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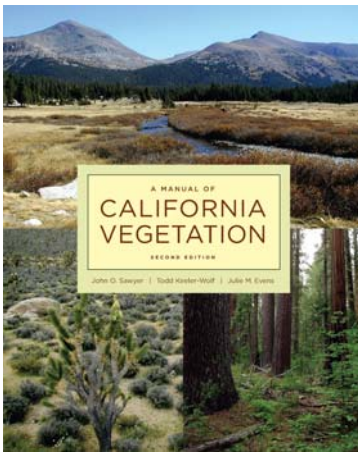
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The Second Edition of *A Manual of California Vegetation*

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1312 pages

352 Maps

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California is famous for its beautiful plant displays across the landscape. These patterns of plants are known collectively as plant communities or vegetation, such as redwood forests, oak woodlands, and Joshua tree woodlands. *A Manual of California Vegetation*, published in 1995, has since become widely accepted as the standard for classifying the state's vegetation. CNPS is pleased to announce the release of the Second Edition of *A Manual of California Vegetation*. Greatly expanded from the previous edition, this revision comprises a collection of biological and ecological information on all of the known vegetation types in the state focusing on both the individual species and surrounding habitats. This completely updated edition features more than twice the number of vegetation descriptions as the original *MCV* and includes the following:

- Over 485 written descriptions of vegetation types with updated references
- 352 Vegetation Maps
- Definitions for over 430 native vegetation alliances

- Listings of characteristic plants within in each alliance description
- Detailed life history information for the primary plants defined in the alliances
- Keys to differentiate groups of related vegetation types
- Detailed descriptions of the regional variation within each vegetation type
- Specifics on rarity and importance values of the vegetation
- Separate descriptions of the state's rarest vegetation stands
- Accounts of 33 non-native vegetation types that are threatening natural landscapes
- Data on fire, flooding, and other natural processes
- Information on restoration and other management considerations
- Display of the new national and international classification of vegetation
- Standardized nomenclature complying with the National Vegetation Classification
- Detailed synonymy with translation to other commonly used classification systems

This comprehensive guide has wide applicability to biologists, botanists, ecologists, environmental scientists, land-use managers, conservation planners, natural history enthusiasts, teachers, and students. The MCV provides a systematic approach to classifying and describing vegetation in California, providing definitions, descriptions, and maps that enable more definitive assessments of extent, location, rarity, and threats to these natural communities.

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The Second Edition of *A Manual of California Vegetation* is available directly from the California Native Plant Society Sales Department at (916)-447-2677 x. 204 or on the web from www.cnps.org.