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Mountain lady slipper (*Cypripedium montanum*)

Ochoco Mountains, Oregon, 2015. Photo by Chuck Hedges.

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## Members Seeking to Form South Coast Chapter

If you live in Coos or Curry county and are interested in helping to form a South Coast Chapter of NPSO, please contact Charmane Mitchell at [cmainie@gmail.com](mailto:cmainie@gmail.com) for more information.

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## Photo Gallery

Welcome to the *Bulletin* Photo Gallery! Share your photos of Oregon's native flora, field trips, restoration projects, work parties, and activities with other NPSO members. Send photos with the following information: species/event, photographer, names of any people shown in photo, date of photo, location, and any other information you would like to have included in the photo caption to [bulletin@npsoregon.org](mailto:bulletin@npsoregon.org). Please get consent from any people included in your photo prior to sending it.



White-flowered azalea (*Rhododendron albiflorum*). July 22, 2019. Cathedral Ridge, Mount Hood, Hood River County. Elevation about 4500 feet above sea level. Photo by David Anderson.

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## Oregon Mystery Plant

### Last month's mystery plant revealed:

The June Mystery Plant was a familiar one to many and generated some interesting discussion! Ken Chambers, Phil Hays, Bruce Waugh, Daniel Mathews, Frank Callahan, Dave Dobak, and Gerald D. Carr all correctly identified it as *Cladothamnus pyroliflorus* (*Elliottia pyroliflora*), known commonly as copper bush. According to the *OregonFlora* website, this shrub, which is in the family Ericaceae, is found in montane coniferous forests in Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. It is relatively rare in Oregon, known only from the Coast Range in the northwestern corner of the state.

Ken Chambers, author of "Floristic Relationships of Onion Peak with Saddle Mountain, Clatsop County, Oregon" (*Madrono* 22: 105-114, 1973), commented that copper bush is also found on Onion Peak, the site of our June 2022 Mystery Plant. He pointed out there has been an attempt to tie *Cladothamnus* to the morphologically quite different Eastern U.S. genus *Elliottia*, relying simply on DNA evidence.

Ken said: "In the treatment of Ericaceae in *Flora of Oregon*, Volume II, *Cladothamnus* is recognized as a genus distinct from *Elliottia* and *Tripetaleia*, but in some other books, the three genera are lumped under the oldest name *Elliottia*. If you lay specimens of *Cladothamnus* and *Elliottia* side by side, you'd never guess they were related, the inflorescences are so different. There is a third member of this generic triplet, *Tripetaleia*, in Eastern Asia, proving that their evolutionary divergence goes back at least to the Miocene Epoch, 5+ million years ago."

Dave Dobak referred to copper bush as a “taxonomic nomad,” citing its various scientific names over time and place: *Elliottia pyroliflora*, *Cladothamnus pyroliflorus*, and *Leiophyllum pyroliflorum*, as well as its taxonomic relationships to *Elliottia* and *Tripetaleia*.

Thanks again to Kathleen Sayce for sharing her beautiful photos for our June and July Mystery Plants.



Photo by Kathleen Sayce.

## **New Mystery Plant** **Do you recognize this plant?**



This month's mystery plant was photographed by Frank Howarth in May 2022 in a ponderosa pine forest in north-central Oregon.

Do you have an Oregon Mystery Plant to share?

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

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## OregonFlora

OregonFlora is developing a comprehensive resource about the plants of Oregon for nature enthusiasts, restorationists, land managers, scientists, and gardeners of all ages and levels of interest. The information within the three-volume *Flora of Oregon* books and the extensive database used to organize the information forms the foundation for our website, [oregonflora.org](http://oregonflora.org) and Oregon Wildflowers mobile app. These digital resources bring the beauty and diversity of Oregon's plant life to the public with thousands of photographs, interactive maps, and intuitive identification tools.

Your financial support allows us to keep providing free access of digital information to the public. Our program relies on competitive grants and donations from individuals and groups to fund all OregonFlora's direct operating expenses. The contributions people give of their time and financial resources are a critical part of our budget. If you would like to be a part of the team that keeps OregonFlora progressing, please contact us at [ofpflora@oregonflora.org](mailto:ofpflora@oregonflora.org).



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## Wanted- Volunteers for the *Bulletin*

NPSO is seeking contributions from members, such as a short essay on your research or report of a field trip. Your contribution could be a short entry for a plant of the month or mystery plant, a photo of a plant to feature as the *Bulletin* cover photo, a description of a new book you've discovered, or another subject related to Oregon's flora. Submissions must be your own work, not something copied from the internet. Photos must be your own or ones you have obtained permission to use. Please consider sharing your

knowledge with other members by contributing to NPSO's monthly *Bulletin*! Send contributions to the editor at [bulletin@npsoregon.org](mailto:bulletin@npsoregon.org)

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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 at [ch\\_president@NPSOregon.org](mailto:ch_president@NPSOregon.org).

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

**Saturday, July 23rd, 9:00 am - 11:00 am**

**Work Party: Native Plant Garden at McMinnville Public Library**

This is a perfect opportunity to get to know Yamhill County's native plants with help from our new green plant markers and conversation with the garden crew. The Native Plant Garden at McMinnville Public Library educates the public with nine ecological areas and signage. Bring gloves, bucket, and gardening tools if possible. For more information, contact Catie Anderson at [catie.fishback@gmail.com](mailto:catie.fishback@gmail.com) or 503-435-2401.

The library is located at 225 NW Adams Street (corner of Highway 99W and SW Second Street), McMinnville, Oregon. The library parking lot may be entered from either Adams or Second Streets.

### 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).

**Saturday, July 9th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Herbert Farm in Corvallis**

**Leader: Ester McEvoy**

We will walk about and check out the native plant plantings in the park. Meet at the Wilkinson parking lot at 9:00 am and bring water and a hat. For more information, contact Esther at 541-990-0948 or [estherco@peak.org](mailto:estherco@peak.org)

**Saturday, July 16th, 9:00 am - afternoon**

**Field Trip: Mary's Peak**

**Leaders: Ester McEvoy and Phil Hays**

Return to Mary's Peak to catch the summer flowers in bloom. We will retrace our steps from the June field trip to see what flowers are now in bloom. Meet at Wilkinson parking lot at 9:00 am. Contact Esther at 541-990-0948 or [estherco@peak.org](mailto:estherco@peak.org) if you plan to come on the fieldtrip.

**Tuesday, July 26th, 9:00 am - afternoon**

**Field Trip: Fairview Peak**

**Leaders: Bruce Waugh and Dan Luoma**

Meet at 9:00 am at the Wilkinson parking lot across from the Beanery. From the parking lot, the drive to the top of Fairview Peak is forty miles.

As an ecotone that connects western and southern Oregon floras, Fairview Peak has some of the most diverse botanizing in the central Cascades, all accessible by car. This trip will sample the variety by making a series of stops with short walks along the road on the way to the nearly 6,000-foot summit. Only experienced drivers in high clearance vehicles (such as a Subaru Forester or similar) in good condition should attempt this rough, steep, and occasionally scary one lane road. Due to very limited parking, carpooling will be required.

The rewards for the risk are a beautiful drive up the Brice Creek drainage, a stop in the forest on the way up to look for achlorophyllous plants, stunning meadows and rock gardens near the top with a flora that includes east side and southern species, and views from Mt. Hood to Mt. McLoughlin on a clear day. A plant list is available at [https://:westerncascades.com](https://westerncascades.com). Go to Sites, Lane County, and then Fairview Peak and Bohemia Mountain. It is an all-day trip so bring lunch, water, and sunscreen.

**Saturday, July 30th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

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

**Leader: Esther McEvoy**

Located at Avery House, Avery Park, Corvallis. We need help to finish barking the paths and weed beds. Bring water, gloves, trowel, and energy. 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. Our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/emerald.npso/>.

**Thursday, July 14th, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Event: Emerald Chapter Summer Picnic**

Come join the Emerald Chapter Board in a summer get-together to visit with friends and brainstorm ideas for presentations and field trips in the 2022-2023 season. We'll meet in the grassy area just south of where we meet for meetings at the Amazon Community Center (where they do Shakespeare in the Park). Bring a picnic dinner. The chapter will provide dessert from Sweet Life. Sign up [here](#) by July 12.

**Saturday, July 16th, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Blair Lake**

**Leader: Jennifer Lippert**

This is a beautiful area to see multiple habitats and high species diversity in an approximately two-and-a-half-mile round-trip hike. We'll focus on the large meadow complex that surrounds the lake but may climb up the trail for views and additional species if we have time. Meet at South Eugene High School parking lot (19th and Patterson) at 9:00 am to carpool. Bring lunch, water, hiking boots, sunscreen, and hat. Sign up [here](#).

**Saturday, August 6th, 8:00 am - 7:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Oregon Dunes Restoration**

**Leaders: Armand Rebishke and Dina Pavlis**

Hike the John Dellenback Trail and see what the Siuslaw National Forest is up to with dunes restoration. This area is a “preserve the best” unit, meaning it has an abundance of native dunes plants - adapted to open sand conditions reminiscent of historic dunes conditions before the planting and expansion of European beachgrass, brooms, and other invasive species. We'll see seashore bluegrass, sand fescue, and bearberry plant associations among other native dunes species. The sand boundary was treated during late summer 2020 by cutting and wiping Scotch broom, spraying European beachgrass, and cutting small shorepines. Meet at South Eugene High School (19th and Patterson Street) at 8:00 am to carpool or at Dellenback Trail parking lot (just south of Eel Creek Campground, ~ eleven miles south of Highway 101 and Highway 38 junctions in Reedsport) at 10:30 am. The hike will be approximately three miles round trip (it is an out and back trail). Sand dunes hiking can be strenuous, windy, and chilly. Bring water, lunch, and sun coverage. Sign up [here](#).

## **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 [highdesertnpso@gmail.com](mailto:highdesertnpso@gmail.com). The new field trip coordinator is High Desert Chapter Vice President Jenifer Ferriel.

**July (the exact date will be chosen to coincide with the flowering time of species of interest)**

**Field Trip: Little Cultus Fen**

**Leader: Jill Kellogg**

We'll be bushwhacking in and around the fen, watching our step to avoid the special plants we will encounter. Boots for wading are needed. Expect mosquitoes!

The last bit of the drive to the fen is on unpaved roads that are rough at times. The average car can drive it but will benefit by driving slowly. Send an email to [highdesertnpso@gmail.com](mailto:highdesertnpso@gmail.com) with “Little Cultus Fen” in the subject line to indicate your interest. Details will be available when the date is set.

**July (the exact date will be chosen to coincide with the flowering time of species of interest)**

**Field Trip: Ponderosa Pine Forest Lava Flow**

**Leader: Jill Kellogg**



We will explore an open ponderosa forest located east of the Cascades and west of the high desert. Hidden in this forest is a lava flow, at least three species of *Penstemon*, and a few unexpected gems. Total walking distance will be approximately one mile, but there are no trails. Sturdy shoes, and perhaps a walking stick, are advised. Send an email to [highdesertnps@gmail.com](mailto:highdesertnps@gmail.com) with “pondo forest lava flow” in the subject line to indicate your interest. Details will be available when the date is set.

## **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: [\(13\) Klamath Basin Chapter - Native Plant Society of Oregon | Facebook](#).

## **Mid-Columbia (closed)**

After being inactive for several years, in April 2022 the remaining members of the Mid-Columbia chapter voted unanimously to close the chapter. Members will now be affiliated with the Portland chapter.

## **Portland**

Our members receive *The Calochortus*, our quarterly e-newsletter with field trips, programs, news, and events for the Portland area. If you are a Portland Chapter member and not receiving it, check your spam folder, or notify us at [npsopdxchapter@gmail.com](mailto:npsopdxchapter@gmail.com) if your email address has changed. 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/npsopdxchapter/>. Visit our chapter website at <https://portlandnativeplants.org/> for archived newsletters, program recordings, and merchandise in our Shop.

**Our monthly programs are now virtual.** Members will find links to register for our second Thursday Zoom presentations in each issue of the *state Bulletin* and in *The Calochortus*.

The Portland Chapter does not host Zoom Programs in July and August. Check the September Bulletin for the September 13th Program information and link to register.

**Sunday, July 24th, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

**Event: Members Potluck Picnic at Mary S. Young Park, City of West Linn**

Join NPSO members, friends, and family at this shady retreat on the Willamette River for feasting and fellowship. Bring a main dish, side dish, or salad and your own beverages, plates, and utensils. We'll provide dessert. Enjoy a guided plant walk, a pollinator garden, and an opportunity to purchase NPSO T-shirts, bandanas, and copies of Russ Jolley's field guide, *Wildflowers of the Columbia River Gorge*, at a price you'll appreciate. Meet at the large picnic shelter near the restrooms off the main (paved) parking lot. Mary S. Young Park, 19900 Willamette Drive, West Linn 97068 (State Highway 43). Please RSVP with the number of adults and children in your group at [npsopdxchapter@gmail.com](mailto:npsopdxchapter@gmail.com).

**Thursday, September 8th, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**  
**Program: Flowers of Iron Mountain and Cone Peak**  
**Presenter: Don Jacobson**

Don Jacobson is a former electrical engineer turned glass blower who turned to photography as a creative outlet. As a decades-long member of the Portland Chapter, he has always shared his passion for capturing the light and beauty of native plants in their natural habitats using special effects he's developed over the years. He has been awarded first prize in numerous professional photo contests, been featured on magazine covers, and has contributed to wall calendars for the Audubon Society and the Portland Japanese Garden. His photos have been published in at least five books.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYlfuG9fsUwqjDnYdwrV7rM4D6P7V>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to join the meeting. Save it!

### **July, All Month**

**Event: iNaturalist July Bioblitz - Alpine Flowers**

July is Alpine Wildflower Month. This year we want to track all the species we find on our alpine hikes (See The Calochortus Summer Edition). Post your observations with: 1. A full frame photo focusing on the flower. 2. A second photo of the leaf arrangement. If you know the elevation, add it to the notes along with habitat type and companion plants.

Let's see how many alpine wildflowers we can find! Click to join the project.

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/portland-nps-july-2022-alpine-wildflower-bioblitz?tab=about>

## **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/channel/UCXF12J9yp2AYmUzNz0jLLSw>.

**Program/Meeting:** The next Siskiyou Chapter meeting will be in September. Programs run from September through May.

**Sunday, July 10th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Hike: Looking and Learning- A Pollinator Adventure on Mt. Ashland- Pollinator Project Rogue Valley and Siskiyou Chapter, NPSO**

**Guides: Travis Owen and Katelyn Detweiler**

Join us for a hike on Mt. Ashland to explore pollination ecology and the role of pollinators in the environment. Our focus will be on pollinators with an emphasis on bees and the flowers they depend on. We will also observe other wildlife and the ecosystem they all share, since none of them live in a vacuum. The hike is limited to 12 adults. Further information on the hike will be provided with registration. To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/looking-learning-a-pollinator-adventure-on-mt-ashland-tickets-356482768557>.

## **WILDFLOWER SHOW RETURNS!**

### **July 4th Wildflower Show Volunteers Needed**

The Siskiyou Chapter is seeking volunteers to help with our wildflower show in Ashland, Oregon. On July 3rd, we are seeking plant collectors (morning to afternoon) and help with set-up and plant identification (late afternoon to evening). Evening helpers will be rewarded with pizza and beverages. We're also seeking volunteers to staff the free community show and help with break-down at 4:00 pm during the wildflower show on July 4th. For more information or to sign up to volunteer, please contact Pete at [petegonzalves@gmail.com](mailto:petegonzalves@gmail.com).

**Monday, July 4th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Event: Irene Hollenbeck Memorial Wildflower Show**

This Wildflower Show in Ashland features over 300 species of native wildflowers from the volcanic Cascades, the much older Siskiyou Mountains, and the valleys in between. Free admission. The Wildflower Show is located at Pioneer Hall, 73 Winburn Way, Ashland, Oregon (a new location across from Lithia Park in Ashland). Coordinated by the Siskiyou Chapter, NPSO. Come meet some of our beautiful mountain flowers!

## **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](https://www.facebook.com/UmpquaValleyNPSO). Not online? - call Donna Rawson at 541-643-0364.

## **Willamette Valley**

**Friday, July 22nd, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Silver Falls State Park**

**Leader: Matt Palmquist**

Join Park Ranger Matt Palmquist for a two-hour meander through a dry meadow at Silver Falls State Park's Davidson Ranch. The meadow, a unique ecosystem within the park, is home to king's scepter gentian, dwarf bilberry, quaking aspen, and other native plants, and is a breeding ground for swallows and western bluebirds. Bring water, lunch, snacks, and appropriate foot gear. To register and for more information, please contact John Savage at [wvnpsos@gmail.com](mailto:wvnpsos@gmail.com).

## **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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Native Plant Interest Groups:

Filipendula

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

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