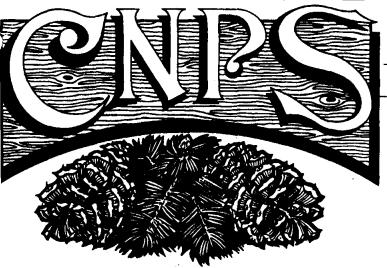
# **BRISTLECONE • CHAPTER**



# NEWSLETTER

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## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 25, 6:30 p.m., at the Baptist Church Social Hall at Wall Street and Highway 395, Independence. It will begin with a potluck dinner. Coffee, tea and dessert will be furnished. The program will be a double-screen slide presentation by Mary DeDecker.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

When the thermometer tops 100°, come to the almost empty high country of the White Mountains up beyond Schulman Grove. There you will find sweeps of sages and grasses where nothing but sky, mountain bluebirds and hawks are overhead. The road is not paved beyond Schulman, but, oh, what views!

....Doris Fredendall

## FIELD TRIP REPORTS

# SILVER CANYON, WHITE MOUNTAINS.

A delightful day was spent in Silver Canyon on the June 15 field trip. Leader Doris Fredendall had prepared a plant checklist which enabled us to identify a great number of species in the limited time. The 5-mile route crisscrossed the stream as it took us from 4500 feet to the foot of the switchbacks at about 6500 feet. Thr list included riparian plants as well as those of the dry canyon slopes. The high point of the day was the discovery of coralroot, Corallorhiza maculata, under the birches along the stream. It is a new addition to the White Mountain flora. A pleasant social hour was spent in the shade of a pinyon tree, thanks to Ray Moser who selected and cleared the spot.

# BISHOP CREEK.

A refreshing spring day was enjoyed July 13 when we visited the subalpine lakes high on the forks of Bishop Creek. The flowers were at their peak. At Lake Sabrina on the middle fork, we walked about 3/4 mile along the Blue Lake trail where there were both dry and wet habitats. From there we traveled to South Lake on the south fork, where we had lunch under the lodgepole pines. The walk there was mostly along wet habitats, lush green with a wealth of blooms. (See the plant list in this issue.) On our return to Bishop we had a creative salad potluck at the home of Pat and Jack Crowther, followed by a fine slide show. That made a perfect ending to a beautiful day. Appreciation goes to the Crowthers who planned it all.

# POSSIBLE RANGE EXTENSIONS

Dicentra uniflora Steer's head (Papaveraceae)

Draba praealta Dana draba. (Brassicaceae)

Larrea tridentata Creosote bush. (Zygophyllaceae)

Mentzelia torreyi Lava mentzelia. 'Lossaceae) Piute Pass trail, north fork of Bishop Creek, Loch Leven Lake, 10,744 feet, and also above Piute Lake, 10,900 feet. Reported by Pat and Jack Crowther.

Above South Lake, south fork drainage, on pipeline to Brown Lake, 10,000 feet. Reported by Pat and Jack Crowther.

Chalfant Valley on slope of White Mountains, sw. of Sacramento Mine, in SWA Section 3, T 5 S, R 33 E, MDM, Mono County, 4700 feet. Reported by James Wilson.

Owens Valley, between Calvert Slough and the Los Angeles Aqueduct Intake, in W½ Section 24, T 11 S, R 34 E, MDM, 3832 feet. Reported by Mary DeDecker.

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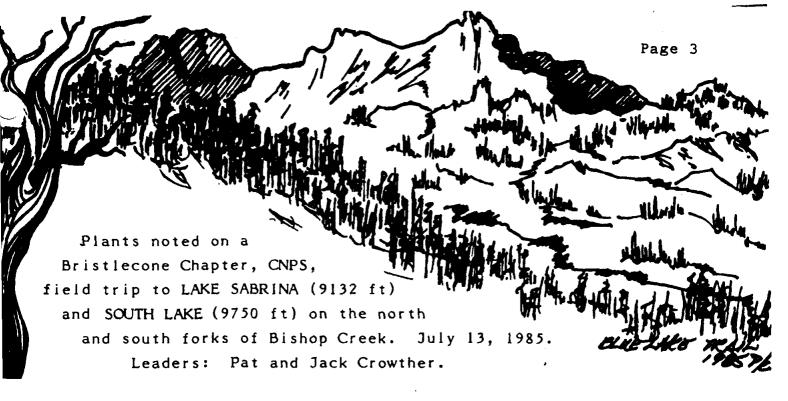
### IN REMEMBRANCE

We are sad to report the tragic death of Willard (Bill) Grate, 25, of Independence. He was a gifted young engineer, employed by Inyo County, one who appreciated environmental values. He was killed instantly in a highway accident north of Independence, when another vehicle crossed the line and hit his head-on. He didn't have a chance. He leaves his wife, Donna, a member of the Bristlecone Chapter, CNPS.

Those who enjoyed a short acquaintance with Carol Holeuffer on the Argus-Coso field trip will share our sadness over her death on July 7. She did not survive a second liver and Kidney transplant within a week at Baylor University Hospital in Dallas, Texas. A note from her mother reported, "Carol has gone on, after living a full and beautiful life." She told how much Carol had enjoyed the field trip. Carol had come to Owens VAlley in the spring on a project for the Bancroft Library. She enjoyed it so much that she joined the Bristle-cone Chapter. Her home was in Lafayette.

# GOOD NEWS

Doris Fredendall is happy to report that water is again flowing into the watering trough at Toll House Springs. (See Vol. 4, No. 2) It is mostly due to her persistence and Ray Moser's support that the place can be enjoyed once more by desert travelers. The white dolomite boulder, from which the bronze plaque was stolen, has been moved to the road junction north of Big Pine, by the tall Sequoia. There a new historical plaque, installed by E Clampus Vitus, tells the story. The responsible attendants at the Inyo County Campground across the road keep a watchful eye on it. This area just off the highway provides a favorite meeting place for field trips.



	Lake <u>Sabrina</u>	South Lake
ADIANTACEAE. Bracken Fern Family.		
Cryptogramma crispa var. acrostichoides SY=Cryptogramma acrostichoides Rock-brake, parsley fern	х	×
<i>Pellaea breweri</i> Brewer cliff-brake		×
APIACEAE. Parsley or Carrot Family.		
Angelica lineariloba Sierra soda-straw, tall angelica	×	x
Perideridia parishii ssp. latifolia Parish yampa	×	x
Sphenosciadium capitellatum Ranger's buttons, woolly parsnip	<b>*</b>	<i>y</i> -
ASTERACEAE. Sunflower Family.		
Achillea millefolium var. alpicola SY=Achillea lanulosa ssp. alpicola Yarrow	×	
Antennaria alpina var. media Match plant, alpine everlasting		x
Antennaria microphylla SY=Antennaria rosea Rosy everlasting	x	x
Arnica mollis Cordilleran arnica	×	x

Page 4	Lake Sabrina	South Lake
Artemisia ludoviciana ssp. incompta Western mugwort	×	×
Artemisia tridentata Big sagebrush	×	x
Aster occidentalis var. occidentalis . Western mountain aster		x
Chaenactis douglasii var. rubricaulis Rëd stemmed pincushion	x	
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus Curly-leaved rabbitbrush	x	
Circium tioganum Rosette thistle, Tioga thistle		x
Dugaldia hoopsii SY=Helenium hoopesii Hoopes dugaldia, tall helenium		×
Eupatorium occidentale Pink plume	×	x
<i>Haplopappus aparagioides</i> Golden aster		x
Haplopappus peirsonii Peirson gold		x
Machaeranthera shastensis var. montana Shasta aster	<b>x</b>	
Senecio canus Woolly butterweed	x	x
Senecio integerrimus Single-stemmed butterweed	x	
<i>Senecio pauciflorus</i> Orange butterweed		x
Senecio triangularis Arrow butterweed		. <b></b>
Solidago multiradiata Alpine goldenrod	x	x
Taraxacum officinale Dandelion		<i>x</i>
BRASSICACEAE. Mustard Family.		
Arabis drummondii Drummond rock-cress		x
Arabis holboellii var. pinetorum Holboell arched rock-cress		x
Arabis holboellii var. retrofracta Holboell reflexed rock-cress	x	x
Arabis lemmonii var. lemmonii Lemmon rock-cress		x

	Lake Sabrina	Page 5 South Lake
Arabis platysperma Broad-podded rock-cress	x	×
Arabis repanda var. greenei Broad-leaved rock-cress		x
<i>Descurainia californica</i> California tansy mustard	x	x
Erysimum perenne Mountain wallflower	x	x
CAPRIFOLIACEAE. Honeysuckle Family.		
Sambucus caerulea Blue elderberry	x	
Symphoricarpos oreophilus SY=Symphoricarpos vaccinoides Mountain snowberry	x	x
CARYOPHYLLACEAE. Pink Family.		
Arenaria macradenia ssp. ferrisae Ferris sandwort, baby's breath		×
<i>Sagina saginoides</i> Arctic pearlwort		×
<i>Silene bernardina ssp. maguirei</i> SY <i>=Silene montana</i> Maguire campion	x	×
Stellaria longipes Creek stellaria	×	· <b>x</b>
CORNACEAE. Dogwood Family.		
Cornus sericea ssp. sericea SY=Cornus stolonifera American dogwood	х	
CUPRESSACEAE. Cypress Family.		
Juniperus occidentalis var. australis Western juniper	x	
CYPERACEAE. Sedge Family.		
Carex aurea Golden sedge	x	x
Carex rossii Ross sedge		x
Carex spectabilis Showy sedge	×	x
ERICACEAE. Heath Family.		
Ledum glandulosum var. californicum Labrador tea		x

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Pterospora andromedea Pine drops	×	
FABACEAE. Pea Family.		
Lotus corniculatus Bird's-foot trefoil		x
Lupinus pratensis Inyo meadow lupine		x
Trifolium monanthum Carpet clover	x	x
FAGACEAE. Oak Family.		
Castanopsis sempervirens SY=Chrysolepis sempervirens Bush chinquapin		x
HYDRYPHYLLACEAE. Waterleaf or Phacelia Family.		
Phacelia frigida ssp. dasyphylla Rock phacelia	x	х
IRIDACEAE. Iris Family.		
Iris missouriensis Wild iris		x
JUNCACEAE. Rush Family.		
Juncus balticus Wire grass	x	x
Luzula multiflora ssp. comosa SY=Luzula orestera, Luzula comosa Common wood-rush		x
LAMIACEAE. Mint Family.		
Monardella odoratissima Pennyroyal, monardella	x	x
LILIACEAE. Lily Family.		
Allium validum Swamp onion		<b>x</b>
<i>Lilium kelleyanum</i> Small tiger lily	x	x
Smilacina stellata Star-flower	x	x
ONAGRACEAE. Evening Primrose Family.		
Epilobium angustifolium Fireweed	x	x
Epilobium halleanum Hall willow-herb		x

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<i>Epilobium hornemannii</i> Baby buttons, purplish epilobium		x
Epilobium oregonum SY=Epilobium exaltatum Oregon epilobium		×
Gayophytum racemosum Reddish gayophytum	x	
ORCHIDACEAE. Orchid Family.		
Platanthera dilatata var. leucostachys SY=Habenaria dilatata var. leucostachys White rein orchid	×	×
Platanthera sparsiflora SY=Habenaria sparsiflora Green canyon orchid	•	<b>x</b>
PINACEAE. Pine Family.		
<i>Pinus albicaulis</i> White-bark pine		<i>x</i>
Pinus contorta var. murrayana Lodgepole pine	х	х
<i>Pinus flexilis</i> Limberpine	×	x
<i>Pinus monophylla</i> Pinyon		x
POACEAE. Grass Family.		
Agrostis filicumis SY=Agrostis idahoensis Idaho bent, purple mist		x
Melica stricta Rock melic	x	
Muhlenbergia richardsonis Mat muhly	×	
<i>Oryzopsis hymenoides</i> Indian rice grass	×	x
Phleum alpinum Mountain timothy		x
Sitanion hystrix Squirreltail	×	x
POLEMONIACEAE. Phlox Family.		
Gilia aggregata SY=Ipomopsis aggregata Skyrocket	x	
Leptodactylon pungens var. pungens	x	. <b>x</b>

•	L <b>ake</b> Sabrina	South Lake
SY=Leptodactylon pungens ssp. pulchriflorum Granite gilia		
Linanthus nuttallii ssp. pubescens Bushy linanthus	×	×
POLYGONACEAE. Buckwheat Family.		
Eriogonum nudum var. deductum Nude buckwheat		x
Eriogonum umbellatum var. umbellatum Sulphur flower	X	X
Eriogonum wrightii var. subscaposum Wright buckwheat	x	
Rumex paucifolius var. paucifolius Mountain dock	x	x
PRIMULACEAE. Primrose Family.		
Dodecatheon jeffreyi Meadow shooting star, Jeffrey shooting star		· x
Dodecatheon redolens Bog shooting star, aromatic shooting star		x
RANUNCULACEAE. Buttercup Family.		
Aconitum columbianum Monkshood		x
Aquilegia formosa Red columbine	x	x
Aquilegia pubescens Alpine columbine	×	x
<i>Delphinium glaucum</i> Tall larkspur	×	x
Thalictrum fendleri Tasseled meadow-rue	x	x
RHAMNACEAE. Buckthorn Family.		•
Ceanothus velutinus Tobacco bush	x	
ROSACEAE. Rose Family.		
<i>Cercocarpus ledifolius</i> Mountain mahogany	×	x
Chamaebatiaria millefolium  Desert-sweet, fern bush	<b>x</b>	
Holodiscus dumosus var. glabrescens Cream bush	x	x
Potentilla glandulosa ssp. nevadensis White potentilla	×	x

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Potentilla gracilis var. glabrata SY=Potentilla gracilis ssp. nuttallii Slender cinquefoil	x	x
<i>Purshia tridentata</i> Bitterbrush	×	<b>x</b>
Rosa woodsii var. ultramontana Wild rose	×	×
RUBIACEAE. Madder Family.		
<i>Kelloggia galioides</i> Kellogia	x	
SALICACEAE. Willow Family.		
<i>Populus tremuloides</i> Quaking aspen	x	x
Salix drummondiana var. subcoerulea Blue willow	×	
Salix eastwoodiae Eastwood willow	·	x
Salix lemmoni Lemmon willow		x
<i>Salix orestra</i> Sierra Willow	x	
Salix planifolia ssp. planifolia Mono Willow		×
Salix scouleriana Nuttall Willow	x	x
SAXIFRAGACEAE. Saxi rage Family.		
Heuchera rubescens var. alpicola Alum root	x	
Parnassia palustris var. californica Grass-of-Parnassus		x
Ribes cereum Wax currant	x	x
Ribes montigenum Straggly mountain gooseberry	<b>X</b>	x
Saxifraga odontoloma SY=Saxifraga punctata ssp. arguta Brook saxifrage		x
SCROPHULARIACEAE. Figwort or Snapdragon Family.		
<i>Castilleja applegatei</i> Wavy-leaved paintbrush	<b>x</b> ·	x
Castilleja linariaefolia Long-leaved paintbrush	×	

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Castilleja miniata Streamside paintbrush	<b>x</b>	×
<i>Keckiella rothrockii</i> Buckskin keckiella	×	<b>x</b>
<i>Mimulus breweri</i> Pink mimulus	x	
Mimulus primuloides Meadow mimulus	x	x
<i>Mimulus tilingii</i> Large monkeyflower	x	x
Pedicularis attollens Little elephant heads	×	×
Penstemon heterodoxus Whorlflower penstemon	x	×
<i>Penstemon laetus ssp. roezlii</i> Gay penstemon	×	
<i>Penstemon newberryi</i> Pride of the Mountains	×	. <b>x</b>
Penstemon papillatus Big Pine penstemon		×
Penstemon rostriflorus SY=Penstemon bridgesii Penstemon bridgesii	x	x
SELAGINELLACEAE. Spike-moss Family.		
<i>Selaginella watsonii</i> Alpine moss-fern	x	×

# COMING TRIPS

### August 17-18: WHITE MOUNTAINS.

Meet Saturday at the Triangle Campground, the junction of Highway 395 and the turnoff to the Bristlecone Pine Forest, at 9:00 a.m. We will caravan, not to a reserved group campground as previously announced, but to the Grandview Campground on the White Mountain Road, 8500 feet. Camp spaces are not reserved, but there should be plenty for all. Be prepared for chilly evenings, and possible showers. High clearance vehicle are recommended, but not essential. The road is paved to the campground. Leaders: Mary and Paul DeDecker. (619) 878-2389.

# September 14: ONION VALLEY.

Meet at 9:30 in the parking lot across the street (north) from the Independence Post Office. We will caravan to Onion Valley, paved all the way. Activites there will be tuned to the group. Onion Valley is beautiful any time of the year. Leader: To be announced.