

REGISTER NOW FOR THE ICPS FIELD TRIP (7-11 AUGUST 2018)

The best times of my life have been spent in the company of dear friends looking at and photographing carnivorous plants in the wild. There's something so special and magical about seeing these rare and ancient plants in the very spot that they evolved millions of years ago. It shall be our great pleasure to share these native carnivorous plants with experts and enthusiasts alike from all over the world. We invite you to register quickly as it is first come first serve.

We've gathered a tight crew of experts to lead the fieldtrip: Daniela Ribbecke, Gina Morimoto, Arthur Yin, Barry Rice, Harry Tryon, and myself. Daniela and I run California Carnivores. Arthur and Gina are longtime enthusiasts with lots of experience in the field. Barry is a well-known expert and author and Harry knows more about *Darlingtonia* than anybody else. Honestly, we're also a bunch of characters too. The company and comradery are half the reason to go on these trips. We laughed until our cheeks hurt on the planning trip, so we know it's going to be a blast!

The Cobra Plant, *Darlingtonia californica*, has a strange alluring beauty. Their translucent heads and long red mustaches glow in the evening sun and make for stunning photos. Late Summer is one of the best times to see the cobra plants! We've planned the trip to show a diverse range of *Darlingtonia*, *Drosera*, and *Pinguicula* habitat. We'll see roadside cliffs where carnivores cling to the wet rocks and we'll travel down dirt roads into California back country to see stands and stands of *Darlingtonia*. The trip will culminate with the famous Days Gulch at Eight Dollar Mountain where the *Darlingtonia* march in a wide swath over 100 meters up the mountain. It's considered by most to be the very best *Darlingtonia* site.

Cobra plant country is itself spectacular. You'll be able to examine and photograph *Darlingtonia*, *Drosera rotundifolia*, controversial *Drosera capensis*, and *Pinguicula macroceras* all against the gorgeous, wild back-country of the Pacific Northwest. We expect to see Roosevelt elk (*Cervus elaphus roosevelti*) on the drive up and we'll drive through and walk amongst ancient redwoods. The rivers are pristine, crystal clear, and emerald green. It was the home to the Gold Rush and remains to this day the Wild West. Words can't hope to do this area justice—so again we're excited to invite you on this once in a lifetime trip!

—DAMON COLLINGSWORTH

Registration: <http://www.icpscon2018.com>

