April General Meeting: Who is the Russian Riverkeeper?
Tuesday, April 17th, 7:30pm
Take a trip back in time with Don McEnhill to envision what the Russian River looked like 50-100 years ago. Join Don for a detailed description of the forces that have changed our watershed for thousands of years and why people have repeatedly settled along the Russian River. Come examine the impacts of our local community on watershed function, native plants and river health. We will also consider the various changes in our watershed and how our native vegetation has responded to changes in the geomorphology of the Russian River. Plus, Don will answer the common question, "What does a Riverkeeper do?" Don McEnhill works as our Russian Riverkeeper to protect, restore and enhance the natural systems of the Russian River through citizen action, scientific research and expert advocacy. Don grew up spending his summers on the River and works full-time for its protection. His goal is to ensure future generations are always able to swim, fish and have access to an ecologically healthy Russian River.

Join us for Dinner before the meeting! Let's gather with our speaker at the Kirin Restaurant before the April General Meeting. We meet at 6 pm. Please call or e-mail Lynn Colborn at 829-9128 or lcolborn@earthlink.net by the day before the meeting.

Come to Plant I.D. Hour at 6:30, an hour before the April 17th General Meeting, and bring specimens of plants you want to identify. Please see page 3 for more information on plant ID hour.

May General Meeting: Flora of the Laguna
Tuesday, May 15th, 7:30pm
For our May General Meeting, Denise Cadman will be joining us to discuss the Flora of the Laguna. If you ever wanted to know more about what grows in and around the Laguna, including Sebastopol Meadowfoam and Burke’s Goldfield (among many others), please join us!

Meet and Greet with Assemblymember Huffman
Lynn Houser and I met with one of our local legislators, California State Assemblymember, Jared Huffman, at the end of February. The meeting was arranged by the Planning and Conservation League. The League had planned the "meet and greet" so that members of the environmental community could bring issues to Mr. Huffman.

We thanked him for legislation he has introduced and cosponsored which relates to native plants. For example, a watershed issue was introduced by Senator Migden (San Francisco), thanks to Assemblymember Huffman. He contacted her on behalf of the sponsoring coalition with whom Vern Goehring, the State California Native Plant Society Legislative Chair, works. Huffman was a coauthor of the bill. Assemblymember Huffman is also responsible for AB 1470 - Solar Thermal (principal co-author, Republican Cameron Smyth). This creates a ten-year statewide incentive program to help half a million California consumers move toward solar heating technologies that directly displace the use of natural gas for water and space heating in homes and businesses.

We presented, in writing, issues important to the State CNPS as well as the Milo Baker Chapter. We chose 4 issues: funding for botanists for the California Department of Fish and Game, the management of fire breaks in urban areas, the threat of invasive weeds, and the agricultural conversion of diverse or rare native plant communities - such as chaparral, wetlands, and forests - into vineyards, with little or no CEQA review.

We considered other issues, like the roadside management initiative. However, we had to limit our presentation. As an aside, this is a new issue for which CNPS is seeking legislative support. It includes trying to get funding from transportation bonds to the University of California to develop guidelines for roadside management of vegetation which is, again, the invasive versus native issue.

Mr. Huffman appeared receptive and listened attentively. I am pleased that the PCL arranged this event. It is reassuring to know that we have an environmentalist as our Assemblyperson.

Q Katy Redmon, Legislative Chair

*General meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa

**Milo Baker Chapter Board meetings 7:00pm, 2nd Tuesday nine months of the year, Environmental Center, 55 Ridgeway Avenue, Suite A, Santa Rosa. Next meeting is April 10th. Anyone interested in the work of the chapter is welcome to attend!
President's Corner

The vernal pools on the Santa Rosa Plain are coming into full bloom in April, and CNPS is working on monitoring the rare and endangered plants in coordination with the Laguna Foundation. If you know of populations of vernal pool species on the Plain we encourage you to visit www.cnps.org and find a Rare Plant Survey form to fill out for the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) to document them. If you want to help monitor vernal pool populations (including Windsor) please let us know right away and we can share the current information and protocols. There are a lot of plants to survey, and it is all dependent on the weather and conditions.

The state meetings in Claremont at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens were full of good information and cheer. A graduate student project researching List 1B plants was highlighted. The chapter council approved the status of the North San Joaquin chapter. A new publication by the Redbud Chapter on the flora of Placer and Nevada Counties was approved for CNPS Press. The website survey yielded results that are being acted on right away, such as automatic membership renewals. For more information about the meeting and for handouts, please contact me at housers@sonic.net.

April and May provide an incredible variety of field trips and opportunities to get involved with CNPS. Check the calendar and come on out to a hike or work party!

Lynn Houser

Plant Sale News

Potting Workshops: We will be gathering at Cal Flora on May 13 at 10 AM

This is our annual Mother's Day potting workshop. We need lots of people to help us put up liners that are provided by Shooting Star Nursery. There will be between 500 and 600 liners. The work goes very fast so I hope that a lot of members will come to help us with this major plant sale effort. After the plants are put into gallon containers, we will need volunteers to take them home to grow until the October 13 plant sale. Please plan to attend. We are usually finished by noon. Call Liz at 833-2063 if you have any questions.

In August, we will have another potting workshop on August 11 or 12. In the past, we have done this at Shone Farm and Wendy Krupnik helped us with the care of the plants in the greenhouse. Wendy is no longer working there and we will need to adjust in unknown ways. In August we pot up liners of fast growing salvias, monkeyflowers, and CA fuchsia that are big sellers at the plant sale. This effort is critically important to our success.

Liz Parsons

Chapter Field Trips

Mayacamas Mountains Audubon Sanctuary: Red Hill Serpentine

Saturday, April 7th 9am-3pm

Chapter President Lynn Houser will lead two trips this spring for Madrone Audubon and CNPS members are encouraged to attend. Red Hill, near Little Sulphur Creek, is home to several rare and interesting plants and boasts beautiful views. Come out and see the regrowth after the September 2004 fire. This is the third year Lynn has led joint Audubon-CNPS hikes on Red Hill, one of Betty Guggolz's favorite places. Plant identification, ecology, and some chapter conservation achievements over the geysers pipeline project will be featured. This is a moderately-strenuous three-four mile hike. Bring binoculars, field guides, and camera. Plant lists will be available. Older children OK with supervision. Thanks to Phyllis Schmitt for organizing these trips. This hike will be offered again on June 23rd. Directions: Meet at 9:00 a.m. on Pine Flat Road between Red Winery Road and the Sausal Creek bridge. Pine Flat Road begins one mile past the Jimtown Store on Highway 128 East at the first sharp right hand turn. Contact: Lynn Houser, 568-3230, housers@sonic.net

Little Black Mountain with Sonoma Land Trust, Cazadero

Sunday, April 22, 9am-12pm

We’re collaborating with the Sonoma Land Trust on this walk at one of their first preserves. Boz Williams, SLT’s volunteer property monitor, will show us around to some of the exciting blooming areas. This property contains the headwaters of St. Elmo Creek, Pole Mountain Creek and Kidd Creek, all of which eventually contribute to the Russian River. Our hike will be approximately 4 miles—moderately strenuous, some steep hills. Please wear sturdy shoes, bring plenty of water, lunch, and sunscreen. We will see a nice garry oak stand, big patch of false indigo, perhaps some fawn lilies, and more. To limit the number of participants, we ask that you please RSVP for directions. Contact: Beth Robinson, 490-4951, bethysmail@gmail.com.

Plants of the Coastal Bluffs and Dunes with Peter Connors, Bodega Head

Saturday, April 28, 10am-12pm

Join us with Peter Connors, former manager of the Bodega Marine Reserve, as we explore the wildflowers and grasses of the coastal prairie at Bodega Head, and search for some of the characteristic wildflowers of the nearby coastal dunes. Both habitats will be near their peak of flowering, with dozens of species in bloom. We will meet at 10:00am in the State Park on Bodega Head, in the outer coast parking lot. Drive up onto Bodega Head, and take the right fork when the road splits. It may be sunny and calm, but be prepared for wind.

Fairfield Osborn Preserve with Peggy Rockwood, Penngrove

Saturday, May 5, 9am-1pm

FOP is a 411 acre nature reserve situated on the northwest flank of Sonoma Mountain in Penngrove, California. There are eight plant communities within the property, oak woodland being the dominant type. Other communities include chaparral, Douglas fir woodland, native bunch grass, freshwater marsh, vernal pool, pond and riparian woodland. The flora is extremely diverse including many native trees, shrubs, wildflowers,
grasses, lichens and mosses. We'll join botanist Peggy Rockwood for a walk on this property, taking the opportunity to see the rare Lobb's Buttercup in the vernal pool. The walk will be approximately 2-3 miles with some climbing. Please wear sturdy shoes, bring water, lunch, and sunscreen. There is a $3 charge per person for this outing. Please bring cash or a check to Fairfield Osborn Preserve. This trip will be limited to 15 participants, so please reserve your spot now. Carpooling will be critical for this trip, so please RSVP for info. Contact: Beth Robinson 490-4951, bethysmail@gmail.com.

**Coming in June- More explorations of Sonoma County serpentine!**

**Chapter Activities**

**Southridge Rare Plant Preserve Work Party and Wildflower Tour**

Saturday, April 14, 2007 – 10 a.m. to ~1:00 p.m.

Would you like to help protect some rare native plants while seeing some beautiful spring wildflowers? You are invited to come help other CNPS members perform some of the following conservation activities: we will be installing deer cages around some rare manzanita shrubs, pulling a few French broom seedlings and other non-native weeds, and cleaning up any debris. The preserve steward will also give a short walking tour of the 4.2-acre preserve, during which we will identify native wildflowers and shrubs. Please wear sturdy shoes and clothes suitable for possible rain and/or warm weather (e.g. raincoats), and bring working gloves and bottled water. Extra gloves and work tools will be available. Heavy rain cancels. Meet at 10 a.m. at preserve gate on Long Leaf Ct., which is located off Fountaingrove Parkway on Rincon Ridge. For directions, call the preserve steward, Jeffery Barrett, at 707-573-0271 or email me at barrett8@sonic.net.

Jeffery Barrett

**April is Wildflower Time!**

Curious about what’s blooming on those green hills? Seen any interesting plants coming up in your yard? There is a place to figure out what they are: Plant ID Hour! Arrive at 6:30, an hour before the April 17th General Meeting, and bring specimens of plants you want to identify. At Plant ID Hour you can see plants of interest from the local area, view them through a dissecting microscope, and discover the unique characteristics of our many native species. I bring field guides and hefty taxonomic publications! I really enjoy helping you work through the keys in The Jepson Manual and A Sonoma County Flora or just answering questions. Keying can be fun, even if you get stuck! The best-learned plants are those learned with friends. You can bring your dinner if you want to, a hand lens and a copy of Jepson or Sonoma Co. Flora if you have them. A copy of each will be available. I also have L.H. Bailey’s Manual of Cultivated plants (my first manual used to key plants) for your latest garden mystery or escape. Spring is here and it’s going fast, so stop by and smell the flowers.

Lynn Houser

**Earth Day At Wildwood Farm Nursery And Sculpture Garden**

Sunday, April 22; 1-4 PM

Wildwood Farm Nursery 10300 Sonoma Highway, Kenwood

An Earth Day celebration will be held at Wildwood Farm Nursery in Kenwood.

The theme will be “One Earth” and the Milo Baker Chapter has been invited to have an information table at the event. Please come by and see this beautiful garden/nursery and support Earth Day.

Liz Parsons

**Board Helps Fund Weed Management Area Projects**

At the March board meeting, the board voted unanimously to help fund the activities of this organization with a gift of $500. The Weed Management Area, encompassing Marin and Sonoma County, is minimally funded by the state, but there is no paid coordinator to facilitate the implementation of projects deemed essential for effective control of invasive plants. Volunteer efforts have been unable to keep up with the most glaring needs. Thank you, members, for your support of the plant sale and other income generating activities of the chapter!

M.L. Carle

**Merit Scholarships Awarded**

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the chapter’s merit scholarship for students of native plants: Maria Potter of Occidental, and Rebecca Crowe of Petaluma. Both are undergraduates in the Environmental Studies and Planning Department at Sonoma State University. Each was awarded a $500 scholarship for use towards educational expenses. In addition to her full-time studies, Maria works on riparian revegetation projects with Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District and Streamline Engineering, developing planting plans using native species. Rebecca recently studied abroad in New Zealand, with courses on the native flora there and on problematic invasive species in Tongariro National Park. Back at SSU, she has been a regular volunteer with Friends of Copeland Creek. Both Maria and Rebecca plan to continue their work with native plants after they complete their degrees. Congratulations, Maria and Rebecca, and best wishes with your studies!

The Chapter awards these scholarships to support students of native plant conservation, restoration, or other native plant sciences. Scholarships are available each semester to students at Sonoma State or Santa Rosa Junior College. The funds may be used for educational or research-related expenses. Applications for the fall 2007 scholarship will be accepted this summer. For details, please contact Joani Schwan (SSU Representative), at 707-823-0446 or schwanoj@sonoma.edu.

**Invasive Plant Corner**

**Invasive Spartina Hybrids Takes over Petaluma River Natives**

Gene Cooley, our Fish and Game botanist in this area, noticed something funny about the Spartina growing along the Petaluma River next to Shollenberger Marsh. Spartina foliosa, or cordgrass, is an attractive marsh grass, usually 2 to 4 feet tall, which looks a bit like scouring rush from a distance. The invasive types, primarily densiflora in this area, are considered bad citizens not only because they shove out and interbreed with our natives, but they grow lower and cover open mudflats where small animals usually provide shore birds with food.
They also impact ecosystems by clogging channels and tidal marshes. Gene alerted the San Francisco Bay Spartina Project, a well-funded organization that has been keeping the invader under control in more obvious places. The North Bay and the Petaluma River were assumed to be free of it, because water from the infested areas didn't circulate there. But apparently other factors were working offscreen. Though there isn't conclusive proof of the source as yet, it seems that dredges have been coming upstream from areas where the invasive Spartina flourishes to dig out the Petaluma River Basin and washing off there. A number of boats going and out at the docking facility at the Sheraton Hotel might have imported the seed or viable portions of the plant. David Yearsley took us on a boat trip sampling plots of Spartina. Initially, the opinion was that most of the Spartina might be the native, but subsequent DNA testing identified all of the samples as hybrid. The good news is that such a strong organization is committed to remove it. However, as long as there is boat and dredge traffic, the risk of re-infestation is high. The Spartina Project is working in conjunction with the Friends of the Petaluma River with a large grant. One of their jobs will be to educate dredging companies of the problem. In the future there may be requirements and protocols embedded in dredging permits issued by the Army Corps of Engineers. When the plants have been removed, I hope there will be some plan for education and vigilance on the part of the public. Perhaps some of us could help.

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\textbf{Items of Interest}

\textbf{Wildflower Sale in Berkeley}
April 21, 2007, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Admission is free.
California native plant sale organized by the Volunteers of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden at the intersection of Wildcat Canyon Road & South Park Drive (near the Brazil Building) in Tilden Regional Park, Berkeley (park along Anza View Road). For more information, call (510) 841-8732 or visit www.nativeplants.org.

\textit{Teresa LeYung Ryan, Regional Parks Botanic Garden}

\textbf{Anderson Valley Wildflower Show}

\textit{\label{TeresaLeYungRyan}Teresa LeYung Ryan, Regional Parks Botanic Garden}

\textbf{Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour}
The first mailing of the Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour garden guide is being prepared! If you would like to receive yours early, you will need to register now. Registrants on the Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour will receive passes to more than 60 gardens; bird- and butterfly-friendly, pesticide-free, water conserving, low maintenance gardens that contain 30% or more native plants. These gardens will be open on Sunday, May 6, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at various locations throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties. More than 60 garden talks will be scheduled throughout the day. Native plants will be sold at more than 20 gardens and native plant nurseries. The Native Plant Sale Extravaganza on Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6 is a fabulous opportunity to purchase native plants! A number of native plant nurseries, many not normally open to the public, will be open over the tour weekend from 10:00 – 5:00. Registration for the tours is required at www.bringingbackthenatives.net. Also, volunteers are needed to spend a morning or afternoon greeting tour participants and answering questions about natives. For more information, please visit the website, e-mail Kathy Kramer at Kathy@KathyKramerConsulting.net, or call (510) 236-9558 between 9 am and 9 pm.

\textit{\label{KathyKramer}Kathy Kramer}

\textbf{Sierra Club’s April Environmental Forum}

\textbf{Sustainable Food Choices: Making a Difference Three Times a Day!}
Wednesday, April 18, 2007, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Free! Environmental Center; 55A Ridgeway (off Cleveland Ave, 2 blocks north of College Ave, south of Coddington). This panel will review options here in our community and assist with making simple, accessible choices that are healthier for you, our local economy, and the planet.

Panelists include: Anna Cummings - educator; Terry Harrison – organic farmer, vice-chair North Coast Community Alliance with Family Farmers; Wendy Krupnick – organic gardener, educator. Please bring your questions, challenges, and concerns about food issues!

\textbf{Saturday Morning Walks}
Walks are led by master gardener Phil Dean on Saturday mornings. Participants will meet in the parking lot of the respective parks, and should wear sturdy shoes, bring water, sunscreen and a hat, and refrain from wearing scented products. Call John Ryan, Volunteer Coordinator at 565-2041, to pre-register or for additional information. All walks except Hood Mountain run from 10 am to 12 pm. The Hood Mountain walks will run from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm.

\textbf{April 7: Helen Putnam Regional Park, 411 Chileno Valley Rd, Petaluma}

\textbf{April 14: Steelhead Beach Regional Park, 9000 River Rd, Forestville}

\textbf{April 21: Hood Mountain: (8:00 am to 1:30 pm), Los Alamos Rd entrance, Santa Rosa}

\textbf{May 5: Shiloh Ranch Regional Park, 5750 Faught Rd, Windsor}

\textbf{May 19: Hood Mountain: (8:00 am to 1:30 pm), Pythian Rd entrance, Santa Rosa}

\textbf{CNPS Plant Science Workshops Available}
The CNPS Plant Science Training Program is proud to present two new workshops:

\textbf{Vernal Pool Plant Taxonomy, April 17-19}
This workshop will be held at the UC Davis Herbarium and will visit Vernal Pools in Sacramento, Solano, and Yolo Counties

\textbf{Protocols for Botanical Surveys, May 1-3}
Workshop will be held at the UC Davis Herbarium and will visit Bodega Bay. Please visit http://cnps.org/cnps/education/ for announcements and registration, or contact Josie Crawford, the Training Coordinator, for more information at (916) 327-8454 or email jcrawford@cnps.org.
Friends of the Jepson Herbarium Weekend Workshops
The Friends of the Jepson Herbarium are pleased to present a broad range of topics for the Weekend Workshop series this year. There are one-day workshops in Berkeley, as well as multiple-day field workshops. Please visit http://ucjeps.berkeley.edu/workshops/2007/index.html for the complete list of workshops, details for each, and registration information.

Laufenburg Ranch Stewardship Outing and Hike
Friday April 27th, 10:00 – 2:00
Join a volunteer workday and hike at Sonoma Land Trust’s historic Laufenburg Ranch in the Knights Valley. Riparian restoration activities will be followed by refreshments and an optional hike to the upland forest. For more information or to RSVP, please call (707) 526-6930 or email: volunteer@sonomalandtrust.org.

Cotati Creek Critters
Community Planting Days: Plant native trees and shrubs along the Laguna de Santa Rosa in Cotati on second Saturdays: April 14, May 12, 9 a.m. - 12 noon; and last Sundays, March 25, April 29, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Also Inside/Outside Nature Education series, guided walks in Cotati: Monday, April 2, 6 p.m.: “Plants and Their Uses” with ethnobotanist Autumn Summers; Sunday, May 6, 9 a.m.: “Birds of Cotati” with John Dell’Osso, Chief of Interpretation at Pt. Reyes National Seashore. See www.CotatiCreekCritters.info or contact jenny@creeks.cotati.info or 792 4422 for more information.

Russian Riverkeeper Park Volunteer Days
Wednesdays, 8:30am – 11:30am, join us for all or part. Heavy rain cancels. The park is at 16153 Main St., Guerneville, located on the north bank of the Russian River directly upstream of the pedestrian bridge. For more information, visit http://www.russianriverkeeper.org, call or email Don McEnhill: 217-4762 or rrkeeper@sonic.net or contact me at 865-2474 or victoriawikle@usa.net.

Laguna Foundation Volunteer Workday
Join the Laguna Foundation on “Earth Day Eve,” April 21st from 9:00 to noon for a volunteer workday in the Laguna de Santa Rosa! We’ll plant trees and install irrigation and bird boxes as we celebrate the start of major restoration efforts in the Laguna’s middle reach. Meet at Kelly Farm, 5344 Occidental Rd. just east of Sebastopol. Bring gloves, water and work boots. We’ll provide food and live music afterward. Join us for this historic event -- be part of the Laguna’s future! For more information contact Catherine at 527-9277 x108, or log on to www.lagunafoundation.org and click on “news & events.”

Laguna Docent-Led Walk
Spring bird migration and mating is in full swing. Visit the Laguna to learn all about it on Wednesday, April 11, at 6:30pm and Saturday, April 21, at 9:15am for a Docent-led walk. Meet behind the Youth Annex at 425 Morris St. Sebastopol. Heavy rain cancels, light rain does not. For further info check the Laguna Foundation’s website www.lagunafoundation.org or call 527-9277 x102.

Trail Stewardship Day
Join Sonoma Land Trust staff for a 3 mile stewardship hike along Stuart’s Creek at Glen Oaks Ranch (near Glen Ellen), Fri. April 13th, 10:00 – 2:00. For more information or to sign-up, please call 526-6930 ext. 100 or email: volunteer@sonomalandtrust.org.

Sonoma County Park Pass Promotion
Sonoma County Regional Parks will hold the ‘Park Pass Promotion’ April 1 - June 30, 2007. The Park Pass offers unlimited day use parking in all 43 Sonoma County Regional Parks for a full 12 months. Park enthusiasts get much more for their money with the special offers available only during this 3-month promotion, with discounts and freebies from many local businesses. Check out http://www.sonomacounty.org/parks/releases/07_releases/07_passpromo.htm for the entire list of offers. ‘Day Use’ passes (individual or family) cost $55, ‘Golden Years’ passes (60+ yrs.) cost $25, and ‘Access’ passes (for the permanently disabled) cost $15. During the promotion, the Day Use & Golden Years Passes are available at all 12 Longs Drugs stores in Sonoma County, and REI-Santa Rosa, Sonoma Outfitters, Rincon Cyclery and the Bike Peddler/NorCal Bike Sport in Santa Rosa, Bodega Bay Surf Shack, Sebastopol Hardware Center, or at any staffed Regional Park entrance. Day Use passes may also be purchased online at www.sonomacounty.org/parks. Access passes are available only through the parks’ main office. For more information, call (707) 565-2041 weekdays.

Gardening with Western Sword Fern
Western sword fern, Polystichum munitum is a handsome native plant that can enhance many different locations in the garden. The botanical name Polystichum munitum is pronounced pol-ce-STY-kum mew-NY-tum. It is ubiquitous in the redwood forest from Alaska to Northern California. The sword fern grows along the west coast of North America from the Yukon Territory south to Santa Barbara County, California and as far east as northwest Montana. It also is found growing in South Dakota and Guadalupe Island, off Baja California. It makes great garden plant because it is beautiful, adaptable, and long-lived with low maintenance requirements. With its dark green fronds it adds texture to the garden and looks good whether it is planted individually or en mass as a ground cover. It can be planted under redwood trees or oaks, and it does well with Rhododendrons. It doesn’t have flowers, however it is very tough, hardy, always green and likes wet places but also becomes drought tolerant once it is established. Shade or part shade will do. It can tolerate up to six hours a day of direct sunlight if the soil is moist, or even more if closer to the coast. It does best in sandy or loamy soils. It usually grows to about 30 inches high and wide, but grows larger in moist shade. As the plant matures, up to 100 green, lance-shaped fronds will grow from the center rhizome. The young fronds appear like fiddleheads in the spring and then slowly uncurl. Each frond may grow to four to six feet long and will live for years. The fronds are made of many simple, alternate leaflets which are finely serrated. Western sword fern is considered a habitat plant because it provides shelter for smaller creatures. Plant it along with fringe cups, redwood sorrel and woodland strawberry under your redwood trees to create a carefree forest understory garden.

Victoria Wikle

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