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This issue of Kalmiopsis brings several conservation concerns. First is Sidalcea hendersonii, a coastal species whose populations in Oregon have dwindled during the past 100 years down to a single site. Melanie Gisler and Rhoda Love, authorities on all aspects of this species, are leading efforts for listing of this species. In the Plant of the Year series, Frank Callahan shares his concerns for Aesculus californica, whose Oregon distribution is also limited to a single location. Mariana Bornholdt takes us back in time to the experiences of botanists on the Wilkes Expedition through Oregon in 1841. Michael Murray relates the threats to Pinus albicaulis, an important timberline species in Oregon. We learn about the botanists at Crater Lake National Park from Beth Horn and about the discovery and conservation efforts on behalf of Fritillaria gentneri from Georgie Robinett. I thank Gene Yates, Candice Guth, Lusetta Nelson, and Frank Lang for writing book reviews. Lastly, we take a moment to honor Scott Sundberg, whose leadership created a strong foundation for the Oregon Flora Project. I hope that in addition to increasing your knowledge of Oregon's native plants and habitats, this issue of Kalmiopsis inspires you to work toward their conservation.



Sidalcea hendersonii, female flowers. Photo by Michael Running.

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