A Word from the SSA President
On behalf of the entire SSA Board of Directors

First, we hope this newsletter finds you healthy and happy. Given the trying times that we are all navigating, we are grateful that we have a special haven up in the mountains that is mostly insulated from the worst of what higher density communities are facing (I'm speaking in vague terms to blanket all the challenges...COVID-19 risks to physical health, economic instability risks to financial health, and social unrest risks to mental health/happiness). In times like this, it is often great to have the support and comradery of friends, neighbors and community. Consequently, we were all looking forward to planning the summer General Meeting and Picnic. Every month at our board meetings, we've assessed the current pandemic status and discussed if it was wise to plan the “Summer General Meeting & Picnic.” We took a month-by-month approach, pushed the potential meeting date to the end of the summer, and delayed making a decision as long as we comfortably could. We really wanted to make it happen, but only if it was safe and prudent to do so.

Ultimately, with much disappointment and sadness, we voted to cancel the Summer Meeting & Picnic at the June board meeting. As much as we thought many people wanted and needed a joyous summer event, the science suggests it is too risky. We considered all the ways to minimize the risk: socially distancing the tables and only having family members sit together, requiring everyone bring their own food and utensils, etc. In the end, this didn't sound like the fun event that we wanted it to be, and it still didn’t eliminate the risk of an asymptomatic carrier of the virus from spreading it in our community. We hope you understand and appreciate the care and consideration that went in to this decision.

On a positive note, Ami Jacqua has graciously offered to host the summer picnic at her ranch in 2021...so consider this a rain-check! As for the current state of affairs, this too will pass, and once again our community will come together to celebrate mountain life at Jacqua Ranch.

We look forward to gathering our mountain community once again and reconnecting when conditions allow us to socialize and connect with fewer restrictions.

Peace and warm regards,
Michael, and the entire SSA Board
SSA Membership Report – July 2020

BY DEBRA BORN, MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR

Our Membership Continues to Grow

In spite of all the downs in the world these days the South Skyline Membership count continues upward. We owe this in large part to the success of our Skyline Propane User Group (SPUG) program started many years ago by the late Ruth Waldhauer. Not only does this program reduce the cost of propane for our members but it has increased our membership tenfold or more allowing our association to increase its revenue and return that money to our community through our grant program. So, thank you everyone for supporting our association and community at large.

In spite of our growth we are still mostly manned by volunteers. We look to our members to run our programs, keep our records, organize events, etc. and are always needing more members to volunteer. If you can spare a few hours per month, please contact us at membership@southskyline.org or president@southskyline.org.

This past month several of you received email notices about your membership dues having lapsed. This message was intended to go out much earlier in the year, and caused some confusion. Nonetheless, we appreciate those who responded to that message and renewed. Without the renewals our budget was in jeopardy of not meeting our annual budget for dues revenue, our main source of funding. Next year we'll try much harder to remind you to renew much earlier in the year.

Please stay healthy and happy in spite of these trying times. And be thankful for our wonderful community and spectacular environment.

SPUG Quarterly Report

Skyline Propane Users Group (SPUG) was formed to benefit SSA members. For information about joining, or for members wishing current information on the agreement go to our website: www.SouthSkyline.org/spug/. If you have questions, please email propane@southskyline.org.

SSA has agreements with Amerigas, Kamps, Suburban Propane Scotts Valley, and FerrellGas. The open market price is more than $1.00/gallon higher than the SPUG price. Prices are subject to change as frequently as wholesale prices change. The prices SSA posts are for the first of the month. Our SPUG rate is based on a keep-full basis, not will-call service.

You are not required to pay sales tax on propane if you do not have natural gas available where you use propane. If you get your propane from Amerigas, you will need to submit a sales tax exemption form. Contact Amerigas for the form.

Membership dues were due in January. Those whose SSA membership has lapsed can be disqualified by our propane providers from receiving the benefit of the SPUG price. Membership can be renewed at www.SouthSkyline.org/membership/. If paying by check use the Membership Application on the website.

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The South Skyline Association (SSA) and all our community groups are run by neighborhood volunteers and we are exceedingly grateful for the fantastic people who choose to help. But that group of helpers needs to evolve, recycle and replenish from time to time. Currently, we are short-handed on our SSA board of directors and our Adopt-A-Highway crew.

SSA Board Members Needed
The purpose of the South Skyline Association is to foster a sense of community spirit, to keep residents and property owners informed of public agency actions or other items of concern in our area and to engage in various projects to enhance our unique South Skyline environment. The board tries to recruit people from a variety of areas to get a good representation along the south Skyline Blvd. We are looking for three new board members. Not all board members need to serve as officers, but right now we are also looking for a President and Treasurer. The President is usually an experienced board member, but we could really use a Treasurer to help us with our debits, credits, and expenditures. Whatever your interests, we would be happy to hear from all prospective volunteers. Serving on the board provides a great opportunity to meet fellow mountain residents and share ideas and skill sets. The board members have one meeting a month on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00pm.

Keeping Skyline Beautiful
The SSA Adopt-A-Highway program was started by Ruth Waldhauer in 2005 and we have over 185 names on the honor roll listing those who have participated in picking up trash in our designated area. A coordinator is needed for this program. This could be one person, or it could be shared with another. We need someone to coordinate and lead the volunteers who pick up litter along the southbound two-mile stretch in the area of the Russian Ridge Vista Point. It takes about an hour to cover the area. This would be needed once every two months.

Contact
If there is an interest in any of these positions please contact Michael Rowe rowe517@icloud.com.

SSA 2020 Calendar
At this time, future board meetings are scheduled to be held remotely at 7:00pm until further notice.

Board Meetings will be held on:

- September 10
- October 8
- November 12

For updates and more information contact Michael Rowe: rowe517@icloud.com • 408-872-1775

SSA Grant Applications 2020
There is still some SSA grant funding available for 2020. Individuals, students, teachers, groups, and organizations are eligible. The deadline for submission is September 30, 2020.

For more information and the application check our website under “Events” at SouthSkyline.org/events.
Home Advisories Available
The South Skyline FireSafe Council is re-introducing a defensible space and home hardening advisory service free to residents of the South Skyline area. Our members of the Home Advisory Committee will provide you with a written assessment of the quality of your defensible space and suggestions for improving the fire resistance of your home. This assessment is based on the same inspection form that CalFire uses, but does not carry that onerous legal burden. Plus, our assessment also includes new standards adapted by the National Volunteer Fire Council and other agencies such as the new 5’ zone from the walls of the home and outbuildings.

Email us at homeadvisory.ssfsc@gmail.com to schedule a free home advisory visit from one of our SSFSC volunteers. This Home Advisory Committee is headed by John Drew, who is also head of the Las Cumbres Fire Safe Committee and is a member of our SSFSC Board of Directors. Other committee members are Monty Boyer, Jane Manning, Kris Pemberton and John DeLong.

Mark Haynie Memorial Bench
BY JOHN DELONG, SSFSC

In late May, a bench memorial for Mark Haynie was completed. It is located on Cut-Across Road within the Portola Heights community and commands a lovely view of the hills and ocean to the west. The project was spearheaded by Portola Heights resident and road committee member Jeff Solt, and funded by donations to the South Skyline FireSafe Council. The fir slab on the bench seat had been milled by Mark Haynie, Jeff Solt and another neighbor long ago for an undetermined and unexecuted project. Jeff sanded, oiled and varnished the slab for this appropriate and honored purpose. The bench frame was designed and built by local metal artist Bill Sorich.

A brass plaque has been ordered with the SSFSC logo and wording as shown above. When received, it will be mounted on the fir slab backrest. Mark Haynie was a member of the SSFSC Board of Directors, our webmaster, one of our key project managers, our liaison with the Bonny Doon FireSafe Council and our most successful grant writer. He was an active and committed member of the Portola Heights community and is sorely missed. This fitting tribute should stand the test of time and honor Mark's legacy for many decades to come.
Fire Safe Council and Midpen Partnering to Improve Wildland Fire Safety

To improve and maintain Page Mill Road as an important wildland fire evacuation route for local residents, the City of Palo Alto's 2016 Foothills Fire Management Plan identifies removing approximately 200 eucalyptus trees along the roadway as a high priority. Eucalyptus are an introduced species from Australia that are highly flammable and drop a lot of debris.

The approximately 200 eucalyptus trees identified in Palo Alto's plan are located along the east side of Page Mill Road on land owned by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District within the City of Palo Alto's boundaries. Midpen has partnered with the Santa Clara County Fire Safe Council to implement this project with support from a federal grant. Work is tentatively expected to begin in September 2020.

The project includes site surveys by Midpen biologists and passive restoration encouraging the growth of existing, more fire-resistant native vegetation on the site, including small oak and toyon trees. Monitoring for and removing invasive plant species and sowing acorns will occur as needed to restore the site to a more natural condition better supporting native plants and wildlife and creating safer ingress and egress for local residents.

To learn more please visit sccfiresafe.org/projects.

South Skyline Fire & Rescue News

BY ANDY SEIGEL, CAPTAIN, SSF&R

With Covid-19 and stay-at-home orders, we had a mostly quiet April and May. As businesses have reopened, our call volume has increased accordingly.

Fire Season is Here

How's your defensible space? We have links on our website to all kinds of documents to help guide you in planning your defensible space, including a link to the Fire Safe Council's website. As always, if you see smoke which seems out of place, do not hesitate to call 911.

2020 Volunteer Academy

The volunteer fire academy was suspended in March while the administration worked out how to combine skills testing and classroom with social distancing. It restarted in early May. This year, we assisted at the academy, with equipment and personnel, during 10 sessions. It's fun to help new candidates work on skills.

Recruiting for 2021

We are still looking for several new local volunteers for Company 29. We currently have none in the pipeline. With Covid-19, it's complicated to stage a recruiting event, but we can always talk about the program to anyone who is interested.

“Silver Linings... Pandemic Life on the Mountain”
BY FRANCES MANN-CRAIK

Sheltering and mask wearing are becoming the “new normal” for all of us. While there are without question many downsides to the Pandemic lifestyle, for some it has opened up new avenues of expression. Here’s a sampling of what your neighbors have been quietly doing during this “Luxury of Time.”

John DeLong, from Rosemary Lane, built a beautiful cascading waterfall fountain for Sharon’s garden... out of old wine barrels.

Leslie Simone, from Portola Heights, shares the joy of working her high-tech job from home, while creating mountain adventures for her son. She sees the possibility of creating a new approach in her future.

“Mom! I’ve been here before! Dad and I ran up that path and were chased back to the road by a dinosaur!” My 4-year-old exclaims this to me as we get out of the car near the Charcoal trail off Skyline Boulevard. Or is the trail called something else? I’ve lost track. In the fourteen weeks since preschool has closed, I’m sure we’ve visited every trail in the Monte Bello, Mid-Peninsula, La Honda Creek, and other Open Space preserves within a few miles of our home off Skyline Boulevard.

As an executive coach for growth-stage tech start-ups across the Bay area, somehow, I was convinced that I needed to spend hours in my car to be in-person with my clients. Now that I’ve gained many additional hours a day in magical outdoor adventures and homeschooling with my son and jettisoned my lengthy commutes while still coaching the executives from home, I do wonder how I didn’t see these possibilities before.

Rising at 5:45 am, I do a few hours of work in while my husband and son Skype the grandparents in England, then dad starts work, and my son and I explore every corner of La Honda and surrounding towns, 6 feet apart from our nearest passers-by. We’ve been pretend fire people, and police people, (with sirens, of course) and have climbed trees, and watched helicopters through our homemade binoculars. We’ve played hopscotch in abandoned parking lots and even snuck onto one of the mostly-quiet fire department’s side lot to bounce a ball. Do you know how hard it is to find a small flat cement slab in La Honda for budding preschool tennis players these days!? And we can’t forget the dance parties. Always more fun to break out into an off-key sing-along dance party than to have a long cry that the pretty pine cone we found accidentally snapped in half. Now a few more hours of client calls. I have to remember to use business examples instead of personal ones despite seeing so many parallels between the developing mind of a child and the fear and anxiety that can exist in a high-performing work environment. By nightfall and many rounds of child and work transitions with the required precision of a train station schedule, we peek at the sunset before books and jammies and bedtime routine, and a few more hours of work and then an early and deep sleep. Rinse and repeat.

Many people have asked what I’m doing with all this free time now. I giggle thinking of how many more paintings have been made, and ice sculptures frozen in the freezer, forts built, elbows scraped, and how many times, in a day, I switch from business clothes, to sandy and muddy faces, and back to a swipe of lipstick moments later. I also look at the seemingly overnight emergence of grey hair at my temples and think to myself, I’m not sure what “free time” looks like these days. I do know that I’m grateful to be surrounded by this unbelievably beautiful environment that we neighbors all call home, in a safe part of the world. I can’t say what the next months and years will bring, but tonight, I go to sleep trusting that many of us, on the other side of the shelter-in-place might find even more creative solutions for our families, the environment, and the planet that we hadn’t before.
Our friends from Jikoji share that the butterflies are having a grand time fluttering through their beautiful garden. They share this thought with us: “Peace begins with each of us taking care of our bodies and minds every day.”

Free Kale Friday
Jikoji has Kale to share!
Check the Mailbox at 12100 Skyline Blvd.
Fridays after 10:00 am.

David Lawrence, near Monkey Rock, reports that even his big, beautiful piano has been quarantined:

- Any instrument that tests positive (for anything) must stay home for 14 days.
- No chamber music performances, except via Zoom.
- Visiting instruments must maintain a 7-foot separation; 9 feet for concert grands.
- Winds and brass must wear masks. Horns may not empty their spit valves.
- Tuners/technicians cannot physically touch the instrument.
- Virtual tuning via WhatsFlat software is allowed.
- Even temperature must be used; preferably 98.6.
- When a vaccine is developed, Phase One of opening up will allow for duos and trios.

Remember that we’re in this together.
But stay separate.

Thomas Hempel from Cloud’s Rest shares, “My positive story is very simple, the whole thing has made me and Tiffany realize, even more, what a wonderful and beautiful place we live in. What’s been fascinating is, to make up for not seeing people as much, many birds have been visiting us. They sit on the railing of the balcony outside our bedroom looking in at us. From big owls to chickadees to ravens to jays, and many others, we have become the center of some great bird party!

A great discovery at our house – turns out my mom had piled photo on top of photo in the framed pictures I inherited some 14 years ago. With the luxury of time, I decided to wash the glass on the inside of the frames and discovered long gone relatives in photos I had never seen. My treasure – a never before seen photo of my Grandma at age 10 – in 1904.

Stay safe and healthy friends,
South Skyline Emergency Preparedness Team
Coal Creek Preserve offers Summer Shade, Long Views and Newts

BY JOANNE IRWIN

Coal Creek Open Space Preserve lies at the center of a constellation of Open Space Preserves: Russian Ridge to the west, Windy Hill to the north, Los Trancos to the southeast, and Monte Bello to the south. Coal Creek runs east of Skyline Boulevard, just a few miles north of Page Mill Road.

Dog owners love Coal Creek because their canine companions are welcome (leashed) on every trail. Mountain bikers love Coal Creek because Alpine Road offers nearly 2.5 miles of downhill from Page Mill Road to Portola Valley. Summer hikers and equestrians love Coal Creek because it provides plenty of shade, while also offering splendid long views. Additionally, ambitious hikers and mountain bikers love that Coal Creek connects to trails in Russian Ridge and Monte Bello Preserves.

Two of the preserve's best features are actually quite easy to miss. Many hikers cross over the bridge on Crazy Pete's trail, and even stop to admire the small, seasonal waterfall, but rarely notice the newts lounging in the water. Likewise, “the knoll” with its sweeping view of the South Bay, is a barely marked side trail.

The next time you venture down Crazy Pete's trail, be sure to stop at the bridge and take a rest on a rock near the water. If you let your eyes adjust to the shadowy light, you may catch sight of a copper colored California newt floating atop the water. If you're really observant you'll spy one laying perfectly still on the bottom of the pond. In mid June the author spied a dozen newts in the pond. As summer progresses, and the water level in the pond declines, the newts migrate elsewhere. Julie Anderson, with Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space, suggests visiting the pond in November-May to see them in full swing. They are in the pond to breed and are found in larger quantities. To preserve this habitat for newts, please keep pets and people from entering the water.

“The knoll” is off the main trail, near the intersection of Cloud's Rest Trail and Meadow Trail. Look for the low split rail fence near the trail intersection and follow the trail trail to the east, out on to the knoll, and enjoy the best view Coal Creek Preserve has to offer. On a clear day you’ll be rewarded with a vista that includes the Diablo Range, topped by Mt. Diablo and Mt. Hamilton, the glittering San Francisco Bay, the Peninsula foothills, and landmarks like Stanford's Hoover Tower.

Crazy Pete’s Road to the Newt Pond

This 2 ¼ mile out-and-back trek begins near a stand of young redwoods near the intersection of Skyline Boulevard and Crazy Pete's Road. Park your car in the pull out on Skyline and descend Crazy Pete's Road. The first 7 minutes of walking is along the paved road. You will spy a picturesque barn on your left, the Mid Peninsula Regional Open Space kiosk will be on your right. Head right/east and soon you'll be on the meandering single track trail winding through oak woodland, accented with Douglas Fir and Madrone. Occasionally the trees open up to provide a long view of the San Francisco Bay. After about a mile you come upon the wooden bridge. On the right of the bridge is the newt pond, on the left water tumbles over rocks and disappears down the steep slope.

One can return the way you came, or take a slightly different route back by turning left when you come to Coal Road Trail. Coal Road rejoins Crazy Pete's Road in less than a mile, turn left/uphill to return to your car.

Alternatively, from the newt pond, one can continue another three minutes walk down trail to reach Alpine Road Trail. A left turn takes you 1.2 miles downhill, to the preserve boundary near Portola Valley. A right turn will take uphill towards the Cloud's Rest and Meadow Trail intersections. If you remain on Alpine Road for 1.1 miles, until you reach Page Mill Road, where one can enter Monte Bello Open Space Preserve.

Cloud's Rest Trail to the Knoll

Park at the Silicon Valley Vista Point Overlook near 20001 Skyline Boulevard.* Walk to the north end of the parking lot and look downslope to find a short connector trail that will take you to Cloud's Rest Road. Turn right and walk down the paved road a quarter mile. Pass through Coal Creek gate 3 and follow the wide dirt path a couple minutes’ walk to the intersection of Cloud’s Rest and Meadow Trails. Rather than taking either trail, look for the single track trail at the east end of the low split rail fence and follow it out on to the meadowy knoll.

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**Bicyclean! Cyclists Clean Up Skyline**

**BY PATTI BEGLEY**

Rick Denman, a long-time cyclist, moved to Los Altos about a year and a half ago and soon learned to love cycling through the Santa Cruz mountains, one of the world’s best bicycling routes. What really bothered him though, was all the trash that he saw on the road mile after mile.

“When I started riding these beautiful roads up in the Santa Cruz Mountains, I kept seeing litter everywhere. A month or more would go by and I’d see the same piece of trash. Not only was it sad to see, but much of the trash on the road is dangerous to cyclists.”

So, Rick decided to clean up the roads. He hooked up a trailer and trash can on his bike, fastened on a “pick-up-and-reach” tool, attached a plastic bag on his handlebars and got started cleaning up the roads along Skyline Blvd. He has cleaned roadsides up Highways 84 and 9, and along Skyline Blvd. from a couple miles south of Highway 9 all the way north to 92. He’s picked up litter from parking lots, turn-outs, roadsides and many feet down the sides of the mountains.

Motorists cannot see all the debris that has been tossed down the side of the mountain. “Cyclists immediately see everything.” What they see are big items like car parts from accidents, windows, and furniture. Rick, his wife, 2 teenage boys, and 1 cyclist recruited through his “Bicyclean” Facebook pulled out 5 mattresses, a couch and hundreds of smaller items from the embankment below Highway 84.

He also notices trends; places where it looks like the same people stop and toss trash on a regular basis. At one turnout he found 57 vodka bottles, same brand, same size. Obviously, someone has been using that as a spot for a while. At another place on Page Mill were dozens of the same type of coffee cups in various stages of disintegration.

While Rick usually works on his own, he has also recruited other cyclists, friends, and family. Pro-cyclist Katie Hall who trains on Highway 9 called him up and said she wanted to help. “Cyclists don’t pay a gas tax or do trail maintenance like mountain bikers, so I see this as pay back for having beautiful roads to ride.”

Mountain residents have also been kind enough to assist. When a motorist saw him trying to stuff a car bumper into his trash can they stopped to lend a hand. One motorist hauled away a tire. Others have offered him a place to store his trailer.

One person Rick met on his clean-up rides is the mayor of Woodside, Ned Fluet who said, “I applaud the work that Rick is doing. He exemplifies the volunteer spirit and his work is doing so much to improve the towns along Skyline. I encourage any cyclist who wants to help to contact Rick and join the effort!”

Long-term, Rick would like to see groups or individuals sign up to clean a section of highway on a regular basis. He’s started a Facebook group called Bicyclean! which is filled with photos and videos journaling the efforts to clean up the roads. Those interested in helping can also email Rick at 6dayrick@gmail.com.

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**Coal Creek Preserve Continuation**

After enjoying the expansive view, follow the trail to the left where it rejoins Cloud’s Rest Trail. Turn left to return to your car— a short, but steep, one mile round trip— or turn right to continue on Cloud’s Rest another quarter mile to reach Alpine Road Trail.

At the Alpine intersection, a left turn and ten minute walk will take you to the newt pond (turn left, walk 1/5 of a mile down Alpine Trail, turn left/west on Crazy Pete’s Road, walk 3 minutes further to find the bridge and pond). This out-and-back hike totals 2 1/2 miles.

A right hand turn at the Alpine/Cloud’s Rest intersection creates a loop hike. Take Alpine Road uphill a half mile, turn right again at Meadow Trail. This heads uphill through a canopy of Big Leaf Maples, then shifts to meadow peppered with coyote brush, then shifts again to oak and madrone woodland as it rejoins Cloud’s Rest Trail. Turn left to return to your car. This loop hike is about 2.6 miles.

*The Vista Park Overlook parking lot is now closed because of social distancing behavior during Covid19. A few parking spaces are available on the Russian Ridge side of the road.*
**Yampah Sentinels in the Grasslands**

BY SARAH SCHOEN

Grasslands along Skyline are most popular in spring, when brilliantly colored wildflowers draw the eye. But visiting them in summer is a chance to be brought back in time. This is when Kellogg’s yampah is in bloom.

At its peak, Kellogg’s yampah (*Perideridia kelloggi*) is hard to miss. The perennial plants form a rigid, slender stem to a height of 2 to 5 feet. At the end of the stem, on stalks up to 5” long, 9 to 12 umbels of creamy white flowers appear.

In spring, the plants grow from a cluster of underground fibrous tubers. These are tapered overall, with a swelling near the ends, and grow up to 6” long. The stems are rigid, slender, and straight. Most leaves are narrow, without teeth and grow from an inflated leaf sheaf. At the base, leaves are twice or more divided into narrow leaflets. These are at least ten times as long as they are wide and not lobed.

Flowers grow in creamy white clusters arranged in umbels from the stem. At the base of each umbel are several reddish-brown bracts. Inside each cluster are several flowers. Individual flowers have 1-veined petals and yellow anthers on white stalks. The flowers bloom from June to August.

The ¼” oblong fruits are hard with threadlike lines. They retain the clustered structure of the flowers from which they formed.

In late summer or fall, the plants die back to the underground roots, ready for new growth to emerge in late spring. The dried-out stalks and remains of the umbels are still visible as reminders to what has been. Leaves are often dried and unavailable for plant identification during flowering time. These stalks can serve as sentinels the following year in finding the new green leaves a month or so before the new blooms.

Kellogg’s yampah is one of many plants in the carrot family, Apiaceae, that serve as larval food plants of the anise swallowtail (*Papilio zelicaon*). The flowers are visited by bees, ants, butterflies, and other insects. Blooming as late in the season as they do, with less competition, the flowers are quite popular.

There are about 12 species of yampah throughout the American west and northern Mexico. The plants were important in many Native American cultures, mainly for food. The common name yampah is from the Comanche yap or yampah. One species, Gardner’s was so important as a food source, that the state of Colorado was almost named Yampah.

Many Native California tribes used their local species of yampah, again especially as food. Native Californians of many tribes harvested Kellogg’s yampah, some tending the plants by leaving some of the tubers behind for regrowth, or reducing competition with fire. The Mendocino and Pomo ate the seeds in pinole. Mendocino ate tubers and semi-fleshy roots raw or cooked like acorn bread. Pomo, Kashaya and Yuki ate young leaves or young plants raw. Medicinally, plants were also used by Pomo, Kashaya as an antiemetic to control vomiting. And as a material of construction, Mendocino made compact, cylindrical brushes from root fibers and used them as combs. Pomo, Kashaya formed bundles of roots for brushes or scrub brushes.

Two other species of yampah grow not far away. To our west is the locally uncommon Gairdner’s yampah (*Perideridia gairdneri* ssp. *gairdneri*). The plants are flexible, grow from a single tuberous root and bloom from June to October. Styles are longer and curved downward, and there are usually no bracts on the primary umbels. Like Kellogg’s yampah, leaflets are at least 10 times long as wide. And to our east is California yampah (*Perideridia californica*). It grows from 2 to 5 clustered tuberous roots. Leaflets are only a few times long as wide and most are shallowly lobed. It grows in moist soils and near streams and blooms from April to May.

Kellogg’s yampah is endemic to California. It grows in the north and central coastal mountains and Sierra foothills below 5500’.
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