The Pipe Vine

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September 1993

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING Thursday, September 2, 1993
Anderson Residence, 13936 Rutgers Court, Magalia 7:30 p.m.
(From Skyway, turn left at Ponderosa [at stoplight], then
right onto Rutgers Court & last house on rt. side with flag pole)

PROGRAM MEETING Monday September 6, 1993
Butte County Library, 1st and Sherman, Chico 7:30 p.m.

The annual sharing of slides and stories of summer experiences,
field trips, native plant gardening, or other activities of interest
to the chapter. Bring a dozen or so slides and join in this always
enjoyable evening.

Pussy Paws
Calyptrellia umbellata

WILDFLOWER SEEDS AND PLANTS AVAILABLE

Fall is the best time for planting wildflower seeds or putting in
native plants. So plan to get your selection of seeds from the
thirteen different kinds that will be available at the sales table at
the general meeting. There will also be a variety of native plants
for sale in the library parking lot.

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An initiative measure to put the PARK LANDS, HISTORIC SITES, WILDLIFE AND FOREST CONSERVATION on the November ballot is now being circulated. This initiative measure, if successful, would authorize bonds of almost $2 billion for acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration and conservation of park lands, historic sites, wildlife areas and forests throughout California.

The initiative is supported by all conservation organizations, including the California Native Plant Society. Specific amounts to be spent for specific projects in specific areas are listed in the petition. Sponsoring the drive to gain signatures is Californians for Parks & Wildlife, or "CALPAW '94."

Petitions are available for signature at all local conservation or environmental organizations (e.g. Chico Nature Center or, in Paradise, Paul Reiling). This is an ambitious but extremely worthwhile initiative and deserves our full support.

- Paul Reiling

HIGHLIGHTS OF SUMMER FIELDTRIPS, 1993

There was much excitement on the July 11 Bogs, Willow Creek and Humboldt walk, and again on July 25 near Jonesville, when the group came upon fine blooming specimens of Silene occidentalis ssp. longistipitata (long-stiped catchfly). The last time this plant had been seen in Butte County was in 1988 when Vern Oswald located it in a forest bordering Willow Creek near the Butte-Tehama County line north of Jonesville. Before then it apparently had not been collected since the 1930's. It was first seen in Butte County in 1896.

Another unusual find came on July 17 at Wilson Lake, where a rare tule is growing (Scirpus heterochaetus subterminalis). It is most common east of the continental divide; west of the divide the closest location is Klamath County, Oregon, or Idaho.

Overall, there was a great profusion of the many wildflowers all were hoping to see. Each foray into the Sierra gave us an opportunity to see a wonderfully rich and beautiful variety of plants, to learn what to call them and to distinguish among them (e.g. if you went on the Eagle Lake area trip you now can tell Downingia bicornuta from Porterella cernosula).

It was rewarding, as always, to see the progress being made in meadow restoration by Dr. Henricus Jansen and his students. And getting a view of the work of Plumas and Lassen National Forest botanists was of special interest.

Many thanks are due to the members who planned or led trips, often tying up an extra day for themselves by making an advance trial run of the trip: Barbara Castro, Henricus Jansen, Stacey Scott, Jean Whittlesey, Ruth Cunningham, Dorothy Cowden, John Copeland, Lynn Thomas, Lowell Ahart, Tim Devine, and, of course, Field Trip coordinator Wes Dempsey. It should be added that the pleasure of every trip is enhanced considerably by the presence of Vern Oswald, who so patiently and accurately identifies just about every plant for everybody. His knowledge of Butte County plants is unsurpassed.

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SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIPS 1993

Aug 29 Sun  Deadfall Lakes and Mt. Eddy hike. Subalpine, Mt. meadow, and alpine plants including Lewisia leana, Rockfringe, Foxtail and Whitebark pines, etc. Level 2-mile hike along Pacific Crest Trail to Lower Deadfall Lake (7300') then .5 mi. up to higher lakes (7800'). Possible climb of Mt.Eddy and fabulous view of Mt.Shaesta. Bring lunch & water to Chico P & R at 7 a.m. or to PCT trailhead on Forest Road 17 at 10:30 a.m. (3.5 hours and 160 mi. from Chico). Take I-5 to Weed, then first offramp (Gazelle) to old Hwy 99, go 1 mi. to Stewart Springs Road (FR 17), then 13 mi. to summit and PCT trailhead. Leaders: Tim Devine and Wes Dempsey, 345-8444.

Sep 5 Sun  Big Springs, Humbug Valley, and Yellow Creek. Easy walks to see streamside, meadow, and bog plants in historic Humbug Valley with a stop at Soda Spring. Meet at 9:30 am at PG&E Almanor Rest Stop on Hwy 89 about 5 mi. south of Hwy 36. Bring lunch, water, binoculars, and shoes that can get wet. Leader: Joy Meagher, a long-time member from Chester. Phone 259-4824 for more information.

Sep 12 Sun  Flowers of the Sacramento River Canoe trip. Bring your canoe to Tehama Bridge at 9:00 to arrange car shuttle to takeout at Woodson Bridge State Park. Bring lunch, water and lifevests. An easy 4-hour paddle with several stops to see the plants. Otters, eagles, osprey, etc. Leaders: Dave Wood, 894-8531, and Wes Dempsey. (Members and guests only.)

Sep 25 Sat  Butte Creek Trail. Easy 3-mile walk along creek. Bring lunch and water. Meet at Forest Ranch Store (Hwy 32 and Nopel) at 9:30 a.m. or at the trailhead (Ponderosa Way Bridge/Doe Mill Rd. and Butte Creek) at 10 a.m. Leader: Carolyn Archer, 894-3943.

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