

CONSERVATION LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS:



Eucalyptus - The naturalized invasive from down under



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Dave Feliz is the manager of the Elkhorn Slough Reserve. He got into this business as an intern at a small bird sanctuary in Southern California, conducting tours for school children. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Management from Humboldt State University, he became a land manager. He has been managing public lands for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife since 1988 and has served in a leadership capacity for 30 years. He is interested in science-based habitat management for all species. He has always supported environmental education programs and feels public lands should be an asset to their local community. He has an avid interest in birding, playing the guitar badly, finding reptiles and amphibians, and outdoor nature photography.

The Elkhorn Slough Reserve is actively engaged in the removal of about 1,200 eucalyptus trees, an invasive species from Australia that were planted through much of coastal California about 100 years ago. This is not without some public opposition, in fact many people consider these trees to be “naturalized” and an integral part of the ecology of California. One grove was left due to its sporadic use by monarch butterflies. The removal of these trees has resulted in an impressive transition to native coast live oak woodlands and landscape views reminiscent of pre contact conditions.



Wednesday, March 30th, 1:00 - 2:30pm PT

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