



California Native Plant Society

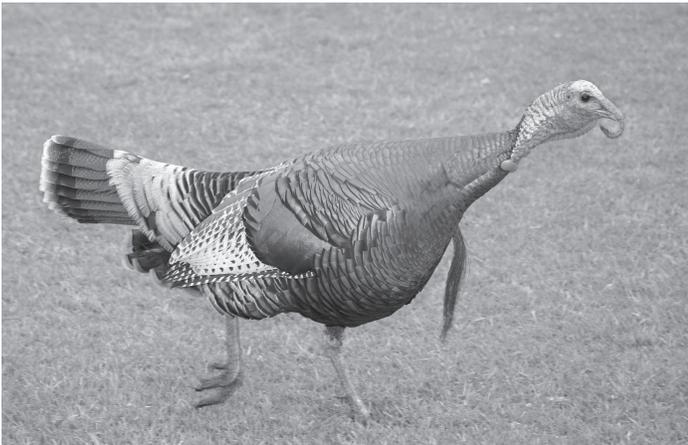
MARIN COUNTY CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Tiburon Mariposa Lily (Calochortus tiburonensis)

Marin Chapter established 1973

Monday June 12, Marin Chapter Meeting

“Wild Turkeys in California: Their Brief History and Effects on Sonoma Oak Woodlands” by guest speaker Daniel Gluesenkamp



Above: Wild Turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*) by Michael L. Baird

Wild Turkeys (*Meleagris gallopavo*) are certainly among the most interesting challenges introduced to California. Though native to other parts of North America, Wild Turkeys never successfully colonized California, and so the recent introduction and expansion of turkeys in California creates tantalizing questions and research opportunities. In November 2002, Daniel initiated the first experimental assessment of turkey impacts in California. This exclusion experiment evaluates the effect of turkeys on ground-dwelling invertebrate populations, acorn removal, and vegetation structure and composition. This presentation will give an overview of the history and biology of California's introduced turkeys, describe research underway at Audubon Canyon Ranch's Bouverie Preserve, and include presentation of preliminary results that improve our understanding of introduced turkey ecology.

Daniel Gluesenkamp, PhD, directs Habitat Protection and Restoration for Audubon Canyon Ranch (ACR) and leads in the development, implementation, and

evaluation of conservation and restoration projects at ACR preserves. His work involves experimental evaluation of management techniques, oversight of stewardship activities such as control of invasive alien species, and collaboration with neighboring land owners and agencies to protect ACR lands. Daniel's research focuses on the factors structuring plant communities, particularly as related to the invasion and spread of introduced species, with work in habitats ranging from desert riparian zones to subalpine Sierran meadows. He earned his PhD at the University of California at Berkeley with research that revealed how populations of native and alien thistles are shaped by plant competition, by insect herbivory, and by effects of habitat productivity on the relative intensity of competition versus herbivory.

6 p.m. Join friends at the Cantina restaurant, 651 East Blithedale Ave., near Camino Alto, Mill Valley. Meet our speaker and have a delicious dinner in the private dining room. Please be prompt to be assured of a seat with our group.

7:30 p.m. Meet at the Redwoods retirement home, 40 Camino Alto, Mill Valley. Books, posters, and cards will be for sale before as well as after the meeting. Lecture starts at 8 p.m.



Above: Sonoma woodland by Daniel Gluesenkamp

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

☼ **Monday 6/12, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**

Marin Chapter Meeting: Guest speaker Daniel Gluesenkamp on “Wild Turkeys in California: Their Brief History and Effects on Sonoma Oak Woodlands”

☼ **Saturday 6/17, 10 a.m.**

Field Trip: The Mountain Meadows of Mt. Tam

☼ **Sunday 7/2, 10 a.m.**

Field Trip: Kehoe Beach, Pt. Reyes

☼ **Saturday & Sunday, 7/15–7/16**

Field Trip: Lily Heaven Driving Tour and Camping Trip, Humboldt County

☼ **Monday 8/7, 12 noon**

Marin Chapter Board Meeting at Gini and Dick Havel’s House, Inverness

☼ **Tuesday 9/5, 7:30 p.m.**

Marin Chapter Board Meeting at Marin Recycling, 535 Jacoby St., San Rafael; all members welcome. Note that this meeting is on a Tuesday to avoid Labor Day.

☼ **Saturday 9/9, 6 p.m.**

Marin Chapter Meeting at Lucas Valley Community Center. Potluck dinner and viewing of member’s slides.



Marin Chapter Board Meeting

Monday, August 7, 12 noon

The August board meeting will take place at the Inverness home of Gini and Dick Havel, at 60 Woodhaven Rd. There will be a potluck lunch at noon, followed by the meeting at 2 p.m. Bring a dish and beverage to share, and please RSVP to Kristin Jakob at (415) 388-1844 or kristinjakob@pacbell.net if you plan to attend, so the Havels can be told how many people to expect.

Directions: Take Sir Francis Drake Blvd. past Inverness Park, and through Inverness. One mile west of Inverness you will pass the Boatel and Barnaby’s Restaurant. Take the next left, Pinehill Rd., go uphill and take the first left, Kehoe, one block, then turn left onto Woodhaven Rd. Number 60 is the first driveway on the left. The lunch and meeting will take place in the guest house to the left (west) of the main house as you approach. Main house telephone: (415) 669-7315, guest house telephone: (415) 669-7310.

Dedicated to the Preservation of California Native Flora

The California Native Plant Society is a statewide non-profit organization of amateurs and professionals with a common interest in California’s native plants. The Society, working through its local chapters, seeks to increase understanding of California’s native flora and to preserve this rich resource for future generations. Membership is open to all.

Join CNPS Now!

Membership includes informative publications, field trips, monthly programs, and discounts on books and posters. Also included are *Fremontia* (a quarterly journal with articles on all aspects of native plants), the *Bulletin* (a quarterly statewide report of activities and schedules), and the chapter newsletter. Please call the membership chairperson for more information.

Yes! I wish to affiliate with the Marin Chapter.

Please note that categories and dues have changed!

Membership Category:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Mariposa Lily	\$1,500
<input type="checkbox"/>	Benefactor	\$600
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patron	\$300
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plant Lover	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family, Group, or Library	\$75
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual	\$45
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student or Limited Income	\$25

New Member Information:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Please mail application and check payable to **CNPS** to:

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SUMMER FIELD TRIPS FOR 2006

Marin Chapter Field Trip Policies

Bring lunch and liquids on all day hikes; field glasses and a hand lens, if you have them. Bring sun block, insect repellent, comfortable walking shoes, and a hat. For further information, call Vivian Mazur at (415) 669-7472 or Joe Kohn at (415) 459-0231.

Field Trip Plant Lists

Plant lists for CNPS hikes—as well as updated and additional information—are available on the Marin Chapter CNPS website at <http://www.marin.cc.ca.us/cnps>.

The Mountain Meadows of Mt. Tam

Saturday, June 17, 10 a.m.

Join Doreen Smith as she leads us from Rock Spring out towards the Mountain Meadows of Mt. Tam. Perhaps we'll be lucky and see some *Lilium pardalinum*?

Kehoe Beach, Pt. Reyes

Sunday, July 2, 10 a.m.

As the rest of Marin County bakes in the summer heat, Pt. Reyes continues to enjoy spring-like conditions and often displays carpets of colorful wildflowers well into July. Please remember that summer fog is a possibility and that no matter how nice it is where you live, be prepared for cool, foggy, and/or windy conditions. Kehoe Beach is located on Pierce Point Rd.

Lily Heaven Driving Tour and Camping Trip, Humboldt County

Saturday & Sunday, July 15–16

Six or seven taxa of *Lilium*, plus hybrids, live in the mountains of Six Rivers National Forest, along with serpentine flora, rare plants, exceptional Port Orford cedar stands, Brewer spruce, and mountain meadows. Tour will be led by North Coast CNPS chapter resident Lily expert, David Kim Imper.

Meet on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the intersection of Forest Service Rd. 13N01 (FS Rte. 13, seven miles north of Weitchpec on Rte. 96) and Fish Lake Rd. This is two hours northeast of Arcata, so some of us will camp Friday night at Fish Lake. Our route goes out FS 13, and Saturday night some of us will camp out there, somewhere. Sunday will have another meeting place, to be decided later, and we might proceed as far as Flint Valley. Driving Tour concludes Sunday evening (but you can leave any time). Dress for mountain weather; bring lots of food and water, your camping gear (if you're camping), and your maps.

You need to let the North Coast chapter know you're coming! Contact Carol Ralph (707) 822-2015, theralphs@humboldt1.com or Dave Imper (707) 444-2756, dimper@softcom.net.

For those driving from Marin, it's suggested that you leave early Friday and camp at Fish Lake. All locations and roads are noted on the AAA Map for Northern California. All roads are gravel and reportedly in good enough shape that even a low clearance car can easily navigate the Forest Service roads.

Due to the long distances and high cost of gas, contact Joe Kohn by phone (415) 459-0231 or e-mail (joko@foxvalley.net) if you would like to get a ride or offer a ride to other members. He will tentatively coordinate car pooling, but there is no guarantee that members will actually car pool to this remote and beautiful location. But don't let that stop you from enjoying more Lilies than you ever thought were possible!

MCOSD DISTRICT HIKES

The Field Trip Committee would like to extend a great big thank you to David Herlocker of the Marin County Open Space District for leading so many fabulous spring wildflower hikes for us these past few months.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Monitoring Rare and Endangered Plants within Pt. Reyes National Seashore

The 21st year of monitoring rare and endangered plants within Pt. Reyes National Seashore began on Friday, February 24. We will plan to meet most Fridays through August. We usually meet at the Inverness Store parking lot at 9:30 a.m., and usually return to Inverness by 2 or 3 p.m. Come for the morning or stay longer.

Botanical knowledge is not necessary, only a discerning eye. Enjoy the varied landscape of the Seashore while assisting in tracking rare species. Please wear footwear suitable for off-trail hiking and be prepared for variable weather by having clothing "layers". Bring water and lunch. For information, call Bob Soost at (415) 669-1686.

Weed Awareness Week is July 17–23

Don't put away your broom wrenches and other weeding tools! Your garden, neighborhood, and open spaces need constant vigilance and work to keep invasive non-native plants from swamping indigenous species!

Websites of interest include: www.cal-ipc.org and www.weedcenter.org/resource-guide/rg-cover.html.

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RARE PLANT OF THE MONTH

Text and photo by Doreen Smith

At one time this delicate annual plant with pale pink flowers was thought to grow only on the Tiburon Peninsula in Marin. More searches revealed it grows in more places in Marin (Azalea Hill, Carson Ridge, Big Rock Ridge and Mt. Burdell) and in San Francisco and San Mateo counties. It's always on serpentine soils, often on what appears to be a barren area.



Above: Marin Dwarf Flax (*Hesperolinon congestum*)

PLANT COMMUNITIES OF MARIN COUNTY

Do you want to learn more about the diverse plant communities of this special county?

Plant Communities of Marin County, written by David Shuford and Irene C. Timossi and illustrated with exquisite black and white photographs of the communities and their member species, is an excellent resource. Send your check payable to **CNPS** for \$10 per copy (shipping, handling, and tax included) to:

Phyllis Faber
212 Del Casa Drive
Mill Valley, CA 94941

Enclosed is \$_____. Please send me _____ copies of *Plant Communities of Marin County*.

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