Thanks to all of the volunteers who contributed to the many Shasta Chapter-sponsored activities held in March and April. Those include three fieldtrips, a three-part wildflower identification class plus fieldtrips, a booth at the Turtle Bay Arboretum Plant Sale, the three-day Shasta CNPS Spring Native Plant Sale held in conjunction with Shasta College’s Horticulture Department plant sale, and coming up as the newsletter goes to press, an information booth with plants for sale at the City of Redding-sponsored Whole Earth and Watershed Festival. Details about most of these activities can be found throughout this newsletter.

Mark your calendars for our annual summer barbecue-picnic and scholarship-recipient presentation on Thursday, June 19, at Enterprise Park in Kids’ Kingdom Picnic Pavilion (see Calendar, page 8, for details).

-Mark Kilborn,
President,
Shasta Chapter CNPS

The 21st Annual Siskiyou County Wildflower Show on Mother’s Day Sunday, May 11, is set to go! Held in the Flower building at the Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds in Yreka (coming from the south, take the first Yreka exit on I-5, bear right to the stop sign, then left to the fairgrounds entrance), you can expect fresh displays of trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, weeds, mosses, and lichens. The partnership between the Klamath and Shasta-Trinity national forests, and the Shasta Chapter CNPS, has developed over the years to provide an educational opportunity for the community at which we provide information on native plant gardening and a variety of other topics. Marla Knight, Forest Botanist for the Klamath National Forest, heads up the event and has a cadre of dedicated botanists and volunteers who assist in putting the show together. Books, posters, plants, and other CNPS items will be available at the event. For more information, contact me at 841-4425.

-Marla Knight

On Thursday, June 12, conifer expert and author Michael Kauffmann will give a special presentation to the Shasta Chapter CNPS and friends. We are lucky enough to have one of the world’s conifer diversity hotspots, the Klamath Mountains, in our backyard, and Michael’s presentation will explore the astounding diversity of conifers and other plants in the spectacular setting of the Klamath Mountains. Recently, Michael has been assessing and mapping whitebark pine in northern California in conjunction with the California Native Plant Society and the US Forest Service. Whitebark pine is an iconic high-elevation tree that is declining across its range because of a combination of mountain pine beetles, white pine blister rust, fire suppression, and climate change.

This special event will be held in the Main Conference Room at Lema Ranch, the McConnell Foundation’s headquarters. Lema Ranch is located at 800 Shasta View Drive, Redding, between Old Alturas Road and Highway 299; for directions, see www.mcconnellfoundation.org/lema/directions. The Foundation encourages using carpool, public transportation, or bicycle. The meeting begins at 6 PM, doors open at 5:30 PM. Arrive early and enjoy a late afternoon walk on the Lema Ranch trails—four miles of paved trails that wind through grassland, oak woodland, and four ponds.

-Margaret Widdowson
Scholarship Update: Searching for the Best and Brightest!
The Shasta Chapter of CNPS is offering our annual scholarship for the 20th year. The amount of each scholarship has increased this year to $2,000 to reflect both plant sale income generated by the hard work of volunteers, and to recognize the increased cost of a college education. To qualify for this scholarship, a student must be graduating from a high school or community college within our chapter area (Shasta, Siskiyou, Modoc, and Lassen counties), and must be going into a four-year life science bachelor degree program. Scholarship applications and announcements have been sent out to all of our regional high schools, community colleges, and media outlets. The deadline for applications is Friday, May 2. Anyone interested in an application form may find it on our website at shastacnps.org, or call Jay Thesken at 221-0906. The Scholarship Committee will be reviewing the submitted applications and expects to announce the recipient at the May 15 chapter meeting. The recipient will be introduced at the June picnic meeting at Enterprise Park in Redding on June 19.

-Jay Thesken, Scholarship Committee Chair

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-Terri Thesken, Plant Propagation Manager

A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Chapter Members!
Chad Hawthorne, Redding
Suzanne Hurley, Bella Vista
Kelly Shuler, McArthur
Damian Swain, Redding
Dave Wallace, Cottonwood

PLANT PROPAGATION NEWS

Spring Plant Sale
The Shasta College Annual Spring Plant Sale was wildly popular for its three days, Thursday–Saturday, April 10–12, and was a good start to California Native Plant Week. While the college sells vegetable starts and other ornamental plants, Shasta Chapter CNPS sells many of the California natives that we have propagated since last fall. This year, we heavily advertised the availability of drought-tolerant species at our sale, and sold a huge amount of California native plants at both the sale and the pre-sale—1,280 plants total! Many of our members spent numerous hours setting up the sale, and dispensing plenty of native plant gardening advice during the sale, for which we are especially grateful. The volunteers who put so many hours into propagation, weeding, and clean-up over the past year really made this event successful. The funds we collect from this and our other events this spring go to support our scholarship program, Acorn grants, Oak Tree grants, and our new Research grant. Many thanks go to our faithful propagators and plant sale helpers!

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-Terri Thesken, Plant Propagation Manager

Below: new member Dave Wallace and granddaughter, Riley, helping out with the Spring Plant Sale, April 12. Photos by Jay Thesken.

The first morning of the Spring Plant Sale, Thursday, April 10. Right: shoppers making their selections. Below, left to right: David Fritchle, Terri Thesken, and Michele Driggs. Photos by Jay Thesken.

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REMEMBERING GARY AND WINFIELD

Almost fifteen years ago, we lost two of our most active and dear Shasta Chapter members, Gary Matson and Winfield Mowder. The following heartfelt article, reprinted in its entirety below, was written by columnist Doni Greenberg, then of the Record Searchlight, in honor of both Gary and Winfield in the week after they were slain. Many of us still have plants in our yards that are “Gary plants”—those that were raised with care by Gary and given to his friends or to CNPS at all of the early plant sales. We will forever miss both Gary and Winfield. -Terri Thesken

SLAYING VICTIMS PROVIDED LIGHT TO INSPIRE GROWTH IN LIFE

If only time could be turned back one week.

This time last week, Gary Matson and Winfield Mowder were alive. Thursday, they were found slain in their home.

Because my mind still doesn’t believe it, typing those words feels surreal. Their deaths—considered by authorities as homicides—defy explanation.

Countless hearts ache for the loss of two of the most energetic, intelligent, candid, peace-loving men I’ve ever met. Their laughs were hearty, their smiles were easy and their wits were sharp.

The first time I encountered Gary and Winfield was more than a decade ago at their former nursery off Highway 273. I was intrigued enough by the abundance of eye-popping flowers beyond the fence that I stopped my car there. Their “office” was a table under the shady canopy of a huge tree. Their nursery was located in one of the hottest, least-attractive parts of town. Even so, customers who crossed that threshold entered a little piece of Eden.

Later, I worked with Gary at the Shasta Natural Science Association, and for a short time, Turtle Bay Museums and Arboretum by the River. Gary was a brilliant horticulturist—a plant purist—with an unwavering image of the way things should be. It never occurred to Gary to keep those visions and opinions to himself, nor did he waste precious time searching for tactful ways of sharing his views. It’s an understatement to say Gary was not a corporate kind of guy.

However, if there were plants that needed identifying—by so little as a single leaf—Gary was your man. The last time I saw him was at a farmers market where he was selling lush plants, ranting about corrupt politics and doling out earnest advice.

The last time I saw Winfield was a few months ago at Orchard Supply and Hardware, where he worked when he wasn’t attending Chico State University. We discussed my flower bed in progress. Winfield listened, asked questions and told me which plants to buy. I obeyed, carting away columbines and coral bells. He talked about how ecstatic he was to be ending his college stint and earning a degree in anthropology. I asked if he’d attend graduation. He said he didn’t need a ceremony to impress upon him the significance of an event. He talked about how much he missed Gary’s daughter, Clea, now that she was a grown-up college student. It wasn’t the first time I’d thought how lucky Clea was to have such love, devotion and support.

Gary and Winfield were over-the-top, eyes-wide-open, live-life-to-the fullest kinds of guys. They were more. More than just plant experts, more than just strong voices expounding enough ideas and convictions to last 100 lifetimes.

They were dynamic examples of two extraordinary individuals with delightful characteristics that set them apart from the ordinary. But as partners in life and sometimes business, Gary and Winfield were seamless.

Because they were so much more, the world is so much less without them.

Record Searchlight news article, dated July 7, 1999, written by Doni Greenberg and reprinted with permission. Article provided by Terri Thesken.

WHO WILL TEND THE GARDEN?

The Matson Mowder Howe Celebration Garden was established in 2004, and was built upon the remnants of one of Redding’s first native plant gardens. The initial garden was started by Shasta Chapter charter member Gary Matson in the early 1980s at the then-new Carter House Children’s Science Museum, one of many community projects spear-headed by Matson and Marcia Howe. It was a fitting location for a memorial garden for plant enthusiasts Matson and partner Winfield Mowder, who were murdered in a brutal hate crime, and Marcia Howe, who died an untimely death from complications of lung disease.

Under the guidance of Shasta Chapter member Michele Driggs, what remained of Matson’s original garden was salvaged, augmented, and massaged into one of Redding’s finest gems. The Shasta Chapter financially adopted the garden in 2011.

Recently we learned that Michele will no longer be able to manage the garden, which must be a great disappointment for her. This garden has been a labor of love for Michele. It has served as a point of great beauty, an inspiration to gardeners, a community education service, a supply of plant propagation materials, and not least, a memorial to three beautiful lives cut all too short.

The garden’s fate at this juncture is unknown, so the question today is, “Who will tend the garden?” The Shasta Chapter has been able to provide funding, but what’s now lacking is a figurehead and gardeners committed to giving their time on a regular basis to help maintain and even improve the garden. Do we have that? We don’t know, and so we want to hear from you. If you would be interested in committing to preserving this garden, in particular if you would be interested in spear-heading the effort, please contact Laurie Burk by e-mail (laurieburk@gmail.com) or phone (message: 347-0849) to let her know. This information will be brought to the next Board meeting, on May 15, to help the Shasta Chapter decide what role, if any, it wants to take in preserving the Matson Mowder Howe Celebration Garden.

Margaret Widdowson and Ken Kilborn sit at the booth at the Turtle Bay Spring Plant Sale, April 4 & 5. Photo by Doug Mandel.
FIELDTRIP FOLLOW-UPS  

**OREGON GULCH**  

Oregon Gulch is located in southwest Redding and encompasses 385 acres of city-owned land that the Shasta Chapter CNPS, Audubon, Sierra Club, and other groups want to see preserved as a natural area. We circulated a petition asking the Redding City Council to keep the area in a natural state at the start of the fieldtrip and got most of the 25 walk participants to sign it. A woman whose family owns property in Oregon Gulch and next to the city property eagerly signed it and said all of her family would be in support of preserving the area.

On the March 15 fieldtrip, we saw redbud, mission bells, western buttercup, lacepod, shining peppergrass, American wintercress, Tolmei’s mariposa lily, fiddleneck, and Indian warrior among the many plants in bloom. We walked along a stream into the property and then veered up a steep ridge that provided great views of the western mountains. Participants were given a free plant list of the area and walk leader David Ledger identified plants along the trail. Margaret Widdowson helped identify some of the obscure plants that David didn’t know. The walk only took about two hours. We will be leading walks in this area several times per year to introduce people to the area.  

-David Ledger

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**YANA TRAIL**

Six CNPS hikers enjoyed a beautiful late spring day on Saturday, April 19, as **Jay & Terri Thesken** led an 8.5-mile hike on the Yana Trail of the Sacramento River Bend Recreation Area. We traveled along the Sacramento River from Jelly’s Ferry to Perry’s Riffle, along the river, over river terraces, and through shady foothill oak woodland glens by way of Massacre Flat. The lack of rain this season made for an early wildflower bloom, which we slightly missed, though we enjoyed seeing shrubs and wildflowers such as tidy tips, lupine, goldfields, spring madia, fying pan poppy, white hyacinth, seep-spring monkeyflower, sedum, woodland star, brodiaea, Ithuriel’s spear, ookow, harvest brodiaea, lotus, larkspur, paintbrush, phacelia, woolly sunflower, Fitch’s skunkweed, clematis, fiddleneck, onion, grass pink, blow wvies, lacepod, peppergrass, wavyleaf soap plant, yampah, bird’s eye gilia, buttercup, popcorn flower, Q-tips, purple sanicle, lomatium, yerba santa, butter & eggs, plantain, slender clarkia, Leichtlin’s mariposa lily, and dudleya. Trees and shrubs were freshly leafed out and included snowdrop bush in full bloom, buckeye, ceanothus, manzanita, redberry, blue oak, interior live oak, valley oak, sycamore, cottonwood, California juniper, Oregon ash, willow, and plenty of healthy poison oak! Bird highlights included a colony of acorn woodpeckers in a blue oak, and osprey. We enjoyed the verdant hillsides and valleys before California’s “golden landscape” sets in.

-Terri Thesken

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**WILDFLOWER WORKSHOPS**

The Shasta Chapter held a three-session wildflower identification workshop over three consecutive Saturdays in March and April. This was somewhat of an experiment to try to teach beginners wildflower identification through learning plant families by floral formulas.

Plant families were selected based on occurrence in the area and unique features that could easily be differentiated from each respective plant family. Those families were borage (Boraginaceae, which now includes waterleaf), mint (Lamiaceae), parsley (Apiaceae), sunflower (Asteraceae), rose (Rosaceae), stonecrop (Crassulaceae), mustard (Brassicaceae), pea (Fabaceae), lily (Liliaceae), and brodiaea (Themidaceae).

Floral formulas were based on those used by Humboldt State University and also the textbook, *Vascular Plant Taxonomy*, originally written by Dirk Walters, a member of San Luis Obispo Chapter CNPS. Basic flower parts, inflorescence, and leaf shape and arrangement on a stem were also covered. Flowers from each family were given to participants to allow them to identify the flower parts and see if it matched the floral formula. A short fieldtrip was taken following each workshop so people could see specimens in a natural setting.

Participants who stayed with the class seemed to grasp the concepts and flower families covered. The number of families and subjects covered was considerable for a three-session workshop and would be better covered over four sessions, although getting people to give up four Saturday mornings may be difficult.

Special thanks to Aaron Sims and Julie Nelson for providing materials that I used in the workshops. Anyone wanting to learn more about native plants should take Julie Nelson’s wildflower identification class offered every spring semester at Shasta College.

-David Ledger

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*Jay Thesken* leading hikers on the Yana Trail hike of April 19. Photo by *Jay Thesken.*

*Terri Thesken* leading hikers on the Yana Trail hike of April 19. Photo by *Jay Thesken.*

*Jay Thesken* photographing *Fraxinus latifolia,* Oregon ash, on the Yana Trail hike of April 19. Photo by *Doug Mandel.*

Left: biological control of *Hypericum perforatum* (Klamath weed) by *Chrysolina hyperici* or *C. quadrigemina* beetles on the Yana Trail hike of April 19. Photo by *Doug Mandel.*

Left to right: *Terri Thesken,* Vajiro, Laurie, and *Doug Mandel* observing dudleya on the Yana Trail hike of April 19. Photo by *Jay Thesken.*
Eureka Dunes Enchantment: A Volunteer’s Tale

In the last Firecracker, Death Valley National Park (DVNP) advertised a need for volunteers and I was thrilled to be able to respond! The park was asking for help surveying during a sensational bloom of rare endemics particular to the Eureka Dunes. No experience was necessary; the only requirements were the ability to hike up to 10 miles a day and a three-day minimum commitment to survey for these 4 plants: Oenothera californica ssp. eurekensis, a white evening primrose unique to the Eureka Dunes; Swallenia alexandrae, the lone individual of its whole plant family; Astragalus lentiguonsus var. micans, a soft gray-green milk vetch; and a tiny spiny Salsola sp., the noxious Russian thistle. How could I say no?

Two other volunteers made it to the dunes for the survey—a good friend of mine from college who traveled with me, as well as a local woman involved in the Bristlecone Chapter CNPS who had a wealth of local botanical insight. Orientation began with getting to know each other, handing out GPS units, and looking over pictures of the plants that we were there to survey, followed by an exceptional botany walk led by Jane Cipra, DVNP botanist.

The first survey we hiked into began at about 7 AM the following morning. The survey method was simple: count living plants occurring within the site as we walked hectare by hectare, and then translate that number into high, medium, or low population generalities. We split up to cover more ground and finished around 4 PM, leaving plenty of time for dinner prep and interesting fireside conversation under a bazillion stars. We actually accomplished so much that the following day was extra-voluntary, and even so, we all stayed on. The terrain wasn’t too demanding, the view was luxurious for miles, and the weather was great with lots of intermittent sun and cloud cover and even an occasional breezy relief.

I found the overall experience in the desert to be enchanting, and meeting the other botanists was a total delight. I would do another outing like this in the future; I actually can’t wait to go on another volunteer vacation as I have the time and am able to do so. It’s the perfect excuse to go somewhere new while learning new plants and field techniques, and also for making invaluable professional connections.

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There is a critical need to conserve existing stands of milkweed across the western monarch’s breeding range. To work toward this, the Xerces Society has created a database of over 7,000 milkweed locations in seven western states to identify potential monarch breeding grounds and prioritize conservation efforts. You can add to this by reporting any milkweed patches via our milkweed survey!

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**Chico Herbarium Workshops**

The following spring 2014 workshops are being offered by CSU Chico Friends of the Herbarium, and will be conducted on the CSU Chico campus. For details about these workshops and registration information, please go to www.csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/Events.html

- **April 26.** Botanical Illustration. Judy McCrary.
- **May 18.** Wild Food Wander. Wolfgang Rougle.

**CNPS Workshops and Professional Training**

The following 2014 workshops are being offered by CNPS. Discounted registration fees are available to CNPS members. See http://cnps.org/cnps/education/workshops/ for full descriptions and registration information. Please contact Josie Crawford at jcrawford@cnps.org or 916/447-2677 ext. 205 for further information.

- **April 29–May 1.** Measuring and Monitoring Plant Populations. (Location: UC Santa Cruz Arboretum.) John Willoughby.
- **June 10–12.** Vegetation Rapid Assessment/Relevé. (Location: Crystal Cove State Park, Laguna Beach.) Todd Keeler-Wolf and Jennifer Buck-Diaz.

**Jepson Herbarium Weekend Workshops**

The Friends of the Jepson Herbarium is offering the following 2014 workshops. They require pre-registration and fees, and take place at UC Berkeley unless otherwise noted. Details on the workshops (as well as other wait-listed workshops) can be found at http://ucjeps.berkeley.edu/workshops/ For further information, contact jepsonworkshops@berkeley.edu or 510/643-7008.

- **May 9–11.** The Spectacular Diversity of Bay Area Public Gardens. Dean Kelch.
- **May 10.** Restoration Ecology. Dylan Chapple, Lauren Hallett, and Katie Suding.
- **May 15–18.** Seaweeds of Northern California. (Location: Point Arena Field Station, Mendocino County.) Kathy Ann Miller.
- **June 11–12.** Fire Adaptations in a Changing Climate. Dr. Thomas Atzet; $100.

**Siskiyou Field Institute Events**

Below is a sampling of the spring classes being offered by the Siskiyou Field Institute, based out of Deer Creek Center in Selma, Oregon. For more classes and further information, please visit their web site at www.thesfi.org or contact the institute at 541/597-8530.

- **May 10.** Serpentine Ecology. Susan Harrison and Cecile Shohet; $55.
- **May 20–21.** Wildland Grass Identification Workshop. Barbara Wilson, Dick Brainerd, and Nick Otting; $250.
- **June 6–7.** Wildflower Photography with a Pocket Camera. Mark Turner; $100.
- **June 8.** Capturing Wildflowers on an iPhone. Mark Turner; $55.
- **June 11–12.** Fire Adaptations in a Changing Climate. Dr. Thomas Atzet; $100.
- **June 21–22.** Butterflies of the Siskiyou Region. Dana Ross; $110.
- **June 24–25.** Carex Identification Workshop. Barbara Wilson, Dick Brainerd, and Nick Otting; $250.
- **June 28–29.** Hiking the High Siskiyou in Search of Plant Names and Their Stories. Linda Ann Vorobik; $110.

**Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve**

Upcoming events at Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve (HCCP) are as follows:

- **May 3, Saturday, 8:30 AM**  
  Early Bird Watchers  
  with local bird expert, Barbara Peck

- **May 18, Sunday, 2 PM**  
  Bugs on the Bottom—Stream Bottom Ecology  
  with Shasta College instructor, Morgan Hannaford, PhD.

- **June 1, Sunday, 1 PM**  
  Native Plant Identification and Uses  
  with native Wintu, Ted Dawson

For all events, meet at the HCCP parking area on Clear Creek Road, about 7 miles west of Highway 273, just west of the Clear Creek bridge. All events are free. Please call 241-2026 for further information.

**CA Native Grasslands Association Events**

The following spring 2014 events are being offered by the California Native Grasslands Association. For details about these events and registration information, please go to cnga.org

- **May 22.** Native Grasses in the Built Environment. UC Davis.
- **June 14.** Introduction to Grass Taxonomy and Identification. Point Reyes, California.
**June 12, Thursday**

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<td>Join <strong>Michael Kauffmann</strong>, author of <em>Conifer Country</em> and <em>Conifers of the Pacific Slope</em>, for an evening celebrating and exploring one of the most ancient and ecologically diverse groups of plants on Earth. Conifers survive in the West’s most spectacular landscapes and Michael’s presentation will offer an armchair journey to these magical destinations. Michael will focus on regional species diversity in the Klamath Mountains—known as one of the world’s hotspots for conifer diversity—as well as on research he conducted in the summer of 2013 on whitebark pine in northern California. We will also explore conifer biogeography and how our region is interconnected with many other western landscapes and hence has historically maintained world-class biodiversity. Michael’s books will be for sale at the event. The presentation will begin at 6 PM, and will be held at Lema Ranch, Main Conference Room, 800 Shasta View Drive, Redding. <em>(See article, page 1.)</em></td>
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<td><strong>Plant Weeding/Clean-up Session.</strong></td>
<td>One- to two-hour work session starting at 9 AM (please note earlier start time for the warm summer months) at the Shasta College greenhouses. The greenhouses are located at the back of Shasta College, near the livestock barns. We will be weeding our plants and demonstration garden and spiffing up. Please call <strong>Jay &amp; Terri Thesken</strong> at 221-0906 for further information.</td>
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**June 28, Saturday**

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<td><strong>Fieldtrip: Mt. Shasta.</strong></td>
<td>This is a high-elevation, 5-mile fieldtrip from Panther Meadows to Southgate Meadows on Mt. Shasta at the 7,000- to 8,000-foot elevation. This moderately difficult hike has a 1,000-foot elevation climb. The trail has a variety of high-elevation wildflowers and shrubs, with beautiful views of the Sacramento Valley, Castle Crags, and surrounding terrain. Bring water, lunch, and adequate hiking footwear. No dogs, please. Meet at Redding City Hall south parking lot on Parkview Avenue at 9 AM. Mt. Shasta area residents should call walk leader <strong>David Ledger</strong> at 355-8542 for a local meeting location.</td>
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**Events of Others**

**May 3, Saturday.** Bear Creek Watershed Outing and Bird Survey. 7:30 AM. Meet in the parking area on the south side of the Redding Civic Auditorium. Wintu Audubon Society. 941-7741.


**May 10, Saturday.** Second-Saturday Bird Walks: Youth and Beginner Bird Walk at Turtle Bay from 9–11 AM, and General Bird Walk at Shasta College from 8 AM to noon. Beginners meet in the parking area behind the monolith at Turtle Bay; others at the north parking lot at Shasta College. Wintu Audubon Society. Dan Greaney: 276-9693.


**May 15, Thursday.** Local Weekday Bird Walk: Battle Creek State Wildlife Area. 8 AM. Meet in the parking area on the south side of the Redding Civic Auditorium. Wintu Audubon Society. 941-7741.

**May 17, Saturday.** UC Davis Spring Plant Sale. 9 AM to 1 PM. UC Davis Arboretum Teaching Nursery. 752-4880.

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