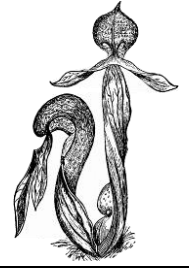




CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
NORTH COAST CHAPTER

presents our November Program:



*** Wednesday - November 8 ***

Ancient but Still Evolving: the Ferns among Us



Ferns are a fascinating group of plants, with rich, and often bizarre, ecologies and natural histories. **Carl Rothfels**, Assistant Professor and Curator of Ferns and Lycophytes at the University Herbarium, U. C. Berkeley, will take us on a meander through ferndom from a slightly evolutionary perspective, starting at the broadest scale (What are ferns? How did they evolve?) and ending closer to home with a tour of northern California fern diversity. Along the way, he will touch on ferns' secret double life, on the wonders of "instantaneous" speciation, the trick to being a fern in the desert, the challenges of fern taxonomy (Why do these names keep changing?), and more.

Program from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

At the Arcata Masonic Lodge, 251 Bayside Road (near 7th & Union)

 Refreshments served at 7:00 