

The BAY LEAF

October 2001



California Native Plant Society • East Bay Chapter • Alameda & Contra Costa Counties

Calendar of Events

October 6 & 7

Saturday  Sunday

35th Annual Sale of Native Plants

Saturday 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday 9 AM - 1 PM

(See page 2 for details)

October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, TUESDAYS:
■ **Seed collecting** from Native Here Nursery (see p. 3).

October 3, WEDNESDAY:
■ **Board of Directors' meeting** at the CalFlora Office, 937 San Pablo Ave., Albany (between Marin Ave. and Solano Ave.). 7:30 p.m. All members welcome.

October 5, 12, 19, and 26, FRIDAYS:
■ **Native Here Nursery open**, 9 a.m.-noon (see p. 3).

October 6, 13, 20, and 27, SATURDAYS:
■ **Native Here Nursery open**, 10 a.m.-1 a.m. (see p. 3).

October 8, MONDAY:
■ **Deadline for November Bay Leaf**: Give items to Joe Willingham.

October 9, 16, 23, and 30, TUESDAYS:
■ **Work sessions to begin preparations for the 2002 plant sale**, 9 a.m.-noon (see p. 2).

October 20, SATURDAY:
■ **Field trip to Joaquin Miller Park** (see p. 4).

October 24, WEDNESDAY:
■ **Membership meeting** (see below).

October 27, SATURDAY:
■ **Field trip on fire ecology at Mt. Diablo** (see p. 4).

October 31, WEDNESDAY:
■ **Seed sowing**, 1 p.m. Native Here Nursery (see p. 3).

November 7, WEDNESDAY:
■ **Board of Directors' meeting** at the home of Phoebe Watts, 1419 Grant St., Berkeley. 7:30 p.m. All members welcome.

Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 24 ♦ 7:30 p.m.

Speaker: Linda Ann Vorobik

Production Trilogy: Assembling Botanical Illustrations, Watercolor Plant Portraits, and Fremontia

You key a plant in the *Jepson Manual*, you write on a lovely note card, you read *Fremontia*: how are the images and text created, and what does "publication" really involve? Linda Ann Vorobik, botanist, illustrator, and *Fremontia* Editor, describes the process of her work, from pencil to CD-ROM burner, with examples from her

latest projects. By using examples from the new *Jepson Desert Regional Manual*, she describes how the final 110 electronic illustration plates were assembled from scans of the original *Jepson Manual* illustration plates and new drawings. With her botanical watercolors (several framed paintings will be displayed), she shows how such plant portraits are created. Finally, Dr. Vorobik reviews how your CNPS journal *Fremontia* is assembled and solicits your input for future issues.

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CNPS Sale of Native Plants ✧ October 6 & 7 ✧ Saturday & Sunday

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Our 35th annual plant sale is being held Saturday and Sunday, October 6 and 7, during the times listed above at Merritt College.

During the week prior to the sale volunteers will be on hand Tuesday through Friday, finishing the preparation. Come up and help out. There are always last-minute tasks to do, and it is a perfect opportunity for you to preview this year's plants.

We still need workers during the plant sale. If you have helped in the past, you should have received a reply postcard last month. If you did not, or if you would like to volunteer for the first time, please call Shirley, (925) 376-4095 or Phoebe, (510) 525-6614.

A list of plants and a locator map will be available at the sale. Plan to pay for plants with cash or check.

A wagon, boxes, and a friend are all helpful in handling your purchases, and come early Saturday morning for a full selection.

Our apologies . . . after promising native bulbs, we have been unable to connect with a timely, reliable source to have them available the first week in October.

After the Sale

Our Tuesday work sessions resume:



October 9, 16, 23, and 30
9 a.m. to noon
Merritt College Landscape Horticulture Area
(same location as plant sale)

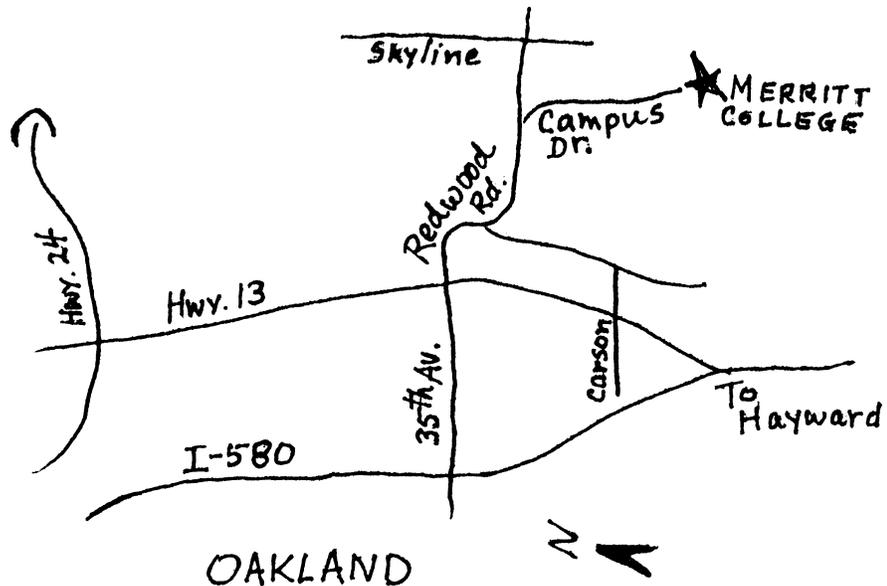
A CHANGE!

As in years past, we will be selling plants remaining from the big sale, through the winter—but we need time to re-organize the nursery and take a break.

Please wait until NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, and JANUARY to come in on Tuesday mornings to buy for your winter plantings.

Quantity purchases will receive discounts.

. . . Shirley McPheeters, (925) 376-4095



Membership News

We had games and prizes at our tables at two events in September—the Poetry Flash Environmental Watershed Festival in Berkeley and the Solano Stroll in Albany and Berkeley. Many thanks to Elaine Jackson, Isabella Salavery, Ken Lowney, Phoebe Watts, Daniel Gluesenkamp, Barbara Ertter, and my family, (John, Ryan and Gavin) who helped out in many ways.

We had a weed quiz and grass word games that intrigued many people. Prizes included plants from Native Here!, discounts to the October sale, bumper stickers and beautiful botanical cards by Linda Ann Vorobik, professional artist and editor of *Fremontia*.

Help Needed

TABLE HELP: We would like to be present at many festivals and events around the Bay Area. It is interesting and fun to greet people and introduce them to native plants. We have an attractive display which draws people and reference books for questions we can't answer. An hour or two is all that is needed, then we get to visit the festival.

Help is also needed to help reach out to new and continuing members. A monthly MAILING PARTY would really help me keep up with my duties to greet new members and enlist active supporters. Time and place to be at the convenience of all involved. There will be goodies to eat and drink! Please contact Delia Taylor at 527-3912 or deliataylor@mac.com

Membership Meeting

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Dr. Vorobik has been a part of large botanical projects for several years (*The Jepson Manual* as Principal Illustrator, *The Flora of Santa Cruz Island* as Principal Illustrator and Page Designer, *The Flora of Yosemite National Park* as Technical Editor, etc.). She is now Illustrations Editor for the two *Flora North America* grass volumes as well as *Fremontia* Editor. She resides in Berkeley, where she is a Visiting Scholar at UC, and in Washington state, where she is a Visiting Scholar at UW.

The meeting will take place in the Conference Center of the University of California Botanical Garden on Centennial Drive, east of Memorial Stadium, above the main campus of the University of California in Berkeley. The Garden gate will open at 7 p.m. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. CNPS books and other publications will be on display and available for purchase. Please contact Holly Forbes, 234-2913, if you have any questions.

Native Plant Restoration

Native Here Nursery

Seed collection continues through October. Meet at the nursery gate on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. Plan on 3-4 hours depending on destination. Bring water, dress for protection from poison-oak, brambles and insects. Gloves are helpful in handling some seed capsules. On Wednesday, October 31 (Halloween), help is needed to sow many of the seeds collected earlier this year. Many of the shrub seeds have been stratifying and will be ready to sow out then.

Come in to buy plants anytime the nursery is open. We also have gift certificates available for birthdays, holiday presents, wedding gifts, etc. Hours are 9-noon on Fridays, 10-1 on Saturdays. The nursery is at 101 Golf Course Drive in Tilden Park. Follow the signs to the golf course; it's right across Golf Course Road.

. . . Charli Danielsen

Native Plant Restoration Team

There will be no Team day in October; instead, everyone is encouraged to volunteer and shop at the annual Chapter Plant Sale.

Join the San Pablo Watershed Awareness Program (SPAWNERS) folks for a work party at the El Sobrante Library on Nov. 3. We will be planting more natives in our Demonstration Garden and continue the never ending task of pulling Algerian ivy.

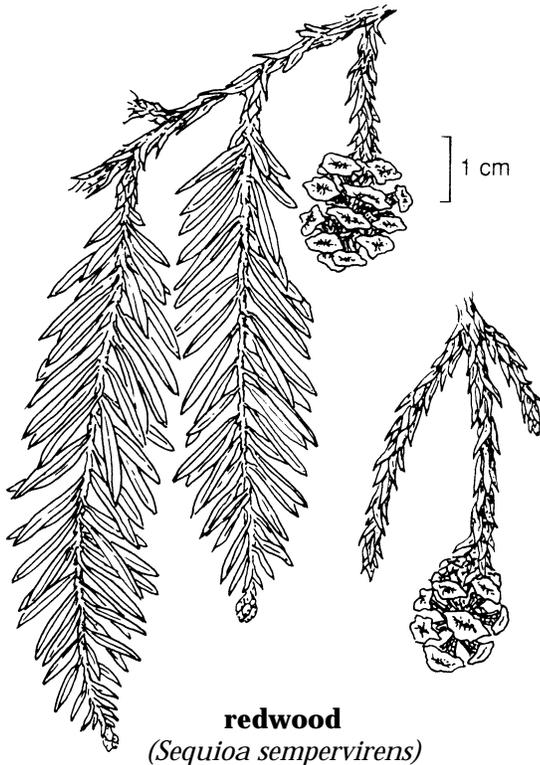
Meet directly at the site on Nov. 3, at 10 a.m. The El Sobrante Library is located on Appian Way at the intersection with San Pablo Dam Road. Take the El Sorante/Dam Road exit off I-80, go east on the Dam Road for about 2 miles. Turn left onto Appian Way (just past the Ace Hardware Store on your left), then immediately left onto Garden Lane and left into the library parking lot. We have some tools and gloves to lend but you are encouraged to bring along a favorite garden tool. No RSVP is necessary. Call Gudrun Kleist at 222-2320 for more information. Thanks to Gudrun for hosting this work party!

. . . Noah Booker

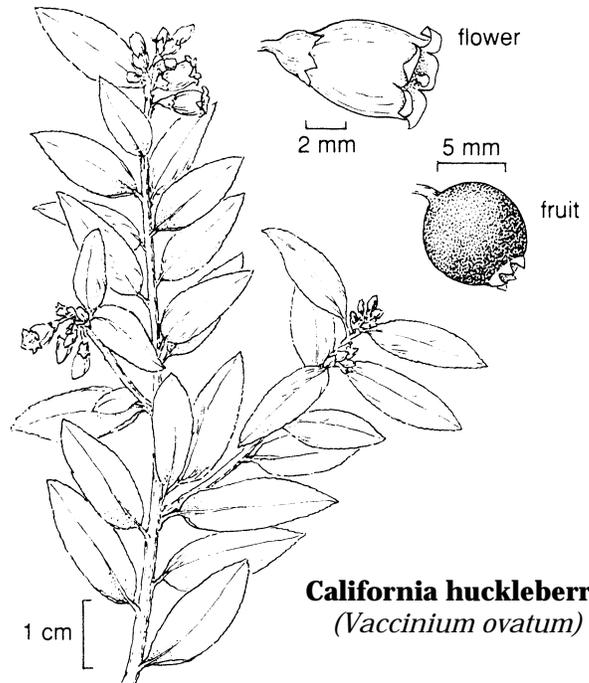
Field Trips



Saturday, October 20: A late-season hike through **Joaquin Miller Park** will provide an opportunity to experience second-growth remnants of the East Bay's own native redwood forest, once home to perhaps the tallest redwoods ever recorded. Not many wildflowers are likely to be in bloom, but the moderate hike will present a selection of native understory species (huckleberry, wild-ginger, wood rose), and discussion of the threat posed by a multitude of invasive non-natives. Both the protected redwoods and the non-native trees are in part the legacy of Joaquin Miller, "Poet of the Sierras," whose estate became the nucleus of the present park, owned and managed by the City of Oakland. Meet 9 at a.m. at the Sequoia-Bayview trailhead on the north side of Skyline Blvd., about 1/3 mile northeast of Joaquin Miller Rd. (access from Hwy. 13/ Warren Freeway). There is no parking lot at the trailhead, but adequate parking exists on both sides of Skyline Blvd. Bring water and lunch for an estimated half-day hike.



Saturday, October 27: **Fire ecology of the Inner Coast Ranges.** In October, Californians are even more keenly aware of wildland fire than usual, especially those of us in the East Bay. After all, the Berkeley/Oakland firestorm is only a decade past and still fresh in our collective memory. However, fire is not only to be feared, but also to be respected, understood, and even welcomed. Wildfires have been a natural feature of California for millennia. Join us for a presentation on the fire ecology of the Inner Coast Ranges with Ranger Carl Nielson, who is in charge of prescribed burns at Mt. Diablo State Park. We will



meet at Rock City where Carl will begin with a short slide show illustrating fires past and present, their effects on the different plant communities of the mountain, and how fire is used as one of the management tools for the park. Afterwards he will lead us on a short 1-1.5 mile hike on Wall Point fire road where he will show us how rejuvenation has begun after a recent fire in that area.

The hike will end around 12 noon when Carl will leave us to attend to his other park duties. The rest of the trip is optional. We can drive to the summit of Mt. Diablo, have lunch with a view (bring your own-lunch, that is), then hike the short Fire Interpretive Trail around the summit. This trail has posted self-guided tour plaques and is accessible to the disabled. Also, you may want to check out the bookstore in the Summit Museum, as it has recently been revamped and expanded, and is one of only two bookstores managed directly by the State Park system (the other is at Anza-Borrego State Park).

Directions: Meet at 10 a.m. at Rock City. Take I-680 to El Cerro Blvd. in Danville. Proceed east on El Cerro one mile to join Diablo Rd. Proceed east on Diablo Rd. two miles to Mt. Diablo Scenic Blvd. Turn left (north) on Mt. Diablo Scenic Blvd. (which becomes South Gate Rd.) for approximately three miles to Rock City. No reservations required. We will go rain or shine, so dress appropriately. If the park entry booth is open, there is a \$2 entry fee, so you may want to carpool. If you have any questions, call Celia Zavatsky, 548-8554 or Janet Gawthrop, 654-3066.

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New Membership Application

The California Native Plant Society is open to all. The mission of the California Native Plant Society is to increase understanding and appreciation of California's native plants and to preserve them in their natural habitat through scientific activities, education, and conservation. Membership includes a subscription to the quarterly journal *Fremontia*.

Name _____

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I wish to affiliate with:

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Other _____

Mail application and check to:

Membership Chairman, California Native Plant Society, 1722 J St., Suite 17, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Membership category:

Student, Retired, Limited income, \$20

Individual, Library, \$35

Household, Family, or Group, \$45

Supporting, \$75

Plant lover, \$100

Patron, \$250

Benefactor, \$500

Life, \$1000

Activities of Others

The U.C. Forestry Club presents a lecture by Connie Millar, paleobotanist, titled "**Climate Change and California Ecosystems: Potential Impacts and Adaptation Options**" on October 11 at 7 p.m. in 132 Mulford Hall, on the UC Berkeley campus.

The Nature Conservancy and California Native Grass Association will conduct a **tour of grasslands** at Dye Creek Preserve in the Lassen foothills of northeastern California on October 20 for a day of beautiful scenery and native grasses. The tour will begin at the field station at 10 a.m. and end by 2 p.m. The tour will include high quality remnant grasslands, upland and riparian restoration sites, and areas managed with prescribed burning. Wear sturdy shoes or boots and pack water and lunch. Call (530) 527-0424 or e-mail phujik@jps.net to receive directions and to inform them of the number in your party.

Join Friends of Five Creeks in **removing blackberries, ivy, and other invasives** from lower Cerrito Creek, 10 a.m. Sunday, October 7, Saturday, October 27, Saturday, November 10 and Saturday, December 8. Meet at Creekside Park (the south end of Belmont St.) in El Cerrito. Bring work gloves and clippers, shovels, or mattocks if you have them. Information at 848-9358, f5creeks@aol.com, or www.fivecreeks.org.

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority offers free **home composting workshops**, basic and worm, on Saturdays in various locations. Composting is nature's way of recycling your fruit, vegetable, and yard trimmings into a rich soil amendment. For more information please call the "Rotline" at 444-SOIL. This agency is currently accepting applications for the annual **Master Composter Training Program**. Master Composters may

earn college credit upon completion of the program. Merritt College offers 3-units through the Landscape Horticulture Department. Cal State Hayward offers continuing education and graduate level credits. Now teachers can meet their continuing education requirements with this course. Classes will be held one night per week, and three Saturdays from February through May 2002. For an application, 444-SOIL or visit the agency's website at www.stopwaste.org. Applications must be received by January 18, 2002. Finally, the ACWMA Home Composting Program is **looking for an experienced environmental educator** or teacher with compost experience to train 25-30 Master Composter volunteers. This is a temporary, part-time contract position (25 hrs./week, October 1 through June, 2002). To download the job description/salary and get information on the application process go to www.stopwaste.org or call Teresa Eade at 614-1699.

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35th Annual

Native Plant Sale

See you there!

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