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## **State News**

July 31st–Aug. 1st,  
Sat.-Sun.  
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**Field Trip** to Klamath Forest National Wildlife Refuge east of Crater Lake. Wendell Wood of the Oregon Natural Resources Council will lead a two day outing, and is offering his log cabin as a base camp. You arrive at Wendell's cabin and camp on Friday evening July 30th. We will rendezvous each morning at 9:30 am at Wendell's cabin. Bring a canoe for marsh exploration on Sunday. Wendell has developed a list of 350 species around Klamath Marsh which includes corrections in the new Jepson Manual.

Directions: Take Hwy. 97 to just north of the 228 mile post and turn east at a sign for Silver Lake (opposite West Boundary Road). This turn off is 0.5 mile south of the Sand Creek Store. Drive east on Silver Lake Hwy. 0.5 mile after the 10 mile post and turn left on FS Road 7633 (first possible left turn). Proceed 0.6 mile and turn right on FS Road 380, which deadends at Wendell and Kathy Wood's log cabin in 0.3 mile. Driving time from either Medford, Roseburg or Eugene is about 2.5 hours. Phone 783-2206. Please come fully self-contained and bring mosquito repellent.

## **Chapter News**

### **Blue Mountain**

For information, contact Chapter President Jerry Baker at (503) 566-3381.

### **Corvallis**

For summer field trips, meet in the parking lot opposite the Monroe Street Beanery.

July 10th, Sat.

**Field Trip** to Grass Mountain. Little sister to Mary's Peak, this seldom-visited peak with montane meadows lies deep in the Coast Range, west of Alsea. For information call Duncan Thomas at 752-6529 or Dan Luoma at 758-8063.

July 10th, Sat.

**Field Trip** to Iron Mountain. Meet at 9 am. Leader is Dan Luoma (758-8063).

Aug. 28th, Sat.

**Field Trip** to Browder Ridge near Tombstone Pass. A joint trip with the Sierra Club. For information call Duncan Thomas at 752-6529.

### IMPORTANT NOTES FOR FIELD TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Field trips take place rain or shine, so proper dress and footwear are essential. Trips may be strenuous and / or hazardous. Please contact the trip leader or chapter representative about difficulty, mileage and terrain to be expected on field trips. Bring water and lunch. Participation is at your own risk. All NPSO field trips are open to the public at no charge (other than carpool mileage), and newcomers and visitors are always welcome.

### NOTICE TO FIELD TRIPS CHAIRS AND LEADERS:

The Forest Service and other agencies have set policies limiting group size in many wilderness areas to 12. The reason for this is to limit human impacts on these often fragile areas. Each group using wilderness areas should be no larger than 12.

## **Emerald**

July 19th, Mon.

**Meeting/Fieldtrip.** We plan to tour the Gaylor property in West Salem. This land was recently granted to the Salem Audubon Society (SAS). We will have Mark Wigg (President SAS) on hand to discuss history and our potential involvement in this exciting project. Please meet at 7 pm at the West Salem Roth's IGA grocery store parking lot near Wallace Rd. to get directions to the site. For additional information call Kathy at 327-1212.

More information? Call Bruce Newhouse (President) at 342-2364 or Ethan Perkins (programs) at 345-3944.

## **High Desert**

July 10th, Sat.

**Field Trip** to Big Summit Prairie. This spectacular spot in the Ochoco Mountains is home to rare plants, antelope, beaver, and lots of local history. USFS botanist Richard Helliwell will be our trip leader. This will be a combination of driving and easy to moderate hiking. Contact Richard for details and for meeting place in Prineville at 447-9645 days.

July 17th, Sat.

**Field Trip:** Plant Fossils. Mel Ashwill, nationally recognized paleontologist, has agreed to take us for a look at millions of years of Oregon plant history. We will visit his private collection and "living fossil" arboretum in Madras, and then go to see plant fossils on site. There will be easy hiking and no collecting. Call Stu Garrett for sign-up and details at 389-6981 eves.

## **Mid-Columbia**

July 7th, Wed.

**Meeting:** 7:30 pm at Crates Point Longhouse. Carpool from Mosier School at 7 pm if you don't know the way. We are pleased to welcome Mr. Scott McFarland of the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center. Scott will bring us up to date on this year's activities and the long range plans to dovetail with the Forest Service Interpretive Center at The Dalles.

Aug. 4th, Wed.

**Barbecue Potluck** at the Igo Acres. If you don't know the way, meet at the Mosier School at 7 pm.

## **North Coast**

July 10th, Sat.

**Field Trip** to Mount Hebo. Meet at 10 am at Tillamook PUD, 1115 Pacific, Tillamook. Easy Hike. Bring lunch. Trip leader is Jim Winslow (842-4131).

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**Meeting:** No meeting in July.

## **Portland**

July 3rd, Sat.

**Field Trip** to Table Rock in the Mollala drainage. Meet at Fred Meyer's parking lot (next to Elmer's) at Highway 224 -212 Exit off I-205 at 8:30 am. Call leader Bryan Boyce at 655-4457 for more information.

July 10th, Sat

**Field Trip** to Salvation Springs off Lolo Pass Road. Meet at Ashley's on Hwy. 26 at the Boring Exit at 8:30 am. Call Sara Barnum at 639-3353 for more information.

July 13th, Tue.

**Meeting:** John Davis, Special Products Specialist for the Zig Zag Ranger District, will discuss the importance of non-tree crops in the forest: the increasing specialty of managing these crops and the public harvesting of them. 7 pm at the First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson St., Portland.

July 24th, Sat.

**Field Trip** to Sheep Canyon on Mount St. Helens. This will be a 5 mile hike with 1300 ft. elevation gain. Meet at K-Mart 122nd and Sandy Blvd. at 8 am. Second meeting place will be Yale Recreation Site on Rd. 503, 1 mile east of Cougar, 4 miles past Jack's Restaurant. Call Carroll Dubuar at 234-4135 for more information.



## Siskiyou

- July 4th, Sun. **Irene Hollenbeck Wildflower Show** at Lithia Park. Call Beth Whitman at 488-3955 or Dave Kennedy at 535-6383.
- July 10th, Sat. **Field Trip** to Poker Flat. Wayne Rolle, Forest Botanist for the Rogue River National Forest, will lead the hike. Meet at the Medford K-Mart (near McDonald's) at 8 am or at the Illinois Valley Ranger Station in Cave Junction at 9:15. Arrive at Poker Flat at 10:30. Moderate hiking, cross-country, relatively short distances. May not return to Medford until evening. Poker Flat, at 5,000 ft. near the Siskiyou Wilderness, has a rich flora and a number of rare species. For more information call Wayne Rolle at 482-0093.
- July 17th, Sat. **Field Trip** to Hershberger Peak. Carol Harmount, Botanist for the Prospect Ranger District, will lead a trip to the Hershberger Lookout at 6,200 ft. on the Rogue-Umpqua divide. Several rare species are located in this vicinity. Meet at the Medford Food 4 Less at 9 am or the Prospect Ranger Station at 10 am. For more information call Carol at 560-3480.
- July 31st, Sat. **Field Trip** to Bear Camp. Veva Stansell, Botanist for the Gold Beach Ranger District, will lead us on a trip to Bear Camp, a high elevation area between Galice and Agness. Veva is an expert on the vegetation of the coast and Coast Range and will show us many interesting plants. Meet at the Medford Food 4 Less at 9 am or the Siskiyou National Forest's Supervisor's Office at 9:45. We'll meet up with Veva near Bear Camp around 11. For more information, leave a message for Barbara Mumblo at 734-0424.
- Aug. 14th, Sat. **Field Trip** to a sphagnum bog in Crater Lake National Park. Wayne Rolle, Forest Botanist for the Rogue River National Forest, will lead the hike. Meet at the Medford K-Mart (near McDonald's) at 8 am or at the Prospect Ranger Station at 9 am. Hiking is seven miles total round trip, in gentle terrain, with some cross-country. Plan on wet feet. For more information call 482-0093.

## South Coast

- July 17th, Sat. **Field Trip** to the Hunter Creek area. Visit serpentine *Darlingtonia* bogs and springs, along with Jeffrey pine and oak savannas and discuss future management options in this area. Meet at Gold Beach Ranger District on Hwy. 101 at 9 am for carpooling. Optional Sunday field trip for people willing to camp over. For information call Bruce Rittenhouse at 756-0100 (w) or 888-9328 (h).

## Umpqua Valley

- July 8th, Thu. **Meeting:** Picnic and botanical survey at Cavitt Creek Falls Park. Meet there at 6:30 pm. Call Mildred Thiele at 673-5397 for more information.
- July 17th, Sat. **Field Trip** to Squaw Flats with Diane White leading the group. Meet at the BLM parking lot to leave at 8 am. For information call Russ Holmes at 672-4635.

## Willamette Valley

- July 10th, Sat. **Field Trip** to Table Rock Wilderness Area, east of Molalla. Jim Irving, BLM botanist, will show us this dramatic part of the Cascades that has outstanding displays of Washington lilies and cliff plants. Call 371-1025 for details.
- July 19th, Mon. **Meeting / Field Trip:** We plan to tour the Gaylor property in West Salem. This land has recently been granted to the Salem Audubon Society (SAS). We will have Mark Wigg (President of SAS) on hand to discuss history and our potential involvement in this exciting project. Please meet at 7 pm at the West Salem Roth's IGA grocery store parking lot (just off Wallace Road—lets meet in the lot near Wallace Road) to get directions to the site. For additional information call Kathy at 327-1212.
- July 23-25th, Fri.-Sun. **Crater Lake National Park:** If there is sufficient interest, we'll spend a long weekend discovering the beautiful flora of Oregon's only National Park. Want to go? Call Barbara Halliday at 371-1025 for details.
- Early August, Tue.-Thur. **Steens Mountain:** A mid-week trip to see this scenic area that is renowned for its wildflower displays, including many alpiners. Call Clint Urey at 393-0886 for details. National Forest Botanist, will lead this trip to see *Aster gormanii*. Call 371-1025 for details.

- Aug. 7th, Sat. **Field Trip** to Rooster Rock State Park wetlands. Margie Willis, Oregon State Parks Botanist and NPSO member, will show us wapato in bloom in one of its few remaining localities, plus fringed loosestrife and purple loosestrife, an invasive alien plant. Call 371-1025 for details.
- Aug. 14th, Sat. **Field Trip** to Phantom Arch and Phantom Ridge north of Detroit Lake. Mike Roantree, Willamette National Forest Botanist, will lead this trip to see *Aster gormanii*. Call 371-1025 for details.

### **William Cusick**

- July 3rd, Sat. **Field Trip.** Marty Stein will lead a trip to Hurricane Creek on the north side of the Wallowa mountains. Hurricane Creek is a treasure trove of rare plant species ranging from those associated with the uncommon limestones to the alpine species. Some, known in Oregon only from Hurricane Creek, include northern sedge (*Carex concinna*), one leaf rein orchid (*Plantanthera obtusata*) and yellow bog sedge (*Carex dioca*) as well as other rare species such as the yellow avens (*Dryas drummondii*) and northern twayblade (*Listera borealis*). The hike is moderate. A round trip of six miles should do it. Call Marty at 426-4978 (W), 426-3443 (H).
- July 18th, Sun. **Field Trip.** Marty Stein and Paula Brooks will be available to lead tours on Mount Howard overlooking Wallowa Lake. A tram runs from the south end of Wallowa Lake to the top of Mount Howard at 8,300 feet. This is one of two known locations for Greenman's lomatium (*Lomatium greenmanii*). Cost of the tram ride is \$10.00 for a round trip. This trip is the day after Jazz at the Lake so check your camping spots early. Call Marty or Paula 523-6391 (W), 523-7564 (H).

## Membership Directory Published

NPSO's 1993 Membership Directory was mailed in late May. Anyone who paid for a Directory but did not receive one should write or call the Membership Chair.

At its Fall 1992 meeting the NPSO Board of Directors decided that the Directory would be sent only to those members requesting it and paying \$1. This was done as an experiment to learn how many members really wanted a directory.

NPSO's current membership is 815. Only 290 members requested the Directory, about 36%. The printing cost was \$1.10 each, and the bulk mailing cost was 10 cents each. By limiting distribution of the Directory, and charging for it, NPSO saved approximately \$900. We also avoided wasting natural resources in producing something that a majority of members did not want.

A few additional Directories were printed, and are available from the Membership Committee for \$2. (The cost of individual mailing is 75 cents, compared to 10 cents in bulk mail).

We anticipate that the next Directory, in 1995, will be handled similarly.

—Jan and Dave Dobak  
Membership Committee

## The Jean Davis Fund

This year's recipient of the Jean David Memorial Scholarship is Dorothy M. Blasing of Linfield College.

The Jean Davis Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1980 as a memorial to Jean Davis, a long term member of the Willamette Valley Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon. The award is given to a person who has completed two years of college, has a primary interest in Plant Systematics or Plant Ecology, and wishes to pursue that interest at a four year Oregon college.

The fund has a permanent endowment of \$10,000 and additional funds on hand of \$3,200, which is used to make up the difference between the \$750 annual earning from the permanent endowment and the annual \$1,000 award. Contributions can be made to the fund, or any other NPSO fund, through the Membership Committee.



## Plants of Hunter Creek

*ensis*), California oatgrass (*Danthonia californica*), and special status species Piper's bluegrass (*Poa piperi*), Bolander's onion (*Allium bolanderi*), Bolander's hawkweed (*Hieracium bolanderi*), and Howell's manzanita (*Arctostaphylos hispidula*). The dry meadows have scattered Jeffrey pine (*Pinus jeffreyi*) in a parklike setting.

North Fork Hunter Creek proposed ACEC is north of Hunter Creek bog and access is best from Signal Buttes on National Forest land. Currently a primitive trail system is in the ACEC from Signal Buttes. Along this trail one is provided with panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean as you walk through parklike stands of Jeffrey pine. When walking through the area you feel like you are in eastern Oregon, yet this area receives 150-175 inches of rainfall annually. These pine woodlands are habitat for the federal candidate Howell's microseris (*Microseris howellii*).

Another unique feature of North Fork Hunter Creek are the Oregon white oak savannas. This oak savanna is unique because they are so close to the ocean. Several stands occur in the open meadows. Species in the savanna include Bridge's triteleia (*Triteleia bridgesii*), camas (*Camassia quamash*), tufted hairgrass (*Deschampsia cespitosa*), and Lemmon's needlegrass (*Achnatherum lemmonii*).

Many large serpentine outcrops occur near these savannas and are characterized by spreading phlox, silky horkelia (*Horkelia sericata*), purple snake-root (*Sanicula bipinnatifida*) and wedge-leaf violet (*Viola cuneata*). Species of concern include Piper's bluegrass and Howell's manzanita.

North Fork Hunter Creek and its tributaries are bordered by red alder (*Alnus rubra*), bigleaf maple (*Acer macrophyllum*), California laurel (*Umbellularia californica*), and tanoak. These streams are important spawning and rearing habitat for chinook, steelhead and searun cutthroat as well as resident cutthroat trout.

These creeks include some of the finest examples of hardwood riparian vegetation on BLM land in western Curry County. Other vegetation found in the riparian zone includes giant chain fern (*Woodwardia fimbriata*) and Menzie's currant (*Ribes menziesii*). The special status Siskiyou trillium (*Trillium angustipetalum* = *T. kurabayashii*) has recently been located in the area.

Located about seven miles east of Gold Beach is Hunter Creek bog and springs and North Fork Hunter Creek. These areas are being proposed as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) under the draft Coos Bay District Resource Management Plan (RMP). The bog and springs contain the largest population of California pitcher-plant (*Darlingtonia californica*) on the Oregon coast. Rich deposits of nickel and cobalt surround and underlay the bog and springs. Mining claims have been recorded for the entire area and adjacent lands administered by both the US Forest Service (USFS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

This area contains the greatest diversity of plants on the Coos Bay District. Many of these plant communities are unique because the soil is of serpentine origin and they are within influence of the marine climate. Special status species include the federal candidate Mendocino gentian (*Gentiana setigera*) and large uninfected stands of Port Orford cedar (*Chamaecyparis lawsoniana*). Other species present in the bog and springs include sticky tofieldia (*Tofieldia occidentalis* var. *occidentalis*), bog asphodel (*Narthecium californicum*), Labrador tea (*Ledum glandulosum*), California coffeeberry (*Rhamnus californica*), California lady's slipper (*Cypripedium californicum*), Vollmer's tiger lily (*Lilium pardalinum* spp. *vollmeri*), round leaved sundew (*Drosera rotundifolia*), western azalea (*Rhododendron occidentale*), and California cone flower (*Rudbeckia californica* var. *glauca*).

Surrounding the bogs and springs are forest-shrub communities dominated by knobcone pine (*Pinus attenuata*), western white pine (*P. monticola*), Pacific madrone (*Arbutus menziesii*), canyon live oak (*Quercus chrysolepis*), red huckleberry (*Vaccinium parvifolium*), and tanoak (*Lithocarpus densiflorus*). Herbacious species include gold-threads (*Coptis laciniata*), Oregon fawn lily (*Erythronium oregonum*), brook trillium (*Trillium rivale*), fairy slipper (*Calypso bulbosa*), and Oregon anemone (*Anemone oregana*).

Ridgetops are composed of serpentine outcrops and meadows composed of many species, including: Howell's lomatium (*Lomatium howellii*), rock phacelia (*Phacelia corymbosa*), spreading phlox (*Phlox diffusa*), common juniper (*Juniperus communis*), Parry's hawkweed (*Hieracium parryi*), California milkwort (*Polygala californica*), Siskiyou bedstraw (*Galium ambiguum* spp. *siskiyou-*



Once the final RMP is signed, the Coos Bay District BLM will be developing ACEC management plans for both Hunter Creek bog and North Fork Hunter Creek. One of the main issues to be addressed will be the protection of rare species and unique plant communities, and potential future mining. If you would like information about the area or get on a mailing list for input on the upcoming plan, contact Bruce Rittenhouse at 888-9328.

On Saturday July 17th, there will be a field trip into this area. See the South Coast Chapter news in front of this *Bulletin*.

**New NPSO  
"Oregon's Rare Wildflowers"  
Poster Available**

This stunning poster of the Columbia River Gorge area is now available. The 20" by 26" work of photographic art depicts scenic Punchbowl Falls and three of the Gorge's rare endemic wildflowers. The reverse side discusses the ecology of the Gorge and the mission of the NPSO.

The posters are available from Stu Garrett, 21663 Paloma Drive, Bend, OR 97701 (503-389-6981 eves.). Individuals may order posters at a price of \$12 per poster plus \$3 per order for shipping. Chapters may choose to sell posters for \$12 retail as chapter fundraisers. Posters will be rolled and mailed in 24 "by 2" tubes. Support NPSO's conservation and educational missions by purchasing and selling these beautiful posters!

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Stickers**

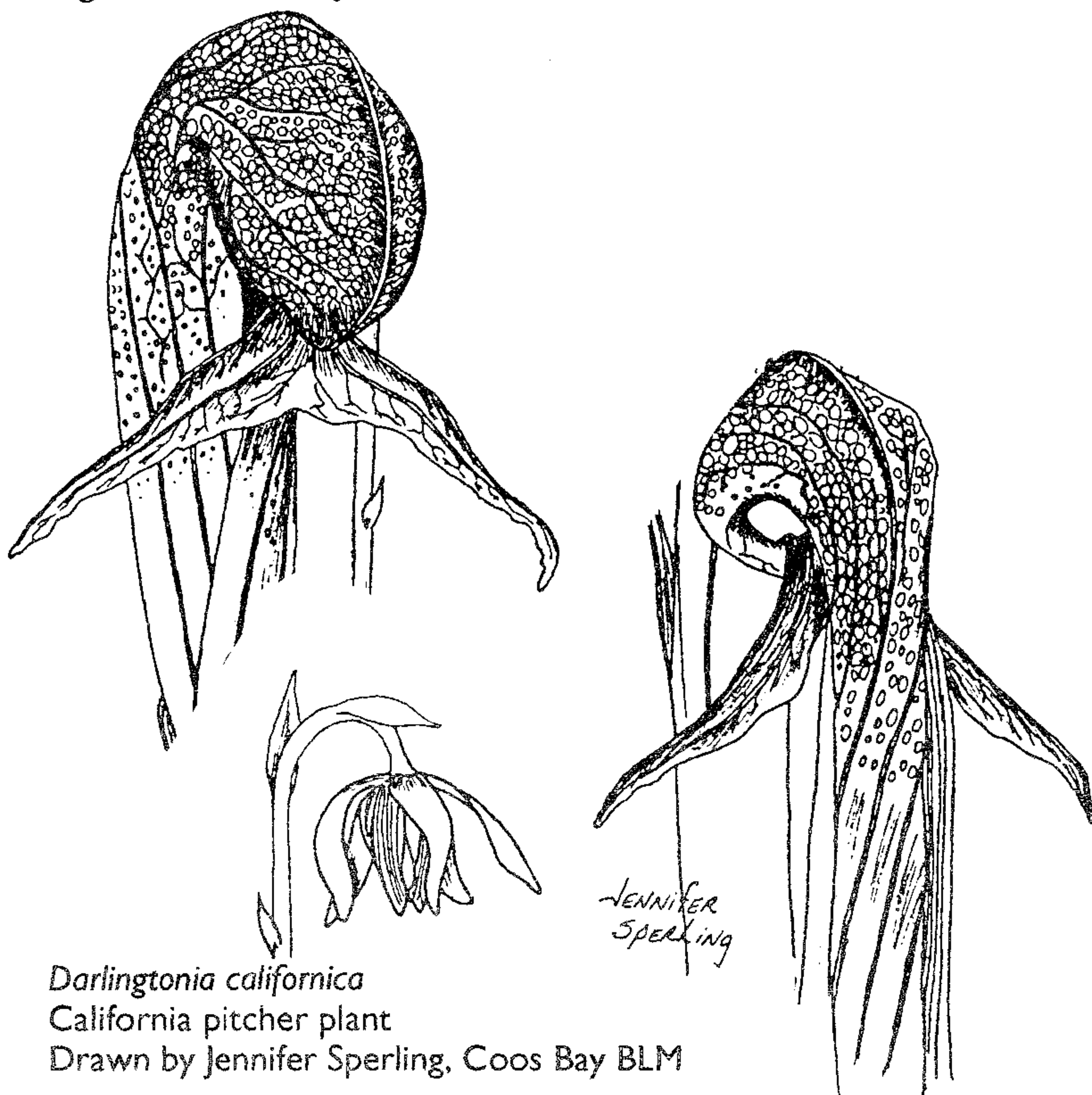
The NPSO window stickers are decals with our trillium logo in green over an opaque white background. They can go on the inside of your car or other windows.

Order them from the High Desert Chapter NPSO, c/o Stu Garrett, at 21663 Paloma Drive, Bend OR 97701. They are \$1 each and minimum order is 5.

**Help Save *Fritillaria gentneri***

Many people in the Jacksonville area have joined together to purchase two wooded areas which were donated by early pioneer families to the University of Oregon and Southern Oregon State College. The 20 acre Beekman Woods was donated by the Beekman family. Cornelius Beekman was the first banker in southern Oregon. The 70 acre Britt Woods site was formerly owned by historic photographer Peter Britt. Last spring 150 rare *Fritillaria gentneri* plants were found in Britt Woods and an adjoining BLM parcel. This is the largest known population of this species. Much of its habitat has been lost to development as it mostly grows at low elevations. These two woodlands would help retain the historic wooded character of Jacksonville and also make a nice *Fritillaria gentneri* preserve.

Groups involved in this project include the Southern Oregon Land Conservancy, City of Jacksonville, and the Children of Jacksonville. The Children of Jacksonville received a \$7,500 Amway grant for this project. Several matching challenges have been made and one is now in progress. Siskiyou Chapter member Ramona Osburn has offered to match up to \$1,000 sent in for the Britt Woods. If you would like to help purchase these woodlands and protect a large population of a rare plant, send your donations to: Jacksonville Woodlands Association, PO Box 1210, Jacksonville OR 97530. Please note to apply your gift to Ramona Osburn's challenge. The Association is a non-profit organization, so your donation is tax-deductable.



*Darlingtonia californica*  
California pitcher plant  
Drawn by Jennifer Sperling, Coos Bay BLM



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