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CHAPTER NEWS

Blue Mountain

For information about November activities, call Chapter President Harry Oswald,
276-1241 (days).

Corvallis

12 Nov., Mon.

Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Rm. 2087, Cordley Hall, OSU campus, Corvallis. SPRING FLOWERS
OF THE SCABLANDS, by Lucile Housley.

Emerald

5 Nov., Mon.

Meeting, 7:15 p.m., Amazon Park Community Center, N Craft Bldg. Two multi-image
slide shows, DAVID DOUGLAS-THE GRASS MAN, and THE KALMIOPSIS will be presented by
Bob Cooper and Shirley Bridgham of SW Oregon Community College. See Douglas' life
& travels as an early botanical explorer, and the unique landscape & plants of the
Kalmiopsis country.

3 Dec., Mon

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL, with refreshments and a slide pot luck--the best from this year's
field trips; at Charlene Simpson's house, 1992 Lake Isle Drive, across from K-Mart
off Goodpasture Rd., Eugene. The fun begins at 7:15 p.m. Call Charlene at home,
465-1059, or work 686-3221.

Mid Columbia

7 Nov., Wed. Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Mosier School.

Portland

--- Our field trips will begin again in the spring.

13 Nov., Tues. Meeting, 7:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson. THE EASTERN MOJAVE, as Don & Dorothy Barr found it in the spring of this year. (Also we alert you to the Dec. 11 program of members' favorite slides; please be thinking of the dozen you can bring for this annual show.

Siskiyou

8 Nov., Thurs. Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Rm. 171, SOSC Science Bldg. Dr. Frank Lang will give a slide program on the HISTORY OF BOTANICAL ART.

Willamette Valley

19 Nov., Mon. Meeting, 7:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, corner of Church & State Sts., Salem. A two-projector slide show on EIGHT DOLLAR MOUNTAIN & ITS ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS, presented by Wendell Wood & Diane Kelsay of the Oregon Natural Resources Council, detailing the unique values of \$8 Mountain & the threats posed to it by mining development.

--- There will be no meeting of the Willamette Valley Chapter in December.

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HELP! THE BULLETIN NEEDS ILLUSTRATIONS to liven up its pages. We welcome any original or non-copyrighted drawings of native plants or landscapes, as well as black & white or color photographs (no slides please). Any size up to 11 X 14 inches is OK. Materials will be returned to you if you ask.

CHECK OUT SOUTHERN MEXICO & GUATEMALA

WISTEC's November travelogue will begin in the city of Oaxaca, in southern Mexico, and travel south into the Guatemalan highlands, then east to the jungles and beaches of the Yucatan peninsula. The colorful markets, birds, ruins, and scenery of these regions will be shown in the slide and lecture presentation by field biologist Gail A. Baker. The program is on Tuesday, Nov. 27, at 7 p.m., at the Willamette Science & Technology Center, 2300 Centennial Blvd. in Eugene. Admission is \$2 for adults, .75 for children, \$1 for students and seniors. Also available will be lists of recommended reading, and camping and travel information.

CHINA'S FORESTS 1ST IN PORTLAND SERIES

The Nature Conservancy, a non-profit, private conservation organization, and the Western Forestry Center are cosponsoring their Third Annual Winter Natural History Programs. The first program will be held Tuesday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m. in Forest Hall at the Forestry Center in Portland. All programs in this series are free and open to the public.

The first program, entitled CHINA: ITS FORESTS, is a fascinating look at the forestry practices in China, offered by Bob Torheim and Merle Lowden, retired Foresters who recently completed a tour of China's forests. In a slide presentation, they will explore the influences of the Chinese culture on their forestry practices and the extremely labor-intensive efforts being made to recover from the impact of the Cultural Revolution. Bob Torheim, a retired Regional Forester, now serves as the regional representative of the American Forestry Association, the nation's oldest conservation organization. Merle Lowden, a former Chief of Fire Management in Washington, D.C., has recently retired as Editor of Western Forester magazine and now operates a small tree farm.

BLM PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Copies of published documents are available from appropriate district offices.

BURNS: The John Day final resource management plan/environmental impact statement will be available for a 30-day public review period in mid-November.

COOS BAY: The land use plan amendment decision record for the North Spit will be available for a 30-day public review period in late October.

MEDFORD: The Medford (district-wide) draft supplemental timber management environmental impact statement 60-day comment period closes in December.

OREGON STATE OFFICE: The Pacific Power & Light Eugene to Medford 500 kV transmission line record of decision will be available for a 30-day public review period in November.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Ruth Hansen, in the October Bulletin, asked the members of NPSO to set aside the dates of August 2-4, 1985, to attend the Convention of Western Native Plant Societies in LaGrande, Oregon. We are in the process of developing a program for the convention. There will be one or two round table or panel-type discussions, and several papers on individual research projects. This is an invitation to each member of NPSO to submit the title and a brief abstract of any paper that he or she could contribute to the meeting. Please send the appropriate information to:

Michael D. Fahey
215 Phoenix Way
Vancouver, WA 98661

John H. Hammond, DMD 1911-1984

After a brief illness Dr. John Hammond passed away September 12. He served as president of NPSO for 1974-1975 and his loss will be greatly felt by the Portland Chapter; for he was an outgoing, enthusiastic person, always ready to do his bit, to give a program, lead field trips, help with flower shows, or whatever in the interest of the Society.

During the winter months of the mid-1970s Dr. John was the main-spring for a bryophyte class which continued under his guidance for several years. Since his interest in mosses was so acute, he devised his own identification key, one which was easily used in the field as well as in the classroom. His enthusiasm and love for nature was overflowing and readily transmitted to others. I am glad to have known him and feel fortunate to have had the privilege of hiking mountain trails and botanizing with him.

In the shadows of the everlasting hills may peace be with you.

Ruth M. Hansen
Portland Chapter

HIGHLIGHTS OF OCT. 6 BOARD MEETING, 1984 Lake Oswego, Oregon

- I Tour of the Oregon Rare & Endangered Plant Project office in Jean's daylight basement
- II Board meeting presided over by President Dr. Franklin (Herm) Fitz:
 - 1) Treasurer's report showed total assets of \$5,869.
 - 2) Conference for Western Native Plant Societies to be held at Eastern Oregon State College, La Grande, OR, Aug. 2,3,4, 1985. Chairman Ruth Hansen reported contacting eight states asking for participation in the conference and presentation of papers. Program chairman is Mike Fahey. A special committee of NPSO members will choose Oregon papers to be submitted to Mike's committee. Shep Wilson is chairman for brochures, which are due to be produced in Dec. Registration chairman is Mary Jane Fredricks. Field trip chairman is Andrew Kratz. Other chairmen needed: Hospitality, Displays, and Sales.
 - 3) Wildflower poster: a committee has been studying the feasibility of NPSO producing a poster of Oregon native plants. Chairman Alan Curtis summarized efforts so far. Committee members Alan, Dave Wagner, and Leighton Ho will choose which 12 plants to use on the poster. The Board voted to commission Jay Wesley Miner (after seeing samples of his lovely wildflower portraits) to create the poster for a fee of \$500. It is expected to be ready for sale in early 1985. Part of the production cost will be carried by NPSO, but money will probably have to be raised by private loans and advance sales.
 - 4) Membership: Chairman Mary Falconer reported a total of 536 paid members. The Board decided to have a new roster ready to distribute at the '85 Annual Meeting.
 - 5) Bulletin: Editor Julie Kierstead reported a need for a production assistant, and asked for several months' leave of absence in spring of 1985. She also asked for original or non-copyrighted drawings or photos (black & white or color prints--no slides) for use in the Bulletin. The Board approved purchase of a waxer for use in pasting up the Bulletin. Barbara Fox has volunteered to produce an index to past Bulletin articles, one year at a time.
 - 6) Legislative committee: Esther McEvoy has agreed to accept chairmanship. All chapter presidents are directed to appoint committees to help prepare a bill for Jan. '85 legislative session, and to notify Esther ASAP who her committee will be. Call or write her at 3290 SW Willamette, Corvallis, OR 97333; 754-0893.
 - 7) Conservation chairman Rhoda Love needs chapter conservation chairmen from a few chapters still. Barbara Fox has volunteered to be NPSO's coordinator of BLM Desert Wilderness issues. Barb wants to hear from NPSO members willing to visit one or more Wilderness Study Areas next year.
 - 8) Note cards: Rhoda Love reported that Gaylee Goodrich has finished 4 drawings. Card packets will contain 8 cards of pastel paper, 2 each of

FLOWERS FOREVER

by Rhoda Love

ENDANGERED PLANTS, WILDLIFE AND HABITATS NOW OFFERED PROTECTION IN EUGENE AND IN LANE COUNTY

On September 10, the Eugene City Council adopted the 1984 Eugene Community Goals and Policies. Three days later, on September 13, in Salem, the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) accepted the Lane County Land-Use Plan. Although newspaper reports of these events did not reveal the fact, both documents contained language that will offer protection to rare and endangered plant species and to threatened wildlife and habitats.

During the past year, a few Eugene conservationists have worked with the city and the county to insert protective language into these documents.

Rhoda Love of the Native Plant Society of Oregon and Carol Cogswell of the Eugene Natural History Society were almost single-handedly responsible for the writing of and final acceptance of amendments to the Environment Section of the Eugene Goals and Policies document which read:

"Preserve areas of the city that are important natural habitats for rare, threatened and endangered plants and animals and for a diversity of wildlife." and

"Take the necessary land use actions to preserve identified significant natural habitats and establish a process for identifying and protecting additional areas."

The city process took almost a year starting on January, 1984 when Love and Cogswell were invited by the city Planning Commission to attend the Community Goals Conference. Love proposed protection for the city's rare plants and wrote to Planning Commission Chair, Dorothy Anderson, with a list of 5 rare and endangered species known to occur in the city. When Love's proposal did not appear in the first draft of the Goals document in April, Cogswell joined the fray and she and Love with the help of Steve Gordon drafted the amendments and gathered petition signatures to put the amendments on the agenda.

At the April 21 session of the goals conference, the Love-Cogswell amendments were tabled for lack of time!

At a public hearing on May 22 Love and Cogswell were joined by David Wagner, Leighton Ho, Gaylee Goodrich, Herb Wisner, Dan Gleason, and Alan Copsey who all spoke in favor of the Love-Cogswell amendments. As a consequence of this fine turnout, the amendments were accepted by the Planning Commission on June 14---but the struggle was not over.

At an unannounced August 13 work session, the City Council changed and weakened the amendments. Cogswell was out of town, but Love learned about the changes and fired off a strong letter to the City Council.

Love and Cogswell then attended the final City Council meeting on September 10 and spoke up for their amendments. Council members Ruth Bascom, Cynthia Wooten and Emily Schue backed up Love and Cogswell and the amendments then carried by a Council vote of 6 to 2 with mayor-elect Brian Obie and Councilor Dick Hansen opposed.

While the above was going on at the city level, the County plan was also being studied by conservationists including Gwynne Schultz and Sidney Herbert of the Lane County Audubon Society, Dorothy Anderson, Rhoda Love and Jim Hutchison of the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife.

Love, acting from her then position as state president of the Native Plant Society of Oregon (NPSO), with invaluable help from Charlene Simpson, chair for endangered plants of the Emerald Chapter of NPSO, submitted a list of 27 rare and endangered and sensitive Lane County plant species and asked for county protection for these.

Commissioners Jerry Rust and Peter DeFazio directed the county planning staff to include protection for these species in the plan and this was done. Concurrently the Audubon and wildlife folks were writing protective measures for habitats, wetlands, birds and other wildlife. And the county has agreed to appoint a committee of wildlife experts to identify sensitive areas and species.

I believe Eugene and Lane county may be the only political units in Oregon with specific protection for rare and endangered species. Of course, we need statewide protection for these species and their habitats and the NPSO---under new state president Herm Fitz---hopes to introduce an Oregon Endangered Species Act to the '85 Legislature. With Eugene and Lane County leading the way, it is hoped that Oregon, like a number of other states, will soon offer protection to her unique plants and other wildlife.

STATEWIDE NPSO CONSERVATION NETWORK
BEING ORGANIZED

A statewide NPSO Conservation network has now been established. At our Annual Meeting at Sunriver in June each chapter was asked to appoint a local conservation chair to report to Rhoda Love, state chair. To date the following have reported to Rhoda:

Wayne Rolle, Siskiyou
Mariana Bornholdt, Willamette Valley
Liz Handler & Jimmy Kagan, Portland
Stu Garrett, High Desert
Dan Luoma & Carolyn Wright, Corvallis
Veva Stansell, South coastal area
Barbara Fox, Portland Chapter, has volunteered to coordinate our study of the eastern Oregon desert BLM Wilderness Study Areas.

The Committee will function as follows: If and when Rhoda receives conservation alerts pertaining to a given area, she will notify the local chapter chairperson who will then be expected to investigate and take appropriate action. Local chairs will inform Rhoda of action taken or needed with regard to local issues and also send particulars to Editor Julie Kierstead for inclusion in the Bulletin. Our members can then respond with letters to appropriate agencies if necessary.

We will continue our close ties with such groups as the Oregon Natural Resources Council, the Natural Resources Defense Council, The Nature Conservancy, the Audubon Society, the Sierra Club, the Desert Sage Association and others who frequently alert us to cases where action may be needed to protect our native flora.

Members who learn of conservation matters, please notify your chapter conservation chair or write or call Rhoda whose address and number appear on the back of each Bulletin.

PROPOSED WETLANDS RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions similar to the following were recently passed by our Willamette Valley Chapter in Salem. They are an outgrowth of the work Mariana Bornholdt has done to preserve a Sidalcea nelsoniana site at Walker Flat near McMinnville (see NPSO Bulletin Vol. 17 # 10, p 6). Mariana has proposed that the NPSO state Board act upon these resolutions at its January meeting; they are published here for chapter discussion.

1. The Board of Directors of the Native Plant Society of Oregon affirms its support of the protection of wetlands and riparian habitats.

2. The Board of Directors of the Native Plant Society of Oregon believes that

wetlands and riparian habitats in the state of Oregon are inadequately protected and that those which have unique and uncommon characteristics should be withdrawn from development and managed for protection of their plant communities and wildlife.

3. The Board of Directors of the Native Plant Society of Oregon endorses the position that the Walker Creek drainage in the Oregon Coast Range west of the city of McMinnville is a unique and exceptional wetlands meriting protection of its rare flora and unusual ecosystems.

--Rhoda Love,
Conservation Chair



Juniperus communis

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REVITALIZED,
PREPARING FOR '85 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Esther McEvoy, former President of our Corvallis Chapter, is the new Chair of the NPSO Legislative Committee. Esther volunteered for the post of Legislative Chair in early October and began at once to read through an enormous pile of plant protection laws from every state on the U. S. with such a law.

NPSO plans to have an Oregon Endangered Species Bill ready to present to lawmakers when they convene in Salem in January for the '85 session.

ESTHER NEEDS OUR HELP!

Call or write to her at 3290 SW Willamette St., Corvallis 97333, 754-0893 to volunteer. We need letter writers, lobbyists, folks who can help draft legislation, telephone callers, legislation-watchers, and just plain helpers.

Watch the Bulletin for monthly reports from the Legislative Committee.

LET'S MAKE '85 THE YEAR OF PASSAGE OF THE OREGON ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT !!

Oregon's Desert: Help Wanted

TODAY, about 50% of Oregon is held by two multiple-use federal land management agencies: the Forest Service, in the Department of Agriculture, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), an Interior Dept. agency. Generally multiple-use land management agencies have interpreted their mandate to include commercial exploitation of resources while still providing rudimentary protection of a broad spectrum of public uses. While development of public resources has been the driving force of policy, the passage of the Wilderness Act made a notable exception. Wilderness lands are managed to protect and preserve natural values from exploitation and abuse. For instance, on non-wilderness lands, wildlife populations can be, and often are, reduced to minimum viable numbers; but in wilderness wild-life is king.

The Wilderness Act is twenty years young and the acreage included in the National Wilderness Preservation System has steadily increased. With the passage of a new statewide Wilderness Act this past spring (see p. 7 of the July 1984 Bulletin), Oregon has thirty-eight Wilderness Areas, totalling more than two million acres. However, the BLM only administers 5,500 acres, the new Table Rock Wilderness in northwest Oregon. What this means is that virtually all Oregon's protected wilderness is forested or above timberline. Our deserts are not represented in the Wilderness System.

ALL THAT MAY CHANGE soon. Since 1976, the BLM has been inventorying and studying their lands for wilderness potential. The inventory phase of the review was completed in 1980. According to the BLM, it has 2.6 million acres, in 87 Wilderness Study Areas, that are substantially natural and provide outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive recreation, the two prime criteria for protection under the Wilderness Act. The Bureau has been assessing these WSAs since 1980 in terms of manageability and suitability as wilderness. In normal fashion, the agency will present its study in draft form as an Environmental Impact Statement in spring of 1985. The study will be controversial. Ranchers will complain that even though grazing is allowed in Wilderness Areas they will be harmed because some rangeland improvements and livestock increases will not be tolerated. Miners will emphasize the nation's need for energy and mineral resources. Off-road vehicle enthusiasts will assert that motorized access to public land is an inalienable right, or ought to be.

Wilderness advocates will complain that allowing BLM to do the study was like putting the fox in charge of the henhouse. The Director of the BLM is an appointee of the anti-wilderness, sagebrush rebel Reagan administration. Wilderness proponents will emphasize the opportunities that Wilderness designation will afford for protecting native rangeland, rare species, revitalization of riparian zones, reintroduction of significant numbers of native birds and mammals.

Steep slopes, lack of water, and good fortune have left bits and pieces of eastern Oregon's natural

plant and animal communities somewhat intact. In an industrialized, crowded, hectic world the worth of these islands in the sun is being reconsidered. Viewed from any perspective, the resolution of this ultimately political issue is one of the most significant public lands conservation concerns of this century. Every citizen should be involved.

The Native Plant Society of Oregon is mounting an active campaign to conserve these outstanding wild areas in Eastern Oregon, which are the best and sometimes the only refuges for hundreds of imperiled native plant species. BLM, because of staff and funding cutbacks by the present administration, is acutely short of botanical expertise in Eastern Oregon BLM districts. NPSO is uniquely suited to the task of providing the BLM with sound botanical information: we have members all over the state, we are field trip oriented, and we are wedded to a strong conservation ethic. If you love the desert and its wildflowers, speak up now!

WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW

- 1) Contact Barbara Fox, NPSO coordinator for BLM Desert Wilderness activities. Write or call her at 11455 SE 35th, Milwaukie, OR 97222; (503) 659-2445
- 2) Get a copy of the BLM study. In addition to everything else, it is a nice reference work to the Public Lands resources of the state, and a guide to some of the nicest places to visit. Write to the State Director of BLM, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208; ask him to put your name on the mailing list to receive a copy of the Wilderness EIS. You should get a card or some sort of acknowledgment of your request. If you don't, make the request again or contact your Congressperson.

Information for this article was provided by Sage Association, Inc., a non-profit, private, non-membership organization, established in 1982 to assist interested organizations and individuals regarding the BLM wilderness review. Its functions include coordination, technical assistance, & education. Donations are appreciated. For further information contact Don Tryon in John Day, (503) 575-2671.

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the 4 designs; to be ready by Christmas. The Board passed a motion to allow up to \$1000 for card production costs. George Lewis agreed to take charge of distribution.

- 9) Dinah-mo Peak: The President read a request from the Oregon Natural Resources Council asking for support in their efforts to name this peak in the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness Area in honor of Dinah Beth Ross. It was discussed by the Board and a motion to support the effort was passed.

Jeanne Huffstutter
State Secretary, NPSO

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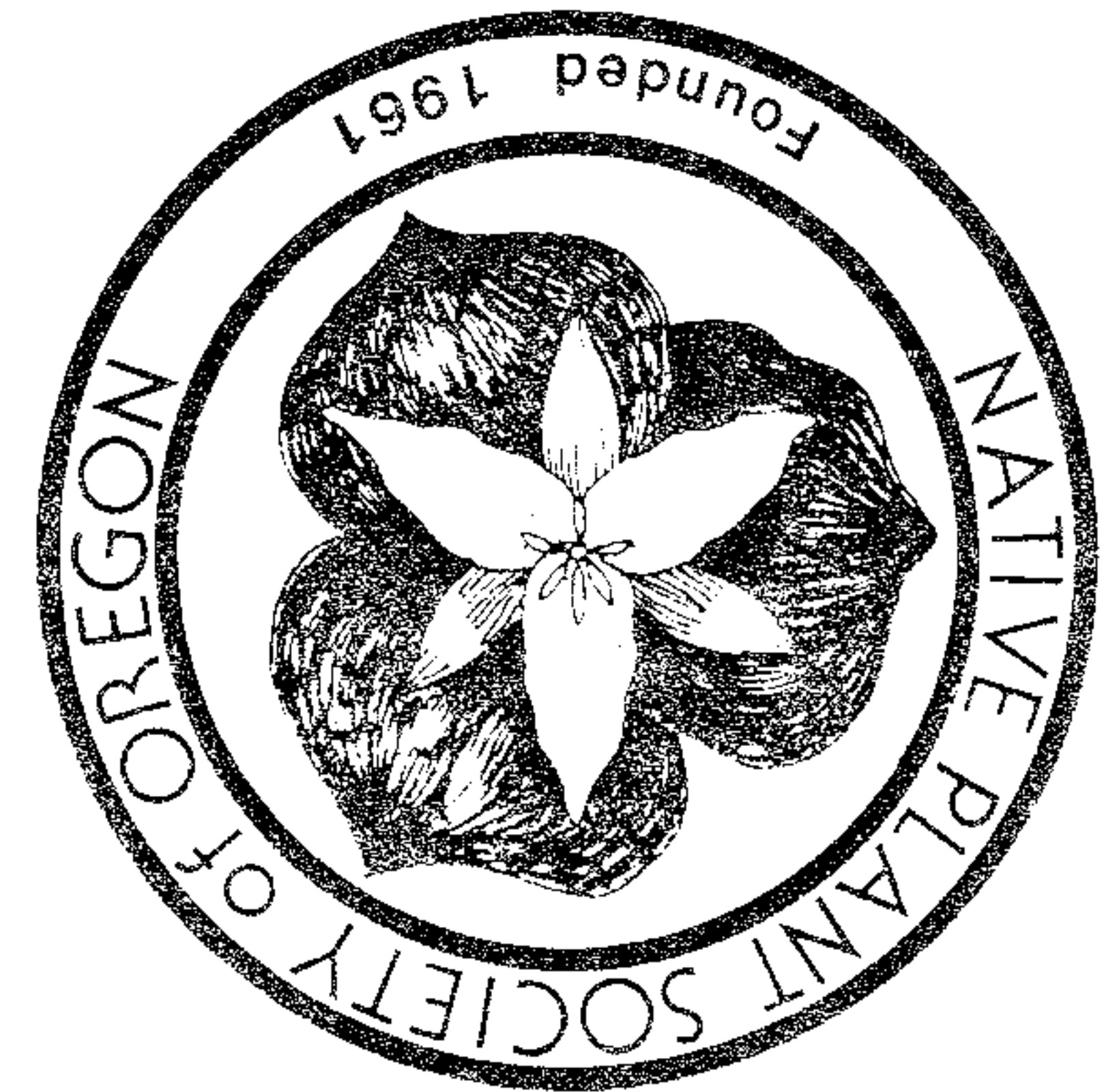
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