

INTRODUCING THE

California Lichen Society

DEDICATED TO PROMOTING THE APPRECIATION,
PRESERVATION, AND STUDY OF CALIFORNIA LICHENS



THE CALIFORNIA LICHEN SOCIETY was established as a nonprofit corporation in 1994. It has grown from the original nine founding members, and now includes roughly 200 members, from New Zealand to the United States to the Czech Republic. We are an active group, and have set ourselves the goals of mapping the state's lichen flora, preserving its endangered species, and enhancing the knowledge and understanding of lichens throughout California and adjacent areas.



Photo by Bill Hill, taken on our field trip to Sutter Buttes

THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE has completed and approved sponsorships for eleven lichen species, which are now in various stages of the meticulous two-year sponsorship process. The ultimate goal of the Committee is to create an awareness of the need for lichen conservation in California. Six of these processes are complete as of January 2009.

In the past four years, our EDUCATIONAL GRANTS COMMITTEE has awarded over \$7300 to students and researchers contributing to the understanding of the lichen flora of California. Amounts range up to \$2500. Some recent recipients include Matthias Shultz, Suzanne Altermann, James C. Lendemmer, and Sarah Jovan.

Members receive the Bulletin of the California Lichen Society, published each year in the spring and fall. It includes peer-reviewed articles of both technical and general interest, reports and species lists from field trips, Conservation Committee sponsorships, a calendar of upcoming events, and summaries and reports on interesting events in the world of lichenology. Back issues are available at our website.

ACCESSIBILITY

The Society hosts its own domain, with a web page at californialichens.org. The Conservation Committee has detailed information at <http://calscc.crustose.net>. There is also a listserv and forum for general discussion at <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/californialichens>.



CALS members at Ring Mountain. Photo by Michelle Caisse

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

email _____

Do not include me in the member's directory

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Student/fixed income	\$10
Individual	\$20
Foreign or Family	\$25
Sponsor or Institution	\$35
Donor	\$50
Benefactor	\$100
Life Membership	\$500

Student Grant donation	\$ _____
General donation	\$ _____
Darrell Wright Memorial Fund	\$ _____

MY LICHEN INTERESTS are (circle all that apply) education, conservation, taxonomy, outreach, geography, distribution, rare species, photography, other _____

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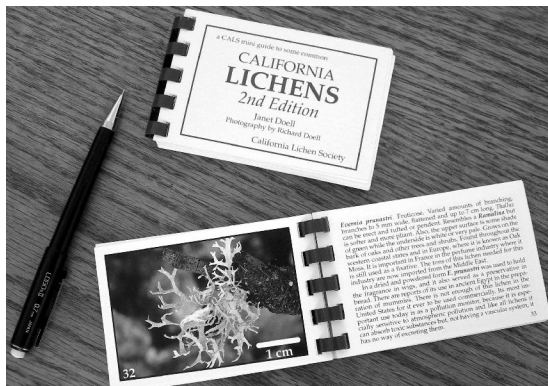


Ring Mountain overlook. Photo by Michelle Caisse

CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY

- Full-day workshops for all levels of expertise
- Twice-monthly evening workshops
- Field trips throughout California
- General Member meeting and potluck in January
- Guest lectures
- Annual participation in the Mycological Society of San Francisco Fungus Fair

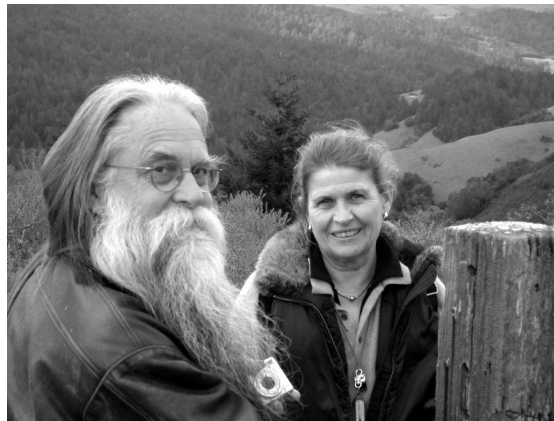
The second edition of the CALS Mini Guide to some Common California Lichens has just come out. This is the most compact guide to California lichens, and is ideal for beginners, with 43 color photos, descriptions and comments, and a glossary.



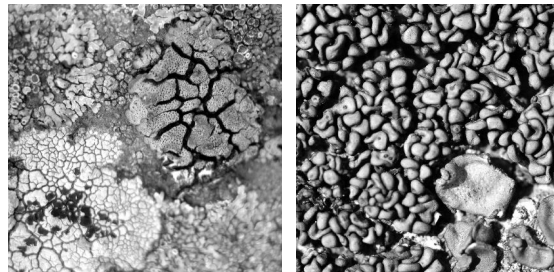
CALS Miniguide, 2nd edition. Photo by Tom Carlberg



Cladina rangiferina at Opal Creek. Photo by Judy Robertson.



Bill Hill and Kathy Faircloth at Roy's Redwood Preserve, Marin County. Photo by Judy Robertson



Small crustose species. Photos by Tara Collins (l) and Pete Sands (r).

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