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As the snow recedes in the subalpine, white marsh marigolds (*Caltha leptosepala*) pop out in abundance. June 27, 2020. Photo by Lisa Schomaker.

We hope you enjoy the July eBulletin!

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In Support of Diversity and Inclusion

The Black Lives Matter movement presents a critical opportunity for Oregonians and the country to move forward with anti-racist initiatives. The NPSO board of directors is pursuing ways to work with all minority and under-served groups who are interested in our mission. NPSO is: "Dedicated to the enjoyment, conservation, and study of Oregon's native plants and habitats."

Our mission statement reflects broad interest in the wonderful landscapes of Oregon - that, unfortunately, are not fully enjoyable by all. This regrettable situation is an all-too-common example of white privilege. Not everyone can feel comfortable to enjoy, anytime or anywhere, the great outdoors in Oregon. Our goal will be to promote actions that lead to making nature appreciation comfortable and attainable for all.

As a small first step, the board will be incorporating our non-discrimination policy directly into our bylaws to enhance and emphasize our commitment to diversity and inclusion. We will follow up with outreach activities as opportunities present themselves. The board of directors of the Portland Chapter of NPSO recently adopted its own heartfelt statement that addresses racial inequality and the need for inclusion (<https://portlandnativeplants.org>).

What might individuals do? Move beyond "do no harm" to "being a voice" for positive change. Maintain the energy to keep the movement going. Find your own answers - own the solution. Write to your local, state, and federal representatives. In solidarity with Black and Indigenous communities, the Native Plant Society of Oregon strives to make democracy work for all people of color.

- *NPSO Board*

New bulletin series: Oregon Mystery Plant!



This photo was taken by Cindy Roché on the ridges that form the divide between the Owyhee and Malheur rivers. It was growing in basalt scabland west of the Barren Valley (north of the Alvord Desert) in Malheur County. What is your guess for this plant? The answer will be revealed in the next eBulletin.



Do you have an Oregon Mystery Plant to share? Send it in to the editor:
bulletin@NPSOregon.org.

- *Lisa Schomaker*

Central Oregon Pop-up Grass Workshops



I will be teaching one-day grass identification workshops in central Oregon this summer and early fall. Participation is limited to 6 students per workshop. We will meet at a field location and use the *Field Guide to Grasses of Oregon and Washington*. If you are interested in attending, please send an email to grassesandmore@gmail.com to be placed on the notification list.

- Cindy Roché, High Desert Chapter

Plant of the Month: *Collinsia tinctoria*



Collinsia tinctoria is in the Plantaginaceae and known in Oregon only from Jackson County, in the vicinity of Gold Hill. I refer to it as "frown flower" - look at those flowers! This species is also known from northern California and inhabits dry woods and chaparral. The common names are Sticky Chinese Houses and Tincture Plant - tincture refers to the iodine like sap that stains your hands if you pick the plant. The flowers in the first photo are growing in association with *Asclepias cordifolia* (purple milkweed). The attractive leaves are often mottled (second photo).



- Frank Callahan, Siskiyou Chapter

OregonFlora



What's happening with OregonFlora?

1. Volume 2 of the *Flora of Oregon* will be going to the printer by the end of the summer. While the floristic treatments for the volume have been complete for a number of months, we have been doing the final work on the front chapters and their related appendices. This 880-page book is packed with information—detailed descriptions of 1,668 species, distribution maps, 782 illustrations, 59 pages of front material with 95 color photographs, thousands of entries in 5 appendices, and an index capturing all instances of scientific and common names in the treatments. We have worked hard to produce a resource that is accurate, consistent, and elegant and is also a pleasure to use. We will be announcing the ability to pre-order your copy from the publisher as soon as possible.

2. The redesign of the OregonFlora website is still underway. The complexity and comprehensive nature of this project rivals that of the paper publication of three volumes of the *Flora*. It has also involved us working within the Symbiota software development community and contributing new content and design to allow the OregonFlora site to share plant diversity information in ways not available through the provided content. We are currently working with an excellent programmer and graphic designer, and the target date for our public launch is in mid-September. This date is a challenge for our team to accept and undoubtedly a disappointment to many; we appreciate this. It is our hope you trust that the quality and usability of what we are

producing will fully meet your needs for facts and the application of plant diversity data when the site becomes available.

3. The OregonFlora offices, along with the OSU Herbarium, the Dept. of Botany & Plant Pathology and other occupants of Cordley Hall, will be moving in August to temporary housing as the building undergoes a major renovation. With the constraints that Covid-19 has placed on social interactions, our staff has been and will largely continue to work remotely for the foreseeable future. Our contact information remains the same.

4. We appreciate the sustained support and enthusiasm of the NPSO and its membership. Together, we are capturing information about our state's plants and sharing it with all people in an effort to bring awareness, appreciation and enjoyment of Oregon's botanical resources to diverse users. Your help is always valued.

Contributions can be made [online](#) or mailed directly to: Agricultural Research Foundation, 1600 SW Western Blvd. Ste. 320, Corvallis, OR 97333. Please make checks payable to the Agricultural Research Foundation and include "OFP" on the memo line.

- Linda Hardison

State & Chapter Notes

State Notes/Announcements:

See our mission statement on diversity and inclusion at the head of the bulletin.

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### Chapter Notes:

#### Blue Mountain

For information on Blue Mountain Chapter, call Jerry Baker, 541-566-2244. To get on our email list, contact [flora.id@wtechlink.us](mailto:flora.id@wtechlink.us).

#### Cheahmill

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

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

Meeting and work party location: Carnegie Room, McMinnville Public Library, 225 NW Adams St. (corner of Highway 99W and SW Second St.), McMinnville. The library parking lot may be entered from either Adams or Second streets. Meetings start at 7 pm. Doors open at 6:45 pm for socializing.

## Corvallis

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

**Thursday, July 9th, 9 am-early afternoon.**

### **Field Trip: Lower North Ridge Trail of Marys Peak**

We will look at the early summer plants on the lower trail at the base of Marys Peak. A mild hike with a slight upgrade that ends at Woods Creek. Due to Covid concerns we will limit the number of people for the hike and will not carpool. Meet at the Wilkinson Hall parking lot across from the Beanery at 26th and Monroe. Wear weather appropriate clothes, sturdy shoes and bring lunch and water. Registration is required. To register contact either Esther at [estherco@peak.org](mailto:estherco@peak.org) or 541-990-0948 or Louise at [patch1L@aol.com](mailto:patch1L@aol.com) or 541-753-0012

**Sunday, July 12th, 10 am-noon**

### **Native Plant Garden Work Party at the Avery House.**

Bring water, clippers, trowel and some energy. We will space ourselves out to different parts of the garden. Contact Esther for more information at 541-990-0948 or [estherco@peak.org](mailto:estherco@peak.org)

**Wednesday, July 15th, 9 am-mid afternoon**

### **Field Trip: Marys Peak from the campground to the summit**

We will check out the summer wildflowers and enjoy the noble fir forest and the meadows on the highest peak in the coast range. It is a moderate climb to the summit and back to the campground. Due to Covid concerns we will limit the number of people for the hike and will not carpool. Meet at the Wilkinson Hall parking lot across from the Beanery at 26th and Monroe. Wear weather appropriate clothes, sturdy shoes and bring lunch and water. Registration is required. To register contact Esther at [estherco@peak.org](mailto:estherco@peak.org) or 541-990-0948.

**Sunday, July 26th, 10 am-noon**

### **Native Plant Garden Work Party at the Avery House.**

Bring water, clippers, trowel and some energy. We will space ourselves out to different parts of the garden. Contact Esther for more information at 541-990-0948 or [estherco@peak.org](mailto:estherco@peak.org)

## Emerald

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

**\*Note:** At this time Emerald Chapter has no in-person events confirmed in July. However, if this changes, Emerald Chapter members will be notified by email and events will be



posted to our website at <https://emerald.npsoregon.org/> and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/emerald.npso/>

### Filipendula

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

### High Desert

For information and to sign up for hikes, visit the High Desert Chapter website: [www.highdesertnpsoregon.org](http://www.highdesertnpsoregon.org) and Facebook page: [Native Plant Society of Oregon: High Desert Chapter](#), or email [highdesertnpso@gmail.com](mailto:highdesertnpso@gmail.com).

### Klamath Basin

For information on the Klamath Basin Chapter, visit <http://klamathbasinnps.com>.

### Mid-Columbia

For information on the Mid-Columbia Chapter, contact Sara Wu at [mc\\_president@NPSOregon.org](mailto:mc_president@NPSOregon.org).

### Portland

Our members receive *The Calochortus*, our monthly newsletter with field trips, programs, news, and events for the Portland area. If you are not receiving it, check your spam folder and notify [po\\_president@npsoregon.org](mailto:po_president@npsoregon.org) of any email address change. You'll also find our monthly programs and additional field trips posted on our Meetup page at <https://www.meetup.com/NPSO-Portland/>. Our Facebook page is regularly updated with current wildflower bloom status and photos at <https://www.facebook.com/npso.portland/>. Visit our website at <https://portlandnativeplants.org/>

**\*Note:** *The Calochortus* newsletter and Meetup page are currently paused until September or until state contagion guidelines again permit in-person group activities. Stay tuned!

### Siskiyou

To join the Siskiyou Chapter email list: Send an email, from the address at which you want to receive announcements, to [announce-join@siskiyou.npsoregon.org](mailto:announce-join@siskiyou.npsoregon.org). No subject or message is required. You will get a confirmation email. If you would like to volunteer to lead a hike, make a suggestion, or provide feedback regarding the field trip program, please contact Katelyn Detweiler, [detweiler.katelyn@gmail.com](mailto:detweiler.katelyn@gmail.com). Join us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/SiskiyouChapterNativePlantSocietyOfOregon>

### ***WE MISS YOU!***

The Siskiyou Chapter has cancelled spring and early summer hikes, programs, and events to help protect our community. Especially disappointing, we were planning on working

with Southern Oregon University students on our first spring wildflower show at the university during Native Plant Week. Our annual Irene Hollenbeck July 4th Wildflower Show is also cancelled. We do plan on carefully holding some hikes later this summer - stay tuned - and plan on sharing online programs next fall. Lately, our presence on social media has increased - check out our Facebook page and please feel free to share content.

### Umpqua Valley

Visit [umpquavalleynativeplants.com](http://umpquavalleynativeplants.com) for more information on chapter activities or to be added to our email list. Check out our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/UmpquaValleyNPSO](http://www.facebook.com/UmpquaValleyNPSO). Not online - call Donna Rawson 541-643-0364.

We meet in Roseburg then carpool or caravan to destination. If you plan to participate, you must RSVP Rod Trotter 541-672-1907 or Donna 541-643-0364 to confirm your participation. Plans can change on short notice due to weather or flower bloom. NOTE: Many field trip destinations offer no facilities. Umpqua Forest Service advises to protect yourself from mosquitoes in the high country this time of year.

\*We are organizing a monthly work party for landscape maintenance of the three native plant gardens we are continuing to enhance. If you like to work with plants and have some flexible time we could use your help. Contact Donna at 541-643-0364 (call or text).

### Willamette Valley

For program information, contact John Savage at 503-779-5414, [john@straubcenter.org](mailto:john@straubcenter.org).

### William Cusick

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

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