

## 2011 JEPSON HERBARIUM WORKSHOP PROGRAM YEAR IN REVIEW

### Name Changes

Dan Potter's workshop was very popular again this year. We moved to a larger seminar room in Moffitt Library which enabled us to accommodate 54 students. Most evaluations were very positive although some people were hoping for more in-depth discussion of specific changes (which simply wasn't possible within the constraints of a one-day workshop).



### Lichens and Soil Crusts of the Eastern Mojave

This was one of our lowest-enrolled workshops, with 15 participants, but it would have been challenging to squeeze more people into the workroom at the Desert Studies Center (a film crew from National Geographic had set up shop in the lab, so we moved to the smaller meeting space adjacent to the dining room). DSC is a wonderful facility with good food.

### A Crash Course in Definitions and Methods for Identifying and Delineating California Wetlands

We offered this workshop in 2010 but had to cancel it due to under-enrollment. This year we extended it to three days, expanded the workshop description, and filled the workshop with 22 participants, mostly consultants. Terry Huffman, the instructor, is very knowledgeable.



### Fifty Families In the Field

Once again, this popular workshop was one of the first to fill. About half of the participants were working botanists, suggesting that we should make it more clear in next year's brochure that this is intended to be an introductory workshop.



### From Sea to Summit: Plants and Communities of San Diego County

An experimental workshop model, where we didn't provide lodging, and only provided dinner the first night (so the group could get to know each other). It worked well! Participants stayed in hotels (or at home) the first two nights, and then we all camped together in Anza Borrego on night three. Mike Simpson did a heroic job of teaching, even though he was suffering from a cold.

### Fifty-one Families in the Field

Staci coordinated this workshop and said it seemed to go well.

## San Clemente Island

After seven months of planning, we received approval in March to hold a workshop on San Clemente Island, with four full field days in April. Despite the short lead time, we filled the workshop in just a week. Thanks to lots of extra assistance from Navy Botanist Bryan Munson and the resident staff of the Soil Ecology Restoration Group, we had access to every possible part of the island, although the group had to adhere to tight restrictions regarding where we were and were not allowed to walk.



## A Crash Course in Flowering Plant Families (2 Sessions)

This year we offered one session of Crash Course on Thursday-Friday and another on Saturday-Sunday. The weekday session filled more quickly than the weekend one! Anna Larsen filled in as Coordinator since Jeanne Marie was coordinating the San Clemente Island workshop.



## 50 Families in the Field--in Monterey

Another experimental workshop, this time to see if offering one of our most popular Basic Botany Workshops at Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove would attract new participants, while allowing us to accommodate more people in one of our most popular workshops. Ultimately, it was worthwhile because it inspired the Beidlemans to explore new field locations, so we'll be offering a second session of 50 Families again in 2012 at the UC Hastings Reserve.

## Flora of the Santa Cruz Sandhills

The Sandhills are a botanically fascinating destination. We stayed at Mt. Hermon Christian Conference Center, which was delightful to work with and very accommodating (we had the place to ourselves!). Our instructors were knowledgeable about the subject matter.



## Poaceae

This continues to be one of our most popular workshops. Travis Columbus' style of keying all the grasses as a group with the whole class is very successful and was well-received. The UC Botanical Garden provided a great deal of fresh material, and Travis also brought material with him.



## Mimulus

Our first time holding a workshop at SNRI Wawona turned out to be a huge success! A good bloom year, combined with Linda Dore's excellent cooking and Steve Schoenig's vast knowledge and relaxed teaching style resulted in a wonderful workshop.

## From All Angles: Standardized Photography for Plant ID

This workshop was fully subscribed, with 21 participants, most of whom were enthusiastic about the content. A combination of classroom lecture and photography exercises gave participants a chance to practice their skills and get feedback from the instructor.

### Asteraceae

Instructor Dave Keil collected a vast amount of fresh material for this three-day on campus workshop, and participants had a great time working through it. Participants practiced using the revised Asteraceae key from the second edition of *The Jepson Manual*. On Sunday we took a field trip to Mt. Diablo to see plants in habitat.



### Rare Flora of the Panamint Mountains

The 2007 Panamint workshop was plagued by a lack of rain: we didn't have that problem this year, with showers and even a thunderstorm conveniently arriving during dinner hour (not while we were out in the field). All 20 participants made it to the top of Telescope Peak, thank to the help of Park Service botanists who let us drive up to Rogers Peak, thus cutting 6 miles off the hike

### Flora and Ecology of the Klamath Mountain Enriched Conifer Forests

Our first field workshop to fill! This new partnership with Little Critters Pack Station turned out to be a match made in heaven. Enthusiastic instructors, wonderful support staff, delicious food, brilliant camp infrastructure (including a water purification system, camp kitchen, and latrine with seat and privacy screening), and great floral diversity resulted in one of the highest-rated workshops of the year.



### Flora of the Warner Mountains

Despite several setbacks (we had to switch campgrounds because of delayed water system repair, and our lead instructor had to cancel shortly before the workshop because he needed emergency surgery) this workshop turned out fine. Our substitute campground was great, with easy access to the first day's field site.

## **Introduction to Plant Morphology**

Anna Larsen and Bianca Knoll Nakayama modified their 2010 workshop to focus exclusively on plant morphology. The resulting workshop was very successful: participants and instructors greatly enjoyed the workshop.

## **Aquatic Plants**

Don Les is an enthusiastic instructor and very knowledgeable. The workshop included a combination of lab work (including learning how to mount aquatic plants) and field time, with trips to several East Bay Regional Parks.



## **Insect-induced Plant Galls of California**

We ended the workshop season with a very successful day spent learning about the complex interrelationships between gall inducers, host plants, inquilines, and parasitoids. The instructors collected tons of plant galls for people to examine in the classroom.