General Meeting
SUMMER BREAK
until September 3, 2014

Annual Picnic

JUNE 8, 2014
Sunday 1 - 4 pm

BEAR’S LAIR
CHICO CREEK NATURE CENTER
1968 East 8th St, Chico

JOIN our fun filled group for our ANNUAL PICNIC
BRING your favorite dish to share
main course, salad or dessert
your own beverage
alcohol and glass are not allowed in Bidwell Park
your own table service
your own ‘comfy chair’, otherwise bench seating
barbecue grill fired up by 2 pm

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS include Nature Center displays,
CNPS Native Plant Garden, Big Chico Creek
and the rest of Bidwell Park

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SUMMER FIELD TRIPS
on pages 2, 6, and 7

SUCCEED with NATIVES
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ROUND VALLEY RESERVOIR
PLUMAS NATIONAL FOREST
June 7
Saturday
Meet at Chico Park & Ride's west lot (Hwys 32/99) in time to leave at 8 am. Bring lunch, water, sun/insect protection, folding chair (optional), and money for ride sharing. We will travel along Hwy 70 through the scenic Feather River Canyon and Hwy 89, about 87 total miles from Chico to the historic mining town of Greenville in Plumas Co. Round Valley Reservoir, a paradox of the Feather River region, is located 3 miles south of Greenville by paved county road. Surface area of 500 acres at 4500 ft ele. the reservoir is ringed by fragrant conifers and lush mountain meadows abundant with wildflowers. Driving about 5 miles around the reservoir over paved and unpaved graded roads, we will be making frequent stops where a variety of flowers are abundant, including orchids and beautiful lilies. See close-up, giant ancient record size pine trees. View alpine peaks in the distance. Leaders may discuss human activities during and before the 1800’s gold mining boom. Evidence of Native American habitation can be observed here. We will lunch in a large lakeside flowered meadow where we might see geese, ducks, pelicans, osprey, and bald eagle. Call for alternate meeting place. Camping and overnight accommodations are available in the vicinity. Leaders: Gerry Ingco 530-893-5123, Wes Dempsey 530-342-2293.

EAGLE ROCK AND HUMBOLDT SUMMIT
LASEN NATIONAL FOREST
June 15
Sunday
Meet at Chico Park & Ride west lot (Hwys 32/99) in time to leave at 8:30 am. Wear sturdy shoes. Bring lunch, water, sun/insect protection, hiking gear, and money for ride sharing. We will drive northeast 27 miles on Hwy 32, then 12 miles north on paved county road to the Butte Meadows area where we stop to see some insect capturing pitcher plants, *Darlingtonia*. We drive through Jonesville and take the Humboldt Rd (gravel) 3 miles up to the summit 6600 ft. The Pacific Crest Trail contours without switchbacks along the rim of the caldera of Mt Yana. We will inspect some lava outcrops for pink, flat-stemmed onion, buckwheats, steer head, and spirea as we head up to 6,000 ft to Eagle Rocks, 1.5 miles, for lunch. We will pass expanses of arrow-leaved balsamroot with a few 3-leaved *Lewisia*, among the picturesque, ancient Jeffrey pines. At the top will be pink rockfringe and cycladenia. Call for alternate meeting place. Leader, Wes Dempsey 530-342-2293.

BUTTERFLY VALLEY BOTANICAL AREA
PLUMAS NATIONAL FOREST
June 22
Sunday
Meet at Chico Park & Ride west lot (Hwys 32/99) in time to leave at 8:30 am. Bring lunch, water, sun/insect protection, wear shoes for a bog, and money for ride sharing. We will drive northeast on Hwys 99 and 70 about 80 miles towards the mountain town of Quincy in Plumas Co. The Butterfly Valley Botanical Area, at 2900 - 3700 ft ele, was designated as a protected area due to its outstanding abundance and diversity of plant life. It is managed to provide the public with an opportunity to enjoy an undeveloped area of profuse floral display. The area features 4 species of insectivorous plants including *Darlingtonia californica*. There are 12 species of orchids including lady slipper, 24 species in the lily family, 9 species of ferns and fern relatives, as well as poppy, buttercup, and wild rose. Call for alternate meeting place. Leader: Wes Dempsey 530-342-2293.

more **SUMMER FIELD TRIPS**
on pages 6 and 7
February 21 was the last day for new bills to be introduced for the 2014 session of the California Legislature. More than 1,900 bills were introduced, giving CNPS a huge task in determining which ones are of concern. May 30 will be the last day for these new bills to pass in the house of their origin. As of April 24 the CNPS Legislative Report gives 21 of these new bills a “Watch” status, 6 a “Support” status and 4 an “Oppose” status. These positions may change as bills are amended.

**CNPS SUPPORTS**

- **AB 203** and **AB 976** provide for strengthening of the administration and enforcement of the California Coastal Act of 1976.
- **AB 2104** precludes groups such as home owners associations from adopting landscaping guidelines prohibiting use of low water-using plants or restricting other water conservation measures.
- **AB 2193** provides for funding of a new Habitat and Restoration Act to be administered by the Department of Fish & Wildlife.
- **AB 2402** expands the permissible uses of funds by the Department of Food and Agriculture for noxious weed management.
- **SB 1270** makes changes in the structure and administration of the agencies under the Department of Conservation, including the State Mining and Geology Board, the California Geological Survey and the Office of Mine Reclamation.

**CNPS OPPOSES**

- **AB 1849**, **AB 2353**, **AB 2417** and **SB 834**.
  - **AB 1849** exempts repair or replacement of existing levees from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
  - **AB 2353** exempts from the requirements of CEQA projects to expand the capacity of water storage facilities owned by public entities.
  - **AB 2417** exempts from CEQA requirements specified types of pipelines.
  - **AB 834** creates a Sustainable Environmental Protection Act, which would limit the CEQA review of projects to specified environmental topic areas.

The full text of bills and the Legislative Analyst’s summary are available on the California Legislature website.

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**President’s Message**

by Catie Bishop, President

Summer is coming fast. This will be your last Pipevine before the summer break. I hope all of you have plans to get out in nature as much as possible. Even though I’m way past high school, I still feel like summer is a time for travel and fun. Getting out is also good at reminding us that we have a place in the natural world. It turns our focus outwards, and helps us throw off the cares of the everyday. It is a good time to share nature with children as well. There are many wonderful things to explore together.

To that end, make sure you check out the ***FIELD TRIPS*** coming up. They often offer an introduction to a new place to explore, as well as new plants to learn about. And while you’re at it, please take some pictures for our September General Meeting where we all share photos from our summer adventures.

Another outing that is available to all members, although most don’t take advantage of it, is the June ***ANNUAL PICNIC***. It’s always fun to taste the simple to elaborate dishes shared by all. It’s a good time to socialize with some of the Board Members and each other. If you have questions about what it’s like to serve on the Board, or just questions about CNPS in general, this is a casual setting for it.

Wherever you decide to go, make sure you include some wild places, and enjoy our native plants in their own space. Happy trails and see you in September (and at the June picnic).
During the last two years, the Mount Lassen Chapter CNPS (MLC) has initiated and carried out several projects removing large invasive trees from local public lands, with about 1,100 hours of volunteer labor. These projects include privet (*Ligustrum sp.*) and olive (*Olea europaea*) removal at Teichert Ponds and similar work along Little Chico Creek. Because of the fire hazard, this tree debris must be removed from the sites. So far, we’ve rented nine large roller bins, with a total capacity of 300 yards. The debris is loaded and then hauled to the city’s composting facility. Private donations paid for eight of the bins and MLC paid for one, at a total cost of about $1500. Finding funding for these bins has been a major barrier to our ability to propose and execute major invasive plant removal projects. We are pleased that the MLC was recently awarded a $4000 grant from Waste Management Keep American Beautiful to help pay for future bins. With this grant, we’ll be able to continue our invasive tree removal work and also work with the City of Chico and CA Dept of Water Resources to begin removal of the highly flammable giant reed (*Arundo donax*) that clogs the Little Chico Creek riparian area.

**Congratulations Susan !!!**

**GRANT AWARD FOR MLC**
by Susan Mason, Invasive Plants Chair

I want to acknowledge the following chapter members who staffed our information and display tables at one or more events that the Mount Lassen Chapter participated in this spring; the Gateway Museum Garden Day on April 5, EarthDay events at Butte College and Thursday Night Market, Celebrate the Jewell at Chico Creek Nature Center on April 26 and the Endangered Species Fair on May 3.

**THANK YOU** WOODY ELLIOTT, ANN ELLIOTT, KARROLYN YELLS, CATIE BISHOP, JIM BISHOP, LETHA ALBRIGHT, SUELLEN ROWLISON, PAUL MOORE, JOHN MEEHAN and NATHAN LATHROP for your help representing our chapter at these community events.

**MOUNT LASSEN CHAPTER PROPOSED BUDGET**

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

**TOTAL INCOME** $ 9,700

**proposed 2-19-2014**
SUCCEED WITH
NATIVE PLANTS

Come to our
Horticulture Symposium
and learn how to:

- Design a pleasing landscape
- Choose & maintain native plants
- Create bird & pollinator habitat
- Use less water & fertilizer
- Q & A time with the experts

Hosted by
Mount Lassen Chapter
CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 14, 2014
8:30 am - 4 pm

CHICO WOMEN’S CLUB
3rd St and Pine, Chico

$35, $30 CNPS member
includes lunch

mountlassen.cnps.org
registration, details and updates
space is limited
deadline August 31, 2014

FIRST-CLASS PRESENTERS

SUSAN KRYZWIKI
State CNPS Horticulture Director

BERNADETTE BALICS
Native plant landscape designer

GLENN KEATOR
Noted author, botanist, and native plant ecologist

JOHN WHITTLESEY
Pollinator habitat designer, photographer and author of The Plant Lover’s Guide to Salvias

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JONESVILLE MEADOWS WALK
LASSEN NATIONAL FOREST
July 6
Sunday
Meet at Chico Park & Ride west lot (Hwys 32/99) in time to leave by 9 am. Bring lunch, water, sun/insect protection, hiking gear, and money for ride sharing. Wear foot gear suitable for slogging in marshy ground and short hikes. From Chico we will drive northeast on Hwy 32 for 27 miles and 11 miles on the Humboldt Rd to our field trip area at 5000 ft ele. We will explore the streamside wet meadow tributary to Colby Creek and examine the riparian habitat along Colby Creek to see native plants that love to get their “feet” wet, such as white bog orchid, western bistort and little elephant’s head. So be prepared to get your feet wet when we explore along the edges of this cool and refreshing habitat. Call for alternate meeting place. Leader: Janna Lathrop, 530 228 0010.

WILSON LAKE AND ICE CAVE
LASSEN NATIONAL FOREST
July 20
Sunday
Meet at Chico Park & Ride west lot (Hwys 32/99) in time to leave at 8:30 am. Bring lunch, water, sun/insect protection, hiking gear, and money for ride sharing. Wear foot gear suitable for slogging in marshy ground and for short hikes. We will drive 65 miles on Hwys 32 and 36/89, then 2.5 miles east on Co Rd 769, graded unsurfaced road. Wilson Lake has 130 surface acres of water at 5300 ft ele. The lake is ringed by a grassy meadow and surrounded by forested slopes. We will explore an adjacent meadow where hiker’s gentian, white bog orchid, and wet area flowers should be in bloom. Learn about how the lake served as a component of a complicated water delivery system for an early days hydraulic mine many miles to the southwest. An ice cave is .5 mile from the lake’s outlet. Call for alternate meeting place. Leaders: Gerry Ingco 530-893-5123, Wes Dempsey 530-342-2293.

FROG, GREEN ISLAND & SAUCER LAKES
LASSEN NATIONAL FOREST
July 27
Sunday
Meet at Chico Park & Ride west lot (Hwys 32/99) in time to leave at 8:30 am. Bring lunch, water, sun/insect protection, hiking gear, and money for ride sharing. We will travel Hwy 32 northeast 27 miles, then 12 miles on Humboldt Rd through Butte Meadows, then 12 miles on unsurfaced Humbug Rd, on LNF roads 26N27, 26N02, and 26N31 to Sunflower Flat trailhead at 6400 ft ele. The lakes are reached by a 3 mile trail, one way. The level of difficulty is rated as moderate with a 400 ft each, gain and loss. We may have to go around fallen trees. See California asters as we hike 1.5 miles down to Soda Creek, then up to Green Island Lake. The 5 acre bog floating on this lake is rimmed with huckleberries, buckbean, and potentilla. The delightful spring feeding the lake has a display of yellow monkeyflowers. California fuchsia is usually in flower along the trail to Saucer Lake. On the way back we can stop at Frog Lake and step out on its tiny floating island. We have seen Pileated Woodpeckers on this delightful hike. Call for alternate meeting place. Leaders: Woody Elliott 530-588-2555, Wes Dempsey 530-342-2293.

Green Island Lake stitched photo by Woody Elliott
SOUTH CARIBOU WILDERNESS
LASSEN NATIONAL FOREST
August 3
Sunday
Meet at Chico Park & Ride west lot (Hwys 32/99) in time to leave by 8 am. Bring lunch, water, sun/insect protection, hiking gear, and money for ride sharing. We will drive to a designated wilderness area located about 10 miles northeast of Chester. From Chico we will be traveling 70 miles northeast on Hwys 32 and 36 to Chester for a rest stop. From Chester we will continue on Hwy 36 a few miles east and turn onto graveled Forest Service Road-10 for 10 miles and about 1.5 miles on lower standard Road 30N25 to the trailhead. We will hike a loop route about 4.5 miles in an open lodgepole pine-fir forest at 6800 ft ele. Along the way we will be visiting several beautiful little lakes. See leather grape fern (*Botrychium*) and many other plants. In May, it was noted that there were places where the trail was blocked by logs and debris. At such areas will have to find our own way around. Call for alternate meeting place. Leaders: Gerry Ingco 530-893-5123, Wes Dempsey 530-343-2239.

WILLOW LAKE & TERMINAL GEYSER
LASSEN NATIONAL FOREST
August 24
Sunday
Meet at Chico Park & Ride west lot (Hwys 32/99) in time to leave at 8 am. Wear sturdy shoes. Bring lunch, water, sun/insect protection, hiking gear, and money for ride sharing. We will drive east 65 miles to the mountain town of Chester via Hwy 32 and 12 miles over county and Forest Service roads to Willow Lake. The last 9 miles is over an unimproved dirt road not suitable for low-center 2WD vehicles. Willow Lake, at 5500 ft ele, is a unique body of water called a fen, with floating sphagnum moss, a foot thick, that supports a variety of unique and interesting plants. From Willow Lake we will hike about 1.6 miles to Terminal Geyser, a thermal area just inside Lassen Volcanic National Park at 5840 ft ele. Semi-improved camping is available at Willow Lake. A fully improved campground is located at Domingo Springs, 7 miles to the SW of Willow Lake. Call for alternate meeting place. Leaders: Gerry Ingco 530-893-5123, Wes Dempsey 530-342-2293.

DEADFALL LAKES ON MT EDDY
SHASTA TRINITY NATIONAL FOREST
August 31
Sunday
Meet at Chico Park & Ride west lot (Hwys 32/99) in time to leave at 8 am. Wear sturdy shoes. Bring lunch, water, sun/insect protection, hiking gear, and money for ride sharing. We will drive Hwy I-5, 139 miles north to exit 751 just past Weed CA. Then drive 13 miles southwest on Stewart Springs Rd to the trailhead. Along the easy 2 mile walk to Lower Deadfall Lake, at about 6300 ft ele, we will see *Darlingtonia* pitcher plants, gentians and a striking Lewisia. The area features an isolated stand of Port-Orford-cedars. After lunch some may opt to make the short, but strenuous, climb to Upper Deadfall Lake at 7130 ft ele. Call for information about camping or commercial overnight accommodations. Leaders: Woody Elliott 530-588-2555, Wes Dempsey 530-342-2293.
Along Highway 113 as you approach the Sutter Bypass, there is a row of elm trees that have been severely pruned to avoid the power-lines. One tree looks like a great “V” or a developing valentine about to embrace the lines like some ornate plant sculpture.

The road designers did not take into consideration the encroachment growing elms would cause, and road crews are evidently reluctant to remove the gallant trees in the nearly treeless valley farmland.

Similar encroachment problems occur on landscaped properties, especially in cities where there is a profusion of overhead lines. People eager to plant a tree often make a bad choice of a species that will grow beyond expectations. Tree trimmers are kept busy keeping rampant flora under control. Even the roots of some species will damage sidewalks or infiltrate drainage systems.

When Jim Carpenter was tree supervisor for Oroville, he would say, “Everyone wants to plant, but nobody wants to maintain.” Even though the city is a “Tree City U.S.A.,” you will notice a prominence of small street trees such as Crape Myrtle, planted with the idea of producing fewer problems.

Chico has good deep soil and an array of magnificent oaks and sycamores, especially in Bidwell Park, but there is also an abundance of aged and falling tree limbs. It is a difficult choice for tree lovers to make as to limitation of encroachment [pruning] or termination of a tree. They become such icons in a community that there is always a protest when a tree removal is announced.

Encroachment of plants in a forest is not a public problem, as growth and decay are natural processes. John Muir recognized that fact when he said “The woods are full of dead and dying trees, yet needed for their beauty to complete the beauty of the living.”

Nature is very productive and tries to fill every empty space with some sort of life. There is an annual surge of growth along trails and soon there is overgrowth, a condition I remember especially apparent along paths in Oakland hill parks. Foggy summers and rainy winters make things want to grow in the Bay Area! There was/is a continual need for trail pruning, but it causes a disarray of ecological order, and a grievance when a rare plant is cut by uninformed laborers. Nature heals the scars of earth even if slow and unsettling.

The encroachment concept also applies to invasive plants, especially introduced species that spread quickly, hog the habitat, and overcome native flora by sopping up the surface water and crowding the residents. Wild oats that cover vast areas of “golden” California is a good example of a European species running rampant and replacing native bunch grasses. There is a multitude of introduced grass species in the western landscapes that encroach upon fields and multiply excessively, becoming a problem for ranchers with grazing livestock. Cheat, an alien *Bromus* in the Poaceae grass family, has dominated many fields.

Various grasses are the ‘Kings of Encroachment’ of plants. Over 6,000 species filter around the world, producing abundant seeds that are easily and cleverly distributed far and wide.

The California Native Plant Society wages a constant battle to reduce or eliminate invasive encroachments of starthistle, Scotch broom, Himalayan blackberry, and dozens of other threats to native species. Some plants are so persistent that they have to be considered “naturalized” and part of the vegetative pattern. Some types make a handsome addition to local flora, and if they can make it on their own they sometimes have to be accepted.

The European everlasting pea-vine that winds its way along the river banks, displays a lovely blossom and edible pea-pods, but in its ecstasy to elevate, it climbs into shrubs and snuffs out the victim’s sunshine cutting off chlorophyll production. Such a situation developed at Oroville’s Centennial Gardens along the river levee in 2014.

Around Oakland Camp near Quincy, foreign plant intrusion has been at a minimum for the mountain woodland, but who could imagine that the lovely ox-eye daisy that creates a harmless, handsome addition to the local wildflowers, is of Asian origin? To the Ox-eye; “Welcome Stranger!”

*Through the growing organism’s power of assimilation there is a constant encroachment of the organic upon the inorganic, a constant attempt to connect all available material into living substance, and to indefinitely multiply the total number of organisms.*

- Harris Hawthorne Wilder
Bec Hosts DIY Water Conservation Workshops

Butte Environmental Council is hosting two water conservation workshops focused on converting lawns to native landscapes and installing greywater systems. Workshops are FREE, includes organic lunch, and is hands-on. Limited to 20 people, pre-registration is required. Locations will be given to registered participants. Registration: http://www.becnet.org/watershed-program or call 530 891-6424

Lawns to Native Landscapes  June 1  9-2
Led by JOHN WHITTLESEY, nursery owner, author, and expert lawn to drought resistant landscape installer. Learn the water conservation and wildlife benefits to converting lawns to native landscapes, actually convert a small lawn, test soil samples, gather plant recommendations, and go home with a native plant to get started. Altacal Audubon Society will announce their new Bird Friendly Yard Certification Program.

Greywater Installation  June 14  10-3
GREYWATER ACTION, a water conservation organization out of Berkeley is coming to lead a washing machine greywater workshop. Participants will learn the basics of greywater, design, and actually install a system from start to finish. Greywater is the reuse of water from sources such as sinks, baths, and washing machines that can be used in your garden.

Keep up with MLC Activities
on our website and Facebook

California Native Plant Society, Mount Lassen Chapter

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Calendar 2014

June
7 - Round Valley Reservoir
8 - ANNUAL PICNIC
15 - Eagle Rock / Humboldt Summit
22 - Butterfly Valley

July
6 - Jonesville Meadows
20 - Wilson Lake
27 - Frog & Green Islands

August
3 - South Caribou Wilderness
20 - Executive Board Meeting
24 - Willow Lake
31 - Deadfall Lakes on Mt Eddy

September
3 - General Meeting
14 - HORTICULTURE SYMPOSIUM