Sue Bainbridge, Charli Danielsen, Bob Case, Lee McCaffree, Bruce Pavlik, Laura Baker, Sandy McCoy, Barbara Leitner, Charli Danielsen, David Amme, Sue Rosenthal, Holly Forbes, Erin McDermott, Diana Benner, Lynn Talkovsky, Barbara Ertter, Susan Spiller, Sally and Elsa deBecker, Roy West, Roy Buck, Doug Johnson, Bertha McKinley, Elaine Jackson, Mike Perlmutter, Carol Baird, Alan Harper, Alison Green, Todd Keeler-Wolf, Dean Kelch, Malcolm Margolin, Staci Marcos, Alan Harper.

(Sorry if we've missed anyone here!) The conference supplied ample time for people to catch up with old friends, meet new ones, and generally become inspired by the work of so many people throughout the state. At this conference, we also acknowledged Amanda Jorgensen, our past Executive Director, passing the torch to Tara Hansen, the new CNPS Executive Director. I had the pleasure to meet Tara among all the hustle and bustle of the conference and I hope that everyone can help her learn about the capacity and history of our rich organization.

I think a number of us were moved by Jerome Ringo. As the keynote speaker on the first day, he challenged us to communicate our message to demographic groups that we have not reached in the past. Each CNPS activity that we undertake in the East Bay—conservation projects, hikes, publications, events, horticulture, and plant science—all serve our goal of getting basic science about native plants distilled into effective planning and management and protection of our native flora. Although we may never rival groups like Sierra Club and Audubon in membership, our group is an indispensable resource for enjoying and protecting our Californian landscapes and their wonderful flora.

*Lech Naumovich*, Chapter Conservation Analyst

## BRINGING BACK THE NATIVES GARDEN TOUR

Registration for the Fifth Annual Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour, which will take place on Sunday, May 3, 2009, is now open at [www.bringingbackthenatives.net](http://www.bringingbackthenatives.net). This free, award-winning tour features 50 pesticide-free gardens that conserve water, provide habitat for wildlife, and contain 50% or more native plants.

The Native Plant Sale Extravaganza will take place throughout the weekend of May 2 and 3. Please go here for details: <http://www.bringingbackthenatives.net/plantsale.html>.

Gardens are being sought for the May, 2010 Tour. The application can be found here:

<http://www.bringingbackthenatives.net/hostapp.html>.

*Kathy Kramer*

Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour Coordinator

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## ACTIVITIES OF OTHERS

### Regional Parks Botanic Garden's Native Plant Sale

**Saturday, April 18, 2009, 10 am to 3 pm.** The Botanic Garden is located at the intersection of Wildcat Canyon Rd. & South Park Drive near the Brazil Building in Tilden Regional Park in Berkeley (admission is free). California shrubs, trees, perennials. Find many plants that are not available in a nursery. Horticultural advice gladly given! Please bring boxes to carry home your treasures and an umbrella if it rains. Refreshments available. Proceeds directly benefit the Garden. [www.nativeplants.org](http://www.nativeplants.org) 510-841-8732 or 1-888-327-2757 press option #3 ext. 4507

### California Academy of Sciences

Come join us every 3rd Saturday of the month in the Botany Department at the California Academy of Sciences. Volunteers will help prepare plant specimens for botanical research and have fun interacting with others interested in botany. We will train plant mounters in the techniques used here at CAS. To sign up contact Rosalind Henning; 415-379-5111, [rhenning@calacademy.org](mailto:rhenning@calacademy.org).

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**Dates:** March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, 2009, 9 am to Noon, and/or 1pm to 4pm Be sure to let us know you're coming. [www.calacademy.org](http://www.calacademy.org).

**Workshops at the Jepson Herbarium** ([ucjeps.berkeley.edu/workshops/2009/index.html](http://ucjeps.berkeley.edu/workshops/2009/index.html))

**California Biogeography and Phylogenetics**, March 7, 2009

**Introduction to Morphology and Identification of Flowering Plants**, March 21–22, 2009

**Fifty Plant Families in the Field**, March 28–29 and April 4–5, 2009



# Vegetation Sampling in Maritime Chaparral Mt. Diablo State Park March 21, 2009

Please join the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) for a Vegetation Sampling Field Trip in Mt. Diablo State Park, Contra Costa County

**This 1-day trip will focus on fine-scale vegetation sampling in maritime chaparral plant communities**

**Who should attend?** Professional botanists, ecologists, resource managers, and conservationists. Participants should have basic plant identification skills.

**Trip leaders:**

Erin McDermott, East Bay Chapter Vegetation Chair  
Julie Evens, CNPS Lead Vegetation Ecologist  
Jennifer Buck, CNPS Vegetation Ecologist

**Location:**

Mt. Diablo State Park is located east of Walnut Creek in the San Francisco Bay Region. There is a parking fee for any car entering Mt. Diablo State Park. *You may want to carpool.* General: \$7.00 per car. Senior (62+): \$6.00 per car.

**Meeting place :**

Curry Point Trailhead parking lot at 10 am

To get there from Interstate 680 take exit 40 for El Cerro Boulevard in Danville and head east. Take a slight left onto Diablo Boulevard. Travel 2.2 miles and turn left onto Mt. Diablo Boulevard. Mt. Diablo Boulevard will turn into South Gate Road as you climb up the mountain and pass the ranger's kiosk. Curry Point Trailhead is on the right side of the road on a hairpin curve to the left. The trailhead is 5.4 miles from the left turn onto Mt. Diablo Boulevard at the bottom of the hill.

### Equipment list

**Please bring the following equipment/supplies:**

- Clipboard
- Notebook and pencils
- Sturdy boots and field clothes appropriate for conditions
- Water
- Bag lunch
- Snacks

**Optional items**

- Compass and/or clinometer
- Binoculars
- Digital camera
- GPS unit

**rsvp/questions/carpool information:**

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## **Restoration Projects**

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Gawthrop  
Point Isabel—Tom and Jane  
Kelly  
Strawberry Creek—Tom and  
Jane Kelly

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*Committees are formed based on chapter needs and the interests of volunteers. Proposals for committees and projects are welcome and will be considered by the Board.*

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\_\_\_\_ Student, Limited income, \$25

\_\_\_\_ Individual, Library, \$45

\_\_\_\_ Household, Family, or Group, \$75

\_\_\_\_ Supporting, \$75

\_\_\_\_ Plant lover, \$100

\_\_\_\_ Patron, \$300

\_\_\_\_ Benefactor, \$600

\_\_\_\_ Mariposa Lily, \$1500

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