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Oregon's native plants and habitats

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Skunk cabbage (*Lysichiton americanus*). March 2023. Devil's Kitchen State Park, Bandon,
Oregon. Photo by Chuck Hedges.

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The NPSO 2023 Annual Meeting will be held in Eugene June 2nd-June 4th

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## It's Native Plant Appreciation Month!

APRIL 2023

# NATIVE PLANT APPRECIATION MONTH



*Castilleja arachnoidea* (Cobwebby Paintbrush)  
by Emily Poole. South Sister, July 6, 2021



*Prosertes hookeri* (Hooker's Fairy Bells) by  
Anika Fiske. Carnassia Nature Preserve, May 2, 2022

## HOW CAN I CELEBRATE?

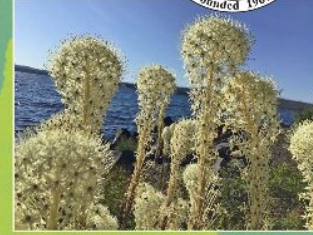
- Join your local NPSO chapter
- Participate in a workshop
- Volunteer on a restoration project
- Visit a native garden or nursery
- Hike/walk a natural area
- Add natives to your landscape
- Attend a wildflower show



*Trifolium productum* (Shasta Clover) by  
Tanya Harvey. Calapooya Mountains near Loletta Lakes, June 13, 2022



*Fraxera speciosa* (Giant Fraxera) by  
Rebecca Collman. Zumwalt Prairie, June 11, 2020



*Xerophyllum tenax* (Bear Grass) by Polly Maertz  
Waldo Lake, July 14, 2020



*Pedicularis densiflora* (Warrior's Plume)  
and *Dodecatheon hendersonii* (Henderson's Shooting Stars) by Pepper Trail.  
Cathedral Hills, March 17, 2022

Discover what your local NPSO chapter is doing by visiting [www.npsoregon.org](http://www.npsoregon.org) or find us on Facebook

April is a wonderful time to enjoy our early native flora around much of the state, and there are many activities in which you can participate.

You can join NPSO's Native Plant Appreciation Month Bioblitz on iNaturalist (<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/npsos-native-plant-appreciation-month-bioblitz-2023>) as an observer and/or identifier to document flowering plants around Oregon from April 1-10th.

Most of the local chapters have exciting events planned as well. To find these events, look in this *Bulletin* or on the state-wide calendar (<https://www.npsoregon.org/calendar.html>). Local chapters also may have their own websites or Facebook pages where they are posting events. If nothing NPSO "official" is happening in your area, grab some friends and see what you can find (then submit your pictures on iNaturalist or to the *Bulletin* Photo Gallery.) Go outside and enjoy our beautiful spring! - *Judi Sanders*





## Annual Meeting News



We are pleased to announce that Early Registration is now open for NPSO's Annual Meeting. The meeting will be hosted by the Emerald chapter and will take place in Eugene over the weekend of June 2nd to June 4th, 2023.

It's open to all members of NPSO. The [Annual Meeting Website](#) includes complete program and field trip descriptions, as well as a registration form.

This is our first Annual Meeting in four long years! We hope to see you there! -*Emerald Chapter Board of Directors and Annual Meeting Committee*

*Annual Meeting logo and t-shirt design featuring the Columbia lily and anise swallowtail. Contributed by Tanya Harvey.*

## Assessing Potential for Rapid Evolutionary Response to Fire Through a Resurrection

*Editor's note: In the following article, Laura Shriver summarizes her master's degree thesis.*

This article summarizes my master's research at the University of Nevada, Reno with my advisor Dr. Elizabeth Leger. I studied potential evolutionary responses to fire in the northern Great Basin in Oregon, Idaho, and Nevada. I spent three weeks collecting seed in this region, and this fieldwork was generously supported by the Native Plant Society of Oregon's Field Research Grant, as well as grants from The Nature Conservancy and Nevada Native Plant Society.

## **Background:**

Once thought to take centuries, we've learned that meaningful evolutionary change can occur in one or just a few generations. This rapid evolution can be driven by anthropogenic changes, like pollution, climate change, and responses to invasive species. Plant invasions are a prime opportunity to study rapid evolution, as one can compare plants from invaded and uninvaded environments. The cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*) invasion is one of the most devastating plant invasions of the American West and the Great Basin. Cheatgrass competes with native plants through its high germination rates, rapid growth, high fecundity, and by producing large amounts of flammable litter and dramatically increasing the incidence of wildfire. This increase in wildfire is especially problematic for native Great Basin plants, as they did not evolve with frequent fires and can have difficulty reestablishing after fires. However, many ecosystems have remnant natives that are co-existing with cheatgrass, and there is evidence that these plants have evolved adaptations to persist in cheatgrass-invaded landscapes. For my master's research, we asked if the native plants of the Great Basin are also evolving in response to fire and fire-induced changes.

We addressed this question through a resurrection study by growing past (collected three to eleven years ago) and contemporary (collected in 2020 or 2021) seeds from six species in a common environment, from both burned and unburned sites. The past seeds were obtained through the Bureau of Land Management's Seeds of Success program, which has been collecting seeds in the US since 2000. Over 600 of these collection sites have burned since collection, creating a unique opportunity to re-collect seeds from these populations and examine change over time. We compared plant traits and competitive abilities of plants collected before and after fires with those of plants collected in the same timeframe in nearby areas that had not burned. Specifically, each of our species had two pairs (burned and unburned) and two generations of seed (past and contemporary). We also grew plants from all collections with and without cheatgrass to assess their competitive abilities with this common invader after fire.

We asked how plant traits have changed over time in past and contemporary populations, if there are differences in trait shifts in the burned vs. unburned populations, and how the ability to compete with cheatgrass differs among these groups. We hypothesized that fire would alter the evolutionary trajectory of native plants through natural selection by

reducing the abundance of genotypes that are not favored in burned environments and increasing the frequency of more successful genotypes. We expected to see shifts in plant traits in contemporary burned groups towards traits that are potentially adaptive in the invaded Great Basin, including higher seed weight, earlier emergence, and smaller plant size.

We had six study species (Figure 1): bottlebrush squirreltail (*Elymus elymoides*), bluebunch wheatgrass (*Pseudoroegneria spicata*), Sandberg's bluegrass (*Poa secunda*), gooseberry leaf globemallow (*Sphaeralcea grossulariifolia*), narrow leaved fleabane (*Erigeron linearis*), and Douglas dusty maiden (*Chaenactis douglasii*) whose populations came from the northern Great Basin (Figure 2). We grew plants in a common environment at the University of Nevada, Reno greenhouse where half of the plants were grown in competition with cheatgrass and half were grown on their own. We measured traits including seed weight, percent emergence, emergence timing, and plant size, and compared how they changed over time in burned vs. unburned populations.

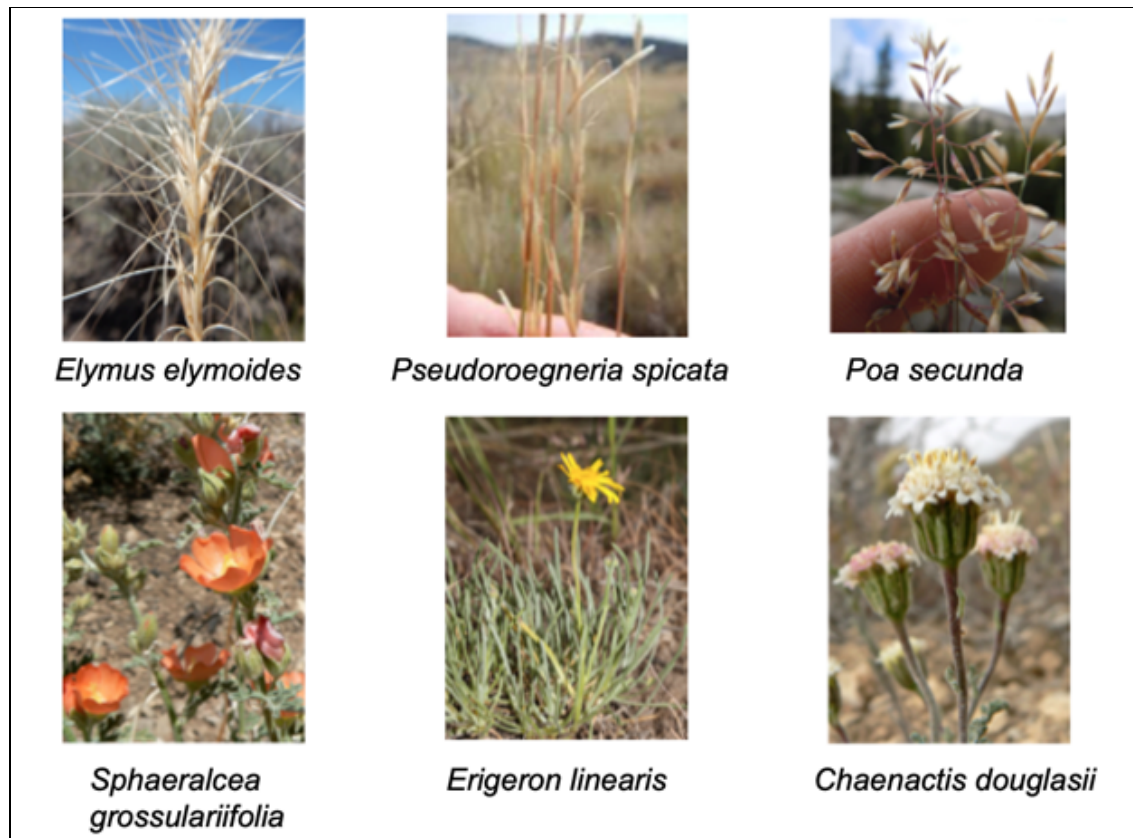


Figure 1. The six species involved in the experiment.



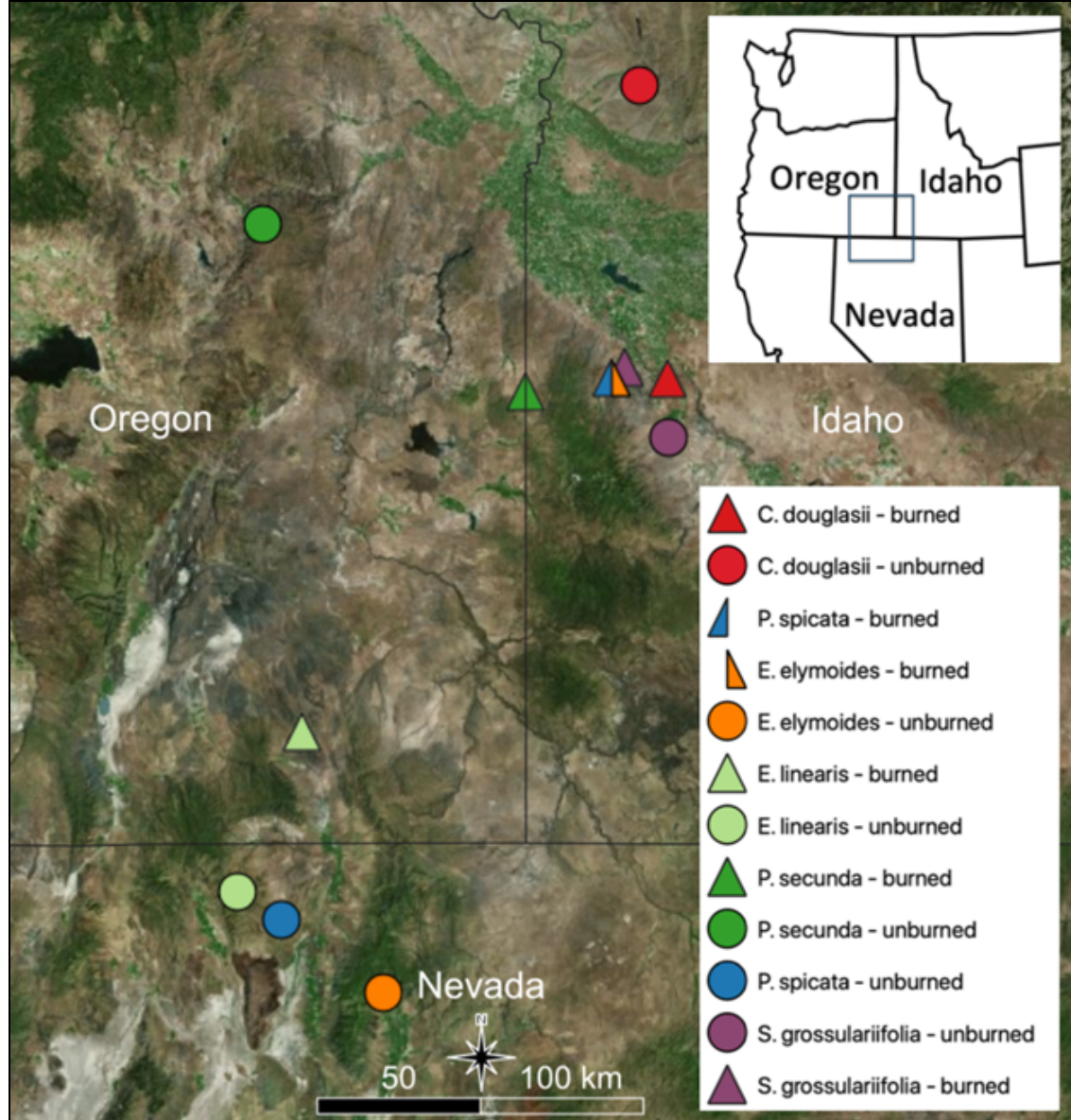


Figure 2. Collection site for the six study species in Oregon, Idaho, and Nevada. The points are color-coded for each species, and the triangles represent burned populations and circles represent unburned populations. The triangle that is blue on the left and orange on the right represents the *P. spicata* and *E. elymoides* burned populations that were collected from the same location.

### Seed collection season:

Our 2021 seed collection season was supported by the NPSO, and several of our populations were collected in Oregon. We started with a list of nineteen species pairs, and we attempted to collect seeds from both a burned and unburned population for each of these species. We already had three pairs collected by Dr. Sarah Barga's seed collection crews in 2020, and we aimed to collect three more pairs in 2021.

I relocated from Reno to Boise for three weeks and collected seed with an undergraduate research technician, Mackenzie Scruggs (Figure 3). We visited at least one population of each of the nineteen species, and we were able to collect seed from three species, bringing our species count to six. In addition to collecting seed, we also collected ecological data at each population site, including the sites for the 2020 species. Our

fieldwork was challenging but allowed us to collect valuable seed and data and explore the beautiful public lands of the northern Great Basin. One of our favorite places to visit was Leslie Gulch in southeast Oregon—it's a hidden gem in a less explored part of the state.

We also saw clear differences in most of the burned vs. unburned populations. The burned populations tended to have little to no living sagebrush, and we often found the charred stumps of dead sagebrush. We also saw higher levels of invasive species, especially cheatgrass, and fewer native plants. Indeed, we learned from our community data that the burned sites had significantly more non-native and significantly less native plants than the unburned sites.



Figure 3. Mackenzie Scruggs texturing soil as part of our data collection.

### **Results and discussion:**

Overall, we were impressed to find that every population changed over time for at least one trait. Most of the changes were concentrated in early seed and seedling traits, including seed weight, percent emergence, and emergence phenology. Surprisingly, many species changed in different directions for individual traits, suggesting that species have individualized responses to their environments. Interestingly, we saw that several species had lower percent emergence in the contemporary populations than past populations,



which may signal that these populations are shifting towards dormancy, or that dormancy was lost during storage. Dormancy may be adaptive because it could allow plants to bet hedge for emergence only during ideal conditions, which are increasingly rare in the Great Basin.

We also saw that one species, *E. elymoides*, supported our hypothesis that burned populations would shift towards potentially adaptive traits over time relative to unburned populations. Specifically, we saw that the burned population of *E. elymoides* shifted towards higher seed weight, higher percent emergence, and earlier emergence while the unburned population did not change, or did not change as strongly. All of these traits may be adaptive in the invaded Great Basin, especially earlier emergence, since cheatgrass emerges earlier than most native species, giving it a competitive advantage. We also saw a trend towards an increased ability to tolerate cheatgrass over time in the burned population that did not occur in the unburned population, although this trend was not significant.

The change over time we observed could be due to rapid evolution, and in *E. elymoides* there is evidence that this could have been due to natural selection with fire as the selective agent. These results could, however, also be due to maternal effects. Either way, we found that seed banked seeds are not mirror images of contemporary populations, which continue to change while the seed bank gene pool remains static. This observation supports the continued efforts of programs like Seeds of Success that collect wild seed for restoration and long-term storage, and further suggests that revisiting collected populations could be beneficial for capturing rapid evolutionary changes.

#### **Conclusion:**

We would like to thank the NPSO for supporting this research, it would not have been possible without your generous support. We hope that our results can inspire researchers and land managers to make use of seed banking programs, as each seed is a time capsule, ready to be used for research, conservation, and restoration. -*Laura Shriver and Dr. Elizabeth Leger*

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## OregonFlora

Two NPSO committees - Rare and Endangered Plants and Friends of the Oregon Flora Project—in conjunction with the NPSO Board are supporting OregonFlora's effort to produce an interactive Rare Plant Guide on the [oregonflora.org](http://oregonflora.org) website.

Why do we need this? Though there are significant resources that state and federal agencies, and the Oregon Biodiversity Information Center dedicate to the tracking and management of rare plant species, that information is not readily available to the public through a centralized and up-to-date website. OregonFlora is working with these agencies and tapping our floristic knowledge to consolidate rare plant data and present it

in the context of the comprehensive plant diversity of Oregon. Like all the content of the OregonFlora website, this resource will be freely available to the public (with protection for sensitive information). It will let everyone discover the beauty and biology of our state's rare plants as well as what efforts are underway to protect and preserve them.

Similar in design to the [Grow Natives](#) tool, the Rare Plant Guide will have ten filterable characters, including habitat, threats, best survey time, and current management actions. The profile page for each of the ninety rare species will include an abstract summarizing the species' natural history and ecology, lists of look-alikes, associated species, and photos.



Sand dune phacelia (*Phacelia argentea*) is found on coastal sand dunes and bluffs in Coos and Curry Counties, and south to Del Norte County, California. Photo by Gerald Carr courtesy of OregonFlora.

Our fundraising goal for the first phase of this much-needed resource is \$17,500—won't you add your [support](#) to help make it available? The interactive Rare Plant Guide will be an equally valuable tool for Citizens Rare Plant Watch participants, professionals, and

folks newly discovering the most fragile members of our native plant community. [Add your contribution](#) to the Rare Plant Guide campaign that will bring rare plant data out of the filing cabinets and into your hands!

*OregonFlora is a self-funded (grants and donations) program based at Oregon State University. Your support pays the salaries of our staff and students, website maintenance, and direct operating expenses. -Linda Hardison*

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## Oregon's Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species Part 3: "Imagine"

Imagine an Oregon where families plan an outing to check on their adopted rare plant populations. Where grandparents sit in a glade with their grandchildren working on rare plant data sheets. Where 5th grade students learn about threatened and endangered species in lessons created by the NPSO.

Imagine an Oregon where church congregations become stewards of critical habitats, affirming that every species is a unique masterpiece of creation. Where Oregon county governments and communities use the Oregon Natural Areas Program to protect sensitive plant populations in their jurisdictions. Where Oregon pharmaceutical companies, recognizing the healing potential of yet to be discovered plant compounds, invest in native plant conservation.

Until that day, here's what you can do to help conserve Oregon's rare and endangered plant species:

-Continue your membership and support of the mission of the NPSO.

-Help with the development of the **Oregon Rare Plant Guide** by donating to the joint fundraising campaign of the NPSO Rare and Endangered Committee, NPSO Friends of the OregonFlora Project Committee, and OregonFlora.

-Help rejuvenate your NPSO Chapter's Rare and Endangered Committee.

-Join iNaturalist and participate in one of the many spring and summer season Flora Blitzes associated with NPSO. [NPSO's Native Plant Appreciation Month Bioblitz 2023](#) · [iNaturalist](#)

-Volunteer with [Citizen's Rare Plant Watch](#) at Rae Selling Berry Seed Bank, Portland State University. Contact Kris Freitag, [kfreitag@pdx.edu](mailto:kfreitag@pdx.edu), for more information. This is a community science effort to find, monitor, and conserve rare plants in Oregon.



-Join the [Rare Plant Monitoring Network](#), a program of The Understory initiative in Southern Oregon. This is a community science effort to find, monitor, and conserve rare plants throughout southwest Oregon.

-Cultivate relationships with the botanists on your US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management districts. Volunteering is an honored cultural and social value in America that is encouraged by our public land management agencies.

-Contact the following Oregon programs and agencies about volunteer opportunities:

The Institute for Natural Resources at Oregon State University

<https://inr.oregonstate.edu/>

Oregon State Parks

<https://stateparks.oregon.gov/index.cfm?do=get-involved.volunteer>

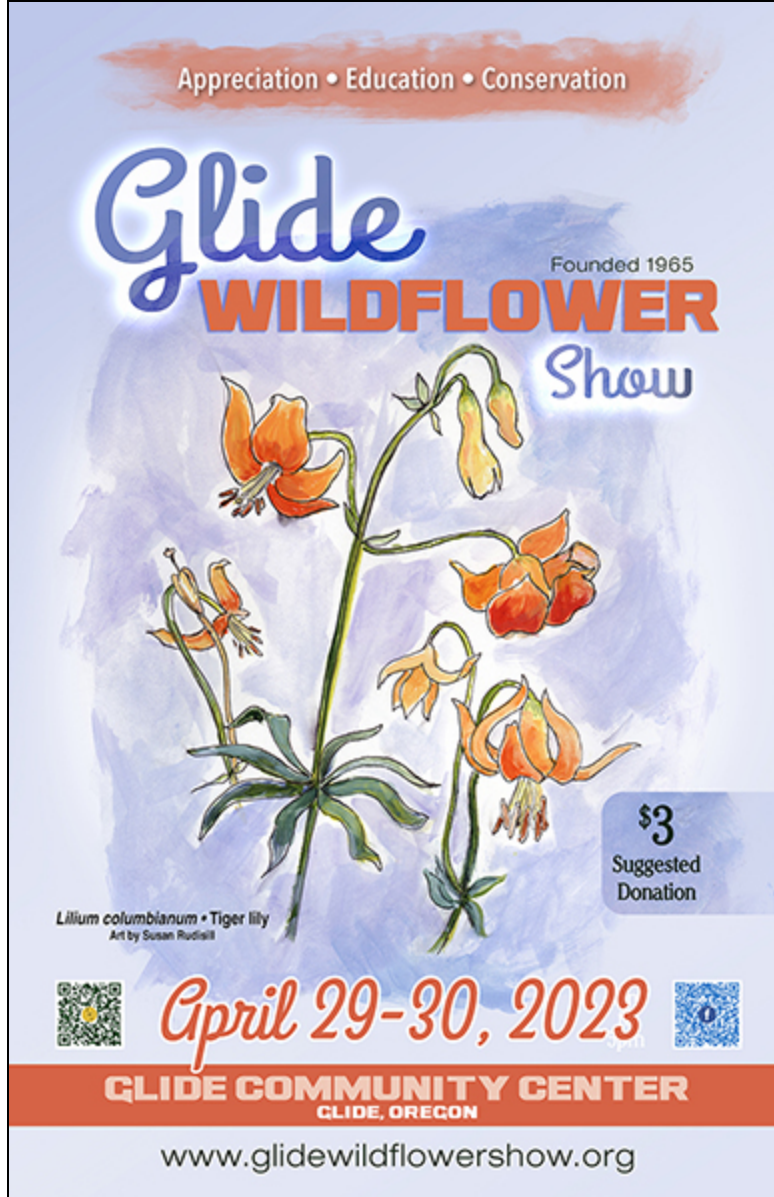
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

<https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/volunteer/>

-Enjoy nature's wonders. Hike, explore, botanize, and keep a journal of your outings including lists of the plants that you see. - *Dave Garcia, NPSO Legislative Chair*

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## Glide Wildflower Show Coming Up!



The Glide Wildflower Show is excited to feature multiple learning opportunities at this year's show to be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 29-30th, 2023.

**“Exploring Oregon’s Botanical Diversity: Tools from OregonFlora”** will be presented at 10:30 am on Saturday. Stephen Myers, taxonomic director of OregonFlora, will give a comprehensive overview of the redesigned OregonFlora website. Stephen will show visitors how to use the website’s tools for plant identification, mapping, profiles, and inventories. These tools make it easy to learn more about Oregon’s native plants, plan outings to the places where they grow, and identify them once you are there.

He’ll also demonstrate the website’s interactive features for planning and maintaining a native garden. Other features such as checklists, rare plant fact sheets, photo collections, the digitized collections of the Oregon State University Herbarium, and more make the OregonFlora website an essential tool for Oregon native plant lovers. Whether you already use OregonFlora and want more insight to its powerful features, or haven’t yet discovered this great resource, you’ll learn a lot from Stephen’s presentation.

**“Vegetation After Wildfire”** will be presented at 12:00 pm on Saturday by Richard

Helliwell, retired botanist, Umpqua National Forest. He will discuss and show photos of the successive stages of plants that repopulate a burned area over time. Fire is a continuing element in Oregon's landscapes, so knowing how plants respond to it is important knowledge for us all.

**“Herbal Concepts and Pacific Northwest Medicinal and Edible Plants”** will be presented at 2:00 pm on both Saturday and Sunday by Steven Yeager, director of quality and regulatory affairs at Mountain Rose Herbs and secretary of the NPSO Board. He believes cultivating a relationship with plants and the natural world is vital for a healthy existence on this planet.

**“Take a Closer Look at the Wildflower Show”** at 9:30 am Saturday will be a guided walk through the show's plant display. Dr. Ken Carloni, retired botany instructor, Umpqua Community College, will extemporaneously share his broad knowledge on the flowers in this year's show, everything from how to recognize plant families to the sex life of flowers.

In between presentations, take in displays of more than 600 species of wildflowers, shrubs, trees, mosses, lichens, and ferns. Collected from throughout Southwest Oregon from the coast to the Cascades, all specimens are carefully identified and then artfully vased and labeled. Special displays will showcase edible and medicinal plants, natural dyes, noxious weeds, beekeeping, and photos of endangered flowers. Native plants and books will be for sale, as well as a variety of lunch options.

At 2:00 pm both Saturday and Sunday, Glide Wildflower Show collectors will guide **wildflower walks** on Wolf Creek Falls Trail. Explore the botanical diversity of the North Umpqua habitat that includes forest, cliffs, and waterfalls.

After you have visited the show, drive into the Umpqua National Forest to see abundant wildflowers in their natural environment. Along Highway 138, the Rogue-Umpqua National Scenic Byway, dramatic waterfalls and the spectacular wild and scenic North Umpqua River flow through both recovering burned areas from the 2020 wildfire and unburned forest beyond Steamboat Inn.

Mark your calendar and make plans for a day or a full weekend at the Pacific Northwest's premier wildflower show. For more information, schedules, frequently asked questions, and more, go to [www.GlideWildflowerShow.org](http://www.GlideWildflowerShow.org).

One more thing . . .

Concurrent with show preparation will be the third **Glide Wildflower Show Florablitz**. Show collectors will be sharing their photos, but anyone can participate. Any wildflower photo taken in Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, or Josephine counties from April 15th to April 27th, 2023, and uploaded to iNaturalist.org will automatically become part of the



Florablitz. Identification welcome but not required, as iNaturalist visitors and experts will help ID. Join in the fun and be an active part of the show!

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## Celebration of Life for Rhoda Love

Rhoda Love's Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 15th, 2023, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Mt. Pisgah Arboretum, White Oak Pavilion. Directions to the arboretum can be found at <https://mountpisgaharboretum.org/visit/biking-directions/>.

Please join Rhoda's family and friends to celebrate and share her contributions and her legacy of "flowers forever."



English hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*). Photo by Gail Baker.

Rhoda's research on the "Interspecific Hybridization between Native and Naturalized *Crataegus* (Rosaceae) in Western Oregon" was the first documented hybridization between European and northwestern North American species. (Rhoda Love and Marc Feigen. *Madroño*. Vol. 25, No. 4. October 1978. pp. 211-217.)

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## Membership Committee News

When you renew your membership in NPSO or ask to change your contact information, someone manually enters that information into our Microsoft Access database. Until recently, that work was performed by a volunteer, averaging three hours a week on data

entry and in preparing and distributing member lists to chapter leaders. In October 2022, NPSO engaged an independent contractor for data entry, which has relieved some of that burden, but there are still many deficiencies of our current system. Our committee has found this membership management system to be unsustainable, and we are seeking a better solution.

At its February 4th meeting, the NPSO Board approved a proposal by the Membership Committee to evaluate various membership management software services (aka CRM or Customer Relationship Management software) so that one might be tested over the summer months when renewals come in slowly. The goal is to implement the new system before the November renewal season. Such a service would enable members to manage their own contact information and renewals online.

To prepare for this effort, we have identified our membership platform priorities, including features requested by you, our members. For example, the option for members to choose to be included in an online searchable membership directory available to members only, and an option to set membership dues to renew automatically.

We've visited the websites of fifty-two state and regional native plant societies and have found that 25% of them use a CRM service to manage member information. You can read our report [here](#). We will be consulting our colleagues at these societies as we move forward with this project. Our preliminary survey of CRMs is promising. There are dozens of suitable programs to consider.

[We need your help with this project.](#) If you would like to know more, or might willing to serve as a beta-tester for this new membership platform, or if you (or someone you know) wishes to share their experience with CRMs, please drop us a note at [this link](#). Thank you. - *Margaret Conover, Membership Chair*

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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 [bulletinnpso@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinnpso@gmail.com). Please get consent from any people included in your photo prior to sending it.



Big leaf maple (*Acer macrophyllum*) in flower at Miller Woods, near McMinnville, Yamhill County, Oregon. April circa 2022. Photo by Marina Longden.



Meadow at Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge with camas (*Camassia sp.*) in foreground. April circa 2022. Photo by Marina Longden.

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# Oregon Mystery Plant



Photo by Marina Longden.

This month's mystery plant was photographed by Marina Longden in a restored oak savanna at Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge in Polk County, Oregon. The photo was taken in April circa 2022.

Do you have an Oregon Mystery Plant to share? Send it to the editor at [bulletinnpso@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinnpso@gmail.com)

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## Cheahmill Chapter Wildflower Show and Native Plant Sale



Free Admission *Courtesy of*  
Native Plant Society of Oregon, Cheahmill Chapter

# Wildflower Show & Native Plant Sale

10 am – 3 pm

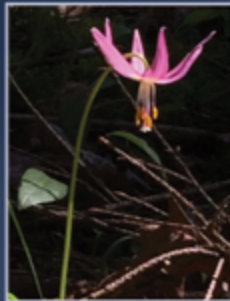
Saturday, May 6, 2023

McMinnville Public Library

225 NW Adams St., McMinnville, Oregon



*Above and right photos by  
Marna Porath*



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Oregon Flora Project*

More information: 971-267-0058, [www.facebook.com/NPSO.Cheahmill](https://www.facebook.com/NPSO.Cheahmill)

The Cheahmill Chapter of the NPSO is sponsoring a Wildflower Show and Native Plant Sale at the McMinnville Public Library on May 6, 2023. See Chapter Notes for more details.

## 2023 Candidates for NPSO State Board of Directors Positions

The NPSO Nominating Committee offers the following list of candidates for the State offices. Newly elected individuals will assume office during the Annual Meeting. Please consider serving our society. Interested people and people with suggestions for future candidates may contact Dan Luoma by email ([daniel.luoma@oregonstate.edu](mailto:daniel.luoma@oregonstate.edu)) for more information.

Voting instructions will be sent via email to NPSO members-of-record in late April.

### President:

**Steven Yeager** (Emerald) is originally from Philadelphia but moved to Eugene, Oregon in

1994 and has been living there ever since. He has been exploring Oregon's wild places and studying the Pacific Northwest's native flora since 1995. Steven is the former co-owner of the Columbines School of Botanical Studies in Eugene which had a strong emphasis on teaching plant identification using taxonomic keys and ecology of the western Cascades. He also is the director of quality and regulatory affairs at Mountain Rose Herbs and oversees the laboratory operations, which includes the proper identification of their botanical ingredients as well as safety. Steven has served as secretary of NPSO state board for the last eight years. He has served as president for the Emerald chapter many times in the past ten years and is currently a director-at-large. Steven also serves on the boards of the United Plant Savers and the American Herbal Products Association.

**Vice-President:**

**Lisa Blackburn** (Cheahmill) was born and raised in southern California. She graduated with a BS in renewable natural resources and an MS in range management from the University of California at Davis. Lisa moved to Oregon in 1977. She worked for the US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management for thirty-one years, retiring in 2007 from the Bureau of Land Management Oregon State Office in Portland. Her interest in plants and geology started during childhood through family camping vacations all over the western United States. Lisa has served as president of the Cheahmill chapter and most recently served NPSO as president, secretary, and vice-president.

**Secretary:**

**Kim Brown** (Portland) is originally from Colorado but has lived in the Pacific Northwest for the past decade. She has her master's degree in environmental science (2021) from Portland State University where she studied the effects of the invasive green crab on Oregon's coastal eelgrass. Currently, she is a cartographer for the Washington Department of Natural Resources. Outside of work, Kim collects and studies Oregon's native bees and their plant associates through Oregon State University's master melittologist program. She also continues to help in toxicology research related to forestry pesticide effects on eelgrass and native marine species.

**Treasurer:**

**Mike Hartman** (Emerald) is currently the treasurer of both the state NPSO and the Emerald chapter. Mike has served NPSO and its members for more than twenty years in a variety of roles. He looks forward to extending his term as NPSO treasurer with a view towards generating new financial report formats to assist the board in planning NPSO's ongoing and future operations.

**Directors-at-Large:**

**Dave Garcia**, PhD (Siskiyou) was a co-founder and the first president of the Siskiyou chapter (the first chapter outside Portland). He has worked on sensitive plant projects as a seasonal employee for the US Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. He has also worked as an independent contractor doing sensitive plant surveys for the Rogue



and Siskiyou National Forests. Dave has been active with the annual Irene Hollenbeck Memorial Wildflower Show (which he helped start about 40 years ago). The show is held in Ashland's Lithia Park each year on July 4th. Dave is a grandfather, a retired high school biology teacher, and a life-long student of nature, organisms, and ecosystems.

**Alexis Larsen** (Corvallis) has over a decade of experience in native plant conservation and habitat restoration. She holds a MSc from Oregon State University in plant ecology and is currently the plant materials program director at the Institute for Applied Ecology. She began her career in salmon habitat restoration on the southern Oregon coast and in the iconic Rogue River valley. She has worked on riparian, floodplain, fish passage, and in-stream restoration projects as well as invasive species removal projects. Prior to her role as plant materials program director, she coordinated two native seed partnerships for the Institute for Applied Ecology, one on the coast and one in the Willamette Valley. Alexis brings her passion for native plants and partnerships to the NPSO Board.

**Jason Clinch** (Portland) grew up in southwest Washington and is a 1997 graduate of Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon. Jason has been a member of NPSO since about 2000. He's worked for the US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management as a biologist throughout the Pacific Northwest as both an employee and a contractor. For the past twenty plus years, Jason has worked as an environmental consultant, biologist, and project manager working on wetland, stream, and river projects along with various bio-inventories. He recently started his own company, Three Creeks Consulting LLC doing similar work. His botanical interests and experience are in rare plants, lichens, and bryophytes with particular expertise in wetlands, prairie/oak, and forest habitats of the Pacific Northwest. Jason has served as the NPSO Rare and Endangered Committee Chair since 2015 and has had a very active role in first volunteering with and then managing the Citizen's Rare Plant Watch program since 2012. Jason now serves as the NPSO liaison to Citizen's Rare Plant Watch which he handed off in 2016 to the Rae Selling Berry Seed Bank and Plant Conservation Program at Portland State University. He prefers to work behind the scenes on various projects and committees with both the state NPSO board and the Portland chapter as well as providing technical support and management of several social media accounts. He attends and assists with several hikes each year for the Portland Chapter and for Native Plant Appreciation Week/Month and always looks forward to the State Annual Meeting. He loves to ski, hike, bike, and camp with his family.

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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.Ceahmill>.

**Saturday, April 22nd, 9:00 am - 11:00 am**

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

**Location: McMinnville Public Library**

Come volunteer with us! We work around the Carnegie Building with a friendly crew to maintain the beauty of this demonstration garden. Dress for the weather and bring gloves, bucket, and gardening tools if you have them. 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 99 W and SW Second Street), McMinnville, Oregon. The library parking lot may be entered from either Adams or Second Streets.

**Saturday, May 6th, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Event: Wildflower Show and Native Plant Sale**

**Sponsor: Cheahmill Chapter of NPSO**

**Location: McMinnville Public Library, 225 NW Adams Street, McMinnville, Oregon**

Good news! It's back! The Cheahmill Chapter of the NPSO is planning its first activity since the beginning of the pandemic. Members follow ethical standards to gather fresh specimens of native flowers as well as samples of trees and shrubs for your enjoyment. Each flower stem is placed in a labeled vase. A separate table is reserved for samples of non-native species and invasive weeds. For more information or to help with the event, call or text 971-267-0058.

## **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, April 8th, 1:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Mary's River Natural Area in Corvallis.**

**Leader: Esther McEvoy**

Meet at the parking lot kiosk for the Mary's River Natural Area off Brookline Drive in Corvallis (GPR9+X4 Corvallis, Oregon or 44.54245° -123.28224° .) We will go in search of early blooming native plants. Contact Esther McEvoy [estherco@peak.org](mailto:estherco@peak.org) or 541-990-0948.

**Monday, April 10th, 7:30 pm -8:30 pm**

**Program: Wildflowers of Central Oregon**

**Presenter: Phil Hays**

**Location: Room 2062, Cordley Hall, Oregon State University Campus, 2701 SW Campus Way or via Zoom.**

Phil Hays will give a presentation on various wildflower hot spots including Cottonwood Canyon State Park, White River Falls State Park, the Metolius River near Camp Sherman, John Day Fossil Beds (Painted Hills, Clarno, and Blue Basin units), Smith Rock State Park, Pine Mountain Observatory, Lava Butte and Lava Lands Visitor Center, Sunriver, Cascade Lakes, and Fort Rock State Natural Area.

To register for the Zoom meeting

visit <https://oregonstate.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0ld-GurzgiEtwdTLsPZr3Zi-SJVaRZePRV>. For more information contact Esther at [estherco@peak.org](mailto:estherco@peak.org).

**Saturday, April 22nd, 1:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Jackson Frazier Wetlands**

**Leaders Dan Luoma and Joyce Eberhart**

Meet at the parking lot for the wetlands at the north end of Lancaster Street, Corvallis. We will spend about an hour walking around the Bob Frenkel boardwalk at Jackson Frazier Wetlands looking for early native wildflowers including some of the seven species of buttercups known from the site. For more information contact Dan at [luomad@oregonstate.edu](mailto:luomad@oregonstate.edu).

**Saturday, April 29th, 9:00 am - 11:30 am**

**Event: Photography Workshop**

**Presenter: Phil Hays**

**Location: Location: Room 2602, Cordley Hall, Oregon State University Campus, 2701 SW Campus Way**

The workshop will be two one-hour sessions, plus another half-hour session if anyone is interested. The first two sessions will be 45 minutes, with a 15-minute break to stretch our legs and discuss specific things with people.

The first session is basic camera functions and how to use them for close-up photography. Phil will go into detail about how cameras work and how the “rules” for taking photos are different for close-up shots than for distance photography. There will be an opportunity for questions after each short topic.

The second session is about camera hardware and accessories for wildflower photography. This will include cell phones, point-and-shoot cameras, high end systems with interchangeable lenses, tripods, and some other accessories.

The third short session is for people who are thinking of buying a new camera system. Phil will talk about ways to get a really good system for less money. It could be a sunny day, and the group might want to get out to take some flower photos in the afternoon! For more information, contact Phil Hays at [phays@ao-cs.com](mailto:phays@ao-cs.com)

**Sunday, April 30th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

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

**Leader: Esther McEvoy**

**Location: Avery House Nature Center, Avery Park, Corvallis**

We will do spring cleanup. Bring gloves, water, trowel, shovel, and bucket. Contact



Esther for more information at 541-990-0948 or [estherco@peak.org](mailto:estherco@peak.org).

**Monday, May 8th, 7:30 pm - 8:30 PM**

**Program: Amber Insects and Plants**

**Presenter: George Poinar**

**Location: Room 2602, Cordley Hall, Oregon State University Campus, 2701 SW  
Campus Way -or- via Zoom**

To register for the Zoom meeting

visit <https://oregonstate.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0ld-GurzgiEtwdTLsPZr3Zi-SJVaRZePRV>

## **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.

**Saturday, April 15th, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Museum of Natural and Cultural History Native Plant Garden**

**Leader: Jill Paulson**

The property surrounding this museum, on the University of Oregon campus, bears an excellent native plant garden that is little known to the community. In partnership with the museum, Emerald Chapter members will be leading this short walk in and around the museum's Glenn Starlin Native Plant Courtyard. With over forty species, the courtyard offers a rich array of plant life that has provided nutrition and material for tools, shelter, and more for millennia. This is the first of a monthly series of walks at this location. Limited free parking is in a designated lot located just west of the mammoths on East 15th Avenue, and metered parking is available on the street. The address is 1680 East 15th Avenue on the U of O campus in Eugene. Sign-up is not needed, and the tour is free to NPSO members.

**Saturday, April 15th, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Brice Creek Trail**

**Leader: Bruce Waugh**

Join State Board Member Bruce Waugh hiking in an old growth forest on a streamside trail through a scenic rocky canyon. We will primarily see forest flora with the occasional rocky bald. The walk is three miles round trip on an easy to moderate trail. The trail is narrow with steep drop offs, so this hike is not suitable for those with vertigo or balance issues. Meet at South Eugene High School at 19th and Patterson Street in Eugene to carpool. Bring lunch, water, boots, rain gear, and hiking poles if desired. Sign up [here](#).

**Friday, April 21st, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Program: Sounds Wild and Broken: What Listening Can Teach Us About Ecology, Evolution, and Ethics**

**Presenter: [David Haskell, Author and Forest Biologist](#)**

**Location: [221 Allen Hall on the University of Oregon campus](#)**

Sonic communication was a late comer to the story of animal evolution. But once song got started, it became a powerful generative force. The diversity of sounds around us - from chirping crickets, to birdsong, to the human music in our earbuds - reveals the many layers of this evolutionary and cultural creativity. Today, sonic diversity is massively threatened, especially in rainforests and the oceans. Sound is also often undervalued in conservation efforts and, more broadly, in our society that privileges sight over all other senses. I will explore both the long and fruitful past of sound on Earth and consider its future. This program is sponsored in conjunction with Eugene Natural History Society.

## 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). The new field trip coordinator is High Desert Chapter Vice President Jenifer Ferriel.

Thursday, April 27th, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

High Desert Spring Social celebrating Native Plant Appreciation Month

Wintercreek Nursery, 63405 Deschutes Market Road, Bend, OR

## 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](#).

## Portland

Our members receive *The Calochortus*, our monthly 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/npsoregon.portland/>. Visit our chapter website at <https://portlandnativeplants.org/> for archived newsletters, to register for current or view past Program recordings in Events and merchandise in our Shop. Join one or more of our iNaturalist projects here: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/search?utf8=%E2%9C%93&q=npso/>.

**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 chapter newsletter*. The Portland Chapter does not host Zoom Programs in July and August.

**April is Native Plant Appreciation Month!** Several Hikes, Stewardship service events, and a Workshop can be found in our Chapter's Google Calendar. Members can find the link in the April *Calochortus*.

Thursday, April 13th, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**Program: Permaculture: Building Resilience to Climate Extremes**

**Presenter: Andrew Millison, Oregon State University Instructor in Permaculture**

Instability is the new normal in a world of climate extremes. Andrew will examine current issues we face and explain how permaculture provides a reparative road map. Using examples from the U.S. and around the world, he'll demonstrate how tackling and reversing water mismanagement and land degradation promotes water stability for human consumption, agriculture, survival of forests, vegetation and wildlife and can ultimately help cool the planet and stabilize weather patterns.

Register for this event on Zoom; you will receive an email with a link to the event. Save it!

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUldcCupzkuHtAwSTeJaY7VC0Ug6hWFVLb1>

**April is Native Plant Appreciation Month! See the Calochortus newsletter coming soon for lots of events!**

**Earth Day, April 22nd**

**Event: Stewardship Event**

**Location: North Clackamas Park, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek, Drive Milwaukie 97222**

Join other NPSO members and the local community to continue removing ground ivy and other invasive plants from a remnant Oak Prairie habitat sheltering the "Camas Corner" of hundreds of common camas, oaks toothwort, and a few chocolate lilies! Registration is taken by North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District in April. Check for the information to "go live" with the hours and sign up at this link closer to the date: <https://ncprd.com/volunteer>. For general questions or more information about what happens at a stewardship service event, email Willow Elliott or Adam Goodwin at [npsopdxchapter@gmail.com](mailto:npsopdxchapter@gmail.com).

**Thursday, May 11th, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Zoom Program: Northwest Native Garden Plants and the Amazing Insects They Attract**

**Presenter: Amy Campion**

Gardens, even in urban areas, can be hotspots of biodiversity, and native plants play a key role in fostering that diversity. Join Portland Garden writer and photographer Amy Campion for an exploration of some of the best natives to plant in your wildlife-friendly Northwest garden and learn about the fascinating insects they support.

Amy Campion Website

<http://www.amycampion.com>

Register for this event on Zoom; you will receive an email with a link to the event. Save it!

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqcOyupjgrGNlrgaBe3QrK2Ykzc2xFpLS>

**Siskiyou**



To sign up for the Siskiyou Chapter NPSO monthly eNews on a new platform: [sign up](#)

To view our YouTube Channel and watch past programs: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXF12J9yp2AYmUzNz0jLISw>

To join a native plant google group forum: [Siskiyou-Chapter-NPSO-plant-talk@googlegroups.com](mailto:Siskiyou-Chapter-NPSO-plant-talk@googlegroups.com)

To join our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/SiskiyouChapterNativePlantSocietyOfOregon>

**Saturday, April 15th, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Little Falls along the Wild and Scenic Illinois River**

**Trip Leaders: Katelyn Detweiler and Allee Gustafson**

Join Siskiyou Chapter NPSO and KS Wild on a plant and wildflower walk along the Jeffrey Pine Loop to Little Falls Loop trailhead. This will be a moderately easy, 3.7-mile guided tour of the wildflowers at Little Falls along the Wild and Scenic Illinois River. We will visit a cobra lily (*Darlingtonia californica*) fen and enjoy an overlook of Little Falls before heading back to the trailhead. For questions, please contact field trip coordinator, Katelyn Dewteiler at [dewteiler.katelyn@gmail.com](mailto:dewteiler.katelyn@gmail.com). To sign up: <https://secure.everyaction.com/iov9wDV2bEuokBMZI-lzVA2>.

**Thursday, April 20th, 7:00 pm**

**Program: Plant Communities of the Klamath Mountains**

**Presenter: Michael Kauffmann**

**Location: Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center, 569 Hanley Road, Central Point, OR**

Michael Kauffmann is the co-editor of a new book entitled *The Klamath Mountains: A Natural History*. The Klamath Mountains contain some of the most exceptional temperate plant communities in the world. Within its geographic boundaries, over 3,500 taxa (species, subspecies, and varieties) of vascular plants occur, including thirty-five conifer species and twenty species of oak. Michael will provide an overview of the Klamath Mountains, highlighting the plant communities across the region, and share photos of the rare and unusual plants that call the Klamath Mountains home.

Michael Kauffmann is an educator, author, publisher, and ecologist in Humboldt County who loves the Klamath Mountains and their native flora and fauna, including his favorite group of plants- conifers.

This is a hybrid program: join us at Oregon State University Extension with our speaker or as a Zoom for folks who cannot attend in person. To register for the Zoom: <https://bit.ly/nps2022-23talks>.

**Saturday, May 13th, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Microworld of Lichens, Bryophytes, Algae and Fungi**

**Leader: John Villella**

Explore the fascinating microworld of lichens, bryophytes, algae, and fungi found around Pilot Rock in the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument with expert bryophyte and

lichenologist, John Villella. This hike will focus on all the small vegetative organisms that make up the web of life in the forests around Pilot Rock. Lichens, bryophytes, algae, and fungi are often overlooked and under-appreciated, but they play essential roles in the local ecosystem. From nesting and foraging sites for forest animals, to forest nutrient cycling, to home for myriad microorganisms, you will come away with a new understanding and appreciation for the cryptic micro-species of the Klamath-Siskiyou region. Meet at the Pilot Rock trailhead at 9:00 am. For more information and to sign up, please contact field trip coordinator Katelyn Detweiler at [Detweiler.katelyn@gmail.com](mailto:Detweiler.katelyn@gmail.com).

**Friday, May 26th, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Stewardship Event: Eight Dollar Mountain and Days Gulch Botanical areas.**

**Trip Leaders: Katelyn Detweiler and Allee Gustafson**

Join Siskiyou chapter NPSO alongside KS Wild, US Forest Service, and Great Old Broads for Wilderness of Southern Oregon for a stewardship event at Eight Dollar Mountain! This Memorial Day weekend event aims to help repair damage and protect the botanical diversity in this rare serpentine landscape. The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Wild Rivers District will give a short talk about safety followed by a wildflower walk with Siskiyou chapter president, Rachel Werling. The group will install interpretive signs in the Days Gulch Botanical area where Howell's mariposa lily is studied. The group will also assist in trash clean-up and photo monitoring and documentation of all signages and areas of concern.

Expect low/moderate intensity hiking, digging, and lifting. Port-o-Potties, water, and snacks will be available during the event. We look forward to working alongside you to encourage the responsible use and protection of the natural environment through conservation and sustainable practices!

This event is open to all, no matter your ability or background in restoration! We invite you to come learn and spend time enjoying our public lands with your neighbors and friends. Learn more about our past work at this special place here. For questions, please contact field trip coordinator, Katelyn Dewteiler at [dewteiler.katelyn@gmail.com](mailto:dewteiler.katelyn@gmail.com). Sign up link: <https://secure.everyaction.com/FCHC7WcOhUyK7Zo8xSSYVg2>

## **South Coast**

The South Coast Chapter has been recently re-established, with membership from both Curry and Coos counties. To join our mailing list, please contact our Chapter President Charmane Mitchell at [cmainie@gmail.com](mailto:cmainie@gmail.com).

Visit our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/NPSOSouthCoastChapter>.

Our Events and Activities Committee is busy working on a calendar of upcoming events.

**Saturday, April 22nd, 10:00 am**

**Field Trip: Fern Trail Loop**

**Leader: Olivia Dethlefsen**

**Location: Humbug Mountain State Park**

We will meet at the Humbug Mountain Trailhead. Rather than going up the mountain, we

are taking the path under the highway to enjoy the trails around the campground. The first half mile of our walk will be on the unpaved Amphitheater Trail, but we will then switch onto the paved Fern Trail before returning through the campground. The total length of our loop will be around 1.5 miles, with a moderate elevation gain at the beginning. Please be aware that there is poison oak in this area. The forest in the vicinity of Humbug includes tanoak, so consider sanitary precautions to avoid spreading sudden oak death. At this time of year we expect to catch the elderberry and bleeding-heart in bloom, see some members of the Saxifrage family, and enjoy a variety of ferns and mosses.

To sign up, or for any questions, please contact Olivia Dethlefsen at [oliviadethlefsen@gmail.com](mailto:oliviadethlefsen@gmail.com)

## Umpqua Valley

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

Thursday, April 13th, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Zoom Program: Mosses and Lichens of Silver Falls State Park

Presenter: Kim Maley

Silver Falls State Park features rich populations of mosses and lichens. Join Park Interpreter Kim Maley as she covers the common mosses and lichens of the park, the similarities and differences between mosses and lichens, their ecological roles, and some of the unique ways each can survive and reproduce. For more information and to register for this Zoom presentation, email 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). 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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