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Oregon's native plants and habitats

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Quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides*) with *Xanthoria* lichen on bark. Bear Valley near
Seneca, Oregon. March 17, 2021. Photo by Jennifer Barker

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To subscribe to the NPSO email discussion list, visit

<https://www.npsoregon.org/discussionlist.php>

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For membership inquiries, contact Willow Elliott, the Membership Chair, by [email](#), or send mail to P.O. Box 902, Eugene, OR 97440.

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## Save the Date for the NPSO 2024 Annual Meeting May 17 to May 19

The NPSO 2024 Annual Meeting will be held at Spirit Mountain Resort, Grande Ronde, Oregon, May 17 to May 19.

We will be having a social dinner on Friday night and a banquet dinner on Saturday night. If you or your chapter would like to set up a vendor or display table for the hour before the dinner each night, please email Judi Sanders with the subject "vendor" at [judi.sanders@gmail.com](mailto:judi.sanders@gmail.com).

Hosted by the Cheahmill and Corvallis Chapters. More information will follow in future *Bulletins*. - Esther McEvoy

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## NPSO Membership Renewal- Low Membership Dues Not Going up in 2024

Fall greetings to all! With the classic colors of fall lingering, it's hard to believe 2023 is almost over. In early November, you may have received a personal membership renewal reminder email from your friendly State Membership Team. Please consider NPSO as one of the best investments to help protect our diverse native plant habitats around the state and the Pacific Northwest. You make it possible to send botany students a scholarship, hold annual meetings in different regions again, and contribute to the OregonFlora project's financial future.

Please take a few minutes to renew or join for the first time by going to <https://www.npsoregon.org/membership.html>. Click the "Wild Apricot Tutorial" button below for a tutorial on logging in to your Wild Apricot account for the first time or resetting your password.

[Wild Apricot Tutorial](#)

All members can change their level of membership contribution in the renewal process in Wild Apricot or when paying by check with the membership form requested by emailing [membership@npsoregon.org](mailto:membership@npsoregon.org). The "student" level of \$12 per year is available to anyone experiencing financial issues as a "sliding scale" option. We don't want to lose you!

The landing page will look new to former members because we have a new improved database! You can add family members' email addresses and set up annual auto renewal. Additionally, for the first time in almost ten years, we have a "Members Directory" again! Add your optional information in addition to your first name for other members to find and message you privately directly from the Directory list! We'll activate the Directory and send it out to you later in December when most members have renewed and updated their profiles.

Feeling put off by creating a profile with a password to be in a member database? Don't

trust making payments online? Here's a short video tour made by our past Membership Chair, Margaret Conover, of the new membership portal to guide you through the process of paying your membership a new and more secure way than the former PayPal method! You'll see that in addition to showing how to renew/join, there's information about profiles and directories. Give it a try! Listen for the "pay by check" option during the video if that's your preference of payment method.

The video can be found at:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/UqzOeL6LkEjBQuPyASHMyVYZpbtBR1xk85E\\_dPSGqbBMCZ5oVI3KwGgx-nkndDMy.UXUKSGeDkZViWGhy](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/UqzOeL6LkEjBQuPyASHMyVYZpbtBR1xk85E_dPSGqbBMCZ5oVI3KwGgx-nkndDMy.UXUKSGeDkZViWGhy)

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Thank you for making NPSO a priority in your conservation of native plants in Oregon.  
- Willow Elliott, State Membership Chair and Kaitlin Andersen, Membership Manager  
[membership@npsoregon.org](mailto:membership@npsoregon.org).

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## NPSO Webmasters: History, Farewell, and Welcome





Tom Pratum. Photo by Peggy Leviton.

Almost twenty years ago, NPSO launched its first website initiated by Norm Jensen (<https://www.npsoregon.org/kalmiopsis/kalmiopsis19/5normjensen.pdf>) .

Norm served as the NPSO webmaster for six years (2006-2012) and set up and moderated the "NPSO Discussion List." In 2012 Norm died suddenly and Sunia Yang offered to step in. She had already been recruited by Judi Sanders to assist with the Corvallis Chapter web site several years before so was in a good position to maintain the state site Norm set up. Sunia managed and continually updated the content of the state site for eleven years. During her tenure, Sunia also developed annual meeting websites for several chapters who didn't have web-savvy members. After her long service Sunia, requested to transition out of the position and worked with several of us to write and publish a job description in the NPSO *Bulletin*. Sunia appreciated Norm's hard work, saying Norm built a great site with the technology of the time. It's just three generations old now.

In July 2023, Tom Pratum responded enthusiastically to our appeal for a NPSO state website coordinator and webmaster. Tom has been working with Sunia since August and has now assumed her duties, maintaining the website until it is replaced by a new website. You have seen the results of the seamless transition in the posting of the September and October NPSO *Bulletins* and chapter events to the website.

Tom is a retired university educator and Siskiyou Chapter member, living in Jacksonville with his wife Peggy, two cats, and a dog. He is currently an affiliate faculty member in chemistry at Southern Oregon University working in Nuclear Magnetic Resonance and has taught an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute class on the Periodic Table of Elements four times in the past five years.

Over the last twenty-five years, Tom has volunteered for several environmental organizations - often as a web developer and/or webmaster, at other times serving on the board of directors for those organizations. While teaching at Humboldt State University (now Cal Poly Humboldt), he served on the Steering Committee of the North Coast Chapter of the California Native Plant Society as both membership person and treasurer. The NPSO webmaster position is one he is very suited for and allows him to help this wonderful organization.

Tom very much appreciates the wildflower diversity found in Southern Oregon - including what is right outside of his door in the Jacksonville Woodlands. Although all wildflowers are enjoyable to see, his favorite local wildflower is the Siskiyou lewisia

<https://oregonflora.org/taxa/index.php?taxon=6044> - he and Peggy always make sure to visit Cook and Green Pass, or another Siskiyou Crest locale to see them at least once in the early summer.

Tom, a big welcome and thank you for keeping our members informed. - *Gail Baker*

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## OregonFlora

Looking back on 2023, I am excited to see the many things that OregonFlora has accomplished.

- Over half the floristic treatments (descriptions, keys, maps, and illustrations) for Volume 3 of the *Flora of Oregon* are publication ready. For the species that remain we already have, or will have, a completed manuscript by the end of this year.
- Our chapters on ethnobotany and climate change are in progress, reflecting the collaborative work of leaders in these topics.
- OregonFlora staff have been a part of multiple wildflower shows, festivals, and presentations statewide this year as in-person events return to our communities.
- We launched powerful new website features: there are links to glossary terms throughout website text, and we added plant identification tools for difficult groups like the grasses, sunflower family, sedges, and conifers to our "Identify Plants" filters.
- We have added approximately 6,800 new field photo images as part of our many plant profile pages.



These accomplishments are especially notable considering the budget shortfall that we faced in May. It resulted in our staff being reduced to half-time appointments, which decreased the resources we provide for the public, organizations, and agencies that use our plant diversity data. Thankfully, OregonFlora is recovering. Effective November 1, our staff are back to their previous job appointments! We are grateful for the support that let us achieve that, which came from many generous sources including:

- Inspiring challenge gifts of \$30,000 from Heritage Seedlings, Inc. and \$18,000 from the Greenfield/Hartline Habitat Restoration Fund.

- First-time donations from fifty-four people since May.
- Twenty-three supporters giving monthly recurring donations through our PayPal account.
- A \$100,000 investment from Oregon State University Extension—our first ever direct support from the University!

The OregonFlora team is eager to continue providing comprehensive, high-quality plant data that is accessible to all—but we need your financial support to do so! We're so close to completing the final volume of the epic *Flora of Oregon* books, to launching an interactive "Rare Plant Guide" on our website, to expanding the info on our "Grow Natives" web tool... and your contributions will help us accomplish them.

We hope you'll consider adding your support through a [monthly recurring donation](#), by honoring a friend or mentor with the gift of [sponsorship of a part of Volume 3](#), or through a [one-time check](#) or online donation. Together we can keep expanding our knowledge about Oregon's marvelous plant life!

*You can donate [online](#), or with a check payable to Agricultural Research Foundation ("Attn: OregonFlora" on the memo line) mailed to: OregonFlora, OSU Dept Botany and Plant Pathology, 2701 SW Campus Way, Corvallis, OR 97331. Thank you! -Linda Hardison*

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## We Need a Vice President and Treasurer for the State Board!

The NPSO Board of Directors is currently composed of twenty-two members: the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, the immediate past president, the presidents of the eleven chapters, and six directors-at-large. An additional five non-voting board members are appointed to manage specific activities (membership, publications, etc.).

The vice-president's main responsibility is providing support to the president and having good organizational/facilitation skills. The treasurer maintains the financial records and serves on the budget committee.

Elections to the board are held in April, and service begins with the Annual Meeting in late spring or early summer. The five officers serve a one-year term and may be reelected without limits. In recent years, the Board of Directors has followed a practice of meeting four times a year, usually on a virtual platform (Zoom). The board meeting

held following the Annual Meeting is conducted in person, with a “hybrid” option.

Board members are expected to attend board meetings, to actively participate on the board and in decision-making, and to serve on one or more committee or working group such as Budget, Conservation, Field Research Grants, Friends of Oregon Flora Project, Legislative, Nominations, Fellows, Website, etc.

Please email Kim Brown at [secretary@npsoregon.org](mailto:secretary@npsoregon.org) if you are interested in either of these positions and want more information. - *Kim Brown*

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## New Siskiyou Crest White Paper



A mature western juniper on the southern face of Anderson Butte in the Little Applegate River watershed. Photo by Luke Ruediger

In the October 2023 NPSO *Bulletin*, [Applegate Siskiyou Alliance](#) announced the release of the first publication in our Siskiyou Crest White Paper Series, a project of the [Siskiyou Ecological Research Project](#). The Siskiyou Crest White Paper Series utilizes citizen science to document the region's incredible biodiversity. We work to fill in the gaps in the academic literature and build a stronger sense of place and appreciation for the West



Coast's most important biodiversity hotspot and connectivity corridor.

Recently, we published our second white paper, titled "[Western Juniper \(\*Juniperus occidentalis\*\) Range Extensions in the Applegate River Watershed and Siskiyou Crest Region.](#)" The paper explores a significant range extension of western juniper in the Applegate River watershed. It also maps the population, explores its ecology, and documents over 850 acres of occupied habitat in the region.

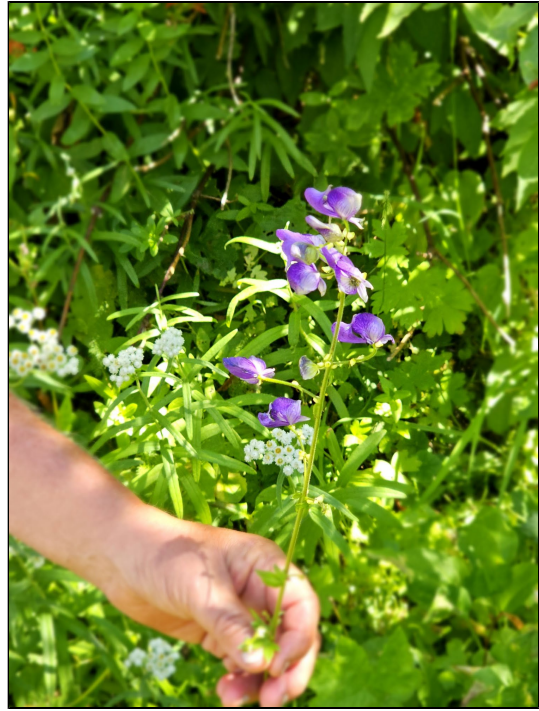
The program is volunteer-based, and our goal is to make the reports both academically meaningful and accessible to the general public. We are interested in working with citizens, botanists, naturalists, and biologists of all sorts to highlight the biodiversity of the region through the Siskiyou Crest White Paper Series. If you would like to participate, please contact us at: [luke@applegatesiskiyou.org](mailto:luke@applegatesiskiyou.org). - *Luke Ruediger*

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## Photo Gallery

Welcome to the *Bulletin* Photo Gallery! Share your photos of Oregon's native flora, field trips, restoration projects, work parties, and activities with other NPSO members. Send photos with the following information: species/event, photographer, names of any people shown in photo, date of photo, location, and any other information you would like to have included in the photo caption to [bulletinnpso@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinnpso@gmail.com). Please get consent from any people included in your photo prior to sending it.





These five photos were taken by Stephen Wood during an Umpqua Chapter of the NPSO field trip to the Umpqua National Forest on August 13, 2023. First row from left to right: Dog Prairie. Rod Trotter and MA investigating native plants near Dog Prairie. Second row from left to right: small false Solomon's seal (*Maianthemum stellatum*) by Old Man Camp, Bear Creek. Monkshood (*Aconitum columbianum*) below Garwood Butte. Bottom: mountain ash (*Sorbus* sp.) below Garwood Butte.

# Oregon Mystery Plant

## Last Month's Mystery Plant Revealed

The November Mystery plant was *Collomia linearis*- commonly known as narrowleaf collomia. Congratulations to Ken Chambers, Jill Kellogg, Pamela McClure, Susan Roudebush, and John Unruh for correctly identifying this small taprooted annual species. *Flora of the Pacific Northwest, Second Edition* describes narrowleaved collomia as a "widespread annual found chiefly east of the Cascades." According to *Consortium of Pacific Northwest Herbaria*, it is found in Alaska, western Canada, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Nevada, and California.



Photo by Jennifer Barker

**New Mystery Plant**  
**Do you recognize this plant?**





This month's mystery plant was photographed by Russell Soft in the North Fork John Day Wilderness, Umatilla National Forest, Oregon on August 5, 2023. It was growing in a lodgepole pine forest. If you can identify this plant, email the *Bulletin* editor at [bulletinnpso@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinnpso@gmail.com).

Do you have an Oregon Mystery Plant to share? Send it to the editor at [bulletinnpso@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinnpso@gmail.com)

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**Capture the Beauty of Oregon's Native Plants  
for our 2024 Native Plant Appreciation Month  
Poster Photo Contest**



**APRIL 2023**  
**NATIVE PLANT APPRECIATION MONTH**



**HOW CAN I CELEBRATE?**

- Join your local NPSO chapter
- Participate in a workshop
- Volunteer on a restoration project
- Visit a native garden or nursery
- Hike/walk a natural area
- Add natives to your landscape
- Attend a wildflower show

*Castilleja arachnoidea* (Cobwebby Paintbrush) by Emily Poole. South Sister, July 6, 2021



*Trifolium productum* (Shasta Clover) by Tanya Harvey. Calapooya Mountains near Loletta Lakes, June 13, 2022



*Xerophyllum tenax* (Bear Grass) by Polly Maertz. Waldo Lake, July 14, 2020



*Prasartes hookeri* (Hooker's Fairy Bells) by Anika Fiske. Camassia Nature Preserve, May 2, 2022



*Frasera speciosa* (Giant Frasier) by Rebecca Collman. Zumwalt Prairie, June 11, 2020



*Pedicularis densiflora* (Warrior's Plume) and *Dodecatheon hendersonii* (Henderson's Shooting Stars) by Pepper Trail. Cathedral Hills, March 17, 2022



Discover what your local NPSO chapter is doing by visiting [www.npsoregon.org](http://www.npsoregon.org) or find us on Facebook

Don't miss the deadline to submit your Native Plant Photos: December 31

Help us create a fabulous poster for Native Plant Appreciation Month 2024 by submitting two of your best Oregon native plant photos for the Native Plant Appreciation Month Poster Contest. Entries must be emailed to [photosnpaw@gmail.com](mailto:photosnpaw@gmail.com). Each person may enter two photos of Oregon native plants (photographed in Oregon with photographer name, scientific name, common name, photo location, and photo date). All entries must be received by December 31, 2023. Photos will be rated and selected by the poster committee based on subject matter, composition, and technical excellence. The poster designer has sole discretion to not use an image should it not work into the overall layout or is deemed to not be of satisfactory quality. The selected photographer(s) must be able to provide a high-resolution and preferably unedited image (at least 300 dpi) version of the image and must allow NPSO to reproduce the image free of charge for our poster, website, and related publicity material. If you have any questions, please email them to [photosnpaw@gmail.com](mailto:photosnpaw@gmail.com). -Judi Sanders

**Grant Proposals Requested  
by March 1**

The NPSO will continue to sponsor small field research grants. The objectives of the program are: 1) to stimulate basic field research into the biology and distribution of Oregon's native and naturalized flora and vegetation, particularly in the more remote areas of the state; and 2) to promote native plant conservation through better understanding of Oregon's flora and vegetation and the factors affecting their survival.

Research proposals are due by March 1, 2024. The program policy and guidelines may be downloaded from <https://www.npsoregon.org/documents/grantguide.pdf>. Questions about the guidelines may be directed to [luomad@oregonstate.edu](mailto:luomad@oregonstate.edu).

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## Call for Nominations for 2024 Fellows Awards

The Fellows Award is the highest honor bestowed in NPSO, recognizing NPSO members for their exceptional contributions to the Society. The award comes with a certificate of recognition and lifetime membership in NPSO.

In addition to honoring the recipient, the Fellows Award informs the general membership of the good deeds and long-time commitment of some members in supporting our mission, as well as outstanding contributions to knowledge of native plants. The award serves to inspire and encourage newer members to make their own contributions to NPSO.

We hope that individuals who are approached for nomination for the award will accept this recognition of their accomplishments. It's important for others to understand what it takes to run an organization staffed entirely by volunteers.

Guidelines for fellows' nominations are available online under "Administrative Papers/Nominating Fellows" at: [NPSO - Policies & Positions \(npsoregon.org\)](https://www.npsoregon.org) or by request from the Fellows Committee at [fellows@npsoregon.org](mailto:fellows@npsoregon.org). Nominations should be submitted to the Fellows Committee at that email address before December 31 (earlier submission is encouraged). Nominations must include an essay describing the nominee's accomplishments and a good quality digital photo of the nominee that is suitable for publication. The Fellows Committee will evaluate nominations that meet the submission criteria and recommend awardees to the state board. Awards will be presented at the next Annual Meeting; biographies and photos of recipients will be posted on the NPSO

website.

Additional Fellows Committee members are needed. If you are interested, please email [fellows@npsoregon.org](mailto:fellows@npsoregon.org). - Lisa Blackburn

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## Clarification to "Observations on the Genus *Rhododendron* in Oregon"

David Anderson provided the following clarification to his article "Observations on the Genus *Rhododendron* in Oregon," which was included in the October 2023 *Bulletin*:

I would like to clarify introductory wording on the range of the genus *Rhododendron* in Oregon. In Oregon, the genus *Rhododendron* is found in cooler damper areas of the Coast Range, and at mid to higher areas in the Cascades. It is generally not naturally found in the lowland savannahs of the Willamette and Rogue River Valleys, or in the dry Cascadian rain shadow. There are only two limited populations found in the mountains of north-east Oregon with one species each in the Wallowa and Elkhorn Mountains.

Please see the maps for the *Rhododendron* species found on the Oregon Flora website: <https://oregonflora.org/taxa/index.php?taxon=1362>. For a map of fool's huckleberry (*R. menziesii*), search under *Menziesia ferruginea*. I would like to thank Gail Baker for suggesting that clarification might be needed. - David Anderson

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## Chapter Notes

### Cheahmill

For questions, or to be added to the Cheahmill Chapter's email list for reminders of upcoming programs and events, please contact the Cheahmill Chapter President at [ch\\_president@NPSOregon.org](mailto:ch_president@NPSOregon.org).

Check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NPSO.Cheahmill>.

**Saturday, December 2, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**Work Party: Native Plant Garden at McMinnville Public Library**

**Location: McMinnville Public Library**

Winter chores include making design decisions as well as pruning, cleaning up, and weeding. Sometimes we have new species to plant! The garden includes nine ecological

areas with sun and shade. Dress for the weather. Bring gloves, bucket, and gardening tools if you have them. For more information, contact Catie Anderson at [catie.fishback@gmail.com](mailto:catie.fishback@gmail.com) or 971-241-7634.

The library is located at 225 NW Adams Street (corner of Highway 99 W and SW Second Street), McMinnville, Oregon. The library parking lot may be entered from either Adams or Second Streets.

**Saturday, January 27, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**Work Party: Native Plant Garden at McMinnville Public Library**

**Location: McMinnville Public Library**

Winter chores include making design decisions as well as pruning, cleaning up, and weeding. Sometimes we have new species to plant! The garden includes nine ecological areas with sun and shade. Dress for the weather. Bring gloves, bucket, and gardening tools if you have them. For more information, contact Catie Anderson at [catie.fishback@gmail.com](mailto:catie.fishback@gmail.com) or 971-241-7634.

The library is located at 225 NW Adams Street (corner of Highway 99 W and SW Second Street), McMinnville, Oregon. The library parking lot may be entered from either Adams or Second Streets.

## **Corvallis**

For questions, information on upcoming events, or to be on the Corvallis Chapter email list, contact [co\\_president@NPSOregon.org](mailto:co_president@NPSOregon.org). Find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/CorvallisNPSO](https://facebook.com/CorvallisNPSO).

**Saturday, December 16, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

**Event: Work Party at the Avery Native Plant Garden**

**Leader: Esther McEvoy**

**Location: Avery House Nature Center, Avery Park, Corvallis**

Winter cleanup, replacement of rope on the fencing, and general garden cleanup work party. Bring rain gear, gloves, shovel, and clippers. Contact Esther for more information or to RSVP at 541-990-0948 or [estherco@peak.org](mailto:estherco@peak.org).

**Monday, January 8, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Presentation: Greenbelt Land Trust's Oak Creek Preserve - Habitat Restoration Sneak Peek**

**Speaker: Carolyn Menke**

**Location: Room 2602, Cordley Hall, Oregon State University and via Zoom**

Greenbelt's Stewardship Manager, Carolyn Menke, will share a preview of upcoming work at the land trust's newly conserved property just outside Corvallis - the 144-acre Oak Creek Preserve.



To attend via Zoom, register in advance here:

<https://oregonstate.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMrc-GhqzwtG9JjSnoWj2NoeV3CTPHiwdoj>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## **Emerald**

Visit the Emerald Chapter website at <http://emerald.npsoregon.org> to learn more about the latest chapter events, plant lists, and botanical information about Lane County plants and the people who love them.

**Monday, December 18, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Event: Annual Christmas Plant Highlights Party**

**Location: In person at: Amazon Community Center, NEW ROOM: Main Hall, 2700 Hilyard St, Eugene, 97405**

Bring fifteen to twenty of your favorite photos from this year on a thumb drive to show to the group. We'll celebrate the season with hot cider and Christmas goodies while watching a slide show of each other's adventures and the neat plants we found.

**Monday, January 15, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Rescheduled Presentation: Ancient Grasslands: The Past, Present and Future of Willamette Valley Prairie and Savanna**

**Presenter: Bart Johnson, Professor Emeritus from the University of Oregon**

**Location: In person, Amazon Community Center, Main Hall, 2700 Hilyard St, Eugene, 97405**

Oak-pine savanna and prairie have persisted in the Willamette Valley and other parts of the lowland Pacific Northwest for thousands of years. These ecosystems appear well-suited to projected future climate because of their resilience to heat, drought, and fire. With rapidly increasing risk to forests and people from wildfire, sustaining and restoring vegetation mosaics that include oak-pine savanna could be a key to both regional biodiversity conservation and reducing the risk of catastrophic fires.

## **High Desert**

For information, visit our website: [www.highdesertnpsoregon.org](http://www.highdesertnpsoregon.org) or Facebook page:

[Native Plant Society of Oregon: High Desert Chapter](#), or email us at

[highdesertnps@gmail.com](mailto:highdesertnps@gmail.com). Find our latest field trip observations on iNaturalist,

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/high-desert-chapter-nps-field-trips>.

The High Desert Chapter will be taking a break from monthly meetings and presentations during December and January; meetings will resume in February.

## Klamath Basin

For information on the Klamath Basin Chapter, contact [kb\\_president@npsoregon.org](mailto:kb_president@npsoregon.org), visit our website: <http://klamathbasinnps.com>, or find us on Facebook: [\(13\) Klamath Basin Chapter - Native Plant Society of Oregon | Facebook](#).

## Portland

Our members receive *The Calochortus*, our monthly e-newsletter with field trips, programs, news, and events for the Portland area. If you are a Portland Chapter member and not receiving it, notify us at [npsopdxchapter@gmail.com](mailto:npsopdxchapter@gmail.com). You'll also find our monthly programs and additional field trips posted on our Meetup page: [meetup.com/NPSO-Portland/](https://meetup.com/NPSO-Portland/). Our Facebook page is regularly updated with current wildflower bloom status and photos: [facebook.com/npsopdx.portland](https://facebook.com/npsopdx.portland). Visit our chapter website at [portlandnativeplants.org](https://portlandnativeplants.org) for archived newsletters and to register for current programs. View recordings of past programs on our YouTube channel. Join one of our iNaturalist projects: [inaturalist.org/projects/npsopdx-collective-annual-projects](https://inaturalist.org/projects/npsopdx-collective-annual-projects). Follow us on Instagram: [instagram.com/npsopdx/](https://instagram.com/npsopdx/).

Members will find links to register for our second Thursday Zoom presentations in each issue of the *Bulletin*, in *The Calochortus* newsletter, and on our social media channels. The Portland Chapter does not host Zoom Programs in July and August.

**Thursday, December 14, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Program: NPSO Portland Chapter: 2023 in Photos and Stories**

**Location: Zoom**

Portland board members will share some 2023 highlights, and all NPSO members are welcome to share photos and stories of their favorite trips and trails. Gather your best shots, whether camera or phone, amateur or professional, plants or people, and be prepared to speak (five minutes maximum) while a slideshow of your photos moves across the screen. We'll do the rest! Invite your friends, sit back, and take a delightful trip into the very special region we call home.

Email [cbrock2545@gmail.com](mailto:cbrock2545@gmail.com) as soon as possible for instructions for submitting photos. Please have your photos to us by Wednesday December 6.

Register [here](#) whether you'll contribute photos or just watch the show.

**Thursday, January 11, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Program: Reconstructing Traditional Kalapuya Landscapes**

**Speaker: David Lewis, PhD, Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Indigenous Studies, Oregon State University**

**Location: Zoom**

Dr. Lewis has done extensive research on tribal histories. As a specialist in the history of Kalapuyans and other western Oregon tribes, he has studied the momentous changes to

the Willamette Valley with the arrival of European settlers. He has tracked the changes and will share in particular how the loss of water and fire in the environment has created challenges to the tribes and others as they devise projects to restore traditional landscapes.

Dr. Lewis is a member of the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde and author of the recently-released *Tribal Histories of the Willamette Valley*.

Register for the Zoom event [here](#).

**Sunday, January 21, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

**Event: New and Returning Field Trip Leaders Potluck**

**Carpool Location: Albertsons, 5415 SW Beaverton Hwy, Portland, OR**

Become an NPSO PDX Field Trip Leader or Co-Leader! Help us plan our 2024 season of field trips.

Join us for our annual potluck followed by brainstorming our favorite hikes and explorations for the 2024 season. We'll meet in southwest Portland at the home of a chapter member—RSVP and we'll send you the address.

Plant expertise or experience not needed! We need you as an enthusiastic lover of native plants, a communicator, and an organizer. You can start as a co-leader mentored by other field trip leaders. If you don't know the plants, you'll get to know them soon enough. You'll have plenty of help from our knowledgeable and enthusiastic participants who are uncritical, happy to share, and happy to be out in nature with you. Enrich your life and others' lives, keep a tradition alive, and step up to help your chapter.

Contact Field Trip Chair Kieran Hanrahan at [kierandh@gmail.com](mailto:kierandh@gmail.com) to RSVP or if you have any questions.

Bring a main, salad, or side dish to share. We'll provide plates, utensils, beverages, and dessert.

## **Siskiyou**

To sign up for the Siskiyou Chapter NPSO monthly eNews on a new platform: [sign up](#)

To view our YouTube Channel and watch past programs: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXFI2J9yp2AYmUzNz0jLISw>

To join a native plant google group forum: [Siskiyou-Chapter-NPSO-plant-talk@googlegroups.com](mailto:Siskiyou-Chapter-NPSO-plant-talk@googlegroups.com)

To join our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/SiskiyouChapterNativePlantSocietyOfOregon>

**Thursday, December 14, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

**Event: December Potluck and Program- Plant and Pollinator Conservation in Southwest Oregon**

**Speaker: Maggie Graham from The Understory Initiative**

**Location: Phoenix Grange located at 209 N. Main Street, Phoenix, OR.**

Join ecologist, Maggie Graham, as she takes us behind the scenes of three conservation and restoration projects in southwest Oregon. We'll talk about everything from lupine hybridization to bumblebee pollination, and from rare plant surveys to charcoal coated seeds.

Feasting begins at 6:00 pm, the program starts around 7:00 pm, and a raffle concludes the evening. Please bring a potluck dish to share, table service (plate, silverware, glass, cup), and a food donation for the Talent Food Project. Please park along the street or at the Phoenix Plaza Civic Center (the white building across the street from the Grange). Free and open to the public.

**Program: To be Announced**

**Thursday, January 18, 7:00 pm**

**Speaker: To be Announced**

**Location: Southern Oregon University Science Building, Room 161, Ashland**

This program will also be provided as a zoom for folks who cannot attend in person. To register for the zoom: <https://bit.ly/nps02022-23talks>.

## **South Coast**

The South Coast Chapter has been recently re-established, with membership from both Curry and Coos counties. Guests of members of other chapters are welcome at our events. To join our mailing list, please contact our chapter president Charmane Mitchell at: [cmainie@gmail.com](mailto:cmainie@gmail.com).

Visit our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/NPSOSouthCoastChapter>.

## **Umpqua Valley**

Check out our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/UmpquaValleyNPSO](https://www.facebook.com/UmpquaValleyNPSO). Not online? - call Donna Rawson at 541-643-0364.

## **Willamette Valley**

**Saturday and Sunday, December 9 and 10, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Silver Falls State Park Winter Festival**

Members of the Willamette Valley Chapter of the NPSO will lead walks to view the



conifers and hardwoods of Silver Falls State Park at 1:00 pm on both days of the Silver Falls State Park Winter Festival. Other festival activities include guided lichen, mushroom, and hibernator walks; winter bird talks; and interactive “discovery tables” about animal tracks, waterfalls, and the seasons. Visitors can also build bird nest boxes, make wreaths and pinecone bird feeders, and decorate gingerbread cookies. Activities will take place in the South Falls day-use area and Smith Creek Village.

All activities are free, but a \$5 parking permit is required. For more information about the Winter Festival, visit the events calendar at [stateparks.oregon.gov](http://stateparks.oregon.gov) or call 503-873-8681. For more information about the tree walks, contact John Savage at [wvnps@gmail.com](mailto:wvnps@gmail.com).

**Thursday, January 18, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm**  
**Zoom Program: Carnivorous Plants of Oregon**  
**Presenter: Matt Palmquist**

Butterwort, bladderwort, and cobra lily all sound like something from science fiction, but they are all carnivorous plants that can be found in Oregon. Matt Palmquist, a park ranger at Silver Falls State Park, will introduce these and other plants, where they can be found, and why they have adapted to a carnivorous lifestyle. For more information and to register for this Zoom presentation, email John Savage at [wvnps@gmail.com](mailto:wvnps@gmail.com).

## **William Cusick**

Chapter notices and communications are done primarily through a Google group. For more information or to be added to the Google group, please contact Susan Geer at 541-963-0477 or [susanmgeer@gmail.com](mailto:susanmgeer@gmail.com). Our website is not currently functional.

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Native Plant Interest Groups:

Filipendula

For more information, visit our Facebook page: [NPSO-Filipendula Chapter](#)

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