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Celebrating the 40th Anniversary Year Annual Meeting in Corvallis, June 8-10

by Esther McEvoy, Corvallis Chapter

The Corvallis Chapter is diligently working on the agenda for the Annual Meeting and there will be more details to follow in next month's *Bulletin* as we finalize the banquet site and Friday night social site. Please fill out the enclosed registration form as soon as possible so we can work on banquet numbers and field trips. There is a list of local accommodations included in this *Bulletin* so you can begin to plan your stay in Corvallis.

Friday will include field trips to local areas if enough interest is shown on the registration form. Please sign up for Friday field trips if interested and we will arrange according to numbers. The Friday evening social will feature a beautiful slide show by Dr. Loren Russell on "Alpines of Oregon" which you will not want to miss.

Saturday will offer an array of field trips which are described on p. 30. There will be a no host bar and banquet Saturday evening. Our banquet speaker is Dr. Boone Kauffman from the Fish and Wildlife Department at O.S.U., who will talk to us on "Ecological approaches to the restoration of native ecosystems (Oregon)".

Sunday morning will be the State Board Meeting and local field trips if there is an interest.

Please join the Corvallis Chapter and celebrate the 40th anniversary of our society by coming to the Annual Meeting in Corvallis. We hope to see you in June and show you the plants in our area.

For Field Trip and Lodging info see pp. 30, 31. Registration and Field Trip Waiver is enclosed.

New Membership Directory To Be Published

The 2001 edition of the NPSO Membership Directory will be published in April. If you wish to receive a copy, add Two Dollars to your renewal payment.

If you wish to have your address or telephone number or both withheld from publication in the Directory, please make a prominent note on your renewal form. (See page 37.)

NPSO 2001 Candidates

The Nominating Committee offers the following list of candidates for state offices. The names of additional nominees and brief résumés will be printed in the April *Bulletin*. Any group of five or more dues-paying members may also submit nominations (with nominee's consent) to the *Bulletin* by March 10th. Election ballots will be included in the May issue and must be returned to the Ballot Counting Committee postmarked by June 1, 2001. Newly-elected individuals assume office at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

President: Bruce Newhouse

Vice President: Michael McKeag

Secretary: no candidate

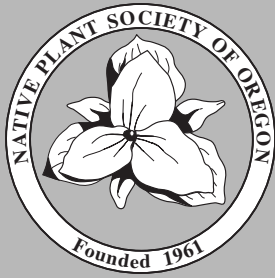
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Please feel free to contact Veva Stansell 541-247-7153 or Dan Luoma 541-752-8860 with suggestions for nominees.

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Grant Proposals Requested

The Native Plant Society of Oregon 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.

Persons interested in applying for funding can obtain a copy of the program policy and guidelines from Dan Luoma, Research Grants Committee Chair, 3740 NW Harrison Ave., Corvallis, OR 97330. The material may also be obtained at NPSO's Web site, <http://www.npsoregon.org/index.htm> Research proposals are due by April 15, 2001 (note that this is a change of date.)

Mailing Committee Chair Needed

We want to thank our *Bulletin* mailing committee head, Rick Momsen, for doing a terrific job this past year taking over the *Bulletin* mailing after it moved to Eugene. Unfortunately Rick will be moving up to Portland so we need to find someone in the Eugene area to take over as soon as possible.

The job entails picking up the *Bulletins* from the printer, purchasing postage, and organizing a small, existing committee to meet one evening near the end of every month.

For more information about the particular duties please contact Rick at rickmomsen@hotmail.com or Bruce Newhouse at newhouse@efn.org or 541-343-2364.

If you don't want to be the head of the committee but still want to help get the *Bulletin* sent out please contact Bruce Newhouse.



AARON LISTON

Mitella caulescens, Leafy mitrewort, Saxifragaceae. The small flowers (about 5 mm across) reward close examination. The petals are dissected into threadlike lobes. Seven species of *Mitella* occur in Oregon; this one is unique in the flowers that open from the top of the raceme downward.

State

June 8 - 10, Friday-Sunday

Annual Meeting: in Corvallis. The basic schedule will be as follows. Friday: Evening Social. Saturday: Daytime field trips and Evening Banquet with special speaker. Sunday Morning: State Board Meeting and alternative half day field trip. See front page, p. 30 and insert for more details.

Blue Mountain

For information on the the Blue Mountain chapter call Jerry Baker at 541-566-3381.

Cheahmill

March 3, Saturday

Work Party: Deer Creek Park. We will assist the Friends of Deer Creek Park with planting various native species within the riparian corridor of Deer Creek and the small tributary stream recently "daylighted" from the confines of a culvert. The park harbors the largest remnant Tufted hairgrass prairie in the northern Willamette Valley as well as Kincaid's lupine and provides a great site for an early spring outing. 10:00 am, Deer Creek Park, 5 miles north of Highway 18 on Gopher Valley Road. Gopher Valley Road is just east of Sheridan and across the highway from the Dairy Queen. For more information or more specific directions contact Rob 503-843-2702 or Dave 503-843-4338.

March 22, Thursday

Meeting: The Willamette Valley as the Early Settlers Found It, will be presented by Wilbur Bluhm. Utilizing slides of landscapes and individual plants Wilbur will share his knowledge and insights of our native plant communities prior to settlement. Wilbur is a retired OSU extension horticulturist and recently served as Executive Secretary of the Plant Propagators Society.

7:00 pm, Carnegie Room, McMinnville Public Library. For more information call Rob at 503-843-2702.

March 25, Sunday

Field Trip: Delbert Hunter Native Plant Arboretum, Dallas City Park
This collection of Oregon natives from all over the state will insure us of seeing something in bloom. Our hunt for spring will include *Trillium ovatum* and *T. parviflorum*, and Spring Queen, *Synthyris reniformis*. Shrubs in bloom will include Oregon-grape, Indian-plum, Red-flowering Currant. This is a concentrated collection of plants along with naturally-growing Willamette

Valley plants. This is not a hike; it is a level ground walking. For more information, start time and to register, contact trip leaders Chuck and Patti Buffett at 503-474-1386.

Corvallis

March 12, Monday

Meeting: Update on the Oregon Flora Project. Linda Hardison will have a talk and slide show about the current and future goals of the Flora Project. Meet at 7:30 pm at the Avery House, Avery Park, Corvallis. For more information please contact Esther McEvoy at 541-754-0893.

Emerald

March 19, Monday

Meeting: Oak Savanna and Wetlands Restoration in Buford Park. Jason Blazar, Stewardship and Restoration Coordinator of Friends of Buford Park and Mt. Pisgah, will give us a slide-illustrated talk on current progress and future plans for enhancement & restoration of these native Park habitats. He'll also tell us what species might benefit from the changes. 7:30 pm, Room 117, Science Building, LCC main campus, Eugene. For more information contact Nick Otting, 541-334-4499. Directions: Construction continues at LCC, so come a little early to find your way. Park on the east side of campus, near the south end of Eldon Schafer Drive (turn at the stop light on 30th Avenue). Just south of that parking area is a lighted walkway along the north side of the Science trailers, which goes right to the Science building.

March 31, Saturday

Field Trip: Oak Savannah at North Bank White-tailed Deer Preserve on the North Umpqua River north of Roseburg. Look for spring flowers in this wonderful example of the fast disappearing oak savannah ecosystem.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO FIELD TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Field trips take place rain or shine, so proper dress and footwear are essential. Trips may be strenuous and/or hazardous. Participation is at your own risk. Be prepared to sign a release form indicating this. For a sample copy check out the NPSO website. Please contact the trip leader or chapter representative about difficulty, distance, and terrain to be expected on field trips. Bring water and lunch. All NPSO field trips are open to the public at no charge (other than contribution to carpool driver) and newcomers and visitors are always welcome. National Forests require a Northwest Forest Pass for many field trip locations. Permits can be acquired at forest headquarters and ranger districts.

NOTICE TO FIELD TRIP CHAIRS AND LEADERS

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

Some sensitive plants which occur here are *Plagiobothrys hirtus*, *Sisyrinchium hitchcockii* and *Perideridia erythrorhiza*. This is a fairly strenuous hike (6.7 miles + 1220 feet elevation gain). Bring lunch, water and rain gear. Meet 8:00 am, northeast corner South Eugene High School Parking Lot. Leader: Dave Predeek, 541-345-5531.

April 14, Saturday

Workshop: Mt. Pisgah Wildflower Show plant collection workshop.

Learn what to collect, how to collect and where to collect for the annual show. Get a collecting permit and maps. Learn about sustainable collection and about the rare and endangered species in the county. Meet in Science Building Room 115 at Lane Community College from 10:00 am to 12 noon. Registration required. Call Jenny Lipert at 541-343-3242 to register.

April 23, Monday

Meeting: Native Knowledge for Native Ecosystems: Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Ecological Restoration. A presentation given by Dr. Robin Kimmerer, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse NY, on sabbatical at OSU Botany and Plant Pathology. Robin will show slides and inform us about the values of traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) of indigenous cultures and the idea of using TEK in land management and scientific research. 7:30 pm, Room 117, Science Building, LCC main campus, Eugene. For more info contact Nick Otting, 541-334-4499.

High Desert

March 27, Tuesday

Meeting: Restoring Our Native Landscapes. Kelly Walker of Sunriver will talk about his efforts with Sunriver Landowners to use native vegetation to plant in developments in Sunriver. He will emphasize soil amendments, preparation, and plant selection. 7:30 pm at the Central Oregon Environmental Center, 16 NW Kansas, Bend. Call Stu Garrett 541-389-6981 for more information. All are welcome.

April 24, Tuesday

Meeting: Restoring Our Native Landscapes. Ecologist Bill Hopkins and Director Brad Chalfant of the Deschutes Basin Land Trust will discuss plans to restore and manage over 3,000 acres the Forest Service traded to Crown Pacific Lumber in 1999. This area will be managed under a conservation easement held by DBLT to enhance old growth ponderosa pine. Learn about the exciting things the Land Trust is doing locally. 7:30 pm at the Central Oregon Environmental Center, 16 NW Kansas, Bend. Call Stu Garrett 541-389-6981 for more info.

Klamath Basin

For information on the Klamath Basin Chapter, call David Lebo at 541-883-8393.

Mid-Columbia

March 4, Sunday

Field Trip: Rock Fort is a major Lewis and Clark campsite, located in The Dalles. Mike Igo has been working on the botanical restoration of Rock Fort for the upcoming Lewis and Clark bicentennial, and will give us a tour and probably put us to work a little. Then we'll look for goldstars, prairie stars, grass widows, and other early bloomers at Dallesport, Catherine Creek, and Frog Creek. Meet at Columbia Gorge Discovery Center parking lot at 10:00 am. Take exit 82 off of I-84 and follow signs. For more info call Barbara Robinson at 541-296-5334.

March 7, Wednesday

Meeting: Columbia Gorge Wildflowers and Where To Find Them. 7:30 pm, Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, exit 82 off I-84, and follow signs. Begin the wildflower season by learning or relearning some favorite spring wildflowers, and discover some of the best places to find them. Barbara Robinson, Gorge wildflower expert and frequent hike leader, will give a slide

show and talk showing several favorite wildflower spots, the flowers you will find there, and the best times to go.

April 4, Wednesday

Meeting: Oak Communities and their management. Richard Sommer, who has a degree in range management and now owns a winery near Roseburg, will tell us about the state of oak communities in the Roseburg area and discuss possible oak management practices.

April 22, Sunday

Event: Plant Show. Our chapter's big annual plant show at the Mosier School. Come out and make a day of it! See the show, eat at the Mosier Fireman's Benefit Smorgasbord, and then visit the Mosier Twin Tunnels, the Tom McCall Preserve, and the Memaloose area. Mosier Exit off I-84, school is on right, follow signs.

April 28-30, Sat., Sun, and Mon.

Event: Plant Show: In addition to our annual plant show on April 22, we are offering an additional plant show at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center the following weekend.

North Coast

March 5, Monday

Meeting: Organization and planning. 7:00 pm at the Carl Rawe room, PUD Building, Tillamook. For more information call Vivian Starbuck at 503-377-4141.

Portland

March 4, Sunday

Field Trip: Photograph *Sisyrinchium douglasii* at their peak (we hope) at Catherine Creek. This is the first of a series of field trips designed around the priorities of wildflower photography. We'll try to be at the right place at the right time, when the light and the subject are at their best, and magic (if we're lucky) may happen. We will gather at the parking area at Catherine Creek at

6:00 am, just before first light (twilight begins at 6:09 am, sunrise at 6:38 am). Hopefully, the wind will have settled overnight, and the first few hours of daylight will be calm, and the light luscious. Contact Mike McKeag, 503-642-3965, mmckeag@teleport.com, for more information.

March 4, Sunday

Field Trip: Rock Fort. Dallesport. Leave Gateway/NE99th Ave. Park and Ride, southeast corner of parking lot, at 8:30 am. Second meeting place; Columbia Gorge Discovery Center parking lot, 10:00 am. See details in Mid-Columbia chapter.

March 10, Saturday

Field Trip: Catherine Creek. Always a great way to start the flower season as trip leaders Jan and Dave Dobak and I will look for *Sisyrinchium douglasii*, *Fritillaria pudica*, and many others. Leave 8:30 am Gateway/NE 99th Ave. Park and Ride, southeast corner of parking lot. Second meeting place at 9:45 am Bingen Winery parking lot on SR 14. Call Greg Stone, 503-233-4761 for more info.

March 13, Tuesday

Meeting: Naturescaping for Clean Rivers is the title of the presentation by Linda Robinson of the East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District. 7:00pm, Fireside Room (#355) of the First United Methodist Church located at 1838 SW Jefferson St., in Portland. For more information contact Skip Haak, 503-460-3198.

March 25, Sunday

Field Trip: Three Bench Loop. Join trip leader Russ Jolley for a trip up the Gorge to see *Lomatium columbianum*, *L. grayi*, *Cardamine pulcherrima*, *Crocidium*, *Plagiobothrys*, and balsamroot. Steep climb at start (200 ft.) for some great views. Leave 8:30 am, Gateway/NE 99th Ave. Park and Ride, southeast corner of parking lot. Trailhead located on S.R. 14 at milepost 79, at the far end of Doug's Beach parking area, 10:00 am. For more information call Greg Stone at 503-233-4761.

April 8, Sunday

Field Trip: Photograph *Calypso bulbosa* in a forest glade near Wyeth. Continuing our series of field trips designed around the priorities of wildflower photography, we will visit a forest site that can be carpeted with *Calypso bulbosa* in prime time. We will meet mid-morning at Cascade Locks. Please contact Mike McKeag, 503-642-3965, mmckeag@teleport.com, for exact meeting place and time and other details. Pre-registration with the leader is required.

April 15, Sunday

Field Trip: Memaloose Hills. Approx. 6 mi., 800ft. elev. gain, this east Gorge trail near Mosier features gently rolling hills, oak groves, basalt outcroppings, and fields of Shooting Stars, Larkspur, Buttercups and Balsamroot. *Suksdorfia violacea*, *Trifolium macrocephalum*, and *Brodiaea howellii* may be in bloom. Call trip leader Beth Magnus 503-226-7919 for time and meeting place.

April 21, Saturday

Field Trip: Camassia Preserve. Ela Abrams of the Nature Conservancy is looking for help from us in two ongoing projects this year at the preserve. The first is providing a current plant list to the Conservancy. There are also a number of plants that need to be collected. If you have never been to this little known treasure chest of wildflowers you owe it to yourself. We'll meet at the trailhead at 9:00 am and survey until around 1:00 pm. For directions and more info. call Greg Stone at 503-233-4761.

April 22, Sunday

Event: Mosier Plant Show. See Mid-Columbia Chapter for details.

April 28, Saturday

Field Trip: Weldon Wagon. 7.5 mi., 1,500ft. elev. gain, this middle Gorge trail above the White Salmon River valley winds along flowery hillsides with oak groves. With luck the Chocolate Lilies, Ball-head Waterleaf, Hound's Tongue, Balsamroot, and the rare *Cypripedium fasciculatum*, *Viola*

sheltonii, *Luina nardosmia*, and *Lomatium suksdorfii* will all be in bloom. Call trip leader Beth Magnus 503-226-7919 for time and meeting place.

Siskiyou

March 15, Thursday

Meeting: The Ecology of Chaparral. Dennis Odion, vegetation ecologist, will describe the structure, function and processes of California chaparral and Paul Hosten, BLM vegetation ecologist, will talk about work on SW Oregon chaparral in the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. 7:30pm in Room 171 of the SOU Science Building in Ashland. Info: Molly Sullivan, 541-770-7933.

Umpqua Valley

March 8, Thursday

Meeting: Botanizing in the North Umpqua Ranger District. Lisa Wolf, Umpqua National Forest botanist, will speak on recreational botanizing in the North Umpqua Ranger District, 7:00pm, County Courthouse Annex, Roseburg. For more information call Richard Sommer at 541-673-3709.

March 24, Saturday

Field Trip: Table Rock to see early spring flora. Meet in the BLM parking lot at 8:00am. For more information call Russ Holmes at 541-672-4635.

Willamette Valley

March 19, Monday

Meeting: Steens Mountain. Paul Slichter will show us plants, animals, and scenery of this wonderful area of Oregon. We meet at 7:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church at 600 State St. in Salem.

William Cusick

for information on the William Cusick Chapter call Frazier Nichol at 541-963-7870.

OTHER EVENTS

Arboretum Nature Guides Needed

Mount Pisgah Arboretum is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to provide hands-on environmental education for students in our community. Guides lead small groups of 1st-5th graders on tours—exploring the forest and waterways of the Arboretum.

If you enjoy nature and working with children, consider becoming a Nature Guide. Training begins Wednesday evening, April 4, and includes natural history and teaching techniques. Volunteers are required to lead a minimum of one morning tour per week (April 23-June 14). For more information or an application, call the Arboretum's Education Office at 541-747-1504.

Robert Michael Pyle on Monarchs April 5

The Eugene-Springfield Chapter of the North American Butterfly Association will host a talk by eminent butterfly expert Robert Michael Pyle on Thursday, April 5. Mr Pyle's talk will include stories from his recent work "Chasing Monarchs." The talk will begin at 7:30 pm in the Churchill High School Library, 1850 Bailey Hill Road, at the intersection of Bailey Hill and 18th Avenue in Eugene. This event is free and open to the general public, and is co-sponsored by the Eugene Stream Team and the Rachel Carson Center at Churchill High School.

Robert Michael Pyle is the author of 12 books including *Chasing Monarchs*, *The National Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Butterflies*, and *Nabokov's Butterflies*. He holds a PhD in ecology and is Consulting Lepidopterist for the International Union of Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.

Mount Pisgah Arboretum Events

Seavey Loop Rd., Eugene

Sat. & Sun. March 10-11
9 am - Noon

Introduction to Birding. Instructor: Diane Horgan. Discover why birding is the fastest growing hobby in the U.S. Topics will cover: using binoculars and guidebooks, birding by ear, and keeping a field journal. Bring binoculars if you have them. Fee: \$30 (\$25 Arboretum members). Pre-registration required; space is limited. Call 541-747-1504.

Fri. Sat. & Sun., April 27 - 29
9 am - 3 pm

Spring Field Botany Workshop with Dr. Rhoda Love, retired LCC Botany Professor. Learn to identify and recognize common wildflowers of the Willamette Valley. Includes discussion of botanical terms, plant family characteristics, and scientific names. Practice keying plants using *Flora of the Pacific Northwest* by Hitchcock and Cronquist. Explore plant community ecology in at least 3 different habitats to understand the relationships between floral elements and ecological requirements. Participants provide own lunch, *Flora of the Pacific Northwest* book, hand-lens and field notebook. Fee: \$100 (\$90 MPA/NPSO members).

Glide Wildflower Show ~ April 28-29

The 35th annual Glide Wildflower Show opens the last weekend in April at the Glide Community Building, 20062 N. Umpqua Hwy. in Glide, Oregon. Hundreds of plants from southwestern Oregon are arranged and identified by botanical and common names. Included are exhibits and specimens of wildflowers, trees, shrubs, lichens, liverworts, mosses, ferns, and grasses. Photographs of rare and endangered species are on display.

The show is held at the Glide Community Building, 17 miles east of Roseburg off Highway 138. The suggested donation is \$2 per person. Early admission for photographers only Saturday and Sunday 8-9 am. Regular hours are Saturday and Sunday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Monday April 30 is for school groups, by prearrangement. The show is sponsored by community volunteers and the Glide Community Club. For more information call 541-677-3797.

Leach Botanical Garden Events

6704 SE 122nd Ave., Portland

Saturday, March 3
9:00 - 11:30 am

Botany for Gardeners II
Roots to Stalk

This class picks up where Botany for Gardeners I leaves off, covering plant physiology, adaptation and the basics of growth and structure.

Instructor Sue Thomas, Fee: \$15 (\$12.50 members) Class limit 20. Call 503-761-9503 to register.

Saturday, March 17
9:30 - 11:00 am or 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Garden Trough Construction

A mixture of cement, perlite and peat moss molded into a rustic trough makes a fine planting place for small alpines, succulents, bulbs and other plants. You'll learn the essentials of trough construction and take home a trough of your own. Bring sturdy rubber gloves, a small trowel and a sturdy cardboard box or dishpan 6" x 10" or 12" x 16".

Instructor Staff and volunteers, Fee: \$25 (\$22.50 members) Class limit 15. Call 503-761-9503 to register.

Siskiyou Field Institute 2001

The Siskiyou Field Institute (SFI) is gearing up for its fourth season of science-based field courses, which focus on the unique ecology of the Siskiyou Mountains and the greater Klamath Region. SFI continues to bring together a diverse array of instructors and students from various academic institutions, natural resource agencies, natural history organizations and the general public. Courses are available for a wide range of skill and age levels and some courses are offered for college credit. SFI courses are a great way to experience and learn more about the region's exceptionally diverse flora. This year's SFI banquet on June 16, will feature a keynote presentation by Dr. Michael Mesler on *Pollination and Rare Plants of the Klamath-Siskiyou*. Dr. Mesler is a Professor of Botany in the Department of Biological Sciences at Humboldt State University.

A new feature this year will be three days of programs focused on the natural history of the eastern Siskiyou with special attention to the recently designated Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument (CSNM). These programs, based out of the Ashland area, will take place July 20-22. Frank Lang will lead

a one-day workshop on the flora of many of the diverse habitats of the CSNM. Donn Todt's course on ethnobotany, will explore the interactions between plants, landscapes and cultures in and adjacent to the monument. Other workshops focused on the CSNM and the eastern Siskiyou include *Wetland Plants of the Eastern Siskiyou*, *Making Plant Medicine*, *The Clash of Ecoregions: Butterflies on the Edge of Eden*, *Birds of the CSNM*, *Ecological Overview of the Eastern Siskiyou*, and *Insects of Southern Oregon*.

Programs focused on the western Siskiyou, based out of the Cave Junction area, will be held June 15-22. Courses include an intensive five-day *Crash Course in Recognizing and Keying Plant Families* taught by Linda Ann Vorobik, in which participants will learn approximately 40 common families of plants native to the region. In *Liverworts of the Klamath Mountains*, a seven-day course taught by Steve Jessup, students will learn to recognize common genera and species, gain practice with liverwort dissection and microscopic technique, and develop familiarity and experience with the technical literature and identification

keys needed in the study of liverworts. This course is appropriate for amateur and professional botanists who want to acquaint themselves with these organisms. Other multi-day courses include *Conservation Biology in the Field*, *Klamath-Siskiyou Geo-Ecology*, *Birds and Birding in the Klamath Region*, *Butterflies of the Western Siskiyou*, *Natural History of Bats*, *Making Plant Medicine* and *Siskiyou Trails: A Natural History*.

One day workshops include *Siskiyou Wildflowers*, *Serpentine Plant Ecology*, *Salmon Snorkeling*, *Birds and Botany*, *Gold Placer Mining in the Waldo Vicinity 1850-1940*, and various other botanizing and natural history workshops. There will also be a number of one-day workshops for kids.

SFI is co-sponsored by NPSO. We hope you'll be able to join us for this year's SFI programs. A full brochure with course descriptions will be available in early March. If you are not on the SFI mailing list and would like to receive a copy please contact SFI at institute@siskiyou.org; or at PO Box 220, Cave Junction, OR 97523; 541-592-4459. You can also find SFI information at www.siskiyou.org.

Friends of the Oregon Flora Project

As work progresses on the Oregon Flora Project, your continued support is needed more than ever. We are thankful for every contribution and the consistent sponsorship of the NPSO. Please continue to help speed the completion of Oregon's new Flora and Atlas of Vascular Plants with a generous donation.



Please make checks payable to:
Native Plant Society of Oregon

and mail to:
Friends of the Oregon Flora Project
P. O. Box 402
Corvallis, OR 97339-0402

Botany Scholarship Available

The Jean Davis Memorial Fund is again offering a Scholarship for the 2001-2002 School year in the amount of \$1000.

This will be given to a full time student enrolled in plant systemics or plant ecology in the State of Oregon. We are looking for undergraduates who have completed two years of college work.

To receive more information and an application, which must be submitted by May 1st, please call or write to:
Harriet Schoppert
11265 Phantom Ln.
Stayton, OR 97383
503-859-2613
e-mail ghschopp@hotmail.com

State NPSO Meeting Field Trips

Corvallis, June 8-9

The field trip program for the Corvallis meeting will focus on the neighboring Coast Range and the central Willamette Valley. The Saturday, June 9 field program will offer a choice of visits to forest, meadow, outcrop, and wetland communities in the central Coast Range, and to Willamette Valley prairie remnants. Most of these trips will require 30 minutes to an hour of driving each way, and 3-4 hours of field activity. There will be 10-12 separate options, most of which will require moderate to easy physical effort. At least one trip will be listed as suitable for children. The following list of trips is tentative, and some substitutions may take place, depending on access and interest.

COAST RANGE SITES

TRIPS 1-3 MARYS PEAK

1. Marys Peak Scenic Botanic Area (easy to moderate)

Visit meadows, outcrop community, noble fir forest

2. Marys Peak East Ridge trail (strenuous, steep)

Diverse Douglas-fir and noble fir understories, meadows, outcrops. This is the only demanding hike in the program.

3. Marys Peak xeric islands (easy to moderate)

Emphasis on outcrop communities on southwest slopes and summit area.

TRIPS 4-5 FALLS CITY AREA

4. Rickreall Ridge (moderate)

Visit one or more of Detling's "xeric islands". Rickreall Ridge ACEC was originally proposed for protection by the Nature Conservancy in 1976 as a site for botanical study and sightseeing. The ridge supports a relatively unusual plant community; a blend of species characteristic of the Willamette Valley with typical Coast Range plants and some that are more characteristic of southwestern Oregon.

5. Fanno Bog (moderate to strenuous)

The outstanding high-elevation wetland in central Coast Range, diverse, with some sphagnum communities. Outlying site for *Erythronium elegans*.

TRIP 6 CASCADES FOOTHILLS

6. McDowell Creek Falls County Park (easy to moderate)

A pocket version of Silver Creek Falls! Trail system in gorge with several scenic waterfalls, and rich forest understory communities. Site for *Scoliopterus hallii*.

TRIPS 7-10 WILLAMETTE PRAIRIE REMNANTS. (This list is fluid, and several alternatives may be offered, depending on access, seasonal development, and interest. Some of these sites are in eastern-most ridges of the Coast Range.)

7. Dunn State Forest prairie restoration (moderate)

Natural meadows with such species as *Delphinium menziesii* and *Silene hookeri*, these were planted with conifers, then "rescued" before canopy closed. Opportunity, also, to see experimental forestry plots studying alternatives to clearcuts in Coast Range.

8. Finley Refuge Prairie RNA (moderate?)

Diverse, managed prairie with *Delphinium pavonaceum* and several other vanishing species. Other stop[s] in Finley Refuge are likely.

9. Finley Refuge Woodpecker Loop nature trail (moderate, suitable for children)

Grassland, oak and Douglas-fir forest, ponds, stream. NOTE: Old-timers will recognise this as "Poison-oak loop"!

10. Kingston Prairie, with extension to Oregon Garden (easy to moderate).

Prairie restoration site.

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Highlights of the State Board Meeting January 20 in Salem

by Rhoda Love, Secretary

The Board met on the Campus of Willamette University. Many thanks to Salem Chapter, Karl Anderson and Susan Kephart for arranging the meeting room and providing coffee and snacks. Twenty board members, committee chairs and others were present.

The Board received exciting news from Linda Hardison, Chair of the Friends of the Flora Committee. The recent challenge matching grant raised a grand total of \$46,879 for the Oregon Flora project! Anonymous benefactors contributed \$20,000 and much of the remainder came from NPSO members and Chapters. The new income will allow Scott Sundberg to hire part-time employees to assist with the Project.

Treasurer Eric Wold assured us that the Society is solvent, and Dan Luoma presented a budget of approximately \$58,000 for the year 2001. Major outflows will be to *Kalmiopsis*, the *Bulletin*, the Oregon Flora Project and the Institute for Applied Ecology. Jan Dobak reported that membership is down slightly—60 fewer members than this time last year. Everyone is asked to think of ways to attract and retain members.

Tanya Harvey, *Bulletin* Editor asks members to contribute articles. She would be pleased to accept papers on scientific subjects and field trip reports. Mike Hartman has been building the NPSO web site. He asks that folks visit the site and send comments. The site is interactive and visitors can reach Mike from the web.

Rhoda Love announced that NPSO Occasional Paper Number 2, *Life of L. F. Henderson*, will be printed this spring. The 64-page publication features 53 images of Henderson, his colleagues, family, and locations—many never before published. The price will be \$10.00. Ordering information will appear in the *Bulletin*.

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers to be elected this spring: President: Bruce Newhouse, VP: Mike McKeag, Treasurer: Eric Wold, Directors at Large: Karen Sturgeon, Jim Duncan, and Rhoda Love. A candidate for Secretary has not yet been found. Please call Dan Luoma if you are willing to be our note-taker or can recommend another person.

NPSO's Gardening with Natives Policy will be published in the March *Bulletin*. Please bring your comments to the April Board meeting or send them to Eric Wold.

The next Board Meeting will Saturday, April 14 at the Discovery Center Museum in The Dalles. The Annual Meeting will take place June 8-10 in Corvallis. Please put these important dates on your calendar.

NPSO Items for Sale

Oregon's Rare Wildflower Poster depicts Punchbowl Falls and three of the Columbia River Gorge's endemic wildflowers. Text on the back describes the natural history of the Gorge and the mission of the NPSO. Available from Stu Garrett, 21663 Paloma Drive, Bend, OR 97701, 541-389-6981. Individuals may order posters at \$12 each, plus \$3 per order for shipping. Posters are mailed in tubes. Chapter treasurers may contact Stu for wholesale prices to chapters.

NPSO's Original Wildflower Poster depicts 13 Oregon wildflowers in a striking artist's rendition. Soon to be a collector's item. Available from Stephanie Schulz, 84603 Bristow Rd., Pleasant Hill, OR 97455, \$5 each, plus \$3 per order for shipping. Posters are mailed in tubes.

The "Atlas of Oregon Carex" is NPSO's first occasional paper. The Atlas has 128 location maps, one for each Carex taxon in the state of Oregon. Also included are a synonymy, fun facts about sedges, a history of the project, and Oregon geography maps. Send a \$5 check (made payable to NPSO) to: "Atlas of Oregon Carex", c/o Keli Kuykendall, 4550 S.W. Nash Ave., Corvallis, OR 97333-9301.



Biography of Henderson Going to Press

NPSO Occasional Paper No. 2, a biography of Oregon botanist Louis F. Henderson (1853-1942), by Rhoda Love will appear next month. Our second Occasional Paper will be twice the length of *the Carex Atlas* and will include: a biographical essay detailing Henderson's diverse careers and many adventures; information about his childhood, family, and descendants; a detailed chronology of the botanist's life including notes on important collections; a list of plants named for Henderson; a list of his publications; and 55 illustrations from personal collections, libraries, and archives throughout the country—many of the latter never before published. Nearly three years of research, travel, and writing have gone into the project. Our second Occasional Paper will be priced at \$10.00 including postage and handling. Watch for further details and ordering information in your April *Bulletin* and on the NPSO web site.

Guidelines on Use of Native Plants for Gardening

Native Plant Society of Oregon

Pacific Northwest natives can satisfy aesthetically, practically, and ecologically. Grow them and enjoy them. Whether you “go native” all the way or mix natives with plants from other lands, you can expect pleasure from the beauty that natives can bring to your garden.

~ Art Kruckeberg, from *Gardening with Native Plants of the Pacific Northwest* (1996)

Have you walked through a meadow and been impressed with the colorful array of native wildflowers? Do you enjoy the beauty of natural areas that you visit in Oregon? Do you like watching birds or butterflies use plants for the different resources they provide? Are you interested in protecting or enhancing natural areas in your community? If you answered ‘yes’ to any of these questions, you may also be interested in incorporating native plants into your home garden.

Growing natives in your garden is a great way to gain familiarity with native plants. In addition, using native plants in our gardens is a logical extension of our concern for preserving some of Oregon’s natural heritage. In our gardens, we can provide habitat for native plants and the great array of animals and other organisms that depend on them.

The Native Plant Society of Oregon (NPSO) encourages people to grow Oregon native plants in their gardens. However, while there are several hundred plants native to Oregon that make good garden plants, not all are native to your area of Oregon. The purpose of this document is to outline guidelines that the NPSO encourages people to follow to maximize the ecological and practical benefits of native plant gardening.

Guidelines for gardening with native plants

By following these guidelines, you will be able to successfully grow natives in your garden and enjoy the beauty and ecological benefits of native plants.

Use plants that are native to your ecoregion (see Figure 1). What is an ecoregion? Ecoregions are areas that are relatively uniform in soils, vegetation, climate, geology, and wildlife. In Oregon, there are ten ecoregions. Plants within your ecoregion are most likely to grow well in your garden.

Choose plants that grow well in the unique conditions you have in your garden. The particular conditions of soil type, soil moisture, and amount of sunlight may vary in different parts of your garden. You need to select the right plants to fit the various conditions that may be present in your garden. For example, if your front yard gets full sun for most of the day, you would want to plant natives (from your ecoregion) that grow in sunny places. Local NPSO chapters may have lists of native plants in your ecoregion, along with a description of the conditions under which they grow best. In addition, you can consult numerous field guides and gardening books that describe suitable growing conditions for native plants. See the Bibliography at the end of this document for some of the references that are currently available.

If possible, select plants that originated from as close to your home as you can. Plants that occur in your ecoregion and that originate close to your garden site are **locally native**. By using locally native plants, you will preserve the natural heritage of your community. In addition, you will have a higher probability of successfully establishing the plants than if you were to use plants that originated from far away.

Select healthy looking plants. Healthy looking plants exhibit vigorous growth, have good foliage color, and are free of insect damage and spots on the leaves. Healthy nursery plants will have a much higher chance of growing well in your garden than unhealthy plants. But remember, once they are growing well in your garden, native plants may attract butterflies and other animals that depend on these plants for their own survival. Attracting these animals to your garden is one of the many benefits of gardening with natives!

If you choose to not plant natives, **avoid using invasive non-native plants.** For lists of invasive, non-native plants, visit one of the web sites listed at the end of this document.

For best results, plant in the spring or fall. At other times of the year, plants will need greater amounts of attention (e.g., watering) in order to flourish.

Remember that every plant you choose may not grow well. Have fun and experiment with different native plants from the ecoregion and microsite types appropriate for your particular garden.

Where do you get locally native plants?

Once you have determined what locally native plants would grow well in your garden, you are left with another challenge: finding a place where you can buy them. Fortunately, the demand for native plants is steadily increasing and many nurseries now specialize in native plants, while others carry a selection of natives along with non-native ornamentals.

Here are a few tips on how to find locally native plants, and how you can encourage an increasing availability of native plants in the future:

Contact local plant nurseries. Ask the staff if they have a selection of native plants. If they do, show your appreciation for this. Ask about the source of the plant material and the propagation method used by the nursery. Ideally, the plants would be propagated from source material (e.g., seeds or cuttings) within your ecoregion. See the NPSO policy on ethical propagation methods for a further discussion on propagation techniques.

Visit the NPSO website (<http://www.NPSOOregon.org>) to get contacts for your local chapter. Many NPSO members are active native plant gardeners, and know sources for locally native plants.

Transplanting native plants from a natural habitat to your garden is discouraged because it can damage natural plant communities. In addition, there are state laws that govern collection of native plants.

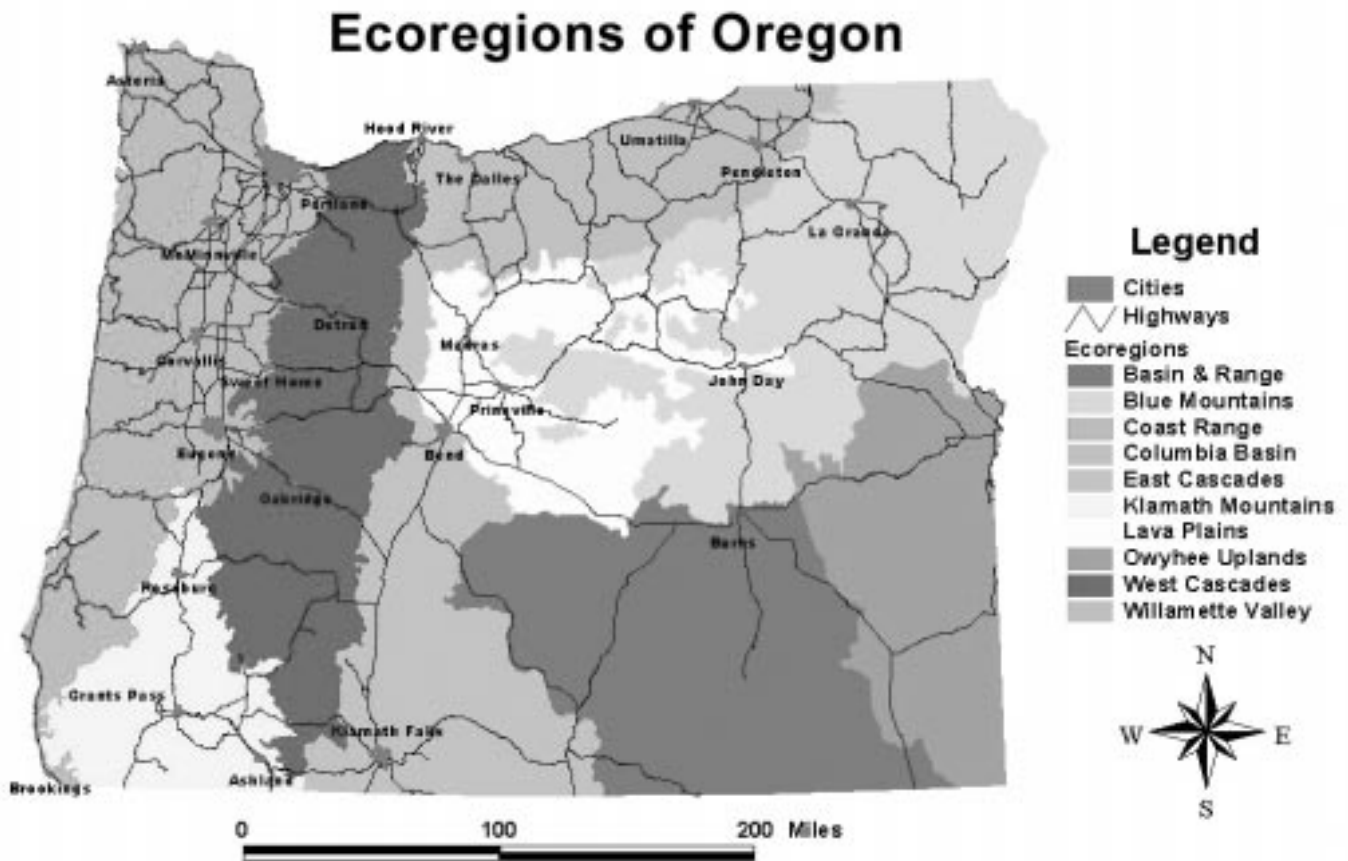


Figure 1. Ecoregions of Oregon. There are ten Ecoregions in Oregon. This map corresponds to Bailey's ecoregion provinces (Bailey 1995, 1997), which is very similar to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's level III ecoregions (Omernik 1995; Pater et al. 1997; see EPA web site).

Benefits of gardening with locally native plants

Once you get locally native plants in your garden, here are a few of the numerous benefits you will reap:

- By using locally native plants in your garden, you help ensure that the plants and the animals that depend on them will continue to have habitat. For example, many of our native butterflies depend on a single native plant during their caterpillar stage.
- Native plants are attractive and beautiful.
- Locally native plants are adapted to local soil and climate conditions, making many of them easier to maintain.
- By using locally native plants, you reduce the risk of introducing invasive plants into your community.
- By using locally native plants, rather than natives from elsewhere, the unique genetic makeup of locally native plants will not be altered.

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Web Sites

Native Plants

Native Plant Society of Oregon
<http://www.NPSOregon.org/>

Native Plant Society of Washington
<http://www.wnps.org/>

The Berry Botanic Garden
<http://www.berrybot.org/>

Invasive and non-native plants

USDA, Noxious weed home page:
<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/weeds/>

USDA, Natural Resources and Conservation Service
<http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/wline/sprsum99.htm>

Ecoregions

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
http://www.epa.gov/ceisweb1/ceishome/atlas/bioindicators/ecoregions_of_the_united_states.html
http://www.epa.gov/ceisweb1/ceishome/atlas/bioindicators/level_3_ecoregions.html



Differentiating *Corylus avellana* & *Corylus cornuta* var. *californica*

by Wilbur L. Bluhm

Willamette Valley, Chapter, NPSO

Ninety-nine percent of the annual commercial crop of filberts, or hazelnuts, *Corylus avellana*, in North America is grown in the Willamette Valley of Oregon. Nuts, foraged by birds and squirrels, are often dropped or buried beyond the boundaries of many *C. avellana* orchards. As a result populations of *C. avellana* and the native *C. cornuta* var. *californica* are commonly interspersed.

It can be difficult to distinguish the two species using the commonly available keys, which often use the differing involucre characteristics. Many plants, however, of both species do not fruit outside of cultivation. Further, characteristics of Willamette Valley plants appear to sometimes differ from descriptions in the keys.

The following comparison of the two species was developed with the assistance of Dr. Shawn Mehlenbacher, Professor of Horticulture, hazelnut breeder at Oregon State University, and Dr. Kenneth Chambers, Professor of Botany emeritus, Oregon State University.

Plant Characteristic	<i>Corylus cornuta</i> var. <i>californica</i>	<i>Corylus avellana</i>
Winter Buds	silvery in fall; appressed puberulent to villous or hirsute; oval; mostly obtuse to acute	bright green in fall; mostly glabrous, puberulent on margins; oblong to oval; acute
Stem, Leaf, and Petiole Hairs ¹	whitish, hispid (tend to be prickly, will prick human skin); tend to be appressed or forward pointing; glandular hairs often mixed with hispid hairs, especially on leaf petioles	glandular, bristly, glandular hairs often mixed with finer puberulence
Leaves	often appearing bi-serrate or bi-dentate	more or less evenly serrulate
Stipules	persist into fall	drop during spring, or, mostly, during summer
Defoliation	earlier than <i>C. avellana</i>	leaves remain green longer than with <i>C. cornuta</i> var. <i>californica</i>
Catkin Peduncles	short, almost sessile	longer, from sessile to c.1 cm
Catkins per Cluster	1 to 2	commonly more than 1 or 2
Pollen Release	3 months later than <i>C. avellana</i>	starts in December
Pollination (female flower receptivity)	generally during March	January-February
Nut Involucre	nut enclosed c.1.5-2.5 cm, with bristles (like nettles)	nut not enclosed beyond its end in cv. 'Barcelona'; Turkish cvs. have long clasping husks; cvs. 'DuChilly', 'White Lambert', and others have tubular husks

¹Hairs diminish as season progresses.

Hybridization between *C. cornuta* var. *californica* and *C. avellana* is unlikely to occur. Although *C. cornuta* var. *californica* is receptive of *C. avellana* pollen its female flowers are later in the season and would rarely receive *C. avellana* pollen. *C. avellana* is not receptive of *C. cornuta* var. *californica* pollen. *C. avellana* cultivars hybridize with each other.

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Happy Birthday, Native Plant Society... You Are 40 Years Old!

by Jerry Igo, Education Chair

The Oregonian newspaper carried a brief notice on February 5, 1961. The heading was "Wildflower Group Begins". It invited people interested to attend a meeting on February 6, 1961 in the Portland Public Library meeting room. It attracted 33 people. Leonard Wiley issued the invitation, and set the purpose "to disseminate knowledge of wildflowers...their distribution, ecology, culture...and other subjects". Those who responded were happy to find so many sharing in the programs, field trips, and study groups that ensued. The first president was Carolyn Simmons. She was followed by Molly Grothaus, Dr. James Stauffer, Leo Simon, Dr. John Hammond, Edward McDowell, George Lewis, Dr. Warner Monroe, Frederick Drager, Dr. George

Jeffcoat, and Ruth Hansen. By this time in 1976, the membership was over 200, and Ruth Hansen spelled out her vision of a society with chapters active in every part of the state.

In 1977 the Siskiyou Chapter was formed, as was the Willamette Valley Chapter. In 1978 the Mid-Columbia Chapter started. 1979 saw the Blue Mountain and Emerald Chapters form. High Desert came in 1980 and Corvallis in 1982. We are still adding chapters to our organization.

While our membership has increased slowly, we have been true to the mission of enjoyment, conservation, and study of Oregon's native vegetation.

Louise Godfrey compiled this data for the 25th anniversary of NPSO. We present it from our archives on this

40th year. In upcoming publications we will deal with some of the historical events from the files of NPSO.

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