

California adds two more forests to the Old-Growth Forest Network!

In Marin County, the Samuel P. Taylor State Park was dedicated into Old-Growth Forest Network on March 15. This dedication was made in memory of Betty Setzer who spent her childhood among California's old-growth redwoods. Old-Growth Forest Network Board member and volunteer county coordinator, Susan Ives, helped to add this beautiful redwood forest to the network.

This 2,800 acre park features a unique contrast of coast redwood groves and open grassland. Shaded, fern-filled groves of coast redwoods (*Sequoia sempervirens*) are found along the canyon bottoms and up the north-facing slopes. Other tree species found in the park are tanoak, madrone, live oak, laurel and Douglas fir. The striking elk clover displays immense leaves with huge cream-colored flowers in early summer. The most common animal in the park is the black-tailed deer. There are also raccoons, striped skunks and gray foxes. Coho salmon and steelhead trout migrate up Lagunitas Creek to spawn.