



# The Cypress Cone

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## President's Message

Greetings and welcome to our winter edition!

It has been a beautiful fall here in our county. With hurricane tragedies, Supreme Court nominations and an "eventful" political arena, it is sometimes difficult to find a quiet moment for reflection here in the small piece of paradise we call home.

I had one of these moments while watching local members of the community and plant enthusiasts of all guilds mingle and celebrate at the October 8<sup>th</sup> plant sale at the UCSC Eucalyptus grove. It was one of those early fall, blustery days with warm pale sunshine and folks bustling around sipping coffee, finding native color combinations for their fall gardening and finding out more about homegrown native plants. Looking over the crowd of volunteers and customers and signs, all I could see and feel was our Santa Cruz community.

A wise person once pointed out that it is unproductive to fight directly against bad things (people or ideas) happening in the world. The best thing to do is to organize and take strides towards creating good, putting our energy towards the positive dreams and changes we want to see in our community and taking steps towards what we would like to see for our children. Our chapter, and the Society as a whole, is putting that philosophy to action and we thank you for your continued involvement and interest in native plants and the wild places of Santa Cruz.

Please join us in November at the S.C. Natural History Museum for an informative presentation by Jeffrey Caldwell and to get involved in upcoming chapter board nominations and elections. It has been my pleasure to be President of the Chapter for the last year and I am encouraged to see all of the conservation, education, restoration and community involvement our group has accomplished.

Enjoy your Holidays!

~ Casey Stewman, President

California Native Plant Society  
Santa Cruz County Chapter  
General Meeting

November 14, 7:30 pm  
Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History  
1305 E. Cliff Drive

**Jeffrey Caldwell**  
**Your Garden As Habitat**

How does your garden "work" for creatures? A major motive for employing native plant species is attracting or supporting particular sorts of animals — often butterflies, birds, or pollinators — or living things in general. Want to become more aware of how the gardening philosophies and policies we follow, and the plants we choose to grow affect local wildlife?

Jeffrey Caldwell has devoted much thought and study to how to create landscapes teeming with life while accommodating human desires and needs. Jeffrey has been gardening for wildlife with native plants for over forty-five years! He is a master native plant gardener with extensive experience working in native nurseries, in landscape design, installation and maintenance, and in many aspects of revegetation and biological assessment.

Currently, Jeffrey is self-employed as a consultant, often to other professionals, and also personally involved in native plant garden design, installation, maintenance and trouble-shooting. He has been giving lectures on habitat gardening and the wildlife values of native plants to organizations since the 1970s, and received his B.A. in Biology at Pomona College in 1971.



Purple Milkweed (*Asclepias cordifolia*) with Monarch butterfly caterpillar  
courtesy of Karen Callahan

### Plant Sale Report

The Fall Plant sale got started on a festive note when Steve McCabe offered a toast to the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CNPS and 40<sup>th</sup> year of the UCSC Arboretum. All the volunteers shared this moment just before the official opening of the sale at 10am.

The new plant signs with colored photos made by Linda Willis provided a fresh look to our sale area. Linda has included small pictures of humming birds and butterflies to show which plants are especially good attractors. In addition to the plant signs, she is creating a database to organize information about all the plants that our chapter propagates and sells.

Sales of plants brought in \$2,888.00, and posters and books brought in an additional \$242.00.

I started to make a list of all the members who helped prepare for and worked at the sale, but it is too long to include, and I don't want to forget anyone. So, thanks again to everyone!!

~Karen Hildebrand, Plant Co-chair

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### Why the Endangered Species Act Is Important to Us

The mission of the California Native Plant Society is to increase understanding and appreciation of California's native plants and to conserve them and their natural habitats through education, science, advocacy, horticulture and land stewardship.

"In its current form, the Endangered Species Act is a key tool that we use for plant conservation on federal lands and federal projects. It is one of the only legal protections we have for endangered plants, which is why we need to keep it functioning and funded." (Ileene Anderson, "CNPS Goes to Capitol Hill," *The Bulletin*, Vol. 35 #3, July-Sept, 2005, p. 2)

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### Update on the Endangered Species Act By Kris Houser

On Sept. 29, 2005, the U.S. House of Representatives voted 229-193 to pass HR 3824, the "Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act of 2005." This vote was unfortunate, but not unexpected. The debate has now moved to the US Senate, where more reasoned and conservation-minded voices might prevail.

On Sept. 30, HR3824 was referred to the Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works, which consists of 10 Republicans, led by James Inhofe of Oklahoma, and 8 Democrats, led by James Jeffords of Vermont (technically, he's an Independent). Both Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barbara Boxer sit on this committee.

### Call to Action: You can help the struggle against HR 3824

If you care about keeping a powerful and science-backed ESA behind us when we come to the table to bargain with developers and government agencies, please express your concerns to Senator Barbara Boxer and the other senators on the Committee on the Environment and Public Works.

Two of our major concerns are that HR 3824 shackles scientists and would cost the federal government more, not less, to implement.

### To contact a US Senator:

<http://epw.senate.gov/members/members.htm>

### To read more about HR 3824:

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d109:HR03824:@@L&summ2=m&>

### To take other actions to help the planet:

<http://aveda.aveda.com/protect/you/actions.asp>



Cartoon courtesy of Bob Thaves

## Why the Endangered Species Act Is Important to Us *(cont'd)*

This year has seen a strong attack on the Endangered Species Act (ESA), orchestrated by Representative Richard Pombo (R-Tracy), an advocate for property rights. He is the author of H.R. 3824, "The Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act of 2005." Interestingly, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington named Richard Pombo one of the **thirteen most corrupt members of Congress** in September 2005. ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard\\_Pombo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Pombo))

The ironically titled "Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act of 2005" is itself a threat to the continued success of the ESA, one of the nation's most successful pieces of legislation. The ESA has been used to save the American Bald Eagle, the Northern Spotted Owl, and the Desert Tortoise. Several populations of Grizzly Bear have also been protected by the ESA, but these Grizzly groups are now considered to be experimental populations (non-essential). Local plant species that are classed as federally endangered are the Marsh Sandwort (*Arenaria paludicola*), the Ben Lomond Spineflower (*Chorizanthe pungens* var. *Hartwegiana*) and the Scotts Valley spineflower (*Chorizanthe robusta* var. *Hartwegii*), the Robust Spineflower (*Chorizanthe robusta*), the Santa Cruz Cypress (*Cupressus abramsiana*), the Santa Cruz Wallflower (*Erysimum teretifolium*), the Sand Gilia (*Gilia tenuiflora* ssp. *Arenaria*), the Santa Cruz Tarplant (*Holocarpha macradenia*), the White-eyed Pantachaeta (*Pantachaeta bellidiflora*), the Scotts Valley polygonum (*Polygonum hickmanii*).

Often, especially in the case of plant conservation, the ESA is not actually invoked, but is instead the unspoken impetus that brings the concerned parties together to work out a compromise agreeable to both sides.

Locally, we published a petition in the Cypress Cone that asked Congress to maintain the ESA and to strengthen, not weaken the act. Sixty four local CNPS members signed the petition, and their petitions were sent to Washington in July, when Ileene Anderson, CNPS senior botanist, and Sarah Matsumoto of the Endangered Species Coalition, lobbied Congress in support of the ESA.

On the national level, the Aveda Corporation collected over 150,000 signatures on a similar ESA petition published on their website. So the people continue to express their support for the act...

On August 19, 2005, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution demanding that the federal government continue support for the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Supervisor Mardi Wormhoudt sponsored the resolution, and our chapter extends our appreciation for her work in conservation. Other government entities that passed similar resolutions this summer are the City of San Francisco, Ashland, OR, and Pima County, Arizona.

~ Kris Houser, Chapter Secretary



You Are Invited to a CNPS 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party!

*Food and Drink*

*Live Music*

*Silent and Live Auctions*



The East Bay Chapter and the Willis L. Jepson Chapter are organizing a fun evening party celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CNPS. The party coincides with the CNPS Chapter Council meeting in Berkeley on the weekend of December 3. All CNPS members are invited to come to this very special celebration. There will be a silent auction along with food and drink, a jazz duo, and a live auction later in the evening.

**Date:** Friday, December 2, 2005

**Time:** 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm

**Place:** Brazilian Room, Tilden Regional Park, Berkeley

**Cost:** \$10 plus a few dollars for wine or beer

**What to Bring:** A contribution to the Auction and money to spend on the auction items.

**Refreshments:** Appetizers, Moroccan stew (all veggie or with chicken), rice pilaf, salad, fruit, anniversary cake, soft drinks, coffee, and tea will be served. Wine and beer will be available for a reasonable price.

**To attend, please RSVP by November 18.** We will be paying a per person charge, so it is important that you tell us if you are coming. Please contact Elaine Jackson at [elainejx@mindspring.com](mailto:elainejx@mindspring.com) or (925) 372-0687 to RSVP or if you have questions.



## Join the California Native Plant Society!

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**CNPS** is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of California native flora. CNPS has 31 chapters throughout the state and membership is open to all persons- professional and amateur- with an interest in California's native plants. Members have diverse interests including natural history, botany, ecology, conservation, photography, drawing, hiking, and gardening. Your membership includes *Fremontia*, a quarterly journal with articles on all aspects of native plants; the *Bulletin*, a statewide report of activities and schedules; and the *Cypress Cone*.



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