A moss and lichen outing was led by Marisela de Santa Anna, Kerry Heise, and Jen Riddell along Reeves Canyon Road which starts at the junction of Hwy. 101 just north of Ukiah and meanders west up Mill Creek to its headwaters near Leonard Lake. The winding 11 mile road climbs over a 1,000 feet passing through a variety of habitat including oak woodland, Douglas fir/redwood stands, chaparral, and numerous rock outcrops. From a show of hands our group of 23 (not counting the leaders) were completely unfamiliar with bryophytes and lichens, but everyone seemed excited by the challenge ahead.

About 2 miles in we stopped at a large partially shaded boulder to gather the group which turned out to be a perfect spot to introduce mosses and lichens while observing a great variety of species such as *Amphidium californicum*, *Antitrichia californica*, *Funaria hygrometrica*, *Grimmia pulvinata*, *G. trichophylla*, *G. spp.* (possible *G. lisa* and *G. trichophylla*), *Hedweteria detonsa*, *Homalothecium nuttallii*, *Pseudobraunia californica*, and the umbilicate foliose lichen *Umbilicaria phaea*. Oaks shading the rock were covered in *Antitrichia californica*, *Dendroalsia abietina*, *Orthotrichum lyallii*, *Porella* sp. and showy macrolichens such as *Evernia prunastri*, *Flavopunctelia flaventior*, *Pseudocyphellaria anthrapsis*, *Ramalina farinacea*, and *Usnea* sp.

As we traveled up the canyon we stopped at a small rivulet that had carved a channel through soft sandstone now shrouded in *Scleropodium obtusifolium* which formed a well-demarcated line with the moss covered rocks above. *Saxifraga mertensiana* and *Polypodium glycyrrhiza* complemented a bryophyte cover of *Anacolia menziesii*, *Atrichum selwynii*, *Hypnum subimponens*, *Isothecium cristatum*, *Kindbergia oregana*, *Polytrichum juniperinum*, and *Targionia hypophylla*. On more level ground away from the water the bizarre flowers of fetid adders tongue (*Scoliopus bigelovii*) caught the group’s attention. Further on, a short pond stop yielded zero aquatic bryophytes (we were hoping to see the floating thalloid liverwort *Ricciocarpos natans*), however, the adjacent shady roadcut was fairly rich with *Atrichum selwynii*, *Claopodium whippleanum*, *Didymodon* sp., *Scleropodium touretii*, *Targionia*
*hypophylla, Timmiella crassinervis,* and the lichens *Peltigera neopolydactyla* and *Cladonia* sp. scattered about.

Toward the end of our day we ate a late lunch high on a ridge overlooking the upper Pruitt Creek watershed and Orr Creek running through Montgomery Woods State Natural Preserve to the south far below. After our meal we followed a small dirt road that traversed a south-facing slope of grassland and chaparral. The sunny roadcut was almost barren of plant growth except for an occasional siting of *Syntrichia ruralis, Ceratodon purpureus,* and *Didymodon vinealis.* Finally, we were rewarded by an area of steep, seepy sandstone slabs above a bend in the road. Here, *Didymodon norrisii* and an unknown bryum (possibly *Plagiobryoides*) were scattered about in full sun on moist rock while patches of *Crumia latifolia* hid below in wet recesses. It was obvious there was a lot to explore here but reluctantly we turned and headed back up the hill. Overall, this was a fine day with plenty of moss and lichen diversity enjoyed by a great bunch of folks.