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ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

*Endangered Plant Conference*

The California Native Plant Society (CNPS) will serve as a lead sponsor for a conference on the conservation and management of rare and endangered plants scheduled for 5–8 November 1986. The conference will be held in Sacramento, California. Persons wishing to present papers are invited to submit an abstract.

The purpose of the conference is to provide a forum for exchange of information on rare and endangered plants. The conference will include formal presentations in concurrent sessions, open forum discussions, a poster session, and workshops. Proceedings will be published by CNPS.

Papers describing research on endangered plants are requested. Taxonomic and ecological studies are of interest although emphasis will be placed on management-related topics including specialized field techniques for evaluating, monitoring, and mitigating adverse effects on endangered plants. Experience from regions other than western United States are welcome. This conference will be of interest to persons involved with endangered species management for public agencies, private industry, educational institutions, or through conservation organizations.

Early submittal by authors is requested. Abstracts are due no later than 1 June 1986. Abstracts and requests for information should be directed to Jim Nelson, Conference Coordinator, California Native Plant Society, 909 Twelfth Street, Suite 116, Sacramento, CA 95814.
Botanical Systematics Symposium

As part of its ongoing interest in the botany of areas of Mediterranean climate, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden will host and sponsor a symposium on systematics, evolution, and adaptation in the American Southwest.

This is the second in our annual series of symposia designed to provide a forum for topics of particular interest to botanists in the western and southwestern United States and Mexico. This year’s speakers are: Arthur C. Gibson, U.C.L.A. (“Photosynthetic Structures and Xeromorphy in Desert Plants of the Southwest”); Kevin C. Nixon, Cornell University (“Quercus in California and the Southwest, and Relationships to Quercus of Other Regions”); Park S. Nobel, U.C.L.A. (“Physiological Ecology of Desert Succulents”); Eloy Rodriguez, U.C. Irvine (“Evolution of Plant Defenses in Asteraceae in the Southwest Flora”); Beryl B. Simpson, University of Texas, Austin (“Pollination Studies in the Southwest”); G. L. Stebbins, U.C. Davis (“Evolution of Plants in the Californian Province”); and Jack A. Wolfe, U.S.G.S., Denver (“Paleontological Aspects of the Southwest Flora”).

An informal social for all participants will be held in the home demonstration garden on Friday evening, 23 May. Invited papers will be presented on Saturday, 24 May, in the auditorium of the main administration building. Library and herbarium facilities will be open during the meeting.

Registration is $35.00 ($25.00 for students), and includes the Friday evening social, box lunch and dinner on Saturday; there will be a cash bar available on Saturday evening prior to dinner. Detailed information on lodging will be sent with confirmation of registration. For further information, please contact Kay Tomlinson at (714)625-8767. Register early because space is limited to 120.
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