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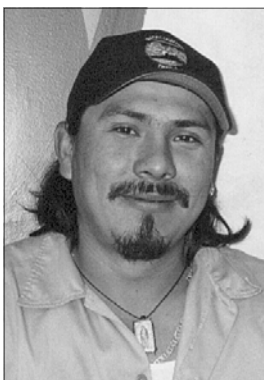
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## Part 2 of 3 parts The Elfin Forest CCC Crew: Their Stories

By Yolanda Waddell and Jean Wheeler

The April/May issue of Oakleaves featured six of the twelve California Conservation Corps crew who worked on the Elfin Forest Restoration Project from January to March of this year. Following are the stories of the remaining six and their supervisor. In March, when we sent the April/May issue of Oakleaves to press, we – and these hardworking Corpsmembers – had no idea if their home, the Los Padres CCC Training Center, would be open after the first of July. Much to their relief, it will stay open, so they can continue to work on projects that benefit San Luis

Obispo County and other parts of California.



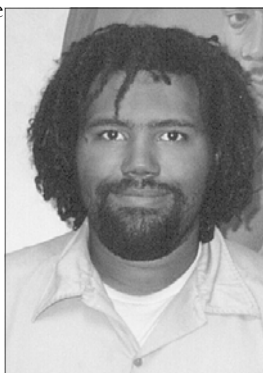
### FRANCISCO CASTILLO

Francisco, age 24, was born and grew up in Merida, Mexico, which is near Cancún. Five years ago he came to California to live and work in San Rafael. Then 14 months ago he took the opportunity to join the Back Country Trails Program in the Sierras, and spent six months working on trails with 17 other young people from all over the United States. He had never lived for more

than a month or two “with a bunch of Americans.” In addition to Back Country Trails and the Elfin Forest Restoration Project, Francisco has gone on “spikes” (working for 10 days with 4 days off) to the San Rafael Wilderness and other places. His English has improved greatly with the help of his CCC friends, and he is working toward a high school diploma. After that, he wants to go to Cuesta College. His father and uncle are auto mechanics, and Francisco hopes to be one as well.

### CHRIS COOLS

Chris is a 19-year-old from Riverside. He joined the Corps 15 months ago because he liked the idea of doing heavy-duty work outdoors. He’d never had a job before entering CCC and wanted to see what it was like.



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## Good News for the CCC ... And SWAP!

The last week of April was a good one for the CCC. On Friday, April 23, Assemblyman Abel Maldonado and State Senator Bruce McPherson visited the Los Padres CCC camp and conducted a press conference to state that they were doing all they could to keep the camp from closing due to budget cuts.

On Saturday, April 24, the Los Padres District of the California Conservation Corps received two Environmental Awards from the San Luis Obispo County Community Foundation: Environmental Achievement of the Year; and Sustained Environmental Contribution. Domenic Santangelo, Los Padres District Director, and several CCC staff and Corpsmembers were on hand to receive the awards, which included a check for \$5,000. The Environmental Awards are funded through an endowment donated to the Foundation by Ann and Lou Robinson.

Then on Thursday, April 29, CCC Director Wes Pratt and Assemblyman Abel Maldonado arrived at the Los Padres residential camp and announced that the camp will remain open thanks in part to an outpouring of local support and some “crunching of numbers” by CCC headquarters.

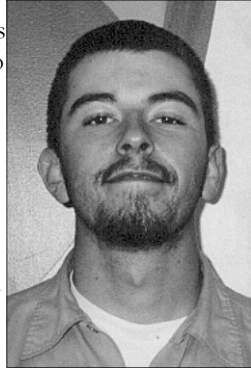
Both Assemblyman Maldonado and Senator McPherson said that their offices had received hundreds of phone calls, faxes and letters in support of our local CCC. SWAP thanks all of our Oakleaves readers who phoned or sent in letters of support. We, and all of the other conservation organizations in San Luis Obispo County are grateful for your help. Without the CCC Corpsmembers to do our work, we would have been unable to continue our restoration



Los Padres CCC District Director Domenic Santangelo (center) with Lou and Ann Robinson, donors of the endowment for the SLO Community Foundation Environmental Awards. Photo by Sandy Baer.

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Before working on the Elfin Forest Restoration Project, he worked in San Bernardino, clearing the invasive Giant Reed out of creeks, and preparing the cut reeds for use in the ceilings of La Purisima Mission. He also worked on Caltrans projects, clearing brush along freeways and spreading mulch to keep weeds down. Chris has found that constant contact with fellow Corpsmembers has helped him to get over shyness. He's learned to look into the future, knowing that "there's always something out there." He hopes to go into forestry and make it his career, preferably working in national parks.



## SCOTT HAGER

Scott hails from Lemoore in the San Joaquin Valley. The 19-year-old high school graduate has been a Corpsmember for 8 months. He joined the CCC because he likes being outdoors and doing environmental work. In addition to meeting new people and getting job experience, Scott decided that it was a "a good way to get your foot in the door to being an adult, starting out small and working your way up." Before working on the Elfin Forest project, Scott was sent to a fire camp to give out supplies during the San Bernardino fires last Fall. He worked 16 hours a day during that emergency. Later he went with a crew to San Diego to restore burned areas. Scott says that the CCC has provided him with a great life experience; he has "grown so much" during the short time that he's been with the CCC. He has given a good deal of thought to the future: he may go into fire fighting; earn the CCC \$2000 scholarship to go into forestry; or go into the army.



## SAM HUNT

Sam, age 19, is from Sutter Creek, southeast of Sacramento. He's been with the Corps for 15 months. He joined because he wanted to try out the Back Country Trails Program, living and working for six months in the woods doing trail maintenance. After that, he

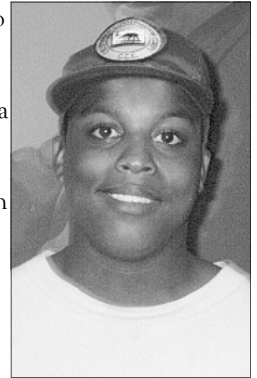
participated in an Australian Exchange program, spending one month in Australia. Other projects included wilderness trail work in various parts of California; emergency response to a fire in Santa Margarita; and restoration work after the San Diego fires, laying straw wattles to prevent erosion. The CCC has built Sam's leadership skills, and now he is thinking about college. He wants to attend Cal Poly to study biology and forestry. His goal is to join the U.S. Forest Service.



## JOHN PIKE

John is an 18-year-old from Yucaipa, east of San Bernardino. He's been in the CCC for 4 months, and the Elfin Forest Restoration was his first project. John

joined the CCC in order to have an outdoor job. He wanted to do some hard work and get experience. In the short time that he has been with the CCC, it has become his home. He has made friends, and has learned to believe in himself and to stretch his limits. When he completes his work with the CCC, John plans to stay in San Luis Obispo County and attend Cuesta College, making use of his \$2000 CCC scholarship. His fields of interest are psychology and music with computers, both of which he can study at Cuesta.



## TORI SCOTT

Tori, age 19, is from Rialto which is just west of San Bernardino. About five months ago he joined the Corps to get out of the environment he was in, stay out of trouble and "do good in the CCC." In addition to working as a crew member on the Elfin Forest project, Tori has cleared weeds in various places including an animal refuge. Tori says that the CCC "gives me a roof over my head, keeps me out of trouble, conditions me physically and gives me a chance to be

## A June Walk in the Elfin Forest

By Heather Johnson

June is a colorful month in the Elfin Forest. You'll notice the Chamise (*Adenostoma fasciculatum*) starting to send up tiny creamy white panicles of bloom. The yellow gold *Lotus scoparius* (Deerweed) is mostly finishing up its bloom but you can still find some late bloomers here and there. The yellow-orange Sticky Monkey flowers (*Mimulus aurantiacus*) are finishing up their spring bloom as well, but some will carry on for another few weeks.

Look around as you near the triangle shaped, fenced-off revegetation area near Bush Lupine Point and notice the low growing brilliant blue flowers – this is *Eriastrum densifolium*, alias Wooly Star. Gorgeous color!

Here and there you'll spy an enticing red spot of color. This is Indian Pink or *Silene laciniata*. In the "olden days" women used pinking shears to get a zig-zag cut on fabrics and this flower was named pink because it looks as if it was "pinked". So the name doesn't refer to color at all...The "Indian" part, I don't have a clue, maybe one of our readers can enlighten us?

Look for the Cobweb Thistle (*Cirsium occidentale*) (shown at right). Gently touch the pin cushiony base of the flower that looks as if it contains cobwebs. Rather like touching a white haired porcupine but what a pretty pink flower.

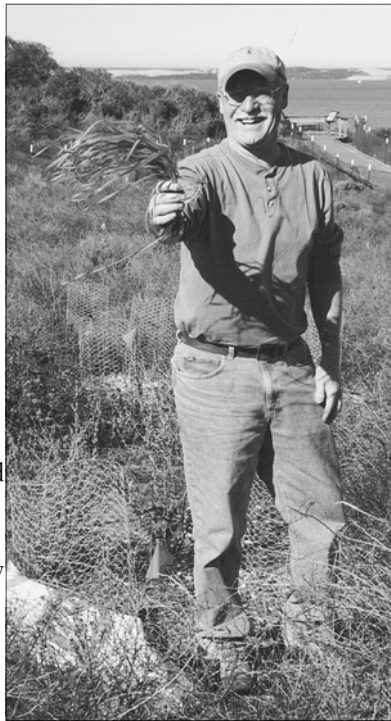
As you walk along you'll also see our little succulent, *Dudleya lanceolata*. This is the time of year each plant sends up a tall pinkish knobby stem which will soon be topped with



# Spring Flings Weeds Away

By Pete Sarafian, Conservation Chair

This spring brought out the usual suspects in the Elfin Forest: veldt grass, cheat grass and narrow-leaved iceplant. Fortunately, we had crews equal to the task that volunteered to yank the nasty stuff. In March, a small crew of six Weed Warriors started pulling grasses. In April, we had eleven volunteers, and in May we had a grand total of twelve warriors pulling and bagging. This was indeed good fortune. This year's grasses matured and dried earlier than usual. Without such a good warrior turnout, many of the seeds that are in the mulch pile now would have ripened and been on the ground by now. Nice work, Weed Warriors! Our volunteers for the past three months included Karen Bagne, Donna Banks, Jay Bonestell, Pat Brown, Steve and Scott Burns, Steve Cake, Andrew Christie, Keith and Meg Evans, Bob and Sharon Meyer, Amanda Parks, Pete and Pat Sarafian, Rachel Sneh, Warren Truong, Yolanda Waddell, and Jean Wheeler. Some of our warriors included students in a Landscape Architecture class from Cal. Poly, who were doing community service. Thanks to the students and to all our volunteers for helping to restore the Elfin Forest to native conditions.



Weed Warrior Charlie Sitton offers a bouquet of veldt grass.  
Photo by Yolanda Waddell.



April Weed Warriors surround the very satisfied Lead Warrior, Pete Sarafian (center). L/R, Bob Meyer, Steve Burns, Scott Burns, Steve Cake, Pat brown, Andrew Cristie and Sharon Meyer.

Photo by Pat Sarafian

# CCC Helps In Weeding

By Pete Sarafian, Conservation Chair

A crew from the California Conservation Corps assisted SWAP and SLO County Parks in the weed control effort in the Elfin Forest. Continuing an ongoing effort for the past three years, the Corps pulled veldt and other grasses from the hillside on the west side of South Bay Boulevard. Hopefully, this effort will result in control over the non-native grasses, so that SWAP can improve the native plant environment on this highway embankment. To see how successful we are, just look at the condition of the hillside on the opposite (east) side of the highway (untreated).

# Who Goes and Who Stays? Who Decides?

By Ron Rasmussen, SWAP Chair

What characterizes a "native" and what an "exotic" or invasive species? Experts in California plants and animals can determine whether a species is truly a native or an introduced species. Certainly over millennia the variety of species in the Forest has differed in response to changing climatic conditions. Over time the tendency is toward a large number of species rather than a few dominant types. Native plants and animals are those that have been identified, either through historical or fossil records, as more or less permanent residents.

Why is it important to encourage one species and exclude another from an area such as the Elfin Forest? When a new or "exotic" species is introduced, whether deliberately or by accident, the impact on the resident biota can be severe. While existing plant populations develop mutual interactions that inhibit overgrowth of any one species, a newcomer may not be susceptible to these restraints. Examples are the giant reed, pampas grass and our least favorite perennial, veldt grass. In the case of veldt grass each rainy season brings a new crop of seed heads that produce hundreds or even thousands of tiny seeds from each clump of grass. The seeds can remain dormant in soil for years. In the Forest the only allowed control at present is manual removal of each sprout or clump of grass. Without this control the native plants would soon be smothered by an overgrowth of this noxious invader.

The importance of excluding nonnative plants and protecting the existing variety of plants in the Forest extends beyond the plants themselves because they provide a habitat for the many animals the live in the Forest. Loss of diversity will result in loss of those species that depend on the plants for food and shelter. In recent times many species have gone extinct as the result of human activities. Although the acute impact of these extinctions on humans may not be severe, the long-term effects are unknown. The goal of SWAP is to preserve as far as possible the existing biota in the Forest and minimize the risk of extinction for the plants and animals living there.

## 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.



# SWAP Volunteer Opportunities



Do you enjoy putting photo albums together? Does it delight you to spread out a stack of photos and related articles and assemble them into an interesting and coherent history of your family or a special event? Then you would most certainly enjoy being SWAP Historian. It would involve a few hours each month getting caught up with our accumulated photos and clippings, and after that, it's a piece of cake!

Or – if you relate to children well, like to talk to people, love the Elfin Forest, and have time during weekdays, then you could be a School Walk Docent. We are about to initiate a Docent Program which will begin during the Fall school semester, with Docent Training to take place in September.

If you work full-time or are a very busy retired person, but still would like to do something for the Elfin Forest, how about joining our new Evening Anti-Vandalism Boardwalk Patrol? We have observed that most of the vandalism occurring in the Elfin Forest happens in the evening. So if you might be available one or two (or more) evenings each month to walk around the Boardwalk a few times, please join this group which will be under the supervision of County Parks and the Sheriff's Department.

If you would like to join us for any of these volunteer positions, call SWAP's answering machine at 528-0392. We'll get right back to you!

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## Membership Committee Expands

SWAP's Membership Committee has added two volunteers. Sharon Meyer has agreed to take on the job of Membership Correspondent. She sends a thank you note to each of our members when they join, renew or donate. Instead of a hand-written note, though, she'll use her computer's magic to "write" a letter and the address label. That way she can fit the task in with all of her other volunteer "hats," and is less likely to get writer's cramp.

Terry Gates, who sends out press releases for Third Saturday walks and our First Saturday work parties, told us that she's ready for more involvement in SWAP. She will take on the job of sending a renewal reminder to each member whose renewal date is approaching. The brief reminders were designed and have been sent out by Wendy Brown, our Database Coordinator. Wendy appreciates Terry for taking on this task, and so do we. Thanks both to Sharon and Terry!

### **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  
Yolanda Waddell, Secretary  
Bob Meyer, Member at Large  
Pat Sarafian, Member at Large

## Financial Report: July 1, 2002 to January 1, 2004

*By Bob Mc Dougle, SWAP Treasurer*

SWAP ended the 18-month period from July, 2002, to January, 2004, in good financial condition with about \$33,790 in cash and savings accounts (all figures rounded to the nearest \$5). SWAP also owns a small lot in Cambria, which is valued at \$12,450 but is under a building moratorium. Income for this period was about \$23,230 with expenses of about \$19,730, for a net increase of approximately \$3500.

The faithful and generous renewals from our members, as usual, constituted the major part of SWAP's income, totaling about \$13,000 during this period. Donations were unusually high at \$2290, but interest earnings were unusually low at \$870. Sales of T-shirts, Pocket Guides, and artwork brought in \$2310 at a cost of \$1690. We received a donation of \$750 for a new printing of the Pocket Guide from the San Luis Obispo Community Foundation, but have not yet completed the revision and printing.

We spent \$820 for a new aerial survey for which we were reimbursed by a grant from the Morro Bay National Estuary Program. We spent \$2350 on Elfin Forest planting and erosion control on another grant from the same agency, and were reimbursed \$2505, part of which was for previous costs. We printed a new supply of the Boardwalk Guide at \$630, paid our membership in the San Luis Obispo, Morro Bay, and Los Osos Chambers of Commerce at \$940 (for two years), and paid rental on our storage place at \$1050 (including new storage shelves and bins). We also bought a new supply of Mutt Mitts at \$645 (for which we were later reimbursed through a Morro Bay National Estuary Program mini-grant) and spent about \$1100 in booths and other appearances at public events.

Office costs for paper, envelopes, computer supplies, telephone, stamps and other necessary incidentals amounted to about \$1525. Newsletter costs were about \$5080, which covered editing, printing, mailing, and the cost of maintaining a bulk-mail account. SWAP, Inc. maintains membership in the Land Trust Alliance, which allows all three chapters to obtain lower cost insurance policies. Our membership fees to SWAP, Inc. totaled \$2500, which included some fees for previous years. Our insurance policy cost was \$750.

So, what did we accomplish with all that? We maintained a reputation as an organization that takes care of the land for which we are responsible. This reputation is such that Morro Bay National Estuary Program is willing to grant financial help for the work we do, visitors and their relatives spread the word of our accomplishments and donate dollars toward our work. We have replanted large areas of badly disturbed land and taken strong steps to control erosion. We produce a newsletter that is superior to those

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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, June 14, and Monday, July 12.  
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

**June 19 - 9:30 a.m.**

“The Estuary and the Forest” will be the focus of walk leader Dan Berman, Interim Director of the Morro Bay National Estuary Program. The Morro Bay Estuary provides critical habitat for a magnificent array of fish, birds and other creatures. Dan will discuss the value of wetlands, including those at the edge of the Elfin Forest, in protecting the Bay from pollutants. He’ll explain how protecting the Elfin forest also protects the Bay from the pressures of human population, and will give you valuable information about the priority problems facing Morro Bay and the many efforts underway to protect and restore this National Estuary. Don’t miss this one!

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

Join artist Barbara Renshaw for a Sketch Walk in the Elfin Forest. No drawing experience is necessary. You’ll join Barbara in a stroll along the boardwalk, taking in the views of the Morro Bay estuary and enjoying the gnarled Coast live oak trees in the Woodrat Hall grove. She’ll give you time to stop and sketch the bay, birds on the saltmarsh, oaks, or some of the Elfin Forest’s varied plant life. Bring a pad of drawing paper (no larger than 9-1/2 by 12-1/2 inches), colored pencils or pastels, and some drinking water. Consider bringing a camera too. You’ll be surprised how quickly you bring out the artist in you!

**August 21 - 9:30 a.m.**

“Ancient peoples of the Central Coast” is the topic of archaeologist Dr. John Parker, who will tell us about the long-ago inhabitants of the Elfin Forest and the Central Coast. As he leads us along the boardwalk, he’ll give us a word image of everyday life in the Elfin Forest during the time of the Chumash, including stories about Chumash money, economy and trade. He’ll also show us the development of technology through the ages, using artifacts to demonstrate the culture and processes of the Chumash and earlier peoples. *Note: A few strong-armed volunteers who can arrive at 9:15 to help carry the artifacts would be appreciated.*

*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*



*Above: Birder Freeman Hall discussed types of binoculars during his March Birding walk.*

*Below: Are they looking at birds? No – Butterfly Walk leader Pat Brown is pointing at a small butterfly, seen more easily through binoculars.*

*Photos by Bob Meyer.*



## 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.



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## Thirty-Seventh in a Series

# Shining Willow

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

The plant discussed in this article is of a species that belongs to one of the most “natural” groups of plants in our area. By natural, I mean a group of species that are readily recognized because all species within the group look alike. For example, I suspect all of us will recognize Bonnie’s drawing as some kind of willow. This strong “within group” resemblance creates problems, however. It results in there being much difficulty in distinguishing among the components of the group. This is certainly the case with the willow featured in this article.

*Salix lucida* ssp. *Lasiandra* is most commonly known as shining willow. It is also sometimes given the name yellow willow, but this name is used for other species as well. Shining willow is the second willow on the Elfin Forest species list. I assume it was seen growing among the much more common arroyo willows in the fresh water area between the drier stabilized dune uplands and the salt marsh. I have identified it from the marshy areas along Turri Road. I have not seen it near the boardwalk itself.

Arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*) was discussed in an earlier article. However, there is some value in reviewing its identifying features as these were not covered in that article. Arroyo willow leaves are usually widest from the middle outward (oblanceolate). The leaf’s tip is usually blunt to round. The bark is relatively smooth and gray in color. The scale covering its leaf buds is dark gray to light black. During the short flowering season, the male or staminate flowers display the only unequivocal characteristic: only two stamens per flower.

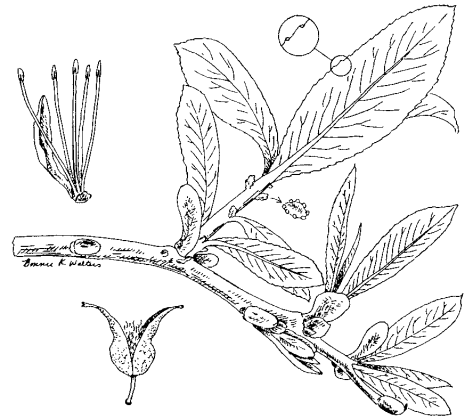
In contrast, shining willow male flowers possess five stamens per flower. Shining willow leaves are often narrower and, more importantly, widest below the middle (lanceolate). Its leaf tips are usually sharp or acute. The bark of young twigs of shining willow is bright yellow or red, while the bark covering the trunk and large

branches is deeply furrowed and dark brown. The scale covering the leaf buds is bright yellow. But, be careful! Remember always to look at more than one leaf or flower. Willow leaves and flowers are extremely variable. Any given

leaf or flower can resemble the species to which it doesn’t belong!

The problem in identifying shining willow is not distinguishing it from arroyo willow, but distinguishing it from the red willow (*Salix laevigata*). Both red and shining willows are more often trees than shrubs, and both possess the characteristic lanceolate leaves. Both have leaves that tend to be densely pubescent when young, only to become without trichomes (botanical terminology for hairs) when mature. This condition is termed glabrate. Both species usually have five stamens per male or staminate flower. So then, how can one tell them apart?

The only reliable characteristic I have discovered in my reading so far is the presence of very tiny round glands on the top (blade end) of the leaf stalk (petiole) and/or the presence of tiny round glands on the edges of stipules and along its leaf margins. A trivial characteristic, you say. I sort of agree and so did Dr. Hoover in this Vascular Plants of San Luis Obispo County. He said of the red willow, “Probably a minor genetic variant of *S. lasiandra*.” Adding to the confusion, Dr. Hoover held that *S. lasiandra* was a species in its own right and not a subspecies of a still different species, *S. lucida*. By the way, in the note under *S. lasiandra*,



## Elfin Forest Sightings

Two interesting birds identified in the Elfin Forest in April were a **Black Rail** and a **White-tailed Kite**. Mike Stiles heard the Black Rail from Bush Lupine Point at about 9:30 p.m. on April 22. At the editors’ request, Mike provided information about the Black Rail and also about the White-tailed Kite, which was seen by participants in Pat Brown’s Butterfly Walk.

The Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis*) is a sparrow-sized bird of the marshes. A very elusive bird, it is primarily nocturnal and prefers to run from danger instead of flying. Many birders have never seen one, though it is often easier to hear one. After sunset near the start of the breeding cycle (April/May) listen for the bird’s high-pitched “kee-kee-do” call. It often will call continuously every 3-4 seconds. The Black Rail is listed as a threatened species by the State of California. Its habitat, marsh areas just above the high tide line, is quickly disappearing from the state. A survey in 2001 turned up just four rails on the Bay in the breeding months, all from the Elfin Forest area. Yolanda Waddell remembers that the Black Rail is one of the threatened species that helped to save the Elfin Forest when SWAP was applying for grants in the early 1990’s.

The White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus*) was spotted by alert members of the Third Saturday Walk about 11 am on April 17. It flew into the Elfin Forest from inland and sat at the top of a dead branch near the edge of the tidal marsh below the boardwalk, overlooking the estuary. This kite

is a small raptor (40” wingspan) that can be seen hovering while hunting in the fields around the central coast. The bird will hold its wings at a sharp dihedral and rapidly beat them while looking for prey. When a small mammal or reptile is seen it will float or “kite” down to the ground to capture it.

The White-tailed Kite was near extinction in the 1940’s because of shooting and egg collecting, but has made a remarkable comeback due in part to agriculture practices and the introduction of the house mouse. In the fall, large roosting colonies of kites can be found. One group near the corner of Foothill and Los Osos Valley Road a few years ago numbered 113.

Depending on the age of your field guide, you may find the bird listed as Black-shouldered Kite. It was originally called White-tailed Kite, but biologists thought that it was a subspecies of the Black-shouldered Kite of Europe and Africa. Further study proved that it indeed was a separate species, so the name was changed back to White-tailed Kite in the early 1990’s.

Ed. Note: For a more detailed illustrated article about the White-tailed Kite by Rosemary Flamion, see the front page of the February/March 2003 issue of the Oakleaves. Photo © Tom Greer.



# Thank You to our New and Renewing Members

Compiled by Wendy Brown, SWAP Database Coordinator

## New Members:

Donna Banks\*  
Andrew Christie  
Diane Clement\*  
Bill & Connie Davies\*

*Andrea Davis - Life Member*  
Patti Patch  
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Keith & Beth Wimer\*

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\*Thanks to those listed above who donated more than the \$12 membership dues.  
The additional donations will be used for special projects in the Elfin Forest.

New or renewing members who donate \$100 or more will receive a Boardwalk T-shirt as SWAP's thank you gift.



# SWAP Shoppers' Order Form

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- Fire Department ..... 528-1053  
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- California Fish and Game ..... 772-8908  
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