



# OAK LEAVES

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## The Elfin Forest CCC Crew — Their Stories

By Jean Wheeler and Yolanda Waddell

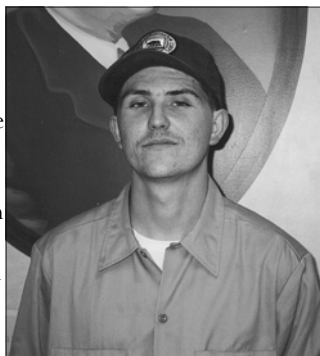
In observing the CCC crew working on the Elfin Forest Restoration Project during January and February, we were impressed with their teamwork and professional attitude. We decided to learn about our twelve Corpsmembers, and asked permission to interview them to find out why they joined the CCC, what kind of work they have been doing, how they have benefited from the CCC, and what their goals are.

They are a most impressive group of individuals, each with a different plan for the future, but alike in that the CCC has helped them to improve their lives in many ways. Many of them also have participated in the Back Country Trails Program, a six-month trail maintenance program in the Sierras that includes the CCC, AmeriCorps and several other state conservation corps.

Here are the Corpsmembers' stories. We will cover six in this issue, and the remaining six in our June/July issue of *Oakleaves*.

### MICHAEL DOWNS

Michael is a 21-year-old from Clovis, near Fresno, California. He joined the CCC two months ago in order to change his lifestyle. He has worked on projects in the Elfin Forest. He says the CCC has benefited him in his schooling and with financial stability, as well as helping him develop business skills. His life goals are to get schooling for auto



mechanics, go into that business, and start a family.

### JENNIFER ELSEA

Jennifer, age 21, comes from Alturas, in northern California. She decided she wanted to make changes in her lifestyle. Having done some trail work before, she heard about the CCC and joined the corps about six months ago.

She has worked on creek cleanup



## Our Piece of the Estuary Pie

By Ron Rasmussen, SWAP Chair

On your next visit to the Elfin Forest stop for a minute on the upper level of the boardwalk and look across toward Morro Bay State park and the marina, then further left toward the dunes and to the right toward Hollister peak and Chorro flats. This gives you a good overview of most of the Morro Bay Estuary, and emphasizes the location of the Elfin Forest as a critical part of the whole.

The millions of dollars being spent on projects in the Estuary will preserve more than the beautiful views from the Elfin Forest and other vantage points around the bay. A viable fishing industry, recreational activities, and the economic life of the region depend on naturally clean bay water renewed daily by tidal action. If the bay is allowed to fill with sediment this cleansing action will be lost and with it the dependent economic and recreational advantages.

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Because the Elfin Forest is a part of the Estuary any degradation of its natural state will have adverse effects well outside its own boundaries. Much of the Forest is on sloping sand dunes that drain directly into the bay. Loss of vegetation resulting from inappropriate use of the Forest exposes the fragile sandy soil to rapid erosion by the yearly heavy rains. Thus, preservation of the Forest is important for the health of the entire Estuary.

The importance of preserving the Elfin Forest as part of a healthy Estuary has been recognized by SLO County and State Parks Departments and the Morro Bay National Estuary Program. The current activity in the Forest, with fences and new plantings may seem to some to detract from the visitors' experience. However, the alternative to allow unrestricted use of the Forest is even more unacceptable. Before the recovery and preservation efforts were begun, the Forest was well on its way to becoming bare sand dunes, depositing more sediment into the bay. The present TEMPORARY projects are aimed at preventing this scenario, and as new vegetation becomes established, the unsightly fences will be removed. Until that time please continue to support SWAP and its conservation activities in your Elfin Forest.

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for Los Osos Creek, on Cal Trans projects, and with her crew in the Elfin Forest. She says the CCC has benefited her by helping her to learn to deal with other people, and she has “grown up a lot” as a result of her experiences in the CCC. She very much appreciates the scholarship that will help her to go on to college and achieve her career goal. She wants to learn to use American Sign Language “to help little kids.” She would also like to continue trail work and other work outdoors.

## **SYLVIA HUERTA**

By age 21, Sylvia had been working in a casino office in Colusa (south of Chico) for three years and didn't like it. She wanted an outdoor job with physical work and plenty of variety. So she joined the 6-month Back Country Trails Program and then became an intern with California Fish and Game for eight months, doing restoration at Monterey Bay. She has been on a fire support crew, has done emergency Newcastle Disease work, participates in “spikes” – ten-day jobs in other parts of California – and most recently, has worked on the Elfin Forest Restoration Project. Sylvia credits the CCC with helping her to get along with others, pushing her limits, experiencing other parts of California, and developing her skills as a translator. With the help of the CCC scholarship, she will finish her last semester at Yuba



City College, then go on to Humboldt State University to major in forestry and natural resources. She will also keep working on trails.

## **BEN KUSTURA**

Ben comes from Mission Viejo, California and joined the CCC about four months ago. He says his Mom, who is a teacher, brought home a packet about the corps from school. His

family has always been interested in the environment, and he enjoys being outdoors. The idea of working outdoors in wilderness areas and at the same time doing some good for the environment attracted him to the CCC. Locally, Ben has worked on Los Osos Creek and in the Elfin Forest. He has helped terrace hillsides, and planted “about 400 oaks.” He also worked in San Diego County after the fires last Fall, putting in erosion barriers. Ben credits the CCC with helping him to develop social skills. He says he had been a loner, but has learned he can “get more done with teamwork.” He will graduate from high school this year, and says the corps has definitely helped him with schoolwork. He wants to go

on to a technical college, or to a California Department of



Forestry fire crew school, and is interested in welding as a career.

## **VANESSA ORTEGA**

A 19-year old woman from Fresno, California, Vanessa has been a CCC member for about five months. She says there was no work available for her at home, so she decided to join the corps to “do something different and then decide what to do later.” She has worked on the Swift Property and in the Elfin Forest, and she also helped with the efforts to reduce erosion after the recent disastrous fires in San Bernardino and San Diego. She reports that the CCC has helped her to learn responsibility, develop working skills, and learn to accomplish more goals. She also says she is getting along with people better here. She has taken the CCC's safe-driving course, and has earned her “blue card” which allows her to drive most kinds of state vehicles. She is also looking forward to the help the CCC scholarship will provide for her career goal, which is fashion design.



## **KEN SAYRE**

A corps member for about ten months, this 22-year-old young man comes from Westport, New York. He says he was looking for a change, some adventure, and a challenge, and wanted to get across the continent to our Pacific Coast. So he applied to the Back Country Trails Program of Americorps. When trail work finished in about September, he came down out of the Sierras to work in our area. Ken has worked on the Salmon Restoration Project on Los Osos Creek, trail building in Los Padres National Forest, and he helped provide support for a camp in Paso Robles after the December earthquake. He says the CCC has helped him mature by challenging him to develop personal and leadership skills. He credits his experiences in the corps with development of lifelong skills, getting to know others, and broadening his perspectives. He plans to return to college to study engineering, sociology, or psychology.

Remembering that the dual purposes of the CCC are to “engage young men and women in meaningful work, public service and educational activities, while protecting and enhancing California's environment,” we believe that our San Luis Obispo

### **Where To Call, Where To Write**

If you have questions about SWAP activities or want to volunteer, please call 528-0392 and leave a message.

A recorded message will have information about our 3rd Saturday Walks, Work Saturdays, and other events.

If you have questions, concerns or comments about any problems in the Elfin Forest, call or write:

Chuck Lowe, SLO County Parks Supervising Ranger,  
1087 Santa Rosa Street, SLO, CA 93408, (805) 781-1967.



# County, SWAP and CCC Complete Restoration Project in Forest

By Pete Sarafian, Conservation Chair

In the largest restoration project yet attempted in the Elfin Forest, San Luis Obispo County Parks and Recreation Department, SWAP, and the California Conservation Corps (CCC) planted over 1500 native plant seedlings throughout the Elfin Forest. Over the past decades, human impact has resulted in the destruction of native shrubs and the creation of a hundreds of "ad hoc" trails. The goal of the work is to restore natural, native conditions. The work began in January and continued through mid-February 2004. The CCC will return in March to complete a small amount of work that is left.

The CCC planted over two acres in areas east of Bush Lupine Point. The areas extend from 12th Street east to 15th Street intermittently. SWAP also hired a contractor, Josh Carmichael, to plant a large area west of Bush Lupine Point between 11th Street and 12th Street. All the plantings are surrounded on most sides by green plastic mesh fencing. The fencing is necessary to protect the plants from human and dog intrusion for approximately two years. After that time, the intention is to remove the fences. After a night attack by hungry brush rabbits that destroyed 140 plants in the first night, the CCC installed wire cages around each seedling. In addition, the CCC has installed permanent, low visual impact symbolic fencing to delineate designated sand trails and to outline off-boardwalk areas that should be left alone.

The Elfin Forest continues to be a popular destination for both local residents and tourists. The human impact is hard on these ancient sand dunes. Native plant and animal communities suffer from many unleashed pets and from local residents going off the boardwalk. Walking on the brittle native plants and fragile soil structures causes damage that takes decades to restore. Foot traffic

## *In Memory of Evan Hughes Goodwin*

By Yolanda Waddell  
and Pat Sarafian

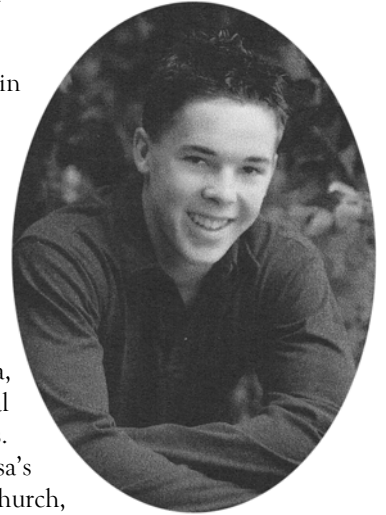
Evan Hughes Goodwin was born in Santa Rosa, California, on March 31, 1984, the son of Andrea Davis and Hughes Goodwin.

During his nineteen years he and his family traveled to Europe, South America and China, as well as to many national parks in the United States. As a member of Santa Rosa's First United Methodist Church, he went to Nicaragua with Seeds of Learning to help construct schools in rural areas. He was active in Scouting, beginning as a Tiger Cub Scout and working his way up to Life Scout. During the summers while he was in high school and college, he was a summer camp counselor and a construction worker. An outdoor enthusiast, he enjoyed hiking, mountain biking and camping. After he graduated from high school, Evan came to Cal Poly, where he majored in Earth Sciences. He lived in Los Osos with three roommates, and, we learned, visited the Elfin Forest often.

Evan had a talent for photography, taking photos wherever he went. To display some of his favorites, he set up an internet photo album at [www.picturetrail.com](http://www.picturetrail.com). His album can be viewed by entering the word "imprezence" under "Visit Album." Many of the photos were taken in familiar places in San Luis Obispo County, and the album includes an excellent photo of Morro Rock taken from the Elfin Forest.

Evan Hughes Goodwin was loved and respected by all who knew him, and it was a severe blow to everyone when he tragically died in an auto accident on the road to Lopez Lake on January 24, 2004. He would have celebrated his 20th birthday on March 31st.

All of us who are on the SWAP Board of Directors had read about Evan's death without knowing that he was one of the many people who enjoy the Elfin Forest. Then Andrea Davis, Evan's mother, phoned and asked if donations could be made to SWAP in Evan's memory. Pat Sarafian gave her the SWAP mailing address and donations came pouring in. As of the writing of this article, 41 donors have sent us over \$2500 in Evan's memory. Bob McDougale, SWAP Treasurer, said that Evan "must have been one impressive young man!" We agree, and send our sympathy to Evan's parents, sister, family, roommates and friends — and our assurance that the gifts to SWAP and the Elfin Forest will be used in such a way as to keep Evan's memory alive.



CCC Corpsmembers John Pike, Sam Hunt and Jennifer Elsea constructed wood fencing along the path Bush Lupine Point, completing the construction phase of the Elfin Forest Restoration Project. Photo by Yolanda Waddell.

# The Moro Blue Butterfly



By Jean Wheeler

Photo by Pat Brown

In middle to late Spring, a blue butterfly 25 to 35 mm across (1 to 1 3/8 inches) can be seen in the Elfin Forest fluttering around the silver bush lupines, *Lupinus chamissonis*, that give their name to Bush Lupine Point. A subspecies of Boisduval's Blue Butterfly, our Moro Blue Butterfly, *Plebejus icarioides moroensis*, is listed as a species of special concern. The Moro Blue occurs only along the sand dunes in coastal San Luis Obispo County and western Santa Barbara County, although it may once have occurred in western Los Angeles County as well. Much of its habitat has been and is being destroyed by development and by dune buggy activity. The largest remaining population is said to be at Oso Flaco Dunes, but local entomologist Dennis Sheridan says there are a few small areas in Los Osos where Moro Blues do fly in the Spring.

It is the male Moro Blue butterfly that has the lovely light blue color on the upper surfaces of its wings, bordered by brownish margins. The female is mainly brownish on the upper wing surfaces with some blue near the body. The underwings are pale tan to light gray with black spots circled with white on the front wing and large white spots on the hind wing.

Extremely tiny greenish eggs are laid one at a time on the bush lupine food plant in spring. The half-grown green larvae hibernate over the following winter, completing its growth to only 10 mm (3/8 of an inch) early the following Spring. It then pupates for about three weeks as an 8 mm (3/16 inch) chrysalis that is mostly green with reddish brown on the abdomen. The adult butterflies emerge from April to June.

In the Elfin Forest, they emerge in fair numbers, mainly in May around Bush Lupine Point, according to SWAP's own Butterfly Lady, Pat Brown (see page 5 for her Third Saturday Butterfly Walk on April 17). In our Elfin Forest, we have a fairly sizable stand of mature bush lupines, and young plants are developing in fenced revegetation areas. So we hope our beautiful Moro Blue Butterflies will continue to grace our lovely reserve each spring.

# Vandals Strike Project and Oldest Oak Tree

No sooner had work begun on the large revegetation project in the Elfin Forest, than vandals struck. The perpetrators ripped up fences, stole fencing, and destroyed plantings. In addition, just after a fence was installed in one of the pygmy oak groves to

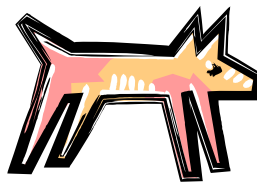
prevent through traffic, a Coast live oak tree in that grove (which may be the oldest in the park) was severely damaged. Someone, presumably a disgruntled local resident, used a pick-like tool to cut a wedge in the bark of the oak. The cut was made all the way through the bark, down to the wood underneath. Anecdotal information from a Cuesta College professor indicates that the tree is at least 500 years old.



Someone who must have been very angry literally "took it out" on the Dudley Oak, probably the oldest oak in the Forest. Photo by Bob Meyer.

**SWAP is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the oak tree vandal.**

**Call the Sheriff at 528-6083 with any information.**



## Mutt Mitt News

SWAP appreciates having folks step in and help out! Three new volunteers have come on board to monitor and refill the street-end Mutt Mitt dispensers. Sisters Carly and Rosaly Danielson (for 11th and 12th Streets) and Suzanne McTaggart (for the 13th Street box) have recently agreed to take on this task. Cheers to the on-going caretakers: Beth Wimer, Rosemary Flamion, Dorothy Norwood (also Mutt Mitt Chairperson) and Jan DiLeo. They are key people in helping to keep the Elfin Forest clean. SWAP salutes and thanks our Mutt Mitt team.

### SWAP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Los Osos/Morro Bay Chapter of Small Wilderness Area Preservation (SWAP) consists of the following members:

- Ron Rasmussen, Chair
- Pete Sarafian, Vice Chair
- Bob McDougle, Treasurer
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- Bob Meyer, Member at Large
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### SWAP BOARD MEETINGS

The SWAP Board of Directors meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Coast National Bank, 1193 Los Osos Valley Road.

The next meetings are Monday, April 12, and Monday, May 10. All Board meetings are open to the public.

To confirm the date, time and location (which are subject to change), phone 528-0392.

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# WALKS in the ELFIN FOREST

## Third Saturday Walks

**April 17 - 9:30 a.m.**

Pat Brown will take you on a butterfly walk. One of Pat's hobbies is taking photos of butterflies and collecting information about them, especially in relation to the Elfin Forest. She has a collection of books on butterflies, and before the walk will display some of her books and all kinds of butterfly-related materials. Pat will show walk participants some of the plants that are host to butterflies and describe the life cycles of various Elfin Forest butterflies. During the walk you should see Variable Checkerspot caterpillars munching on leaves of the Sticky Monkey-flower plant. Pat recommends that you bring a hand lens and a pair of close focusing (5-10 ft.) binoculars.

If you want to read about butterflies ahead of the walk, one of Pat's favorite books is *Common Butterflies of California* by Bob Stewart. It has excellent photos.

**May 15 - 9:30 a.m.**

Dr. Dirk Walters, Cal Poly botanist and author of a botany text, will take us on a wildflower walk during just about the best month for Spring wildflowers in the Elfin Forest. Come along and enjoy the bright yellows of Fiddleneck and Rush rose, the blues of Silver bush lupine, the whites of Popcorn flower and Pearly everlasting, and many more, complete with a choice piece of information about each from one of the best plant raconteurs on the Central Coast. Dirk writes columns on native plants for SWAP's *Oakleaves* as well as the California Native Plant Society newsletter. Don't miss this one!

*Walks in the Elfin Forest begin at 9:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted) at the north end of 15th Street off Santa Ysabel in Los Osos. Wear comfortable shoes, long sleeves and pants to avoid poison oak. Please park carefully, avoiding driveways and mailboxes. We ask that you not bring dogs or other pets. The easy*



Above: Dennis Sheridan and his Fungus Foray participants found many types and sizes of fungi in February, right after a good rain.

Photo by Terry Gates.

Below: Jeff Grover's geology walk in January brought out many people interested in learning more about earthquakes as part of the geology of the Central Coast. Photo by Yolanda Waddell



## Fantastic February Awakens Weeders

By Pete Sarafian, Conservation Chair

As winter proceeded toward spring, the intrepid weekend weed warriors emerged from their dens and joined in the February 7th fray. Not even a gloomy forecast from the shadowy Punxsutawney Phil on Groundhog's Day could hold back the eager weed pullers from the Elfin Forest. An even dozen warriors attacked veldt grass east and south of Bush Lupine Point. SWAP added several bags of the evil weed to the compost heap on 15th Street.

Those present and accounted for included Jay Bonestell, Steve Cake, Ann Calhoun, Mary Leizear, Bob & Sharon Meyer, Ron Rasmussen, Pat and Pete Sarafian, Charlie Sitton, Yolanda Waddell and Jean Wheeler. Thanks to all for helping to get this year's effort off to a good start.



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## Let's All Pull Together!

SWAP First Saturday work parties are held at 9 a.m. to noon on the first Saturday of each month. Volunteers should meet at the north end of 15th Street.

Dress for sun and wind and bring work gloves if you can. Some work gloves, tools and drinking water are provided. Call 528-0392.

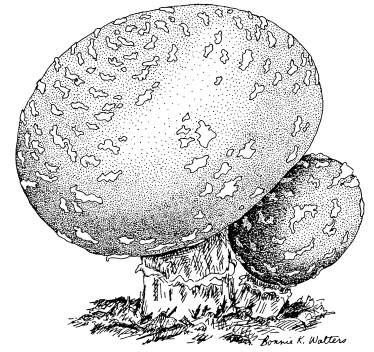


# Fly Amanita

By Dirk Walters, Ph.D.; Drawing by Bonnie Walters

The “plant” discussed in this article has not actually been recorded in the Elfin Forest [Ed. Note: several other amanita species were identified during the February 2004 “Fungus Foray” with Dennis Sheridan]. I thought Bonnie’s drawing and this article might inspire us all to begin a search for it? We should look for it in the wooded areas, either among the oaks or more likely near our few Monterey Pines (*Pinus radiata*). It is typically associated with conifers in Western North America. This mushroom or toadstool is commonly known as false orange, fly poison, fly agaric or fly amanita. Its scientific name is *Amanita muscaria*, and is in the class of fungi called Basidiomycetes, or club fungi.

This is one of the most beautiful of mushrooms. The newly formed cap is bright red and flecked with white flakes. The stalk and gills under the cap are also pure white. In genus *Amanita*, most species are covered by two membranes when the mushroom is just beginning to grow (button stage). The fragmenting of one membrane, called the universal veil, as the mushroom expands produces the white flecks on the cap of the fly amanita. This species also has a partial veil covering the gills, which breaks leaving a membranous ring on the stalk just below the gills, called the annulus. Another remnant of the universal veil causes an expansion at the base of the stalk called the volva, which is a key to identifying amanitas and other poisonous mushrooms. In fly amanita, the upper edge of the volva consists of several thin ring-like ridges. These can be seen near the base of the stalk in Bonnie’s drawing, which is of the spore-producing structure. This visible mushroom or toadstool, scientifically termed the basidioma, is only a small part of the fungus which produced it. The sole function of the basidioma (fruiting body) is to produce and disperse its single-celled spores.



Amanitas, including the fly amanita, are mycorrhizal. The main fungus body or mycelium forms a mantle in the soil around the host tree roots. Millions of threads (called hyphae) just one cell wide extend into the outer layers of the root of the host plant and far out into the soil and leaf litter. Some of the mantle hyphae act like parasites, penetrating the root and entering the surface root cells. Most of the hyphae decompose organic matter in the soil, and the nutrients thus obtained become available to the tree. This is a symbiotic relationship in which both partners do better when they are together than when they live apart. Such a positive symbiotic relationship is known as mutualism. A mycelium can live for years and extend into several to many acres.

Three of the common names of this mushroom refer to its effect on flies and how people have used it as a fly poison. The mushroom is cut into cubes and placed alone in a dish or more often with a little milk. Flies are attracted and killed. The compounds that kill flies make anyone foolish enough to attempt to eat this mushroom very ill very quickly. It is rarely fatal and in this, fly amanita differs from its even more poisonous sister species in the genus.

For example, the death angel amanita (*Amanita virosa*) causes little stress until one to several days after ingestion. By that time death usually results from an irreparably destroyed kidney and liver. [Ed Note: the deathangel does occur in the Elfin Forest and was identified on the February walk led by Dennis Sheridan]. Our western fly amanitas, though rarely fatal, do have larger concentrations of the illness-causing compounds than do European forms.

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## Wild Ride on the Sand Spit

By Ron Ruppert

On the morning of December 22, 2003, the kids and I had canoed to the Sand Spit in Morro Bay. When the earthquake hit, the rolling “waves” of sand were amazing enough, but the real surprise was when the sand under our feet cracked and settled and water began to shoot up in miniature artesian wells all around us. Small cracks (one to two inches wide) opened everywhere in the higher dunes. A small pond that had formed from the recent rains suddenly drained and new ponds formed from the spouting water. My son Stacy asked, “What should we do?” and I said, “We’re safe! So enjoy the ride!”

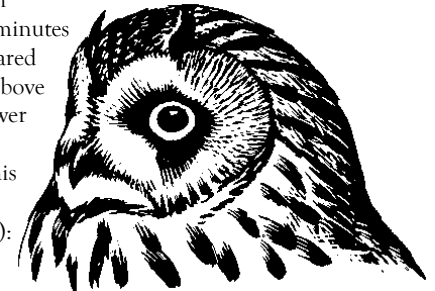
The quake caused the Brant geese in the bay to take flight, and hunters on the bay began a volley of shots trying to bag a bird, apparently unaware of the quake. Soon the sirens began in Morro Bay city and Los Osos. We were all quite frightened because “quick-sand” seemed to be forming as the dune was sinking. Aside from the worry about ending up in the water, I knew we were in a very safe place for earthquakes because there was nothing to fall on us.

We made our way to the canoe without getting wet, and paddled in earnest back to our launch area and eventually the car radio. It wasn’t until then that we found out that the epicenter was so near, and heard about how much damage occurred to human structures.

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## Elfin Forest Sightings

Mike Stiles reports that on December 3, 2003, about five minutes before sunset, he saw a Short-eared Owl flying in the Elfin Forest above the manzanitas between the lower boardwalk and the bay. At the editors’ request, Mike added this information about the Short-eared Owl (*Asio flammeus*):



The Short-eared Owl is a rare winter visitor to our coastal areas, and is an uncommon breeding bird in the Carrizo Plain. This owl nests and roosts on the ground, and can be seen at dawn and dusk hunting small mammals over the grasslands, marsh, and sand spit around Morro Bay. It has been seen flying over the Elfin Forest, probably to and from its hunting grounds. The Short-eared is a medium-sized owl, about the size of the more common Barn Owl. It has long wings, with a dark patch at the “wrist” on the upper and lower surface of the wing. The body is a mottled dark brown, and the face is surrounded by the typical owl facial disk. As the name implies, the ear tufts are very short, and are not usually seen except at very close range.

— M.S.

# Thank You to our New and Renewing Members

Compiled by Wendy Brown, SWAP Database Coordinator

## New Members:

Joanne & Stan Smalley

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## SWAP Needs Booth Workers For Botanic Garden Festival, May 1-2

The annual San Luis Obispo Botanic Garden Festival will be held at El Chorro Regional Park the first weekend in May. You can enjoy this fun-filled and worthy spectacle and at the same time support SWAP by volunteering 2 or 3 hours at the booth we'll have set up.



Do you enjoy talking to people? Our booths are set up to be self-explanatory, and we'll provide you with a question and answer sheet for the most commonly asked questions. We'll sell T-shirts and other items listed on page 7 of this newsletter. Also available will be brochures, newsletters, and trail guides. Help us to get the word out about SWAP and the Elfin Forest.

Please call our answering machine, 528-0392, if you can help us, and state whether you'd prefer a morning or afternoon shift.

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- New Member       Renewing Member
- Member \$12       Defender \$100
- Steward \$25       Champion \$250
- Protector \$50       Guardian \$500
- Life Member \$1000
- I want to help, please call me!

*Have you renewed your membership on time?*

*Check the label on this newsletter  
for your renewal due date.*

***EVERY membership counts!!***

Make checks payable to SWAP,  
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