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Photo by Robert Korfhage

Showy townsendia (*Townsendia florifer*) is a small biennial that grows in the shrub steppe of central Oregon. Its flowers appear very large in comparison to the size of the plant and provide a spectacular show in the early spring.

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## Native Plant Resources in Southern Oregon



*Erythronium hendersonii* (left) and *Trillium albidum* (right); photos by Cindy Roche

**Althouse Nursery, [althousenursery.com](http://althousenursery.com)**

Rogue River, OR --- T: 541.592.2395 --- [plants@althousenursery.com](mailto:plants@althousenursery.com)

Offers a wide variety of Pacific Northwest native plant seedlings, mostly grown from collected seeds. Open by appointment.

**Forestfarm at Pacifica, [forestfarm.com](http://forestfarm.com)**

14643 Watergap Rd, Williams, OR 97544 --- T: 541.846.7269 --- [plants@forestfarm.com](mailto:plants@forestfarm.com)

Retail mail order plants, extensive selection of western trees, shrubs and flowers.

Nursery open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm, or online mail order anytime.

**Goodwin Creek Gardens, [goodwincreekgardens.com](http://goodwincreekgardens.com)**

970 Cedar Flat Rd., Williams, OR 97544 --- T: 541.846.7357 ---

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[goodwincreekgardens@gmail.com](mailto:goodwincreekgardens@gmail.com)

Organic herbs, flowers and some native pollinator plants.

**Jackson County Master Gardener Association**, [jacksoncountymga.org](http://jacksoncountymga.org)

OSU Extension, 569 Hanley Rd., Central Point, OR 97502 --- T: 541.776.7371 ---

[kunlynn52@gmail.com](mailto:kunlynn52@gmail.com)

JCMGA has seasonal native plant sales.

**Klamath-Siskiyou Native Seeds**, [klamathsiskiyouseeds.com](http://klamathsiskiyouseeds.com)

PO Box 1155, Jacksonville, OR 97530 --- T: 541.890.1483 --- [klamathsiskiyou@gmail.com](mailto:klamathsiskiyou@gmail.com)

Over 200 native species of seed packets of plants native to the Klamath-Siskiyou region available online. Native nursery plants grown from locally collected native seeds are available. Email for nursery availability.

**Plant Oregon**, [plantoregon.com](http://plantoregon.com)

8677 Wagner Creek Road, Talent, OR 97540 --- T: 541.535.3531 ---

[dan@plantoregon.com](mailto:dan@plantoregon.com)

Root pruned, high quality, large native trees and shrub species, grown in full sun. The nursery is open to the public Monday-Saturday 9am-1pm, or by appointment.

**Rogue Native Plant Partnership**, [roguenativeplants.org](http://roguenativeplants.org)

[kathryn.prive@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.prive@gmail.com)

Spring and fall native plant and seed sales.

**Shooting Star Nursery**, [roguevalleynursery.com](http://roguevalleynursery.com)

3223 Taylor Rd., Central Point, OR 97502 --- T: 541.840.6453 ---

[nursery@roguevalleynursery.com](mailto:nursery@roguevalleynursery.com)

Has a small selection of native plants amongst their stock of drought tolerant and deer resistant plants. Open Monday-Friday, 7:30am-4pm; Saturday 9am-5pm.

**Silver Springs Nursery, Inc.**

Jacksonville, OR 97530 --- T: 541.899.1065 --- [silversprings@q.com](mailto:silversprings@q.com)

Wholesale native plant nursery with a focus on riparian habitat restoration.

**White Oak Farm & Education Center** [whiteoakfarmcsa.org](http://whiteoakfarmcsa.org)

PO Box 450, Williams, OR 97544 --- [info@whiteoakfarmcsa.org](mailto:info@whiteoakfarmcsa.org)

Wholesale native riparian restoration plants.

- *Suzie Savoie, Conservation Chair, Siskiyou Chapter*

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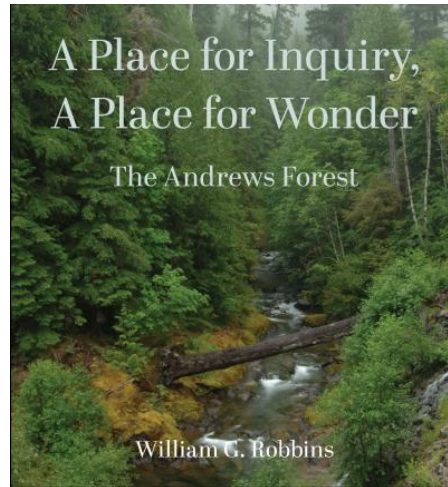
## Book Review

### *A Place for Inquiry, a Place for Wonder: The Andrews Forest*

William Robbins has produced the first comprehensive historical account of the origins, development, and importance of the H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest. This renowned



research forest, commonly referred to as the Andrews, is located near Blue River and managed cooperatively by the Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Research Station, Oregon State University, and the Willamette National Forest. The author is an Emeritus Distinguished Professor of History at Oregon State University who has previously written about the forest. He waded through countless historical documents to glean the turning points of a 70+ year chronology. In two hundred pages, he outlines the external forces that shaped the early direction of research, highlights the most pivotal personalities, programs, and events, and traces how research emanating from this Place for Inquiry has shaped national policy.



But the wonder is missing. I was fortunate enough to experience that wonder several times. I found it amid the peace and sanctity of the old-growth forest itself while undertaking an undergraduate research project in 1991. Later, as a graduate student, I experienced it while delving into the collective wisdom of the generations of researchers who came before me. I was awed by the continuity of time and the complexity of the products of natural selection and humbled by the scale of my own contributions and the insignificance of our species in an ecosystem that has vastly less need for us than we have for it.

For the full review by Jeri Peck, former Oregonian, now Research Associate at Pennsylvania State University, click [here](#).

***A Place for Inquiry, A Place for Wonder: The Andrews Forest***

William G. Robbins

2020. ISBN 9780870710193

Oregon State University Press, Corvallis, Oregon.

242 pp. 22 b&w photos, map, chart, table, index. 6 x 9 in. paper. \$29.95.

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## Oregon Mystery Plant

### Last month's mystery plant revealed:

It's silverback luina, *Luina hypoleuca*. The specific epithet reveals a striking feature of this shrub's sessile leaves, their white (Greek *leuco*, meaning white), wooly-tomentose undersides (Greek *hypo*, meaning under or beneath). The species is found mostly in westside low elevation to alpine sites. Oregon hosts a second shrubby *Luina*, *L. serpentina*, a rare endemic found on serpentine only in Grant County. *Cacaliopsis nardosmia* (syn. *Luina nardosmia*) is a related perennial herb found primarily in eastside forests.

- Kareen Sturgeon

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Photo by Kareen Sturgeon.

## **New Mystery Plant**

Do you recognize this plant?





Photo by Cindy Roché.

I found this small annual flower along the Scout Camp Trail at Crooked River Ranch (Jefferson County). It was growing on a sunny slope overlooking the Deschutes River. I photographed it in flower on March 30, 2021.

Do you have an Oregon Mystery Plant to share?

Send it to the editor: [bulletin@npsoregon.org](mailto:bulletin@npsoregon.org)



## Oregon Wildflowers App Updates

We are updating the [Oregon Wildflowers app](#) this season and will be adding 23% more plants to the identification tool. The 246 selected species include weeds, endemics, and taxa used in native plant gardens—discover more about the latter in our website's [Grow Natives](#) section.

# FLORA

The Oregon Wildflowers app brings the knowledge of the OregonFlora to your phone or tablet to help you quickly identify 1,300 wildflowers, vines, and shrubs throughout Oregon. Take this on your backcountry

trips, as it works without an internet connection. Each plant featured has multiple photos, a distribution map, and a written summary of its characteristics. You can identify your unknown plant by selecting features you recognize from the 12 filtering options.

Alternatively, you can browse through the collection, arranged by common or scientific name. Bonus tip: navigate from the “Botanical Help” button to “Plant Families;” here you can read the family description and tap to see all app examples within that group. It’s a great way to hone your skills at recognizing related plants, or to quickly identify a species that’s familiar to you, but whose name escapes you.

If you already have the app, you will automatically receive the update in late May. If not, [get it](#) now! Your purchase helps to support the OregonFlora program, which allows us to continue providing accurate and *curated* information about Oregon’s plant diversity. We appreciate your [support](#)!

- Linda Hardison

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## ***Kalmiopsis* Editors Seek Writers for Historical Botanists in Oregon**



Photo of *Astragalus purshii* by Cindy Roche.

Edmund Perry Sheldon (1869-1913?) moved to Oregon in 1897 after receiving his B.S. at the University of Minnesota. He worked mainly in eastern Oregon as a special field agent for the Division of Botany in U.S. Department of Agriculture. Noted for being able to relate to both to amateur naturalists and to more formally trained academics, he spent

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time in the field with Martin Gorman and Lester Hawkinson. His specialty was the genus *Astragalus*.

The *Kalmiopsis* editors are looking for a writer to research his life and accomplishments in Oregon and tell his story in an article.

- *Cindy Roché and Kareen Sturgeon*

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## Scholarships Available

### Students in Botany and Plant-related fields

The Willamette Valley Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon is offering \$1,000 scholarships for sophomores, juniors, and seniors enrolled at an Oregon college and university for the 2021-2022 school year majoring in one of the following fields of study:

- Botany;
- Horticulture with a focus on native plants;
- Any biological, environmental, or natural resource science with a botany emphasis;
- Any biological, environmental, or natural resource science combined with demonstrated intent to pursue study/career in a plant-based field focused on or related to native plants (e.g. ecology, systematics, sustainable natural resource management, conservation biology).

A limited number of qualified applicants will be selected to receive the \$1,000 scholarship. Applications will be accepted by mail or electronically until **June 1, 2021**. Half-time students are eligible.

Applications must include: Name, address, email address, phone number, college/university name, and address.

For more information please contact:

John Savage

Jean Davis and Augusta Rockefeller Scholarship Funds

413 Belmont Street NE

Salem, OR 97301

Or completed applications and documents can be sent by email to: [wvnpsso@gmail.com](mailto:wvnpsso@gmail.com).

For any questions about the scholarship, contact John Savage at 503-779-5414 or at [wvnpsso@gmail.com](mailto:wvnpsso@gmail.com).

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**The 2021 Annual Meeting of NPSO is  
cancelled because of COVID-19 restrictions**

Thank you for helping to keep our community safe and healthy!

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# Chapter Notes

## Cheahmill

For questions, or to be added to the Cheahmill Chapter's email list for reminders of upcoming programs and events, please contact the Cheahmill Chapter President, Lisa Blackburn, at [blackburnlisag@gmail.com](mailto:blackburnlisag@gmail.com).

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

## 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://www.facebook.com/CorvallisNPSO).

**Saturday, May 12th, 10:00 am**

**Field Trip: Walk for Native Plant Appreciation Week at Finley Wildlife Refuge on the Woodpecker Loop Trail.**

Meet at the parking lot at 10 am for the Woodpecker Loop Trail and we will check out the early spring wildflowers on an easy walk of about a mile and a half through different plant habitats. Hope to see some Tolmie's cat's ear (*Calochortus tolmiei*), broadleaf shooting stars (*Dodecatheon hendersonii*), and much more in bloom. We will social distance and wear masks. Contact Esther McEvoy at [estherco@peak.org](mailto:estherco@peak.org) or 541-990-0948 for more information.

**Monday, May 10th, 7:30 PM**

**Zoom Presentation: Gardeners' perceptions of PNW native plants - can they be influenced by ecological information?**

**Presenter: Aaron Anderson**

Native plantings are often touted for use in gardens to improve pollinator habitat, but to achieve wide adoption, these plant choices must be attractive to home gardeners as well as to pollinators.

\*Pre-registration is required. If you would like to join the meeting, please send an email to [daniel.luoma@oregonstate.edu](mailto:daniel.luoma@oregonstate.edu) and indicate what your Zoom name is. We will be using the "waiting room" feature for enhanced security. You will receive an invitation to the meeting about one hour ahead of time. Unfortunately, requests for invitations after that point may be missed.

**Sunday, May 16th, 10:00 am - noon**

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

Come help spruce up our native plant garden to bring in the butterflies, birds, and the pollinators. Help is needed to take out weeds, fix the fencing, and do general upkeep. Bring water, mask, gloves, and some energy. Contact Esther for more information at [estherco@peak.org](mailto:estherco@peak.org) or 541-990-0948.

**Saturday, May 22nd, 9:30 am**

**Field Trip: Hike the Lower North Ridge Trail with Louise and Esther to see the lovely spring flowers.**

Meet at the usual OSU oceanography parking lot at 9:30 a.m. to follow the leader to the parking at LNRT. It is an all morning hike with a slight elevation gain of a few miles. Bring

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a mask, lunch, water, and appropriate hiking gear. Contact Louise for more information at [patch1l@aol.com](mailto:patch1l@aol.com).

## **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. Our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/emerald.npso/>.

"iNaturalist is way more than an APP," recorded on April 14th, may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yfXsVFFQRvU>

Four frequent users of iNaturalist -- Bruce Newhouse, Gail Baker, Bitty Roy, and Dean Walton -- give you tips on using iNaturalist. Bruce provides an overview of all the things you can do with iNat, and discusses how to make better observations and use projects, Gail demonstrates how to use it for trip planning and to follow the blooms, and Bitty shows how your posted observations contribute to species discovery, range extensions and conservation.

**Other Previously recorded NPSO Emerald Chapter Programs** may be viewed at <http://bit.ly/recordedmonthlyprograms>.

**Friday to Monday, April 30th - May 3rd**

### **Interactive Program: City Nature Challenge 2021**

Join your friends and neighbors in documenting local plants and animals during the Eugene-Springfield 2021 City Nature Challenge! This year, Emerald Chapter partners with 12 other Lane County organizations to invite you to get outdoors and explore the world just outside of your backyard. The City Nature Challenge is a community science bioblitz with the goal of observing and identifying as many species as possible in urban communities. Participants from more than 200 cities worldwide will contribute and so can you! This is an iNaturalist project: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/eugene-springfield-city-nature-challenge-2021>.

**Saturday, May 1st, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

### **Field Trip: Wildflower Walk at Mt Pisgah Arboretum**

Come enjoy spring wildflower displays on a spring walk led by Gail Baker and Steven Yeager. Camas and iris should be in full flower and we'll look for pale baby blue-eyes and blue-eyed Mary. We will also see some colorful developing fruits of the early season flowers such as osoberry. Location, handouts, and details provided when registered. In response to public health concerns, group size will be restricted according to county guidelines; attendees must pre-register, wear a mask, keep socially distant along the trail, and attend only if they are free of symptoms. All trips will proceed rain-or-shine so please dress for the weather. Sign up [here](#).

**Tuesday to Saturday, May 11th - 15th**

### **Interactive Program: Lane County Wildflower Show Bioblitz 2021**

The poster plant for the 2021 Wildflower Festival is fireweed (*Chamaenerion angustifolium*), representing this year's theme of restoration, recovery, and resilience as our human and natural communities emerge from the Labor Day wildfires and the COVID-19 pandemic. Everyone is encouraged to participate. We will include all your uploaded observations that are photographed on the dates above and are plants found growing wild within Lane County. Curiosity is the key, you do not have to know the name

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of the plant, in fact we would love to help identify wildflowers. We also want to know all the different places in Lane County where there are wildflowers in bloom. This is an iNaturalist project: [Lane County Wildflower Show Bioblitz 2021 · iNaturalist](#).

**Saturday to Sunday, May 15th - 16th, 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Online Program: 2021 Virtual Wildflower Festival**

In partnership with the Emerald Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon, Lane Community College and University of Oregon, Mount Pisgah Arboretum is excited to present the annual Wildflower Festival in a virtual format for 2021, giving people from all over the opportunity to join in on the festivities. The poster plant for the 2021 Wildflower Festival is fireweed (*Chamaenerion angustifolium*), representing this year's theme of restoration, recovery, and resilience as our human and natural communities emerge from the Labor Day wildfires and the COVID-19 pandemic. We'll be presenting two nights of programming featuring a variety of virtual field trips and presentations on topics like fire ecology, native plant gardening, plant-pollinator interactions, botanical illustration, and more. Visit <https://mountpisgaharboretum.org/festivals-events/virtual-wildflower-festival/> in the coming weeks for a full schedule!

**Saturday, June 12th, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Kinney Park**

Ed Alverson will lead this walk. Kinney Park is a small (20 acre) natural area near Spencer Creek with a great deal of habitat diversity, including wet prairie and ponderosa pine woodland. We will explore the park's late spring flora and examine the recovery of wet prairie following a woody vegetation clearing project. Meet at the intersection of Playway and Restwell Roads, off Gimple Hill Road. In response to public health concerns, group size will be restricted according to county guidelines; attendees must pre-register, wear a mask, keep socially distant along the trail, and attend only if they are free of symptoms. All trips will proceed rain-or-shine so please dress for the weather. Sign up [here](#).

**Monday, June 14th, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Program: Zoom Dessert Social**

All members of Emerald Chapter are invited to add input for future topics and speakers for programs and field trip destinations. Please join us. Zoom link provided closer to date of event.

**Saturday, June 19th 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Horse Rock Ridge**

Join former BLM botanist Alan Curtis on his annual 3-mile hike to a steep, rocky meadow high in the Coburg Hills north of Springfield. This area is a grassy "bald" (treeless area) surrounded by forest with a great diversity of plant species that includes both Willamette Valley plants and ones found in the montane zone of the Cascade Range. Elevation ranges from 1500 ft. to 2800 ft. A basaltic dike extends more than 100 meters down the slope. Wear boots and bring lunch and water. This area has been designated as a "Research Natural Area." In response to public health concerns, group size will be restricted according to county guidelines; attendees must pre-register, wear a mask, keep socially distant along the trail, and attend only if they are free of symptoms. All trips will proceed rain-or-shine so please dress for the weather. Meet at South Eugene High School northeast parking lot. Sign up [here](#).

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## High Desert

For information, 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 [highdesertnps@gmail.com](mailto:highdesertnps@gmail.com).

**Saturday, May 8th**

**Field Trip: Gray Butte**

Leslie Olson will lead a hike to view the early season wildflowers along the Gray Butte Trail near Terrebonne. The moderate hike will cover about 4 miles. Registration is required. To register and for more information, email [highdesertnps@gmail.com](mailto:highdesertnps@gmail.com) or Leslie Olson.

**Tuesday, May 25th, 7:00 pm**

**Online Program: Bend Pollinator Pathway: How you can get involved!**

Presenter: Basey Klopp

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

**Wednesday, June 9th, noon**

**Online Program: Native Plants to Save our Insects and Birds**

Presenter: Doug Tallamy

Attention native plant enthusiasts! We are gearing up for a local (albeit virtual) presentation from Douglas Tallamy, the author of *Bringing Nature Home* and *Nature's Best Hope*. An entomologist by training, Dr. Tallamy preaches the gospel of gardening with native plants to save our birds, insects, and all manner of wildlife from extinction. The High Desert Chapter and the High Desert Museum are partnering with the Bend Pollinator Pathway to bring Doug's talk to central Oregon.

Online program co-sponsored by the High Desert Museum. Sign up coming later.

**Tuesday-Thursday, July 20-22**

**Grass Identification Workshop at John Day, Oregon**

Instructor: Cindy Roché

Information and signup [here](#).

## Klamath Basin

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

**Saturday, May 22nd, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Event: Native Plant Sale at Klamath County Museum.**

Pre-order plants and arrange for a pick-up time on Saturday. For more information, contact [kb\\_president@npsoregon.org](mailto:kb_president@npsoregon.org).

## Mid-Columbia (currently inactive)

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

## Portland

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Our members receive *The Calochortus*, our monthly e-newsletter with field trips, programs, news, and events for the Portland area. If you are not receiving it, check your spam folder and notify us at [npsopdxchapter@gmail.com](mailto:npsopdxchapter@gmail.com) 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; visit <https://www.facebook.com/nps.portland/>. Visit our chapter website at <https://portlandnativeplants.org/>.

Our monthly programs are now "Virtual." Members will find a link to register for our second Thursday Zoom presentations in each issue of *The Calochortus* newsletter and below.

**Sunday, May 9th, 1:00 - 3:00 pm**

**Event: Mother's Day Nature Outing to Sauvie Island, Multnomah County (Family Friendly!) at Metro's Howell Territorial Park, 13901 NW Howell Park Rd, Portland OR 97231**

**Guide: Willow Elliott**

Take a walk back in time on a historical property once owned by a pioneer family and botanist, Thomas Howell. We will meet at the Bybee-Howell House, oldest home on the island, and stroll through the Heritage Apple Tree orchard out to the wetlands and White Oak savannah meadow. There we will search for the re-introduced rare golden paintbrush (*Castilleja levisecta*), in what is now the largest community of the plant in Oregon or Washington states! Bring a sack lunch to sit amongst the flowers out in the meadow!

(No registration required; masks required during the stroll out to the meadow)

For more info or questions email [npsopdxchapter@gmail.com](mailto:npsopdxchapter@gmail.com).

**Thursday, May 13th, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

**Program: Ecological Landscapes in City Parks**

**Presenter: Eric Rosewell, Portland Parks & Recreation**

Portland Parks & Recreation's new program brings nature to neighborhood parks with a unique nature-scaping endeavor to create ecologically robust public landscapes. PP&R is adding "nature patches" to developed parks that provide natural experiences for people and habitat for wildlife. Nature patches are large natural gardens that support native pollinators and offer fun opportunities for education and exploration. Learn about this effort through a look with Eric at several completed projects around Portland.

To pre-register for this Zoom event, go to the link below and do not share the link you are sent!

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwrc-6qqzwsHNDY7OdAt0T45CoOGOGI\\_H2K](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwrc-6qqzwsHNDY7OdAt0T45CoOGOGI_H2K)

**Wednesday, May 19th, 5:00 - 7:00 pm**

**Event: Boardman Wetlands & Nature Playground - Pollinator Tours (Family Friendly!), 17908 SE Addie St., Milwaukie OR 97267 <https://ncprd.com/park-at-boardman-wetlands>**

Take a 50-minute walking tour with an interpretive guide from N. Clackamas Parks & Rec District, starting at 5:00 and 6:00 pm. The newest and most unique park in Milwaukie includes a fun nature themed adventure playground and an elevated boardwalk above

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Boardman Creek and wetlands to see many native plants and hear the pollinator insects and wildlife that make it their home! The chorus frogs start up their mating song near sunset! Great blue herons and waterfowl may fly overhead or swim below us. We will walk in a one-way direction to maintain social distancing for the family. Take the virtual tour ahead by going to the website link above for a treat! Contact Willow at [npsopdxchapter@gmail.com](mailto:npsopdxchapter@gmail.com) to get the registration link at the NCPRD site. Registration required.

**Thursday, May 20th, 5:00 - 7:00 pm**

**Event: North Clackamas Park - Pollinator Tours (Family Friendly!), 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Road, Milwaukie OR 97267** <https://ncprd.com/parks/north-clackamas-park>

Take a 50-minute walking tour of the natural areas of Mt. Scott and Camas Creeks with an interpretive guide from N. Clackamas Parks & Rec District, starting at 5:00 and 6:00 pm. Meet at the Picnic Shelter on the north side of the site (a right turn into the "Milwaukie Center" building parking lot just as you enter the park complex). The tour walk meets ADA grade, but much of the tour will be on natural compacted soil or gravel with some single track access (masks required). Contact Willow at [npsopdxchapter@gmail.com](mailto:npsopdxchapter@gmail.com) to get the registration link at the NCPRD site. Registration required.

**Thursday, June 10th, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

**Program: Mount St. Helens 40 years later: How the landscape has evolved**

**Presenter: Christine Colasurdo, Author and Poet**

Based on both childhood memories of camping at Spirit Lake and sharing photos of Mount St. Helens landscapes before and after the 1981 eruption, we will take a trip back in time. The talk will look at the recovery of native plants in a harsh environment inside the blast zone of our most active volcano in the Pacific NW. The link to pre-register will be in the June *Bulletin*.

**Coming in June - Fundraiser for Volume 3 of the *Flora of Oregon*!**

The wonderful native plant nursery on Sauvie Island, Sauvie Island Natives Nursery (10 miles west of downtown Portland), is offering an invitation to a sunset tour of their restored habitat acreage with a spring-fed pond. After that, we can share a picnic and choose PNW native plants for our homes or businesses from an excellent selection at low prices. 25% of the proceeds will be donated by the founder, Jane Hartline, to the Oregon Flora Project to publish the 3rd volume of the *Flora of Oregon*, 60 years after the last reference book for native plants came out.

Date and time to be announced in the June *Bulletin*.

## **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>.

The Siskiyou Chapter has a YouTube channel, check it out at: <https://www.youtube.com>

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</channel/UCXF12J9yp2AYmUzNz0jLLSw>.

Thursday, May 20th, 7:00 pm

**Program: Update on the Oregon Flora Project**

**Presenter: Dr. Linda Hardison, PhD, Director of the Oregon Flora Project**

Dr. Hardison will discuss the Project and will provide a tour of the recently updated website which has many resources for lovers of native plants.

## 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 at 541-643-0364.

## Willamette Valley

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Saturday, May 8th, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Program: Field Trip Baskett Slough Wildflower Walk**

**Presenter: Aislinn Adams of the Willamette Valley Chapter**

Walk to view the blooming wildflowers of the Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge, ten miles west of Salem. Baskett Slough hosts a rich variety of wildflowers including golden paintbrush (*Castilleja levisecta*), Willamette daisy (*Erigeron decumbens*), Nelson's checkermallow (*Sidalcea nelsoniana*), common camas (*Camassia quamash*), and cat's ear lily (*Calochortus tolmiei*). Bring water, a snack, sturdy walking shoes, and a jacket. All trip attendees must wear masks, keep safely apart on the trails, and observe other Covid-19 safety measures. Registration is required. For information about the event and to register for this field trip, email John Savage at [wvnpsso@gmail.com](mailto:wvnpsso@gmail.com) or call 503-779-5414.

## William Cusick

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