



Coast Fawn Lily ( *Erythronium revolutum* )

Mottled leaves reminiscent of the markings of a fawn. There were four different species of fawn lilies in the Garden in bloom on 03/12/2016.



Flowering currant ( *Ribes sanguineum* )

Many different currants blooming throughout the Garden. This one was growing at the edge of Wildcat Creek, which was flowing vigorously.



Wake Robin ( *Trillium chloropetalum* )

Five different species of trillium were in bloom in a variety of places in the Garden. This one is native to the Garden.



Silver Bush Lupine ( *Lupinus albifrons* )

A lupine in full bloom in the second week of March. Evidence of ample rain mixed with periods of warmth and sun this Winter.



California Pipevine ( *Aristolochia californica* )

This is its flower, which comes out before the leaves. Its common name comes from the shape of the flower, reminiscent of a Meerschaum pipe.



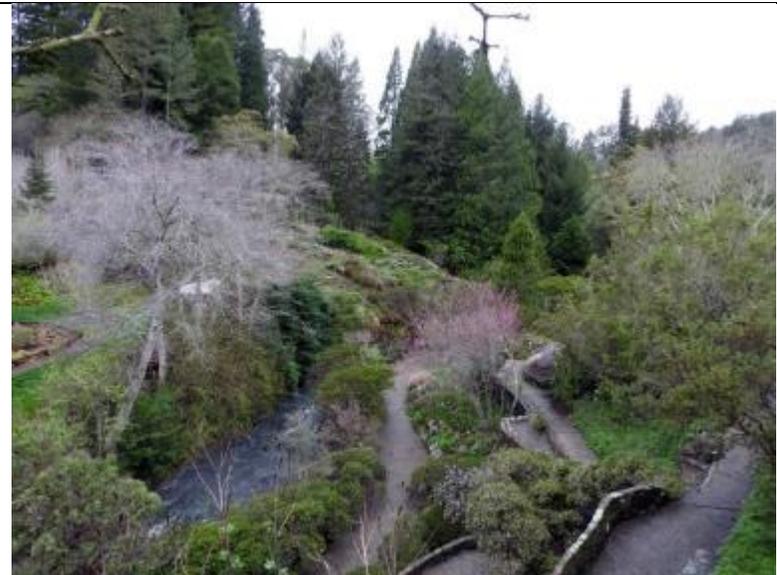
Adobe Lily ( *Fritillaria pluriflora* )

The bulb beds in the Garden had quite a variety of lilies, shooting stars, and other rare California native bulbs in bloom. They are camera shy.



California Newt ( *Taricha torosa* )

This newt was in the parking lot near the restrooms. Concerned that its location might flood with standing water, I coaxed it away to the bushes.



East Bay Regional Parks Botanic Garden ( *Hortus EBRP* )

The Garden has only California native plants. The rain held off until early afternoon, except for brief drizzles. Wildcat Creek was roaring through.

Roz and I, with our rain gear, picnic supplies and camera in tow, arrived at the East Bay Regional Parks Botanic Garden for the YTHS Meeting at 10:45 AM on Saturday March 12, 2016. Given the weather forecast, I was dubious that anyone from YTHS would come. I was right. We waited around for twenty minutes after the scheduled start time of 11 AM, and while there were many other visitors in the Garden, no one from YTHS appeared.

But since we were there (Roz was scheduled to lead a weekend Docent Tour at 2 PM, which did get rained out), we decided to do our own Ginko Walk around the Garden. It wasn't really raining, just occasional drizzles. With my camera, I took all of the pictures above. I did not include any manzanita pictures, but most of them were in full bloom all over the Garden.

The Garden walk and the wet weather inspired these two haiku:

*Patches of blue sky  
a windy, March Saturday -  
intermittent rain.*

*Old haiku poet  
feels the rain, stands up and jumps -  
splashes of water.*

Hopefully, next year the Garden Tour will not be a washout.

- David Sherertz