

The BAY LEAF

July/August 2000



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

Calendar of Events

- **There will be no Board of Directors' meeting in July or Membership meeting in July or August.**

July 7, 14, 21, 28 and
August 4, 11, 18, 25, FRIDAYS:

- **Native Here Nursery** open, 9 a.m.-noon (see p. 2).

July 8, SATURDAY and July 11, 18 and 25, TUESDAYS:

- **Propagation and planting sessions** for the October sale of native plants (see below).

July 8, 22 and August 12, 26, SATURDAYS:

- **Native Here Nursery** open, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (see p. 2).

July 11, 18, 25 and
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, TUESDAYS:

- **Native Here seed forays**, 9 a.m. (see p. 2).

July 7-9, FRIDAY-SUNDAY:

- **Field trip to Monitor Pass** (see p. 4).

July 9, SUNDAY:

- **Field trip to Maecedo Ranch area of Mt. Diablo** (see p. 4).

July 22, SATURDAY:

- **Field trip to Rock Creek area of the Sierra Nevada** (see p. 4).

August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, TUESDAYS:

- **More potting sessions** for the October sale of native plants (see below).

August 12, SATURDAY:

- **Board of Directors' meeting** at the Merritt College Landscape Horticulture Area, 9:30 a.m. until noon. All members welcome. Bring lunch if you are able to stay to do some potting after the meeting.

August 14, MONDAY:

- **Deadline for September Bay Leaf.** Give items to Phoebe Watts or Brett Boltz.

September 6, WEDNESDAY:

- **Board of Directors' meeting.** 7:30 p.m. Location to be announced.

Plant Sale Activities



Potting Sessions:

July: Saturday, July 8 and Tuesdays, July 11, 18, and 25

August: Tuesdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29
9 a.m.-noon

Merritt College Landscape Horticulture Area

We have many (hundreds!) of plants in 4 inch pots awaiting hands to move them into 1 gallon containers during July.

Come join in the fun. You are welcome anytime, for all or part of our work sessions.

Bring a bag lunch if you like: we'll supply the lemonade.

Don't forget two quarters for parking. (925) 376-4095 for further information.

Native Plant Books: We will have a used book section of our book sales table at the October plant sale. Please consider donating books related to growing, identifying, finding, etc., native plants. Cull your library shelves this summer and pull out the duplicates and the dated. Someone else will enjoy them and learn.

Bring them to us at Merritt on Tuesdays or call the above number to arrange for pickup.

The Plant Sale will be on October 7 and 8, 2000.

. . . Shirley McPheeters

Native Plant Restoration Activities

Native Here Nursery

Summer is not a great time for planting natives in the ground, but it is an excellent time to collect seeds, to move nursery plants into ever larger pots, and to just plain enjoy the outdoors at Native Here Nursery, located across Golf Course Drive from the Tilden Park Golf Course about a half mile south of Shasta Road.

Volunteers are encouraged to show up whenever an event is planned rather than calling ahead. We do not have a person to return phone calls at this time (any volunteers?) so leaving a phone message will not get a prompt reply. There is always a need for volunteers, especially now that several of the “regulars” are travelling.

Tuesday morning seed forays are impromptu trips to wherever seeds are likely to be ripe within the properties we have permission to collect from. Bring water and sun protection. Usually we return to the nursery by 1 p.m. If you need to leave earlier, you can drive separately. Locations are not announced in advance.

Although it isn't a good time to plant, summer is a good time to plan! If there are plants you'd like held for planting this fall, or seeds you'd like us to look for of plants you'd like to plant in 2001, come on by when the nursery is open. If you would like to collect seeds for us from your own property or neighborhood (with land-owner permission), feel free to contact Charli at home 525-9076 or by e-mail charlid@pacbell.net.

. . . Charli Danielsen

Native Plant Restoration Team

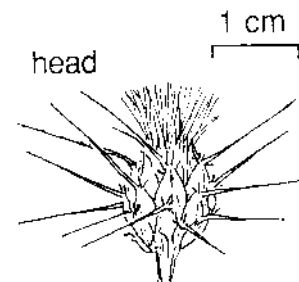
Yellow Starthistle time!

A dozen volunteers met on June 3 and pulled thousands of Yellow Starthistle plants at Oakland's Skyline Serpentine Prairie. We covered a large area, and were heartened by the good progress our work shows. The Team will return to the Prairie on Saturday, July 1. Meet at Native Here at 9:30 a.m. sharp, or at the Prairie at 10 a.m.

Meet Saturday, July 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the usual place: Native Here Nursery, 101 Golf Course Drive in Tilden Park, across from the Golf Course main entrance. Or meet us at 10 a.m. or a little after at the Prairie, south of the junction of Skyline Blvd. with Joaquin Miller Blvd., behind the old EBRPD's main office (easy to get to—take Hwy. 13 to Joaquin Miller, go east/up the hill, hang a left into the parking lot).

On August 5, the Team will join Susan Schwartz and an informal group of volunteers now in their third year of pulling Yellow Starthistle from Point Isabel to Aquatic

Out With This Menacing Weed!



yellow starthistle
Centaurea solstitialis

Park. Meet at 9 a.m. in Berkeley at the north end of Marina Boulevard (where Spinnaker Way goes west, at the entrance to Cesar Chavez Park). From there, we can easily pull either in the Eastshore State Park or Cesar Chavez, depending on which has the largest remaining problem. Or in both. Wear protective clothing—sturdy shoes, long sleeves and pants, a sun hat; bring water, lunch, gloves if you have them. We also have gloves and tools to lend. Would you like to be on our email list? No junk emails are allowed. Send me a note at casartunda@aol.com.

. . . Noah Booker

Remembering Es Anderson

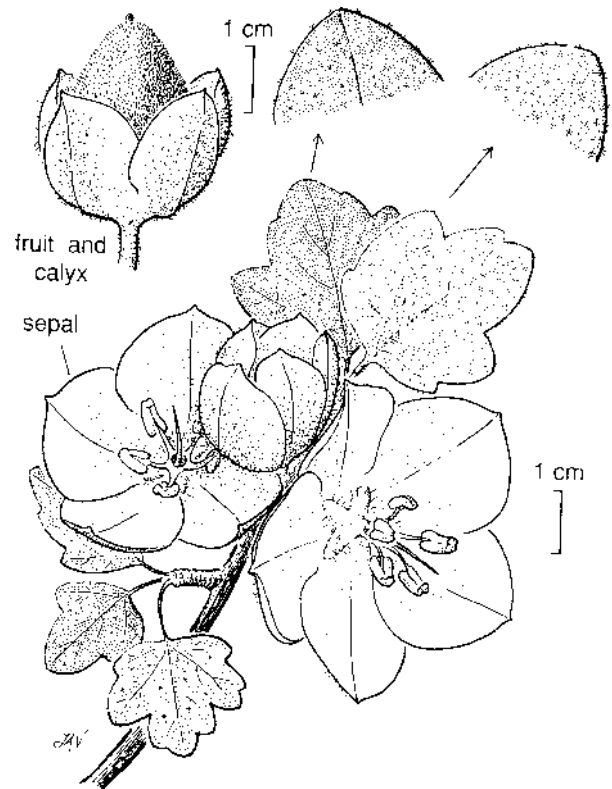
The East Bay Regional Parks Botanic Garden lost one of its best friends and most dedicated volunteers when Esperance (Es) Anderson died on April 15 from complications following a stroke. Es had been a committed and enthusiastic volunteer since the 1970s.

Es grew up in New Zealand with botanists and gardeners on both sides of the family. She and her husband John (Jock) came to Berkeley with young children when Jock became a professor of classical archeology at the University of California. Es had many interests about which she was passionate: grandchildren, horses, dogs, birds, butterflies, gardening, native plants. She raised abandoned baby squirrels as a volunteer for Lindsay Museum. Her latest passion was her brand new computer.

Es's varied interests inevitably became integrated. She came to her love of California's native flora through her love of birds. Wanting to create a garden to attract and sustain birds, she learned about plants that would provide food, nesting sites, or cover. She later did the same for butterflies and the plants on which they feed or lay eggs and then compiled the Garden's ever-popular lists of bird- and butterfly-attracting plants that can be grown by home gardeners. Her enthusiasm for the Garden spread to her children and grandchildren, who came to help with the plant sale each year. Es knew Tilden Park intimately and explored it on horseback as well as on foot.

There are tangible reminders of Es's many efforts on behalf of Tilden Park and the Botanic Garden. At the intersection of the Selby Trail with Shasta and Golf Course Roads, she and Jock planted a breathtaking native plant garden that has come to be known as "Anderson Hill" or "Es's Mountain." The most enormous and floriferous *Fremontodendron* in the park blooms on that corner. On and around the small hill that rises from the trailhead are many handsome and mature specimens of *Ceanothus*, *Arctostaphylos*, *Ribes*, *Iris*, *Artemisia*, *Garrya*, *Salvia*, and *Carpenteria*, to name just a few. Es also was instrumental in developing the butterfly garden at the Tilden Nature Area, and in establishing native plants around the Bird Rescue Center in Aquatic Park, Berkeley.

For some 20 years, Es has been "queen of the plant sale," coordinating the activities of propagation volunteers throughout the year as well as at the time of the sale. The volunteers have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Garden through the sale and provided essential equipment for the Garden staff, as well as funding for fieldwork and publications.



Fremontodendron californicum ssp. californicum

Contributions to the Garden in Es's memory may be made by sending checks payable to the Regional Parks Foundation to Steve Love, East Bay Regional Park District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, P.O. Box 5381, Oakland, CA 94605-0381. Please indicate that the donation is for the Botanic Garden's Es Anderson fund.

. . . Phoebe Watts

[Editor's note: This article was drawn from articles written for *Manzanita*, the newsletter of the Friends of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden, by Carrie Sprague and Sue Rosenthal. I thank them both. Any errors are my responsibility].



Field Trips



The Milo Baker Chapter invites other CNPS members to join a weekend adventure in the **eastern Sierra**, Friday to Sunday, July 7-9. On Friday afternoon, explore trails through Jeffrey pine forest and meadows. On Saturday, botanize around **Monitor Pass**, 8,000 feet elevation, an open sagebrush and meadow landscape fringed by groves of quaking aspen and enriched with desert and montane wildflowers. At Grover Hot Springs State Park, five campsites are reserved for Friday and Saturday nights. Camping fee is \$10/person for one night, \$15/person two nights. Each campsite has a firepit and grill, cupboards, bear-proof lockers and tables, and is near drinking water and restrooms (no showers). The park's mineral springs are channeled into concrete pools, where you can swim or just soak (\$4 for adults, \$2 children). Bring supplies for cooking. Each campsite accommodates a maximum of 8 people and two cars. Please carpool for this trip. Drivers of extra vehicles will need to arrange for offsite parking at the park and/or pay a fee.

Reservations can be made by sending payment (payable to CNPS-Milo Baker Chapter) to Peter Warner, 555 Magnolia Ave., Petaluma, CA 94952-2080. For more information contact leaders Peter Warner at (707) 763-7405 or <peterwarner@earthlink.net> or Ann Howald at 939-0775 or <annhowald@vom.com>.



Sunday, July 9, at 9 a.m. Kevin Hintsu will lead a half day field hike, about 3 1/2 miles, into the **Maecedo Ranch area of Mt. Diablo**. The field trip will cover a wide variety of species in riparian habitat and shaded canyons, including some late wildflowers. Birds abound in this area; binoculars are

recommended. Participants should be prepared for several stream crossings and some vertical gain. From the Hwy. 24/I-680 interchange, take I-680 south. Exit I-680 at Stone Valley Road, and go east on Stone Valley Road past a high school. Turn left at the intersection of Stone Valley Road and Green Valley Road, and follow Green Valley Road into Mt. Diablo State Park. You will reach the parking lot and the trail head at the end of Green Valley Road. Bring \$2 exact change for parking. Water and restrooms are available at the parking lot.



The East Bay Chapter invites all CNPS members for an overnight trip to the **Rock Creek area of the Sierra Nevada**, in Mono County. The one day hike starts at 10,300 feet elevation, but covers mostly level terrain. The field trip will cover both the high elevation forest of aspen, lodgepole and whitebark pine, and also alpine vegetation with wildflowers in bloom. *Sierra Nevada Flora*, by Weeden, and *California Mountain Wildflowers*, by Munz, describe much of the vegetation in this area. All interested participants should arrive near the site in Sierra National Forest on Friday, July 21, to adjust to the 9,000-10,000 feet elevation, and then carpool to the trailhead to start at 8:45 a.m. on July 22. Cathy Rose will lead the field trip from Mosquito Flat to Chicken Foot Lake. ALL INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS SHOULD CONTACT JANET GAWTHROP IMMEDIATELY AT (510) 893-3344 (work) OR (510) 654-3066 (home) OR EMAIL _janetg24@excite.com. PLEASE RESPOND NO LATER THAN JULY 11. We can probably accommodate a large number of participants, but will most likely cancel if we do not get at least 10 people.

Activities of Others

San Pablo Creek Watershed Awareness Program monthly meeting. Wednesday, July 5, 7 - 9 p.m. Maple Hall, One Alvarado Square, San Pablo. (13831 San Pablo Ave. at Church Lane). Brainstorm future watershed activities and discuss alternatives to toxic household cleaning products. Every participant will take home a Green Cleaning Kit of products that reduce pollution to the watershed. **San Pablo Creek Watershed Tour**. Saturday, August 12, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Discover the path San Pablo Creek follows from Orinda to the Bay. Learn about the natural history of the creek, hear about local projects and issues from representatives of EBMUD and CNPS and participate in hands-on activities. Lunch and transportation provided! \$10 registration fee. For more information about these activities contact Shannah Anderson, Aquatic Outreach Institute, 231-5704.

The Redwood-Sequoia Congress, sponsored by the Social Action Committee of the Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarians, will convene at the Fellowship, 1924 Cedar St., Berkeley (at Bonita) on Thursday, July 20 (Youth Day at the Congress), Friday, July 21 (Green Veterans' Day), and Saturday, July 22 (Activists' Day), from 9 a.m. until evening. Topics to be discussed include youth's role in stewardship of Earth, deforestation and its global consequences, and sustainable resources and jobs. For a complete program contact Richard Challacombe at 233-3175 or clairbooks@aol.com or see the website at www.tolivenow.com.

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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 _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Telephone _____

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East Bay Chapter (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties)

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

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Friends of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden sponsor the following: **Flora of the White Mountains.** Glenn Keator leads a trip to an area outstanding in its stark beauty, rugged terrain, varied geology, isolation and diversity of plant life, including the world's oldest trees, the bristlecone pines. Wednesday, July 12 to Monday, July 17. \$650 (\$200 contribution to Regional Parks Botanic Garden). Includes all meals at the research station, all accommodations, and instruction. Maximum 15. **Painting Native Plants and Butterflies.** Turn preliminary pencil drawings into color paintings. Detailed course outline, explanatory technique notes and supply list will be provided. Taught by Peg Steunenberg. Tuesday, July 25, Wednesday, July 26 and Thursday, July 27, 1-4:30 p.m. \$60 members/\$65 nonmembers. Maximum 15. For additional information about these courses contact Ron Clendenen, (925) 631-6614.

Wildflower and Landscape Photography, July 23-25. Steven Ruley, professional photographer and CNPS member, leads a workshop around Hope Valley and Carson Pass for beginners and advanced amateurs. \$140 (\$250/couple). For details and equipment list call (925) 449-2245.

Design with native Plants with instructor Katherine Greenberg will be offered at Merritt College on four Saturdays: August 26 and September 9, 16 and 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The class includes design concepts, information about plants, visits to native gardens and a native nursery, and a design project. Fee \$70. For more information call 436-2418 or 283-4322. To register, call 436-2413.

The CalFlora Database is hosting an Advisory Board meeting August 3 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. in at the Faculty Club at UC Berkeley. This meeting is open to those interested in developing CalFlora's photograph, species, or observation resources. CalFlora is available free online at <http://www.calflora.org/> For more information, call CalFlora at 510 528-5426 or email botanist@calflora.org.

The California Lichen Society will hold the first of a series of workshops on 'Usnea' on Saturday, September 23, 2000 at San Francisco State University in 401 Hensill Hall, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Doris Baltzo, member of CALS and a volunteer at the UC Berkeley Herbarium, will guide the workshop through Usnea morphology and terminology. Identified specimens will be available. The workshop will use various keys to identify your Usnea specimens. For further information, contact Judy Robertson at (707) 584-8099 or email at JKSRR@aol.com.

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