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CNPS SEQUOIA CHAPTER



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CHINA CREEK REPORT

--Warren Shaw

It was the kind of fall day when you start off a little shivery, with your glasses fogging from the breath seeping up from your facemask, and end a little sweaty. It was beautiful and productive. We got a lot of weeds dug and pulled (unfortunately we didn't get a final count), a good start on repairing the fence adjacent to our new shipping container storage unit, root sprouts from our tough-to-kill Ailanthus (Tree of Heaven) treated with herbicide, a stack of yellow star-thistle plants dug last month hauled out, branches from a Valley oak sadly fallen across the trail cleared, trail signs cleaned and replaced, cuttings from willows taken, acorns collected for future plantings, and osage orange fruit "harvested" (for home use as cockroach repellent).

We also did a little show and tell, exhibiting a specimen of stinkwort, our new invasive, and discussing how safely to manage our traditional November "Thank You Lunch", which is offered as a token reward to our volunteers for their service. We didn't reach any conclusions on this, but considered a couple of possibilities. Details to follow. Many finished the day by picking great Fuji apples offered by Hank Urbach.

We had a good-sized crew, including some new folks. A special treat was the Jared and Clara Nimer family with 4 kids! The influx of fresh blood was no doubt influenced by intern Kelly Damm's Facebook efforts. Well-done, Kelly!

Our November work Party will be Saturday, November 21, from 8am-12pm, when we will, somehow, offer lunch to all — paid for by the Sequoia Chapter. First time comers are encouraged to join the work party and lunch afterwards.

This will be our last work party of 2020, with the "spring semester" to begin in January of 2021.

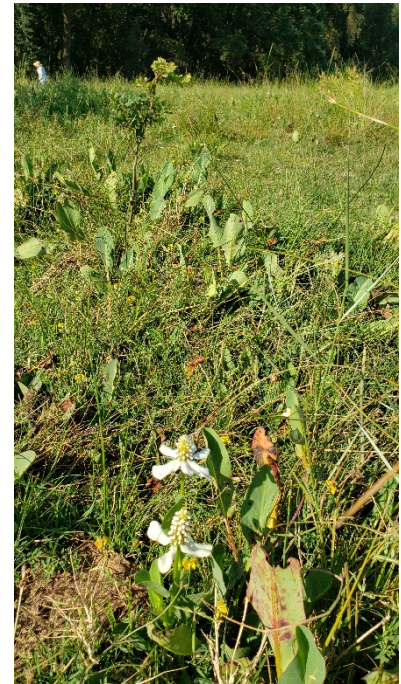


Photo by Laura Castro

Upcoming Classes and Events

•November 19, Interactive Niche Modeling and Adaptive Sampling Resulted in the Discovery of Seven Novel Locations of the Threatened *Ivesia webberi* -Thursday, 1:30pm-3:00pm

Conservation Lecture Series Sponsored by the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife's Science Institute



- Webcast
- *Ivesia webberi* is a federally threatened perennial forb in the Great Basin Desert.
- Niche models fitted with field validated data resulted in a significant improvement in the predictive accuracy of the niche models.
- Resulted in the novel locations and expansion of the range of the threatened plant species.

Register at:
<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Lectures>

Information: Whitney.Albright@wildlife.ca.gov

•November 20 (to 26), 14th Annual Online Wild and Scenic Film Festival -Live on Friday, 6:30pm

Hosted by Friends of Butte Creek



- Virtual Film Festival.
- Guests will have the opportunity for live chat with each filmmaker after each film.
- Guests will have a chance to see films any time up to six days after the event.
- Help preserve and protect the habitats of Butte Creek Canyon to ensure Spring run Chinook salmon.

Admission: \$12

Registration:
<https://qudio.com/event/buttecreek/register>

•December 1, Fifteen Strategies for Communicating Science and Data to Non-Scientists -Tuesday, 10:00pm-11:30pm

By San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

- Virtual Training via Zoom
- Join presentation coach and trainer for a fast-paced and entertaining class that will show you how to:
 - Present visuals that have impact;
 - Deliver data in a way that sticks in people's brains;
 - Transforms the way you do PowerPoint.

Cost: \$30

Registration: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/15-strategies-for-communicating-science-and-data-to-non-scientists-tickets-127749846229?mc_cid=7702258e45&mc_eid=4c228a1708

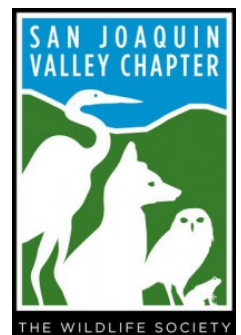
Conference Grant Opportunity

•Announcing Conference Grants for Students and Early Career Professionals

The San Joaquin Valley Chapter of the Wildlife Society is offering up to 30 grants for \$81 each to cover registration costs for the Annual 2021 Western Section Conference for SJV Chapter members!

If interested in applying for a grant, submit the following qualifications to Lori Bono at lori.bono@wildlife.ca.gov by November 30, 2020:

- Be a current San Joaquin Valley Chapter member (only 5 bucks to join);
- Submit proof you are a current student or have graduated within the last three years (ex. school transcripts);
- Submit a brief summary of yourself;
- Apply by November 30, 2020; and
- Keep your registration receipt for reimbursement.



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Membership

Thanks to new and renewing members.

If you require corrections or additions to your membership information, contact Cherith Merson at echerith@gmail.com.

The Sequoia Chapter serves Fresno, Madera, and Kings counties.

The IRS considers dues in excess of \$12 per year and all gifts to CNPS as tax deductible. Renew your CNPS membership online using a credit card. As an option, renew automatically year after year. It is quick, easy, and convenient, and reduces renewal-mailing costs. Visit www.cnps.org and click on the JOIN button.

Next Newsletter: January 2021

Send newsletter suggestions to Laura Castro at lacastror@outlook.com. The deadline for submissions to the next newsletter is **Monday, December 28, 2020.**



JOIN THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY RENEW

Membership includes the quarterly CNPS journal, *Fremontia*; the quarterly *Bulletin* which gives statewide news and announcements of Society activities and conservation issues; and our chapter newsletter, *Carpenteria*.

I wish to affiliate with the Sequoia Chapter.

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Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

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The California Native Plant Society is a statewide nonprofit organization of amateurs and professionals with a common interest in California's native plants. The mission of the Society is to increase understanding and appreciation of California's native plants and to preserve them in their natural habitat through scientific activities, education, science, and conservation.

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MEMBER'S REPORT

--Brooke Nelson

The Clovis Botanical Garden's water-wise plant sale on Oct. 16 and Oct. 17 drew similar attendance to that of previous sales, despite Covid. CNPS Sequoia normally partners with the garden to sell native plants at this event. In keeping with a CNPS statewide ban on in-person plant sales due to Covid, the Sequoia Chapter's native plant sale was online-only this year. Nonetheless, the garden kindly allowed CNPS Sequoia volunteers to promote our virtual sale during the event, and many customers expressed interest in gardening with natives. The garden nearly sold out of the natives it offered during the two-day sale.



The CNPS Sequoia virtual plant sale began on Oct. 28 and ended on Nov. 5. CNPS staff at the Sacramento headquarters helped guide us through the process and launched the sale website through the CNPS site. In addition to offering plants from Intermountain Nursery and member-grown plants, we sourced native varieties from Thicket and Vine nursery in Coarsegold.



Pickup is scheduled for Nov. 8 at the Clovis Botanical Garden. Proceeds from the sale help to fund our restoration project at China Creek Park.