



Water-wise Plant Sale & Fair – Saturday, September 24, 9AM – 2PM
Clovis Botanical Garden, 945 N. Clovis Ave. (corner of Alluvial and Clovis Ave.)

Few plants are more water-wise than a California native in its appropriate community and that is why our chapter partners with Clovis Botanical Garden for this annual event.

Join us for our annual plant sale where Sequoia Chapter will feature California native plants from Intermountain Nursery, and Clovis Botanical Garden will offer other non-native, but water-wise plants.

In addition to urging you to come to the sale, we also encourage you to offer your help. Please consider contributing a little time and/or a garden aid; even a couple of hours would be a big help. This is our big fundraiser and proceeds are used for our outreach and education projects throughout the year—including our ongoing restoration at China Creek, our newsletter, and community outreach events like the Home and Garden Show, the water-wise plant exchange, Earth Day, and Master Gardeners conference. Here is what we need:

Your time for the following:

Friday, Sept. 23, from 4PM-6PM (or any part of that time) for unloading plants and placing them in their designated place for display.

Saturday, the 24th, (9AM-2PM) ✓**Cashier**

9AM-2PM or any part of that time - ✓**Sales slip assistants** -No native plant knowledge needed.

✓**Ask Me**” -persons who have a little knowledge of native plants. ✓**CNPS booth attendant**- staff our CNPS table (under a canopy) to hand out brochures, etc.

2-4 PM- ✓**Wrap up** -Load unsold plants in the truck, take down canopies, general wrap-up

Also needed: •Cardboard boxes for purchases •10' x 10' canopies –loaned for the day •wheelbarrows or carts –loaned for the day for customers to collect their purchases.

If you can spare an hour or an item contact:

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Carpenteria californica

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If you haven't checked our website recently, you are in for a treat! It is full of great information and photographs in a beautiful layout. You will see more details about the September native plant sale; facts and tips for selecting and care of natives; and a page dedicated to the China Creek project, including photos of the work and the park throughout the seasons. Need information in .pdf format to print for reference or to share? Click on “Native Gardening.”



pussy paws

Quite a Find!

Jane Pritchard

On 8/22/11 Aaron showed Eileen and me some great places he had found out the road at Tamarack Snow Park. We stopped at a big loop in the road near a creek. The pussy paws were the brightest, darkest purple I had ever seen. They keyed to *Calyptidium umbellatum* so we wondered if the soil or the genes determine the color. Bistort, blueberries, one-sided wintergreen, whorled penstemon, mountain pride, and California butterweed with its fuzzy leaves (*Senecio aranicoides*) grew there. On the other side of the road, we saw fireweed (*Epilobium angustifolium*) and angelica near the creek. Leichtlin's mariposa-lily and shield leaf bloomed under the lodgepoles.

We drove on past lots of Bolander's astragalus, turned toward Brewer and Dinkey Lakes, and stopped by a creek falling down the hillside on the right. Some large trees were logged several years ago and opened up a wet meadow covered with flowers and loaded with mosquitoes. Aaron was disappointed because it was nicer 3 weeks earlier. There was corn lily, white McCloskey violets, Sierra nemophila (*N. spatulata*), Bolander's-dandelion (*Phalacroseris bolanderi*), the stinking and toxic red elderberry with beautiful translucent berries, toxic western Labrador tea with its fragrant leaves, tinker's penny, small blue-eyed Mary, and heavenly smelling Kelly's lily. I saw thyme-leaved Veronica (*V. serpyllifolia*) for the first time at the elder hostel in early August, and this was my 3rd sighting of it within 3 weeks. It was the first time I had seen the greenish-cream sparsely-flowered bog orchid (*Plantanthera sparsiflora*) and, near as I remember, the first time for bog wintergreen (*Pyrola asarifolia*).

Then we turned and backtracked so much looking for another meadow Aaron had found, that I no longer knew where we were. We stopped by another creek running down the hillside. The roadside was covered with pink Bridge's gilia (*G. leptalea*) whose flowers resemble canchalagua. Mosquitoes swarmed – the worst I have seen. Pearly everlasting, ranger buttons, columbine, Bigelow's sneezeweed, large-leaved lupine (*L. polyphyllus*), Lewis monkey-flower, cow parsnip, female meadow rue (haven't seen any males this summer), and white-veined wintergreen (*Pyrola picta*) grew in clumps along the creek.

We drove on toward Bald Mountain and Dinkey Creek and turned right onto a dirt road near a dome to a camping area at Rock Creek. The creek was flowing over wide slabs of granite with a wall of granite slabs

on the opposite side and was lined with twinberry (*Lonicera involucrata*) with its 2 black berries surrounded with red bracts. We sat there quite a while and shared a thermos of coffee. I identified peak saxifrage (*S. nidifica*), waterleaf phacelia (*P. hydrophyloides*), and sandwort (*Minuartia douglasii*). Another little flower in the shade looked like a sandwort, had 5 wide oar-shaped petals, 10 stamens, and red pollen. We had to leave to get me home before dark so it will remain unknown for the time being.

August at China Creek

Warren Shaw

It was only 92! Plenty warm, actually, for the work we were doing, but a considerable improvement over the really hot days earlier in the week.

We had taken on the job of cutting back trees, mostly willows, and blackberry vines from the berm which creates the north pond, so as to be able to drive across to do the anticipated fall maintenance on the "Oak Woodland Loop" section of our interpretive trail. As usual, we were amazed at how quickly we were able to make a huge mess with our various cutting instruments, including one chainsaw. We cut for about an hour and spent most of the rest of the morning dragging, hauling and piling the resulting brush. But, by the end of the day we were able to drive a full-sized pickup across the berm.

We also had a small crew out searching for remnant Yellow Star Thistle plants, and, inevitably, they found some. We hauled these to the pavement and covered them with plastic for solarization, a process that is evidently working to kill the seed.

Our September Workday will be Saturday, the 17th. We'll be working from 8-12. Ingrid has promised homemade peach ice cream for break. Please join us. To get to the Park take Kings Canyon/ 180 to Smith or Oliver, east of Academy. Turn south about 1/4 mi. to the intersection of Smith and Rainbow. Follow Smith about 1/4 mi. south to the Park gate.

Observations

Warren Shaw

In the foothills some blue oaks have begun dropping both leaves and, mostly, immature acorns, apparently in response to the very hot weather of late August. Oddly, there seems to be a second crop of Dove-weed. Many open areas are alight with yellow tarweed blossoms; pungent Blue Curl is starting to bloom, and milkweed is forming fat pods.

Membership

Thelma Valdez

If you require corrections or additions to your membership information, contact Thelma Valdez at nmtv@unwireddb.com. The Sequoia chapter serves Fresno, Madera, and Kings counties.



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Rare/Endangered Plant Inventory

<http://www.cnps.org/cnps/rareplants/inventory>

The Online Inventory, 8th Edition was released in December 2010. The primary goal for this edition was to create a more intuitive end user experience while providing substantially improved functionality; thus making work with the vital data more enjoyable, easy, and fun. More tips on using the Inventory are in the August issue of the CNPS E-Newsletter.

<http://www.cnps.org/cnps/publications/news/201108.php>



Calochortus striatus

Next Newsletter: October, 2011

Send newsletter corrections or suggestions to Helen Shaw <mailto:helshaw@netptc.net>. The newsletter deadline is Friday, Sept. 30.



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MADELEINE'S MUSINGS



Iris douglasiana

They cannot take water during the heat of the day, it makes them prone to decay, so water early in the day. They should be divided in late fall, and it's on my list of garden chores this year, since the clumps are crowded. I can only find one photo in my files and it's a light shade of lavender. I have another that's darker. The one listed in the Arboretum Allstars booklet is called 'Canyon Snow', it is white with yellow falls.

Iris douglasiana grows naturally along the Pacific Coast from Santa Barbara, California into Oregon. An easy to care for plant for native garden beds are the various Pacific Coast Iris hybrids which come in a range of colors, after all "Iris" means rainbow in Greek. I have just 2 cultivars at home and another in the demonstration garden of the Arboretum Allstars at the Garden of the Sun in Fresno.

Madeleine Mitchell



Iris douglasiana canyon snow

**CNPS SEQUOIA
SEPTEMBER 2011
CLOCKWISE FROM RIGHT**

Gate to Clovis Botanical Gardens,
designed and constructed by local artist &
blacksmith Reuel Darling

Three photos of a favorite plant: Woolly
blue curls *Trichostema lanceola*
Thelma Vasldez





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Free Admission!

(Bring this postcard to win a free plant!)

Plant Sale

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