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Coast for All

By Suzie Fortner, Executive Director



Visitors enjoying the view at the Ma-le'l Dunes Unit of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Photo by Bob Wick

Nature is for everyone. This is a core belief of our organization that guides so much of our work. For over 40 years, we have been providing free and accessible education programs to engage people of all ages in exploring, learning about, and stewarding Humboldt County's unique and ecologically diverse coastal dune environments. Our free interpretive facility, the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, serves as a gateway to the dunes and helps us engage visitors of all backgrounds and abilities in connecting with nature. When I first started working with Friends of the Dunes in 2008, we had recently purchased the "Stamps Dune House" and adjacent land, and the Nature Center itself was just a dream. It was an exciting time for the organization, and I was inspired to see the transformation of this unique earth shelter house into a welcoming interpretive facility and hub for accessible nature education programs. The goal has always been to improve coastal access for our community, rooted in the core belief that nature is for everyone.

I am excited to announce that we are now expanding on that dream with the recent addition of 6.52 acres located on our entry road at 150 Stamps Lane!



Friends of the Dunes is dedicated to conserving the natural diversity of coastal environments in Humboldt County, California, through community supported education and stewardship programs.

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After many years of advocating for the stewardship and cleanup of this former ranch nestled in willow wetlands and surrounded by dunes, we were finally able to work with willing sellers and the California State Coastal Conservancy to purchase the property for conservation and improved public access. While the site has seen better days, we are very inspired by the potential. Now that we have completed the property acquisition, we are conducting initial analysis and planning before seeking additional funding for improvements. As we work to transform this neglected property into a welcoming space for our community to connect with nature and access the coast, we are so grateful for your continued support. Without you, our community of donors and supporters, the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center would not exist, and this expansion would not be possible. We are excited to work with you on this new addition as we revitalize this little piece of coastal land in a way that will inspire even more people to explore and connect with Humboldt's coastal environments.

In addition to this huge accomplishment, we have been working on many exciting projects over the first half of 2026. As you will read in this edition of Dunesberry, we've continued to engage our community in the stewardship of our coastal environments through our education and stewardship programs. In January, our restoration team hosted a special volunteer work day to plant native vegetation in our recently restored foredunes (page 3). Our community showed up in full force, and it was incredibly inspiring to see. In March, we hosted a California Naturalist course for the California Conservation Corps (page 8). It is always fulfilling to spend a week with young corps members just beginning their careers in conservation, and we hope to continue this partnership well into the future. On June 2nd, we celebrated our 21st Annual Kids' Ocean Day (page 5). Kids from all over Humboldt County, including as far away as Orleans, spent the day at the beach caring for our coast. Our aerial art image this year celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Coastal Act with the message Coast for All.

As always, we've been very busy providing accessible programs that connect thousands of individuals with our coastal environments each year. We are proud of this work, and we hope you are, too, because we couldn't accomplish it without you. Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our mission.



Stewardship & Restoration Update

By Justin Legge, Stewardship Director & Restoration Manager

On January 24, more than 120 volunteers gathered at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center to plant thousands of native dune plants. The day was filled with sunshine, smiles, sand-filled shoes, and a shared sense of accomplishment. Volunteers ranging from high school students to longtime community members worked side by side to plant native dune mat species such as seaside daisy, beach burr, and beach evening primrose across the foredune. While the planting day was an exciting event in itself, it also marked something much larger, the successful completion of a major phase of restoration work that began nearly two decades ago.

Since 2008, hundreds of community volunteers have participated in stewardship days at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, helping remove invasive European beachgrass from the foredune. Year after year, volunteers returned to pull European beachgrass and care for the landscape. It is difficult to even imagine the cumulative effort represented in that work. Thousands of volunteer hours have been invested by local residents, students, families, service groups, and dedicated supporters who believed in the vision of restoring our native coastal dunes.

Where dense stands of European beachgrass once dominated the foredune, native dune habitat is returning. Sand, once trapped by the invasive monoculture, is once again able to move naturally with wind and weather, creating space for native plants and wildlife to thrive, as well as supporting coastal resiliency. The January planting event represented a capstone celebration of this achievement and the beginning of the next chapter.

The event was made possible through support from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and our partners at the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. We are also grateful for the dedicated restoration crews from Samara Restoration, American Conservation Experience, and the Redwood Community Action Agency, whose hard work over the course of this project helped prepare the site for planting.

Most importantly, we extend our heartfelt thanks to every volunteer who has contributed to this project over the years. Whether you joined us for a single stewardship day or have spent years helping restore the dunes, this success belongs to our community. The foredune at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center now stands as a powerful reminder of what can be accomplished when people come together with patience, persistence, and a shared commitment to conservation.

As we move into the maintenance phase of this project, the work continues, and we now have the opportunity to watch native dune ecosystems reclaim their place in the landscape. The thousands of plants added this January will help stabilize habitat, increase biodiversity, and strengthen coastal resilience for years to come.

Together, we have helped write a remarkable restoration success story on the North Coast.



Over 120 volunteers showed up to help plant the foredune at HCNC.
Photo by Justin Legge

Naturalist Notes: Using eBird to Locate Birds at the HCNC

By Yvonne Everett, Board Member

The other day, I sat down with Ken Burton, professional ornithologist, naturalist, birding tour guide, and the author of *Common Birds of Northwest California* and *A Birding Guide to Humboldt County*, to talk about birding around Friends of the Dunes' Humboldt Coastal Nature Center. I was interested to learn what birds can be seen at Manila Dunes/Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, at what times of the year, and why at that location.

Our conversation quickly became a wonderful lesson on how to use eBird to find birding hotspots in our region.

eBird is a free, global, citizen science tool launched in 2002 by the [Cornell Lab of Ornithology](https://cornelllabofornithology.org/) and the Audubon Society that allows birders to record, track, and submit bird sightings. It enables users to maintain digital life lists and contribute data to scientific research and conservation efforts. In 2025, eBirders submitted more than 16 million complete checklists! The combined eBird data gathered by hundreds of thousands of participants help researchers to track bird abundance and distribution at a variety of spatial and temporal scales. Uses of eBird data range from research and monitoring to species management, habitat protection, and informing law and policy. For more info, see the three-minute video <https://eBird.org/about>, or explore the [eBird website](https://eBird.org/).

Ken showed me that one can also use eBird to explore nearby birding hotspots that birders regularly visit and get a sense of which birds might be at a location and at what time of year. The Humboldt Coastal Nature Center is one such hotspot. You can use eBird on your computer or on a smartphone. The directions here are for use on a computer.

To get started, download the free eBird app (<https://ebird.org> > about > [ebird-mobile](https://ebird.org/mobile)). On the home page, select "Explore," scroll down to "Explore Hotspots." For hotspot name, enter "Humboldt Coastal Nature Center." In the pop-up window, eBird notes that 123 species have been recorded at this location on the Samoa Peninsula. Click on "Bar Charts" to see a list of these 123 species. The birds are listed by the month when they were seen at HCNC, and it is easy to distinguish relatively common species found year-round – such as Western gull, wrentit, and turkey vulture – from seasonal migrants – such as Caspian tern and violet-green swallow. Birds that are seen less often, such as bald eagle, may have only one or two entries.

Click on "high counts" to see iconic birds for this location in a given month. In March, the iconic shorebird species Sanderling is 13 times more frequent on the beach here than the regional average, and Hudsonian whimbrel is 9.2 times more frequent. Dune scrub species, bushtit and wrentit, are several times more frequently found here than elsewhere. April, May, and June are good times to see the migratory birds come through, but one is always likely to be rewarded with a glimpse of a raven or the chirps of a song sparrow on the HCNC trails.

While eBird is easy to use and learn on one's own, a great way to learn to use the program is to go birding with a group of birders and keep track of sightings together – common practice, for example, at [Godwit Days](#), our annual Arcata-based birding festival held each April, and weekly [Redwood Region Audubon Society](#)-led tours of the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary. You may even be lucky enough to have Ken Burton lead your tour.



Marbled Godwit photo taken by a CCC Coastal Naturalist participant.
Photo by Aiden Bartels

Protecting California's Coast for Everyone

By Jennifer Ortega, Education Manager

On June 2nd, our Kids' Ocean Day event brought 750 students from across the county, from kindergarten to 8th grade, to the Mike Thompson Wildlife Area on Humboldt Bay's South Spit. For 107 of the 750 students, it was their first time visiting the beach. They spent the day being stewards of our beaches by removing trash and pulling invasive European beachgrass to restore the dunes. Throughout the spring season, Nova Plants, Education Assistant with Friends of the Dunes, has been visiting classrooms to teach students about marine debris, its causes, its impacts, and solutions. In addition, students learned that by removing non-native plants, the native dune plants have the opportunity to flourish, increasing the biodiversity of our coastal dunes. On Kids' Ocean Day, students experience through collective action that many hands make a difference towards ecosystem restoration.

After a morning of beach cleanup and restoration activities, everyone gathered on the beach for an aerial art formation. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the California Coastal Act, a landmark environmental law that regulates development, protects public access, and mandates sustainable resource management along California's coastline. The statewide theme, "Coast for All," was selected to underscore the importance of the California Coastal Act in safeguarding public access to California's 840-mile coastline for everyone. The image of three marine invertebrates, a scallop, sand dollar, and moon snail, serves as a reminder that even the smallest ocean creatures play an important role in the health of marine ecosystems. Marine invertebrates are bioindicators, or living organisms that help scientists understand the health of ocean ecosystems. Changes in their populations can warn us when the environment is being harmed.

The California Coastal Commission funds Kids' Ocean Day events statewide with proceeds from the Whale Tail License Plate and voluntary donations on the state tax return to the Protect Our Coast and Oceans Fund. At five sites along the California Coast, students participated in free Ocean Day field trips that focused on the stewardship of our coast.

Our local Kids' Ocean Day was supported by the Bureau of Land Management's Arcata Field Office, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish & Wildlife, California Conservation Corps members from the Fortuna Center, and Watershed Stewards Project. A huge thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who make this large event possible, as well as to all the teachers and school staff who work so hard for their students.



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Community Education Highlights

By Verence Sanchez, Outreach Manager

The gifts of spring have been abundant. Flowers are blooming, pollinators are emerging, and visitors to the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center are bringing lively energy into the space. This season, we have embraced changes in our programming by elevating ecological restoration efforts within our rare and beautiful vegetated coastal dunes. Our goal is to foster awareness of these critically important ecosystems while deepening people's connection to the land. We are proud to have advanced this mission through the following events:

Spring Equinox Yoga offered an opportunity for movement and transition, mirroring the natural rhythms of the dunes themselves. Participants welcomed the changing season with an evening yoga session at HCNC, accompanied by ocean views and the gentle shift of evening light illuminating each pose. This popular seasonal gathering encouraged mindfulness, connection, and appreciation for the surrounding landscape.

Our Executive Director, Suzie Fortner, led a **Dune Ecology Walk as part of the Godwit Days Festival**, highlighting the importance of healthy dune ecosystems and their role within the Pacific Flyway. Humboldt's coast provides critical habitat for numerous bird species, including shorebirds, passerines, and waterfowl that migrate through or nest here during the spring and summer seasons. During the walk, participants observed thousands of migrating shorebirds feeding near the end of the Wildberries Trail, reinforcing the ecological significance of these conserved coastal environments.



Art in Nature Series: Lunar Book Binding

We hosted a **Nature Journaling workshop at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center** led by certified California Naturalist Veronica Klenk. Participants spent the afternoon slowing down and connecting with the natural world through observation, sketching, and writing at a restored area in the foredune. Attendees explored techniques for documenting their experiences in nature while deepening their appreciation for local plants, wildlife, and landscapes. The workshop provided a welcoming space for creativity, mindfulness, and curiosity, encouraging participants of all skill levels to engage with nature through art and observation.

We welcomed community members to **Science on Tap at Paskenta Mad River Brewery** for an engaging presentation on coastal dune restoration led by Stewardship Director Justin Legge. Attendees learned about the ecological importance of Humboldt County's dune ecosystems, the challenges posed by invasive species, and the ongoing efforts to restore coastal habitats. Through stories from the field and insights into local restoration projects, Justin highlighted how stewardship and community involvement play a vital role in protecting these unique landscapes for future generations. The evening sparked thoughtful discussion and a deeper appreciation for the dynamic coastal environments. A special thank you to our friends at Eel River Watershed Improvement Group (ERWIG) for helping coordinate this memorable event.

We collaborated with Creekside Arts and hosted the **Lunar Bookbinding Workshop**, a creative and reflective experience led by performing artist Blue Rachapradit. Participants gathered indoors to learn the art of bookbinding, carefully crafting and binding three small books or journals to take home. Following the workshop, Outreach Manager Verence Sanchez guided participants on a gentle story walk through the dunes, exploring the rhythms of the moon and its connections to our coastal landscapes. Along the way, participants reflected on the relationships between lunar cycles, coastal ecosystems, and the diverse plants and animals that make the dune habitat their home, fostering a deeper appreciation for the natural world and our place within it.



Science on Tap



Silky Beach Pea



Nature Journaling

Volunteer Highlight: Felicity Wasser

By Ryland Sherman, Restoration Manager

For the past two years, Felicity Wasser has been a dedicated volunteer with Friends of the Dunes, helping restore our coastal dune habitats while deepening her connection to the unique landscapes of Humboldt County. Felicity first learned about Friends of the Dunes through her involvement with the California Native Plant Society. She has been a dedicated regular participant in our Dune Ecosystem Restoration Team (D.E.R.T.) workdays. Felicity brings her passion for plants, ecology, and community stewardship to every restoration work day she joins.

Originally from New York City, Felicity moved to Northern California to pursue her education, studying botany, horticulture, and geology. After marrying and raising a family in Arcata, she spent many years working in computer technical support and accountancy. Today, she dedicates much of her time to family caregiving while continuing to pursue her interest in volunteering for local organizations. Since becoming involved, Felicity has volunteered at nearly every restoration workday at both the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center and the Bureau of Land Management's Ma-le'l Dunes South.

"The best parts have been that there is always some interesting flower or plant blooming or fruiting," Felicity says. "It is also fun to be part of a team where someone grabs a shovel or axe, and we attack a particularly gnarly weed clump together." For Felicity, restoration work is as much about community as it is about conservation. Working alongside fellow volunteers creates a sense of shared purpose and accomplishment.

Among all the places she has worked, Felicity is especially inspired by the restored foredunes. She describes these areas as some of the most beautiful and ecologically rich parts of the coastal landscape. "The most amazing and beautiful part of the dunes is the foredune area where restoration has been extremely successful," she explains. "You can see in a small area of a few feet a rich and diverse array of plants, at least 10 to 20 different kinds. Leaves are bright green, dark green, or silvery grey; flowers might be lemon yellow, butter yellow, pink, purple, white, or rosy." These experiences serve as a reminder to her of why restoration work matters.

Outside of volunteering, Felicity enjoys gardening, reading mystery novels, and following developments in sustainability accounting and environmental reporting. Her curiosity and appreciation for both science and stewardship make her a valued member of the Friends of the Dunes volunteer community. Looking ahead, Felicity hopes to see more coastal habitats restored throughout the region. She envisions a future where additional beaches are rescued from the monoculture of European beachgrass and restored to support the incredible biodiversity of native dune species that make Humboldt's coast unique.

Friends of the Dunes is grateful for volunteers like Felicity, whose dedication, enthusiasm, and appreciation for our environment help restore and protect our coastal ecosystems. Through her efforts and those of so many volunteers, the dunes continue to thrive for future generations to enjoy.

Dune Ecosystem Restoration Team (DERT)

Join us with gloves, shovels, and brush axes for dune restoration. Remove invasive plants and help native ones thrive. No experience needed; snacks and tools provided. Meet us a few minutes before 10 a.m. for training and scenic views.

D.E.R.T. Meets:

- 2nd Saturday at Humboldt Coastal Nature Center
- 3rd Sunday at BLM's Ma-le'l Dunes South

Check friendsofthedunes.org/calendar for dates and details.

The D.E.R.T. hard at work on the foredune at HCNC.
Photo by Ryland Sherman

Coastal Naturalist Training

During the week of March 16 to 21, Jennifer Ortega and Suzie Fortner taught an immersive version of the **Coastal Naturalist Training**, a California Naturalist course, for 23 California Conservation Corps members and 2 crew leaders from the Fortuna Center. Course content included an introduction to Humboldt Bay (Wigi) environments, birding at the Arcata Marsh, exploring Wigi by kayak, Wiyot eco-cultural revitalization, Cascadia Subduction Zone/Earthquake & Tsunami preparedness, redwood forest ecology, fire ecology, dune restoration, coastal resilience, tidepooling in Trinidad, and a tour of Sue-meg Village. It was a very busy week of classroom and field experiences with amazing guest speakers. Thank you to all the volunteer lecturers and field guides who make this possible!

After reviewing the course evaluation, some of the major impacts on participants were increased confidence in their ability to protect the planet, increased confidence in their ability to work with others to solve environmental issues, and increased belief that they can easily understand new scientific topics and explain them to others.

Registration will open soon for our 8-week community course, taking place from September 9 to October 28, 2026.

More info: friendsofthedunes.org/naturalist-training



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CCC participants hike through the Ma-le'l Dunes.
Photo by Suzie Fortner

Remembering Dedicated Friends

We are deeply saddened by the recent loss of longtime Friends of the Dunes, **Stephanie Witzel** and **John DeMartini**, both of whom were passionate volunteers. Their commitment to Friends of the Dunes leaves a lasting legacy and was truly inspiring. John served as a content expert for our naturalist course, lecturer, and guided walk leader. He generously shared his vast knowledge and enthusiasm for coastal ecology and marine invertebrates, inspiring future generations. Stephanie served on our board of directors for 5 years. As a retired CPA, she brought a wealth of knowledge to her role as our treasurer. Steph took our Coastal Naturalist course upon joining the board and quickly became a steadfast advocate for coastal conservation and restoration. Their contributions have left an indelible mark on our community, and they will be dearly missed.



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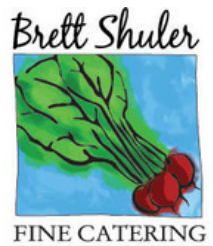
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