



# San Gabriel Mountains Chapter California Native Plant Society

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**T**HE San Gabriel Mountains Chapter is part of the statewide California Native Plant Society (CNPS). CNPS is dedicated to conservation of California native plants and their natural habitats, and to increasing the understanding, appreciation, and horticultural use of native plants. To this end, we have programs, plant walks, field trips and plant sales. A few of these events are listed below. All events except field trips take place at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 North Altadena Drive, Pasadena CA 91107, 626-398-5420. These events are free and everyone is welcome. There's much more to learn about our chapter on our web site at [cnps-sgm.org](http://cnps-sgm.org).

## ☞ PROGRAMS

On the fourth Thursday of each month except July, August, November, and December. The meetings begin at 7:30 pm and are preceded by a social gathering at 7 pm usually including plant identification examples.

**January 27, 2011**

### **Gold-Spotted Oak Borer, Tom Scott**

Tom Scott, from the University of California's Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources describes the threat to the oak trees in Southern California posed by the Gold-Spotted Oak Borer.

**February 24, 2011**

### **Griffith Park Rare Plant Survey, Dan Cooper**

Griffith Park is L.A.'s largest park, covering more than 4,000 acres of rugged chaparral and sycamore-lined canyons at the eastern end of the Santa Monica Mountains. In 2007, Dan Cooper, President of Cooper Ecological Monitoring, Inc., conducted the Griffith Park Natural History Survey.

**March 24, 2011**

### **Landscaping Plants for California Gardens, Bob Perry**

Bob Perry is Professor Emeritus from the Department of Landscape Architecture at Cal Poly University. Mr. Perry will be summarizing a range of observations and views he has made regarding California native plants and their influence on his teaching and design work.

## ☞ PLANT WALKS

On the second Sunday of each month except during July and August. Meet in front of Eaton Canyon Nature Center at 9 am. The leisurely walk, about 2 hours, is different each time — what's leafing out, flowering, in seed, etc., determines what your leader will talk about — and different leaders bring different points of view.

**January 9, 2011**, with Clem Padick as leader

**February 13, 2011**, with Bob Dollins as leader

**March 13, 2011**, with Cynthia Null as leader

## ☞ FIELD TRIPS

**January 8, 2011, 9 am**

### **California Garden at Descanso Gardens, La Cañada Flintridge**

Rachel Young, horticulturist for the California Garden, joins us for this walk. She will talk about Descanso's native oak collection and other California natives and what she is doing to improve water conservation. Meet in the courtyard inside the entrance. Fee.

**February 5, 2011, 10 am**

### **Powder Canyon, Habitat Authority Wilderness Reserve, La Habra Heights**

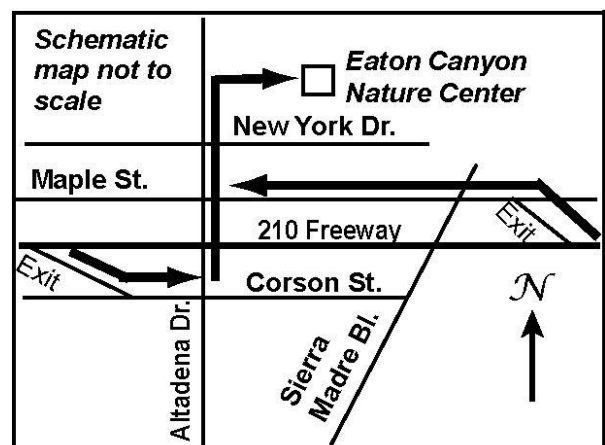
This trail goes through coastal sage scrub and excellent walnut and oak woodlands. Take Fullerton Road to Old Fullerton Road. Use second entrance on the right. Meet in the parking lot near the restrooms and picnic table. Jane Strong, leader.

**March 5, 2011, 10 am**

### **Restoring the Palos Verdes Blue Butterfly and Native Plants at Friendship Park, San Pedro**

Kim Bosell, park superintendent, will be our guide. Meet at the Nature Center.

☒ If you wish email reminders about these events or if you would like to get the newsletter by email, send a request to Cliff McLean at [cliff.mclean@verizon.net](mailto:cliff.mclean@verizon.net) or call Gabi or Cliff McLean at 626-966-0580.



## Q: I bought and planted lots of new native plants. Please give me some tips on how to keep them alive.

By Barbara Eisenstein,  
native plant garden writer and consultant

**T**RANSITIONING from nursery conditions that promote fast, soft growth to the harsh, cruel world of your garden can be difficult. In the process of becoming established in their new home, plants grow new roots that eventually extend into the surrounding garden soil. Here are a few tips to help your recently planted shrubs, trees and perennials during the establishment period.

1. Water thoroughly making sure that the soil in and around the planting hole becomes wet.  
2. Allow the soil to become moderately dry between watering. If the soil surrounding the roots stays too wet the roots are prone to rotting. Furthermore, roots need both air and water. Small spaces or pores fill with water when the soil is excessively wet, starving the roots of air.

If your plants are wilting but the soil is moist, do not add more water. Plants wilt for many reasons.

3. It is best to water plants, especially when young, before they become drought-stressed. Many plants will show slight wilting of leaves or stem tips when they need water. Unfortunately plants with stiff stems and

waxy leaves may not wilt, even when severely stressed. Check the soil beneath the surface near the roots and water when dry. Also, use nearby succulent plants, that more readily exhibit signs of drought-stress, as an indicator of water needs for your more rigid individuals.

4. Some young plants will wilt slightly during the heat of the day but perk up as temperatures decline. If the soil near a slightly wilted plant is moist, extra water usually will not help. It may be helpful to set up a temporary sun screen for new plants during the heat of the day. I sometimes place a plastic chair over the plant, removing it as the day cools. Young plants become better able to withstand heat as they become established by putting on new root growth. *Read the full article at [cnps-sgm.org/newsletters](http://cnps-sgm.org/newsletters).*



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*Pteridium aquilinum*  
bracken fern



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