



NEVADA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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SOCIETY NEWS

SOUTHERN NEVADA EVENTS

Southern Nevada Meetings are held in Henderson the first Monday of every month from 6:30-7:30 PM (unless otherwise noted when holidays fall on first Mondays) at the U.S. Geological Survey office at 160 North Stephanie Street.

Our program coordinator is Lesley DeFalco. If you would like email updates for Southern Nevada events, please email her at defalco@usgs.gov and ask to be added to the list.

NORTHERN NEVADA FIELD TRIPS

June 10 – Churchill Narrows. Join us to see *Eriogonum diatomaceum*, a rare endemic restricted to the diatomaceous deposits of the Churchill Narrows area in Lyon County. There are many other interesting plants to see growing on these unique soils including *Eriogonum lemmonii*, *Nama aretioides*, *Phacelia fremontii*, *Abronia turbinata*, *Eschscholzia minutiflora*, *Psoralea polydenius*, *Glyptopleura marginata*, and *Eriogonum heermannii* var. *humilius*.

Those leaving from Reno should meet at the Doughboy's Donuts shop in the South Town Shopping Center at 57 Damonte Ranch Parkway by 9:00 AM. We will meet Carson City area members at the Save Mart

at the corner of College and Carson Street and depart for Churchill Narrows at 9:30 AM. Map to location: <https://goo.gl/maps/m3ZWlRtpzAJ2>. Contact Gary Monroe: g.monroe@att.net, (775) 359-4863 or John Weiser: johnpweiser@yahoo.com, (775) 331-4485.

June 10 – Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. Larry Lodwick will lead a day trip to highlight our unique endemic species and other desert species expected to be flowering. Meet at 9:00 AM at the Horizon Market gas station and convenience store parking lot in northwest Pahrump.

From Las Vegas go north on Highway 160 through Pahrump. At approximately 4 miles north of the intersection of 160 and 372, turn left on Bell Vista Avenue heading toward Death Valley and Ash Meadows. Proceed to the second stop sign (N. Leslie St.). Meet in the parking lot of Horizon Market, 2030 W. Bell Vista Ave, on the northwest corner of the intersection. We will carpool from the store to the site.

Contact Larry: llodwick@lodwick.com. Please RSVP to Larry by Friday, June 9 so that he knows how many will be attending. Be prepared to cope with desert conditions (hat, water, lunch, sunblock, etc) and to have fun learning about the unique plants of the area!

**Events subject to change.
Visit nvnp.org for updates.**

Top: The trail to Winnemucca Lake at Carson Pass offers a rich display of wildflowers.

June 11 – Anderson Ranch Preserve. Our leader for this trip will be Marco Sandi. At an elevation of 4,800 feet, wedged between the Sierra Nevada, Diamond Mountains, and Cascades, the preserve features bountiful meadows. These meadows are surrounded by sagebrush steppe and a forest of black oak, Jeffrey pine, and incense cedar. Come celebrate our recent conservation agreement on this extremely wet year and compare to past NNPS visits to this private property. Highlights include many *Astragalus* such as *pulsiferae* var. *pulsiferae*, *Caulanthus major* var. *nevadensis*, and a number of *Eriogonums*, *Phacelia*'s, etc. Edible and medicinal plants such as *Cammisia quamash* and *Peonia brownii* should be super-abundant, too.

Those traveling from the Carson area should meet at the Save Mart at the corner of College and Carson Street in Carson City at 8:30 AM. Drive to the McDonald's Restaurant located at 120 Lemon Drive in north Reno. Those traveling from Reno will meet at the Lemon Drive McDonald's at 9:00 AM. After we carpool in Reno we will meet our leader at the Hallelujah Junction Chevron station by 9:45 AM. It is a 6 mile drive to ranch headquarters. Bring a lunch and water. Bathrooms and spring water are available at the site. **Contact Marco Sandi: mvsandi@gmail.com, (530) 827-3328 or John Weiser: johnpweiser@yahoo.com, (775) 331-4485.**

June 17 – Sand Mountain. This "singing" sand dune 20 miles (32 km) east of Fallon along U.S. Route 50 is the only home of the critically imperiled Sand Mountain blue butterfly. The ruins of the Pony Express, Sand Springs Station also located within the protected area. We will look for *Penstemon acuminatus* var. *latebracteatus*, *Astragalus lentiginosus* var. *kennedyi*, *Castilleja angustifolia* var. *flavescens*, *Cymopterus corrugatus*, *Chylismia claviformis* ssp. *integrator*, *Oenothera deltoides* ssp. *piperi*, and a pink flowered form of *Castilleja chromosa*.

We will leave Carson and Reno as separate groups and meet in Fallon. Those

traveling from Reno may meet at the parking lot on the north side of the Sparks Marina at located at 300 Howard Drive by 8:00 AM. Those traveling from Carson meet at the Save Mart at Save Mart at the corner of College and Carson Street by 8:00 AM. We will meet in Fallon at the Fox Peak Station on the east side of the city by 9:30 am. Map to the location: <https://goo.gl/maps/2axqxrK86Un>. **Contact Gary Monroe: g.monroe@att.net, (775) 359-4863 or John Weiser: johnpweiser@yahoo.com, (775) 331-4485.**

June 17 – Pollinator Day at University of Nevada, Reno. Come celebrate pollinators and native plants at the **UNR Biggest Little Pollinator Garden** on June 17, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The garden is in the courtyard of the Fleischmann Agriculture building at the south end of the UNR campus. There will be garden tours, pollinator and native plants presentations from local experts, native bee and butterfly specimens, a bug petting zoo, kids crafts, and much more!

June 24 and June 25 – Treasure Hill/ Hamilton. Treasure Hill is a spur of the White Pine Range in White Pine County; the ghost town of Hamilton is located nearby. This area has terrain composed of limestone, so we should see a different group of plants than we normally see in western Nevada.

This will be an overnight trip, the drive from Reno/Carson will take 4½ to 5 hours on Highway 50. Camping is available at the BLM's Illipah Reservoir Campground, with 17 camp sites at an elevation of 6,840 feet. Reservations not required. The nearest cities are Eureka, 43 miles to the west, and Ely, 39 miles to the east. Both cities have hotels and motels. **Contact Charlene Duncan: cirsium.down@gmail.com, (775) 530-7458.**

July 2 – Summit of Peavine Mountain. The last time we had substantial snow on Peavine, the summit's wind-blown scree was a virtual rock garden on July 4th with

Phlox condensata, *Boechera puberula*, *Lewisia rediviva* var. *minor*, *Phacelia linearis*, *Castilleja chromosa*, *Phacelia linearis*, *Erigeron aphanactis*, and *Astragalus purshii* var. *tinctus* simultaneously in full bloom. Hopefully this year will be similar.

Those traveling from the Carson area should meet at the Save Mart at the corner of College and Carson Streets in Carson City at 9:00 AM to carpool. Our final meeting place will be at the McDonald's Restaurant parking lot located at 120 Lemmon Drive in North Reno at 10:00 AM. After meeting up, we will carpool to Peavine. The road to the summit is generally a good one and four-wheel drive vehicles should not be required. **Contact John Weiser: johnpweiser@yahoo.com, (775) 331-4485.**

July 15 – Pinenut Mountains. Details TBA.

July 21 to July 24 – Eriogonum Society meeting in the Siskiyou Mountains.

July 29 – Paige Meadows. This interconnected series of five meadows ranging in elevation of 6,500 to 6,800 feet is above Tahoe City near the west shore of Lake Tahoe. Fields of camas lilies, buttercups, and bistort form massive carpets over most of the meadows.

Drive south on Highway 89 and turn right on Pine Avenue (approximately two miles south of Tahoe City). Go to Tahoe Park Heights Drive, turn right and continue all the way to the top to Big Pine Drive (the middle of three roads at the top). Continue on Big Pine Drive, turning left onto Silvertip Drive and proceeding to the end of the road and park. The trail is half a mile straight ahead. The trail to the first meadow goes off to the right. Map to location: <https://goo.gl/maps/8H4o17Yp6dP2>. **Contact Gary Monroe: g.monroe@att.net, (775) 359-4863 or John Weiser: johnpweiser@yahoo.com, (775) 331-4485.**

August 6 – Buckaroo Chocolates in Graeagle. As summer's heat bears down

upon us, our priorities shift and we visit this excellent ice cream shop. We'll also take a side trip to Madora Lake in Plumas County, California to see *Chimaphila umbellata*, *Lilium washingtonianum*, *Pterospora andromedea*, *Platanthera dilatata* var. *leucostachys*, *Lilium pardalinum*, and other forest gems.

Meeting details will be posted in a later newsletter and are on the NNPS website. **Contact Gary Monroe: g.monroe@att.net, (775) 359-4863 or John Weiser: johnpweiser@yahoo.com, (775) 331-4485.**

Check the **NNPS web page** before field trips for changes and updates.

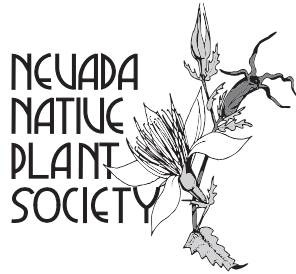
Dates are still open if you wish to schedule and lead a field trip. We are always looking for new sights to visit - lead us to your favorites. **Contact John Weiser at johnpweiser@yahoo.com or (775) 331-4485 if you have suggestions.**

Bring lunch, hiking gear, appropriate clothing, wide brimmed hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, plenty of water and don't forget your hand lens and camera.



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