

# NATURAL HISTORY OF ALBANY HILL

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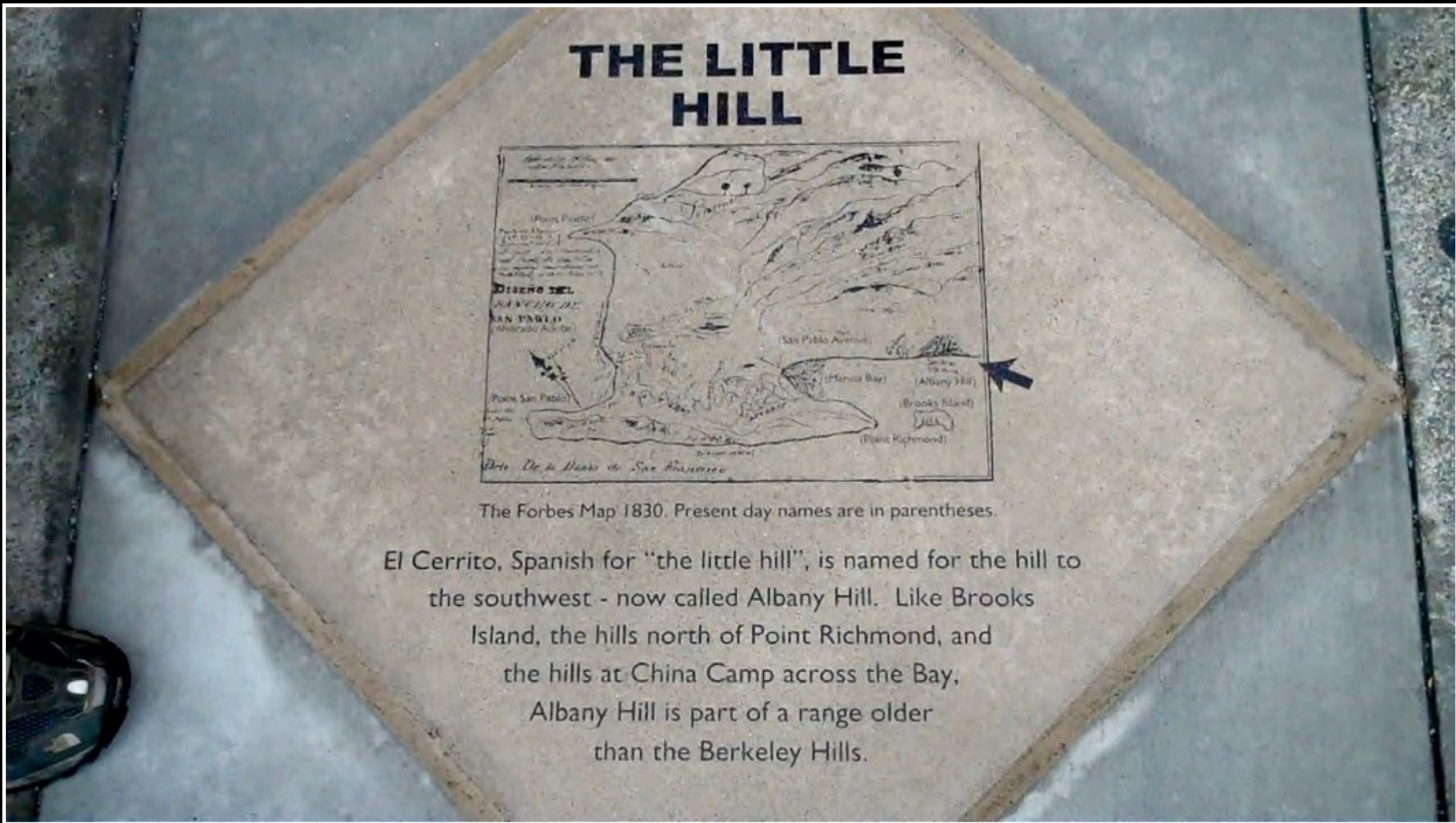
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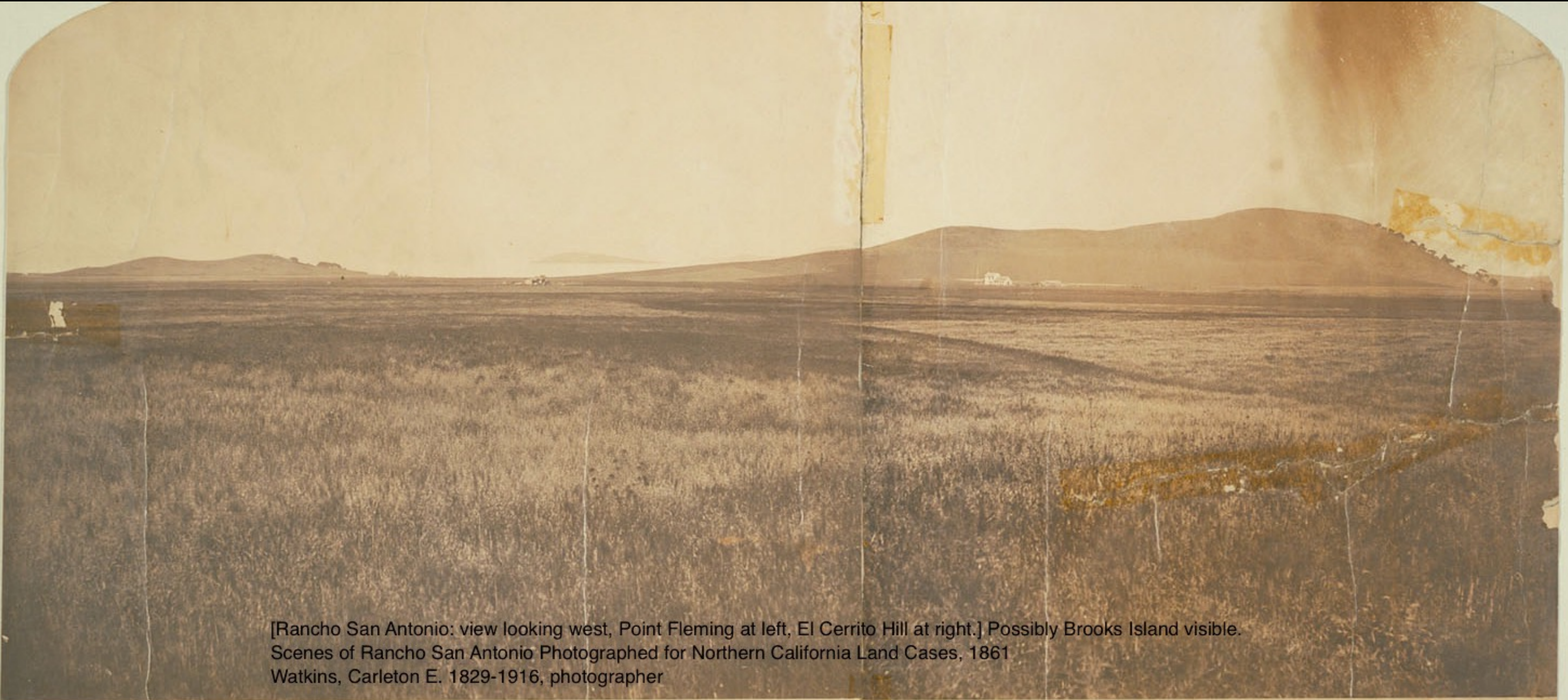












[Rancho San Antonio: view looking west, Point Fleming at left, El Cerrito Hill at right.] Possibly Brooks Island visible.  
Scenes of Rancho San Antonio Photographed for Northern California Land Cases, 1861  
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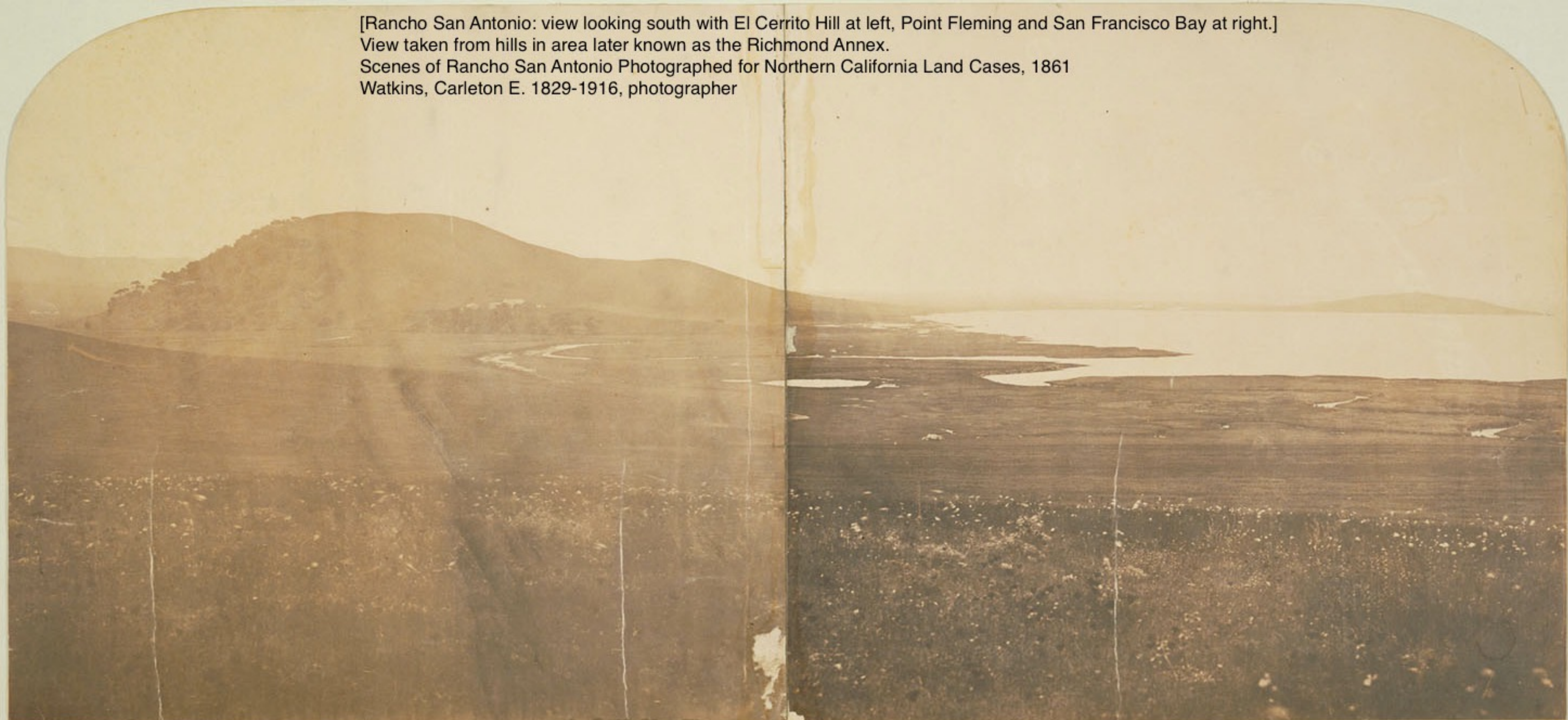
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[Rancho San Antonio: view looking south with El Cerrito Hill at left, Point Fleming and San Francisco Bay at right.]  
View taken from hills in area later known as the Richmond Annex.  
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# ALBANY HILL HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO

*SAN FRANCISCO BAY MARCH MORNING, LAURA CUNNINGHAM*











BLUE GUM  
EUCALYPTUS  
WOODLAND







# OAK WOODLAND

coast live oak







soap plant



California hazelnut



California rose





cow parsnip



wood lupine



giant trillium



# GRASSLANDS







sun cups



gumplant



ithuriel's spear



SCRUB

toyon







poison oak, dormant

wood fern

California sagebrush



poison oak, summer color



poison oak fruit



# LICHENS



buckeye branch



*Flavoparmelia caperata*



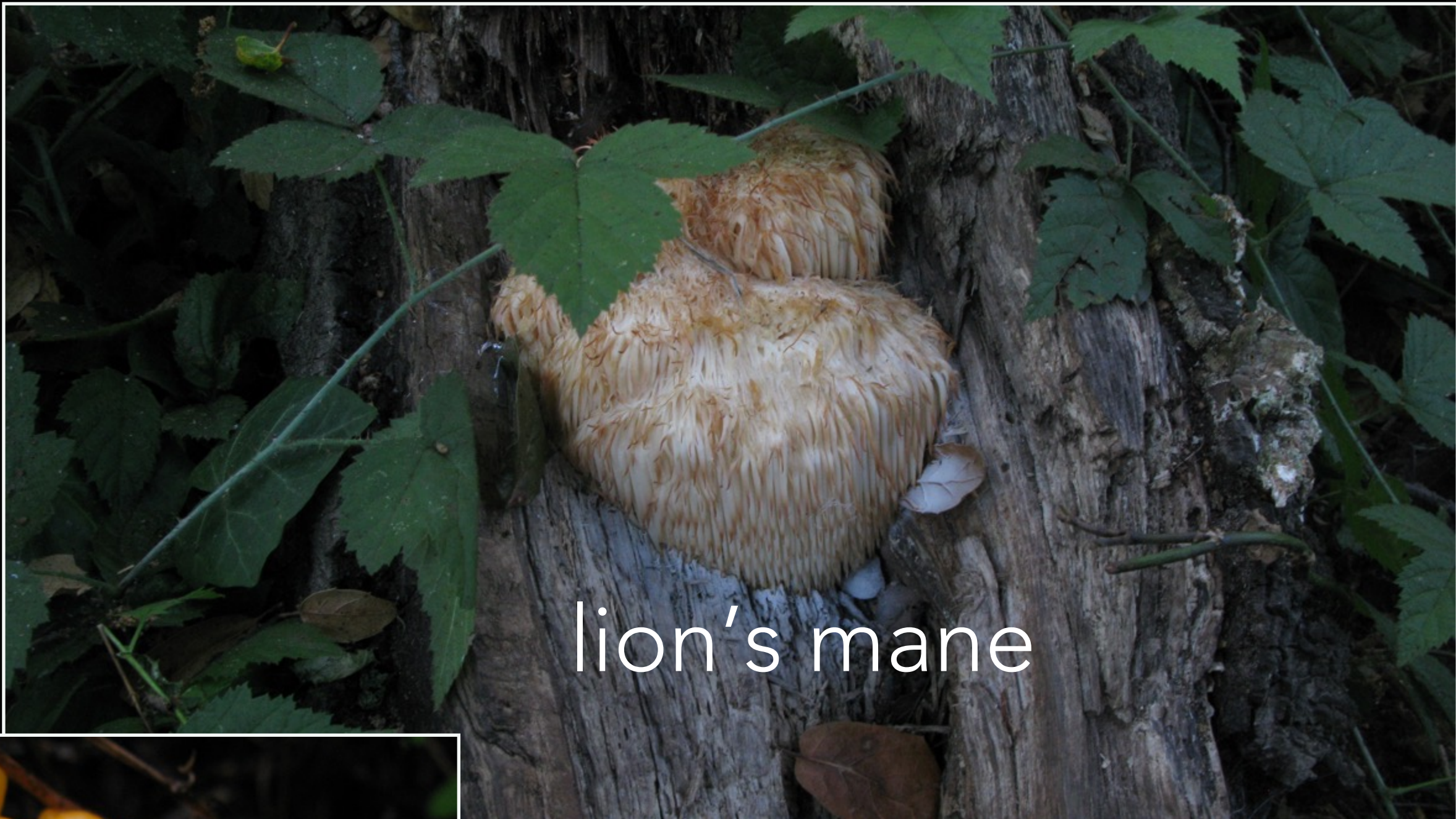
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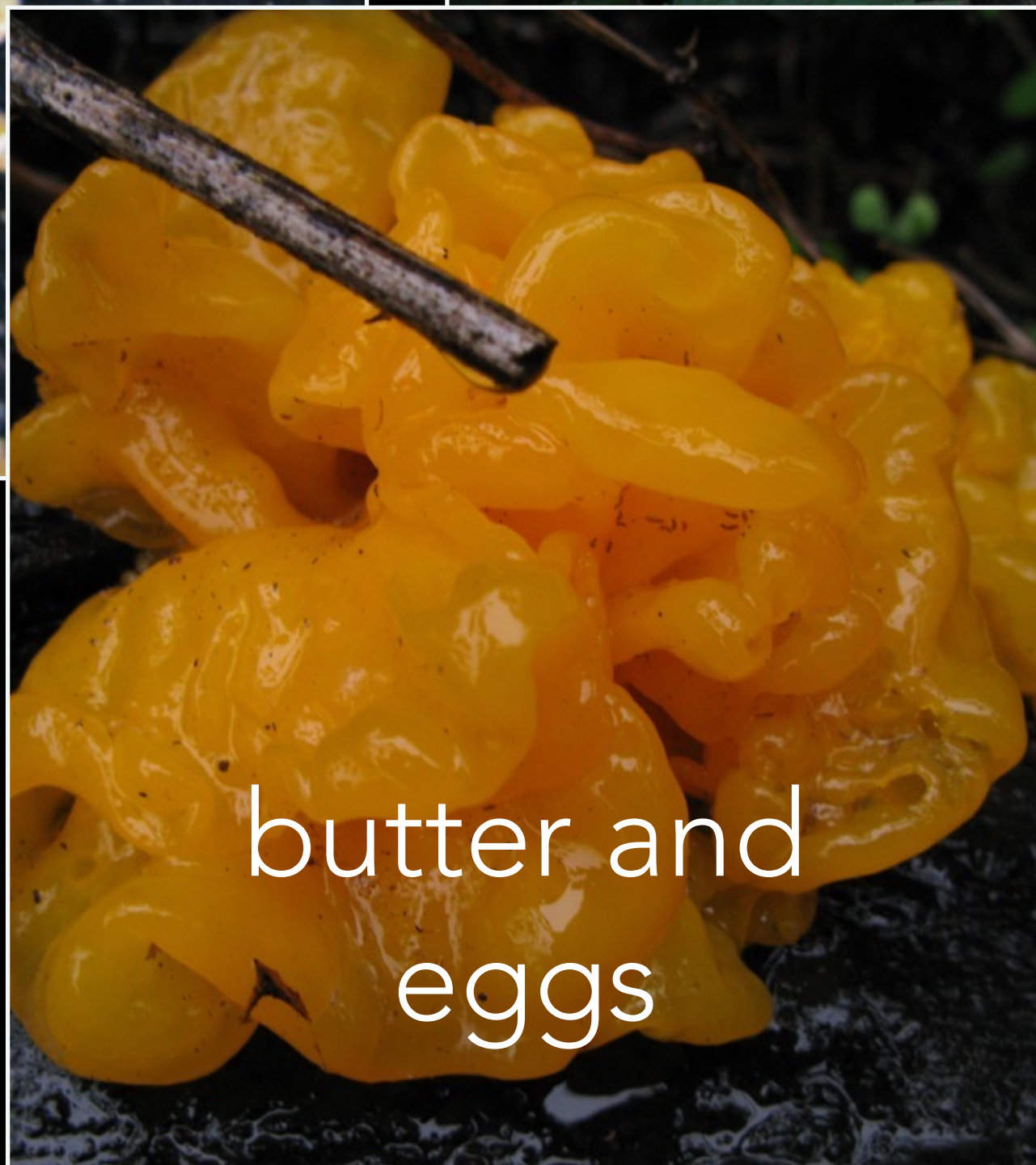
false turkey tail



lion's mane



butter and eggs



western  
hardwood  
sulphur shelf



# FUNGI



# BUTTERFLIES



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western monarchs



common checkered-skipper



anise swallowtail

Photo: Ana Penny





green sweat bee

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vinegar ant or  
velvety tree ant



dancer (type of damsel fly)

# OTHER INSECTS





slender salamander

# HERPS



California alligator lizard



arboreal salamander



ring-necked snake



# BIRDS



great horned owl, juvenile

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Photo: Doug Donaldson



Townsend's warbler



Photo: Doug Donaldson

Anna's hummingbird



# MAMMALS



mule, or black-tailed, deer



striped  
skunk



# AND OTHER CREATURES...



western forest scorpion



# CERRITO CREEK



mallards



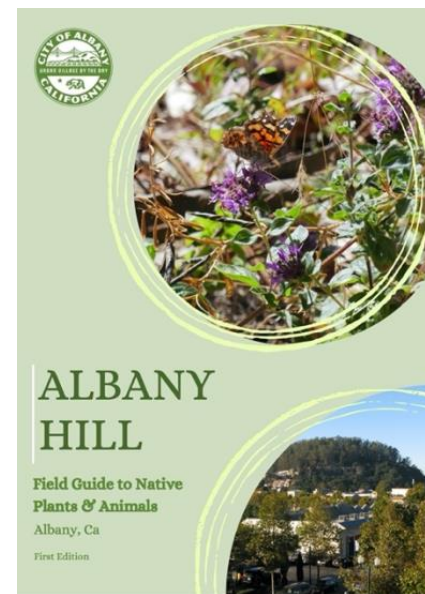
black-crowned  
night heron,  
juvenile



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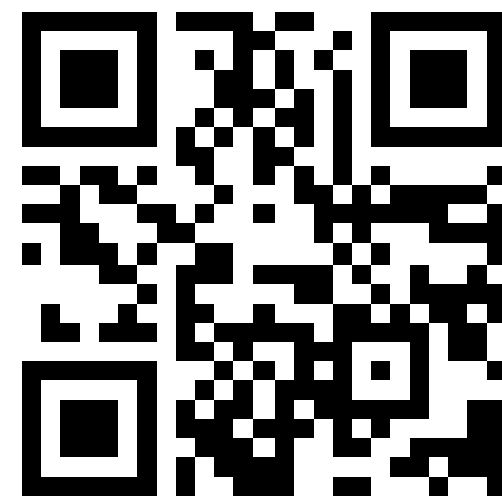
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Albany Hill Field Guide

## HERBACEOUS PLANTS

### HAIRY GUMPLANT

*Grindelia hirsutula* var. *hirsutula*

This native North American herbaceous plant in the asteraceae family produces a milky, sticky substance on its flower heads, giving them a gummy feeling to them--hence the name.

This milky-white gum is likely produced to reduce predation and protect the plants from UV rays.

Identification tips: dark green, hairy stems, gummy/sticky leaves and flower buds. Yellow flowers in summer.

Tap the picture to see where these plants grow on Albany Hill.



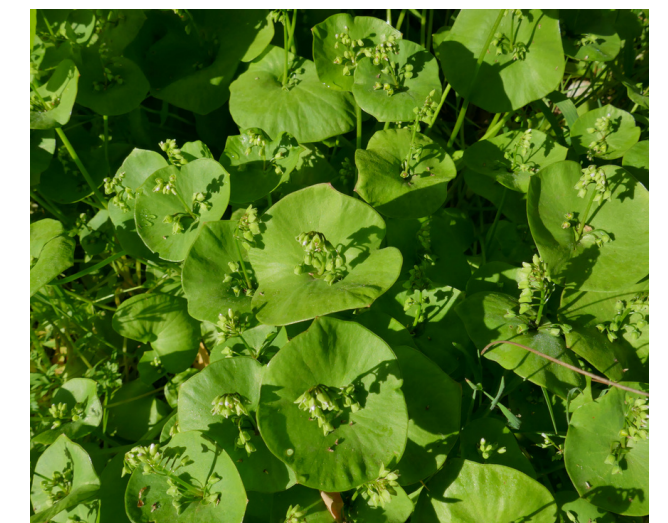
### INDIAN LETTUCE or ROOREH

*Claytonia perfoliata*

Native to western North America, this annual herb is widespread throughout California. Called Rooreh by Ohlone people, this herb is abundant in spring time, high in vitamin C and can be used in cooking to make salads or pesto.

Because this is an annual plant, Rooreh will die for the rest of the year and then re-sprout in spring from dropped seeds from the previous season.

Identification tips: round leaves with small elevated white flowers in the middle on a stalk. Tap the photo to see where Rooreh typically grows on Albany Hill.



### STICKY MONKEY FLOWER

*Diplacus aurantiacus*

This interestingly named native perennial plant is in fact sticky. The undersides of its dark green leaves produce a tacky resin that works to ward off herbivores like *Euphydryas chalcedona*, a specialist butterfly whose larvae feed on sticky monkey flower.

Its sticky leaves and bright orange flowers are great indicators for identifying this plant.

In the summer you can see these beautiful flowers along Jackson St on the eastern side of Albany Hill, the native pollinator restoration area just south of the Taft Ave. entrance on the crest, and along the oak woodland trail.



Tap the photo to the right to see these plants mapped at Albany Hill.





# THE END - QUESTIONS

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