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Great purple monkeyflower (*Erythranthe lewisii*). Glacial outwash plain at base of Three-Fingered Jack mountain. Mount Jefferson Wilderness, Jefferson County, Oregon.

August 11, 2008. Photo by Gerald D. Carr. Courtesy of OregonFlora.

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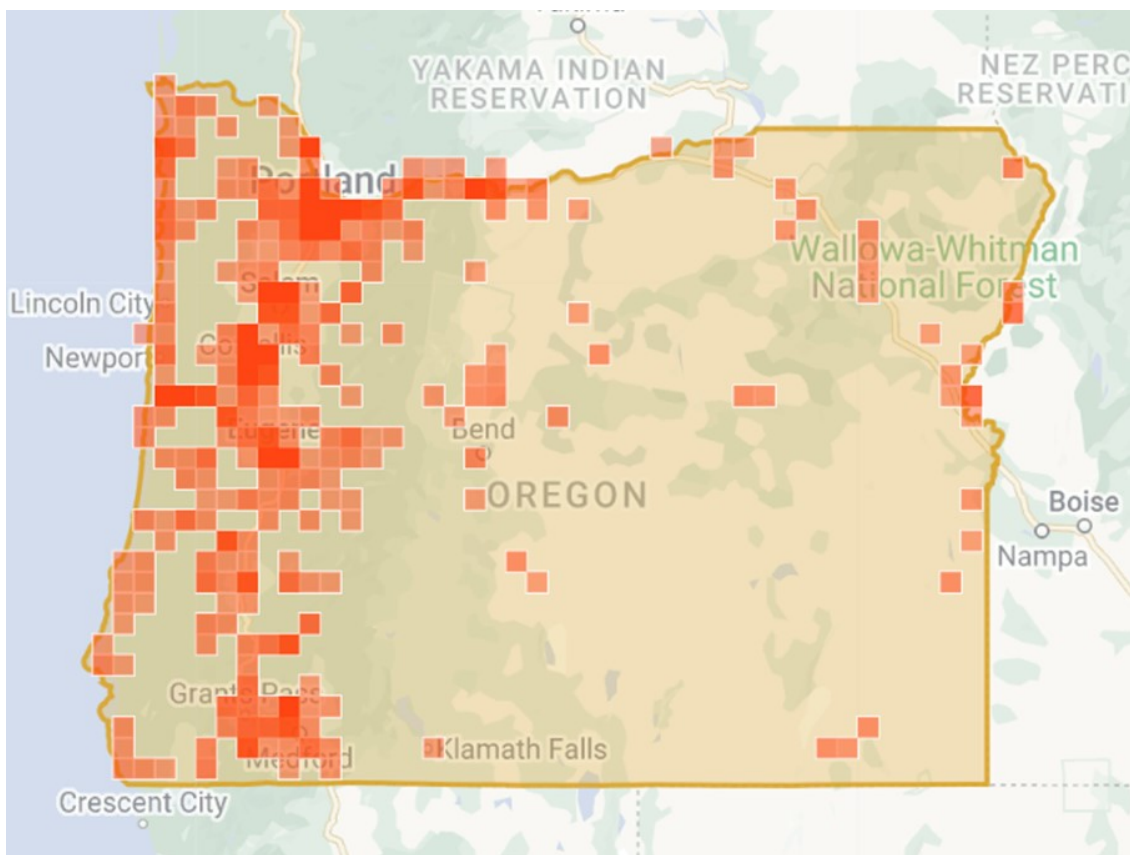
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For membership inquiries, contact Willow Elliott, the Membership Chair, by [email](mailto:willow@npsoregon.org), or send mail to P.O. Box 902, Eugene, OR 97440.

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## Native Plant Appreciation Month Bioblitz Results

In celebration of Native Plant Appreciation Month, the NPSO sponsored a bioblitz from April 1 to April 10, 2023. This bioblitz was an opportunity for people to observe and identify wild flowering plants (Angiosperms) across Oregon. Despite cold weather and precipitation, the bioblitz was a success, with 4,528 observations from around the state.



iNaturalist map showing location of flowering plant (Angiosperms) observations between April 1 to April 10, 2023.

The most observed species was western trillium (*Trillium ovatum*) with 352 observations. Western trillium is a native Oregon wildflower with a widespread distribution in western North America, ranging from southern British Columbia and the tip of southwestern Alberta to central California, east to Idaho and western Montana. Its peak blooming time in Oregon is exactly at the time of this bioblitz. Not surprisingly, it is also the most often observed Oregon native flowering plant species posted to iNaturalist, with 5,784 observations at the writing of this article. That is 2,000 more postings than Oregon white oak (*Quercus garryana*) coming in second with 3,760 observations. NPSO showed insight in choosing the trillium as our logo.



Western trillium (*Trillium ovatum*) at Avery Park and Natural Area in Corvallis, Oregon. April 5, 2023. Photo by Judi Sanders.

Other species frequently observed during the bioblitz included Nuttall's toothwort (*Cardamine nuttallii*), osoberry (*Oemleria cerasiformis*), pioneer violet (*Viola glabella*), and Oregon fawn-lily (*Erythronium oregonum*).

In total, 552 species were observed during the bioblitz. Of these, 281 were native Oregon species, subspecies, or varieties. The remaining 271 were introduced species. Currently, 3,498 or 77.23% of the observations have reached Research Grade. According to the Global Biodiversity Information Facility, iNaturalist observations become candidates for Research Grade when they have a photo, date, and coordinates, and the iNaturalist community agrees on an identification. For more information see: <https://www.gbif.org/dataset/50c9509d-22c7-4a22-a47d-8c48425ef4a7#:>. The remaining 1,030 NPSO bioblitz observations still need to be identified. If you are interested in helping to identify these observations, please visit the bioblitz website at: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/npsos-native-plant-appreciation-month-bioblitz-2023> or, on your iNaturalist profile page, select "identify" on the top menu bar and use the filter to type the project name: "NPSO's Native Plant Appreciation Month Bioblitz-2023." Your contributions to identifications of observations in the project will

advance them to Research Grade and will support biodiversity data in Oregon.

The bioblitz helped to raise awareness of the importance of native plants. It also provided valuable data on the distribution of native plants in Oregon. NPSO is grateful to everyone who participated in the bioblitz including the 721 observers and 269 identifiers. Watch the *Bulletin* for future flora focused bioblitzes from NPSO or our state chapters. -  
*Judi Sanders*

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## Membership Committee News from Margaret Conover

During the time I've served as Membership Chair, NPSO's membership has grown 50%, from 800 to 1,200 in the last six years! Consequently, the work of manually entering and updating the member contact information in our outdated Microsoft Access database has grown to be too much for one volunteer. So, we on the Membership Committee began to search for a new system. We surveyed native plant societies in all fifty states and tried out a few of the most popular systems. At the June meeting of the NPSO board, we presented our proposal to implement a new web-based membership module on [Wild Apricot](#).

The NPSO board approved our proposal, and on July 18, NPSO Webmaster Sunia Yang posted the link to our new membership module on the [NPSO website membership page](#). We expect this change to be an easy transition. From the new platform, you will receive membership renewal notices, receipts, and even in some cases, your chapter newsletters. You will have the opportunity to manage your own contact information in our database. Note that if you prefer to pay your dues by check, you will still be able to do so. For the first time in many years, we have a member directory! And it's searchable. It's a no-frills design right now, to protect member's privacy. We will continue to tweak the design going forward, depending upon user feedback.

Personally, it's been a pleasure to serve NPSO as Membership Chair for the last six years. But it's time for me to move on to other interests, and the NPSO board has approved a change in the membership leadership team. Willow Elliott, who has served as Portland chapter president for many years, has agreed to replace me as Membership Chair. Kaitlin Andersen has stepped into the role of Membership Manager, as an independent contractor. Thea Jaster, also as an independent contractor, has led the development of our new membership module and will continue to consult as needed. Special thanks go to Eleonore Jacobson, who ably managed the work of data entry during this last busy renewal season.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this wonderful organization. Going forward, I

know that under Willow and Kaitlin's leadership, NPSO membership will continue to grow and prosper. - Margaret Conover

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## OregonFlora: Some Positive News About Our Funding

OregonFlora has now secured enough funds to keep our program at half-capacity through June 2024, the end of our fiscal year. Several events made this a reality:

- A one-time award of \$100,000 from Oregon State University Extension—the first direct programmatic support from Oregon State University in our 29-year history!!
- \$10,000 from the state NPSO in addition to its standard annual support, as well as donations from individual chapters.
- Two challenge gifts totaling \$48,000 from the Greenfield/Hartline Habitat Restoration Fund and from Mark Krautman/Heritage Seedlings.
- Over \$67,000 thus far from individuals!



Different from grants or contracts, these dollars have been given to help OregonFlora accomplish its vast mission: to provide comprehensive, up-to-date information about Oregon's plant life. Such support is a vote of confidence in OregonFlora's capacity to meet its mission, and it puts action behind the idea that scientific knowledge benefits all of humanity when it is freely accessible. The real winners of this effort? —That would be the 4,700+ plant species that create our state's rich tapestry of botanical diversity.

We are close to finishing the final volume of the *Flora of Oregon*, and we still need financial help to do that. We have manuscripts in hand, ranging from preliminary to publication-ready, for approximately 95% of the taxa that will appear in Volume 3. It is no exaggeration to say that every drop of ink used to print the text of our floristic treatments represents curated data. We analyze that data, tease it apart, parse it into our database, and connect the myriad pieces to maps, photos, and interactive tools, bringing them to vibrant life through the [oregonflora.org](http://oregonflora.org) website.

Our most recent website update is a great example: we captured details about the specific plant characteristics in the grass family (Volume 1) and the sunflower family (Volume 2) and added them to our [Identify Plants](#) interactive tool. It makes plants in these complex groups much easier for people of all skill levels to identify—and it's our creation of a digital, interactive version of the *Flora* that makes that possible!

OregonFlora is primed to finish the massive, decades-long project of completing a new *Flora* for our state, and we can do that effectively and efficiently when we are able to operate at our full capacity. Please support OregonFlora now so that our team can be fully employed, enabling us to complete Volume 3 in a timely manner and to maintain our website. The body of knowledge OregonFlora presents is too valuable to let it languish or become inaccurate through a lack of curation!

Your direct [financial support](#) and your encouragement of agencies and businesses that rely on OregonFlora resources to similarly support our work are needed and are greatly appreciated. Together we can create, maintain, and share the knowledge that serves to protect and elevate awareness about Oregon's precious botanical resources.

There are two ways to support OregonFlora:

- Become a sustaining donor with monthly contributions. Our online [PayPal account](#) through our fiscal sponsor, the Agricultural Research Foundation, makes this easy.
- Make a contribution earmarked for OregonFlora via a check or [online gift](#) to the NPSO. This option lessens our administrative fees. -*Linda Hardison*

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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.



Roundleaf sundew (*Drosera rotundifolia*) in a montane fen. July 7, 2023.  
Photographed by Marina Longden during a Cheahmill Chapter field trip to Lost Prairie in  
the Oregon Coast Range.





*Vaccinium* sp. in a montane fen. July 7, 2023. Photographed by Marina Longden during a Cheahmill Chapter field trip to Lost Prairie in the Oregon Coast Range.



Bog candles (*Platanthera dilatata*) (foreground of photo) in a montane fen. July 7, 2023. Photographed by Marina Longden during a Cheahmill Chapter field trip to Lost Prairie in the Oregon Coast Range.

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## Oregon Mystery Plant

### Last month's mystery plant revealed

Congratulations to Dominic DiPaolo, Gerald D. Carr, Andrew Cayer, and David Anderson for correctly identifying the July Mystery Plant, as (*Viola cuneata*), wedgeleaf violet. According to *Flora of North America*, the wedgeleaf violet is found in southwestern Oregon and California. *Flora of North America* says: "*Viola cuneata* often

occurs on serpentine-derived soil and is closely related to *V. flettii*, *V. hallii*, and *V. ocellata*."



Photo by Olivia Dethlefsen.

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



This mystery plant with brown/yellow flowers was photographed by Marina Longden on July 7, 2023, in a montane fen in the Oregon Coast Range.

If you can identify this plant, send your response to [bulletinnpso@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinnpso@gmail.com)

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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## Willamette Valley Chapter Announces Scholarship Winners

The Willamette Valley Chapter of the NPSO administers the Jean Davis Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Augusta Rockafellar Memorial Scholarship Fund. Jean and Gus were longtime members of the Willamette Valley Chapter and ardent advocates for the

environment. Through these two scholarship programs, the Willamette Valley Chapter offers \$500 and \$1,000 scholarships for Oregon college and university students majoring in botany, horticulture, ecology, conservation biology, sustainable natural resource management, and related fields.

We are pleased to announce the winners of scholarships for the 2023-2024 school year:

- Cameron Anderson, Oregon State University
- Kristi Brazile, Oregon State University
- Peter Katon, Portland Community College
- Elizabeth Lopez, Oregon State University
- Benjamin McDonald, Oregon State University
- Carly Morrison, Portland Community College
- Birgitta Woods, Oregon State University

We are honored to support such an extraordinary group of young scholars. In January 2024, we will be posting a general announcement about our scholarships and our scholarship application forms for the 2024-2025 school year. -*John Savage, Willamette Valley chapter*

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## **Rhoda M. Love Remembered Botanically: *Crataegus rhodamae-loveae***



FIG. 11. *Crataegus rhodamae-loveae* sp. nov. (a) pre-anthesis flowering branch; (b) anthesis; (c) fruiting branch; (d) short shoot leaf spectrum; (e) variation in thorn size; (f) flower, pre-anthesis (Kew 000370425); (g) flower at anthesis; (h) median longitudinal section of flower at anthesis; (i) mature fruit; (j) median longitudinal section of mature fruit; (k) median transverse section of mature fruit; (l) individual pyrene. Scale bars = 1.0 cm.

Botanical Illustration of *Crataegus rhodamae-loveae* included as Figure 11 in "What is Suksdorf's Hawthorn? Revision of the Western North American 20-Stamen Black-Fruited Hawthorns (*Crataegus* series Douglasianae, Rosaceae subtribe Malinae.)" Illustration copyright date 2016, reproduced with permission from Celia Godkin.

A recently published article honors NPSO Fellow Rhoda Mae Love (1932-2022) by commemorating a new species of hawthorn (*Crataegus*) in her name, *Crataegus rhodamae-loveae*.

The article "What is Suksdorf's Hawthorn? Revision of the Western North American 20-Stamen Black-Fruited Hawthorns (*Crataegus* series Douglasianae, Rosaceae subtribe Malinae)" by Timothy A. Dickinson and Shery Han which can be found

at: <https://journals.brit.org/jbrit/article/view/1292/1302> is fitting because Rhoda completed her PhD work on hawthorns (Love 1980) followed by at least half a dozen hawthorn related publications and a profile of Wilhelm Nikolaus Suksdorf (Love 1998). The full references to Rhoda's PhD research and the Suksdorf profile are given below.

Love, Rhoda M. 1980. Insect feeding on indigenous and introduced hawthorns. PhD Thesis. University of Oregon. Eugene, Oregon.

Rhoda M. Love. 1998. Wilhelm Nikolaus Suksdorf (1850-1932), Pioneer Botanist of the Pacific Northwest. *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*, Seattle Washington. 89 (4): 171-187.  
- *Gail A. Baker, Emerald chapter*

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## NPSO *Bulletin* Welcomes Member Contributions

Your contribution could be a short essay on your research, a report of a field trip or program, a plant of the month or mystery plant, a photo of a plant for the cover photo or the photo gallery, a short description of a new book you have discovered, or another subject related to Oregon's flora.

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

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## University of Washington Botanic Gardens Course

The University of Washington Botanic Gardens is pleased to offer a twenty-six contact-hour course: "Foundations of Wetland Science" during the month of September 2023.

This hybrid-delivery short course comprises three two-hour live (synchronous) webinars, four two-hour pre-recorded (asynchronous) webinars, two six-hour in-person field sessions, and live virtual office hours. This course explores wetlands in all their dimensions, including how they form and are identified, the critical ecosystem services they provide, the rich biodiversity they harbor, their impact on global climate, and how they are regulated and protected. The course will connect what we know about wetlands from scientific perspectives to the ways in which wetlands matter for people. Whether you're a consultant, naturalist, environmental planner, or restorationist, this course will expand your understandings and appreciation of the world's wetlands.

The cost is \$475. Details and registration can be found

at: [https://botanicgardens.uw.edu/about/events/?](https://botanicgardens.uw.edu/about/events/?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D166847015)

[trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D166847015](https://botanicgardens.uw.edu/about/events/?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D166847015) . If you have questions, contact the instructor, Clay Antieau at [clay22@uw.edu](mailto:clay22@uw.edu), 206-684-7413. - *Clay Antieau*

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## Eleventh Annual Invasive Species Cook-Off

*It's Back - Eradication Through Mastication*

# INVASIVE SPECIES COOK-OFF!

*Enjoy an Invasive Species Cook-off Competition between Food Carts, beverages and live music at this community fundraiser for environmental conservation!*



**SATURDAY, SEPT. 16**  
5:30-8:00 PM  
**COMMON FIELDS**  
545 SW 3rd St., Corvallis, Oregon  
Tickets available now at [appliedeco.org](http://appliedeco.org)

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Applied Ecology

The Institute for Applied Ecology presents the eleventh annual [Invasive Species Cook-Off and Fundraiser](#) to raise awareness about the threat of invasive species to native pollinators and ecosystems on Saturday, September 16, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

This community event will be at the wonderful [Common Fields Food Truck Pod and Taproom](#) in downtown Corvallis, and will feature a variety of small plate dishes made by local food carts, an invasive species cookoff and beverage contest, live music, and a raffle with excellent prizes. The cost is \$50 per adult and \$30 for students. Information and tickets can be found at [appliedeco.org/invasive-species-cookoff](http://appliedeco.org/invasive-species-cookoff)

Contact: 541-753-3099; [evanlasley at appliedeco.org](mailto:evanlasley@appliedeco.org)

Sponsors: Institute for Applied Ecology, Common Fields, HUB International

Location: 545 SW 3rd Street, Corvallis, OR 97333 -*Evan Lasley*



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# Correction to South Coast Chapter Article

Maggie Daly of the South Coast Chapter Activities Committee should have been credited as the author of the article "South Coast Chapter Native Plant Garden Tour," which appeared in the July 2023 Bulletin.

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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, August 26, 9:00 am to 11:00 am**

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

**Location: McMinnville Public Library**

Join NPSO volunteers tending the native plant garden at McMinnville Public Library. Bring gloves, bucket, and a few gardening tools if possible. No experience is necessary; the garden is a great place to get more familiar with local native species. For more information, contact Catie Anderson at [catie.fishback@gmail.com](mailto:catie.fishback@gmail.com) or 971-241-7634.

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, September 23, 9:00 am to 11:00 am**

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

**Location: McMinnville Public Library**

Join NPSO volunteers tending the native plant garden at McMinnville Public Library. Bring gloves, bucket, and a few gardening tools if possible. No experience is necessary; the garden is a great place to get more familiar with local native species. For more information, contact Catie Anderson at [catie.fishback@gmail.com](mailto:catie.fishback@gmail.com) or 971-241-7634.

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.

### 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).

**Wednesday, August 2 to Saturday, August 5**

**Event: Booth in the Floral Section at the Benton County Fair**

This is a great opportunity to reach out to the community about native plants. Contact Esther to help volunteer with set up, watering, and take down at 541-990-0948 or [estherco@peak.org](mailto:estherco@peak.org).

**Saturday, August 12, 8:00 am to late afternoon**

**Field Trip: Note Location Change: Echo Basin**

**Leader: Patrick Emblidge**

We will enjoy the late season wet meadow and big trees at Echo Basin in the Willamette National Forest. The hike is a mellow two-mile loop (630' elevation gain) with boardwalks through the meadow. Bring a lunch and water. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, and come prepared for the 1 hour 40 min drive (each way) to the site.

Meet at the Oregon State University, Wilkinson Hall parking lot (44.5692746, -123.2810976) southwest of Allan's Coffee and Tea at 26th and Monroe for carpooling. The two-mile approach road is fairly rough, so high-clearance vehicles are preferred. For more information, contact Patrick: 509-607-4748 or [patrickemblidge@gmail.com](mailto:patrickemblidge@gmail.com).

**Saturday, August 26, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

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

**Leader: Esther McEvoy**

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

We will work on late summer garden cleanup and fixing the fencing around the gardens. Bring water, gloves, shovel, and clippers. Contact Esther for more information or to RSVP at 541-990-0948 or [estherco@peak.org](mailto:estherco@peak.org).

**Saturday, September 9, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Event: Potluck Picnic**

**Location: Lions Club Shelter, Avery Park, Corvallis**

A picnic to celebrate the Corvallis chapter being active for 40 years! Bring a dish to share of your choice and your own utensils.

## **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, August 12, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Gold Lake Bog Research Natural Area**

**Leaders: Jenny Moore and Sarah Uebel**

Join us for a foray into the botanical wonderland of Gold Lake Bog, which was designated

as a Research Natural Area in 1965. Gold Lake Bog hosts several rare botanical species such as American Scheuchzeria (*Scheuchzeria palustris*), several species of carnivorous bladderworts (*Utricularia* spp.), and other fun fen species. Bring a walking stick as we will be walking downhill from the trail into the bog and cross-country once there. Plan to get your feet wet or wear rubber boots. Bring a lunch and water and a sun hat. Sign up [here](#).

**Monday, September 18, 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm**

**Presentation: The Nature of Bend: Favorite Species, Trails, and Stories**

**Presenter: LeeAnn Kriegh**

**Location: In person, Amazon Community Center, 2700 Hilyard St, Eugene, 97405**

Central Oregon's varied habitats support amazing plant and animal species—many of which can only be found in the High Desert. LeeAnn Kriegh, the author of [The Nature of Bend](#) and [The Nature of Portland](#), will talk about some of her favorite Bend-area species, highlighting their natural history and the best places to find them. Kriegh is a writer and hiker who worked with dozens of naturalists and photographers to create her two guidebooks, and she'll share many of the books' gorgeous photos as part of her talk.

**Monday, October 16, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Presentation: Ancient Grasslands: The past, present and future of Willamette Valley prairie and savanna**

**Presenter: Bart Johnson**

**Location: In person, Amazon Community Center, 2700 Hilyard St, Eugene, 97405**

## **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 chapter field trip coordinator is Jill Kellogg at [highdesertnps@gmail.com](mailto:highdesertnps@gmail.com).

The High Desert chapter is pleased to announce that we have a new iNaturalist project featuring our field trip plant observations. To view our recent trips, please visit <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/high-desert-chapter-nps-field-trips>.

## **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, notify us at [npsopdxchapter@gmail.com](mailto:npsopdxchapter@gmail.com). You'll also find our monthly programs and additional field trips posted on our Meetup page: [meetup.com/NPSO-Portland/](https://meetup.com/NPSO-Portland/). Our Facebook page is regularly updated with current wildflower bloom status and photos: [facebook.com/nps.portland](https://facebook.com/nps.portland). Visit our chapter website at [portlandnativeplants.org](http://portlandnativeplants.org) for archived newsletters and to register for current

programs. View recordings of past programs on our YouTube channel. Join one of our iNaturalist projects: [inaturalist.org/projects/npsopdx-collective-annual-projects](https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/npsopdx-collective-annual-projects). Follow us on Instagram: [instagram.com/npsopdx/](https://www.instagram.com/npsopdx/).

Members will find links to register for our second Thursday Zoom presentations in each issue of the *Bulletin*, in *The Calochortus* newsletter, and on our social media channels. The Portland Chapter does not host Zoom Programs in July and August.

**Thursday, September 14, 7:00 pm**

**Program: Torrent Salamanders and Headwater Streams: Protecting the Treasures of the Pacific Northwest**

**Presenter: Christopher Cousins, Wildlife Science PhD Student at Oregon State University**

Christopher Cousins is an expert on torrent salamanders, amphibians endemic to the Pacific Northwest. In its headwater stream home, the torrent salamander's survival is in jeopardy as the planet warms. Two of four species are being considered for listing under the federal Endangered Species Act. Using multiple genomic and modeling tools, Chris' research is at the forefront of efforts to save these sensitive and elusive creatures. Come learn more about a little-known species, headwater streams, and cutting-edge conservation tools!

Register here: [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcucuqtrTljE914\\_i-bBlmtqJS0rpvLAGqa](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcucuqtrTljE914_i-bBlmtqJS0rpvLAGqa)

## **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/UCXF12J9yp2AYmUzNz0jLLSw>

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>

**Sunday, August 27, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Native Medicinal Plant Walk of Mount Ashland**

**Leader: Holly Hawthorn**

On this hike, we will explore the beloved Mount Ashland through a variety of terrains, discussing the medicinal properties of the biodiverse native medicinal plants found here. Herbalist Holly Hawthorn will point out, in several different locations, a variety of native plants that are known for their medicinal qualities. We will discuss habitat and the secondary metabolites, which are the phytochemicals produced by plants that form the medicinal constituents of the plants. We will have the opportunity to practice our botany identification skills and explore topics such as native medicinal plant conservation, ecosystem restoration, the ethics involved in wild crafting and harvesting and the magic and lore of the plants that have evolved alongside of us. No experience is required, and

the hiking will be moderate-to-easy with many stops to talk about the plants we find. We will not be harvesting medicinal plants on this hike. All levels of botany and herbalism experience are welcome.

Logistics: We will meet at the Rite Aid parking lot at 9:00 am to carpool and caravan to several locations on Mount Ashland. We will head out to a few different places and have lunch in a scenic spot overlooking the valley beyond and the wildflowers in bloom. Expect to be heading back to Ashland around 2:00 to 3:00 pm. So, in addition to bringing lunch, snacks, plenty of drinking water, clothing layers, and the things that will make you comfortable, you must have sturdy shoes, a sense of adventure, and a love of plants. A more specific itinerary will be emailed to registered participants a week before the hike. There will be a maximum of twelve participants, so register early. For more information, please contact field trip coordinator, Katelyn Detweiler at [Detweiler.katelyn@gmail.com](mailto:Detweiler.katelyn@gmail.com). To register, please use the link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/native-medicinal-plant-walk-of-mt-ashland-tickets-642346524747?aff=oddtcreator>.

**Tuesday, September 26, 7:00 pm**

**Program: Partnering with Beavers for a Resilient Future**

**Presenter: Jakob Shockley**

**Location: Medford Congregational Church of Christ- Lidgate Hall, 1801 East. Jackson Street, Medford**

The Siskiyou chapter of NPSO is teaming up with Rogue Valley Audubon Society and Vesper Meadow Restoration Project for a joint program featuring Jakob Shockley from Project Beaver. The Project works to nourish a world where humans partner with beavers for the resilience of our planet. Birds and native plant communities greatly benefit from the work of beavers.

Jakob Shockley is a human, father, and husband. He works primarily with beavers and people, focusing on the restoration of complex natural processes and relationships that create and maintain resilient habitat and its wildlife. Jakob co-founded and leads Project Beaver, a nonprofit dedicated to empowering humans to partner with beavers and value their works. He also sings to himself, loves flying kites, and can't spell.

Coffee/tea/cookies will be served beginning at 6:30 pm. Zoom option: The Zoom link will be posted on the Rogue Valley Audubon webpage (<http://www.roguevalleyaudubon.org>) the day of the meeting.

## **South Coast**

The South Coast Chapter has been recently re-established, with membership from both Curry and Coos counties. Guests of members of other chapters are welcome at our events. 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>.

## **Umpqua Valley**

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

Wednesday, August 9, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm

Field Trip: McNeil Point

Leader: John Savage

John Savage will lead an all-day walk to McNeil Point near Rhododendron in the Mount Hood area. This four-to-six-mile hike will take us through lush forest areas to meadows filled with a variety of mountain wildflowers. Bring water, lunch, snacks, and appropriate footwear and clothing. Space is limited. Registration is required. To register and for more information, please contact John Savage at [wvnps@gmail.com](mailto:wvnps@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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Filipendula

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

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