



Speaker:

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Date: Monday, February 23, 2026

Time: 4:00 pm - 4:50 pm

Format: In-Person Seminar & Virtual Access

Location: Genomics Auditorium 1102A

Zoom: 943 6687 2379

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Title:

“KEYSTONE PLANT SPECIES AND THE NATIVE BEES THEY SUPPORT:
Exploring the Connections Between California’s Biodiverse Native Bee Populations
and Keystone Plants”

Abstract:

All native plants are important, but some plants punch above their weight in terms of supporting ecosystems.

If these plants were removed, the food webs they support can unravel, leading to a drastic decline in biodiversity, and the weakening of the entire ecosystem. These are keystone plants which provide food and shelter and sustain biodiversity.

In this presentation, National Geographic Explorer, Krystle Hickman will delve into the relationships between a few selected keystone plants in California and the native bees that rely on them.

Refreshments will be served in the Entomology Building Courtyard at 3:30pm