



# ***Native Plant Society of Oregon***

Dedicated to the enjoyment, conservation, and study of  
Oregon's native plants and habitats

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Arrowleaf balsamroot (*Balsamorhiza sagittata*) in foreground of slope overlooking the Snake River Canyon. Baker County Oregon. May 9, 1993. Photo by Barbara and Glenn Halliday, Courtesy of Oregon Flora

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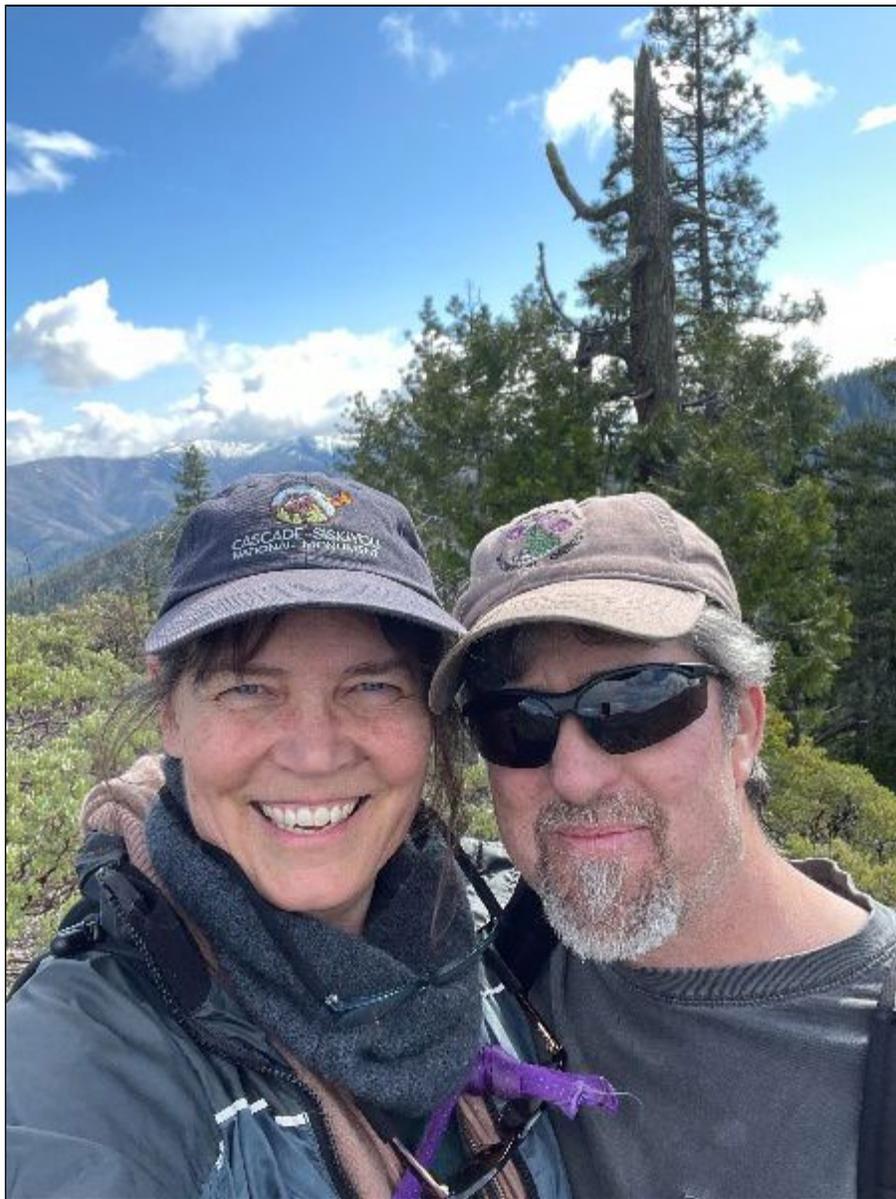
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For membership inquiries, contact Willow Elliott, the Membership Chair, by [email](#), or send mail to P.O. Box 902, Eugene, OR 97440.

**The last day for registration for the NPSO Annual Meeting is May 7, 2024**

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**A Growing and Thriving NPSO with  
Rachel Werling**



Rachel Werling and her husband Scott Balcom on the search for *Fritillaria glauca* in the Klamath Mountains. Spring 2023. Photo by Rachel Werling

Changes are underway at NPSO! As our membership grows (30% since 2020) and our culture and technology evolve, the need for improved and updated systems and strategic planning has grown as well.

Rachel Werling, our Siskiyou Chapter president, has supported NPSO's efforts to bolster organizational capacity since 2020 and recently transitioned to a part-time contracted Organizational Development Specialist role.

Rachel brings a wealth of experience in program development, administration, fundraising, and community building. As the leader of the Land Steward Program at Oregon State University Extension, Rachel has leveraged her skills to promote a thriving

community of volunteers, cultivate program development, and establish strong partnerships with organizations and agencies. Rachel embraces innovation to nurture development and has successfully engaged and promoted many new online strategies and organizational systems with her work at Oregon State University and for the Siskiyou Chapter.

With a vision of a more connected and effective NPSO, Rachel is organizing efforts to update policies and procedures to enhance the volunteer experience and accessibility.

Looking ahead, Rachel envisions a vibrant NPSO supported by an engaged community passionate about Oregon's native flora. She seeks to foster connection, inspiration, and mutual support among our chapters, elevating our collective work for Oregon's native flora.

With her collaborative leadership style, innovative mindset, and dedication to community engagement, Rachel Werling is well-positioned to make a positive impact with the Native Plant Society of Oregon, bringing her extensive experience and passion to further the organization's mission and goals.

Want a few other details about Rachel? She is also a botanist! Rachel holds a master's in plant biology from Arizona State University. Her master's thesis is an illustrated flora from Oaxaca, Mexico. Rachel has a bachelor's degree in biology from California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt. After college, she served in the Peace Corps in Ecuador. As a field biologist, she has worked with birds, mammals, riparian systems, and most extensively- plants. She has been a rare plant surveyor in the Pacific Northwest since 2006. - *Rachel Werling, Siskiyou Chapter President*

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## NPSO Annual Meeting Deadline

The last date to have your registration received (including fees and waiver form) is May 7, 2024, so if you've been waiting to register at

<https://annualmeeting2024.npsoregon.org/registration.php>, do it today (5/1/24!) -*Judi Sanders*

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## OregonFlora

It's wildflower season, and time to discover the greenery and flowers of our state's botanical treasures!

OregonFlora has lots of resources to help you enjoy your

explorations. Below are some tips and tricks for content on the oregonflora.org website, including some that may be new to you. Some screen shots follow this list to help you find the features.

[Plant Inventories \(Checklists\)](#) - there are over 5,000 species lists for given places, many of them the product of NPSO field trips. You can search by site name or by using the interactive map. These lists are a guide to the plants you're likely to see at a site.



1. Identification tools—Did you know that every checklist on our website has an “Identify” option that creates a plant ID tool exclusively for the plants on that list? Click/tap on the magnifying glass icon or switch to the Identify view using the button at the top of a plant list to reveal filters that let you identify an unknown plant.
2. Are you a visual learner? View any checklist as a series of thumbnail photos! You can also arrange the list alphabetically by taxon name.
3. You can filter on specialized characters found in challenging plant groups when using our [interactive keys](#). Select the “Groups with specialized keys” to add filtering options unique to those troublesome groups like sedges, composites, and ferns.
4. Opening the [Site Map](#) (link found in the green footer at the bottom of most pages) lets you access the Image Library and search by photographer. OregonFlora has not yet fully developed this feature, hence its low visibility on our website.
5. A spreadsheet of [native plants](#) can be downloaded; this and other helpful lists addressing the flora and plant names can be found on our [Checklist](#) page.
6. Is plant photography your passion? [Here](#) is a list of taxa needing field photos for inclusion on plant profile pages. Share your images and their details using our [template spreadsheet](#).

**OregonFlora species lists**

Checklists here have been contributed by botanical societies, individuals, and researchers.

OregonFlora has been gathering thousands of species lists since 1995 - over 5,100 are available here! Zoom in on the map to your area of interest and select a marker to open a checklist from that region. Or filter the list for place names using the search box.

**Interactive map** (or explore areas from list below)

Map Satellite

**Checklists** (referenced in the map above)

- EXPLORE** plants that have been discovered at the listed location.
- IDENTIFY** a plant you've discovered at that location, using a form of characteristics.

Filter locations by name: [Search Box] 1-100 of 5100 LOCATIONS

List #1031: Josephine Co. 245-7W-31

List #1035: Peggie Dute area

List #1036: Wolf Passes Rd

(1) Find Inventories (checklists) of places statewide

**OregonFlora** EXPLORE RESOURCES PUBLICATIONS ABOUT CONTRIBUTE Search all plants

## List #124: Babyfoot Lake Area (Kalmiopsis Wilderness)

Authors: Southern Oregon State College

**Currently displayed:**

- Families: 58
- Genera: 110
- Species: 129 (species rank)
- Total Taxa: 137 (including subsp. and var.)

EXPORT: [Icons]

**Filter Tools**

Search this checklist: [Search Box]

SEARCH:  Scientific names  Common names

Include:  Synonyms

SHOW RESULTS:  As images  As list  Alphabetical by town  Neighbors & taxon authors

**EXPLORE**

Switch to identify

**AMARYLLIDACEAE**

- Allium falcifolium* — onion, sickle leaf
- Allium validum* — onion, Pacific swamp

**APIACEAE**

- Lomatium nudicaule* — barestem biscuitroot
- Penideridia oregana* — yampah, Oregon
- Tauschia howellii* — tauschia, Howell's

**APOCYNACEAE**

- Apocynum androsaemifolium* — dogbane, spreading

(2) "Identify" option presents list with plant ID filters  
(3) View list as thumbnail images, or alphabetically

The screenshot shows the Oregon Flora website interface. On the left, there is a 'Filter Tools' sidebar. Under the 'Filter by characteristic' section, the 'WHOLE PLANT' category is expanded. A red circle highlights the 'Groups with specialized keys' section, which contains several unchecked checkboxes: 'nonifers', 'ferns and allies', 'monocots', 'dicots', 'sunflower family', 'grass family', 'sedge family', and 'Carex'. The main content area on the right lists various plant families and species, including Allium, Apiaceae, Apocynaceae, Araliaceae, Asparagaceae, and Asteraceae.

(4) Filter to add in specialized characters in difficult groups

The screenshot shows the 'Taxa with Images' page on the Oregon Flora website. The page title is 'Taxa with Images' and it includes a brief description: 'This page provides a complete list of taxa that have images. Use the controls below to browse and search for images by family, genus, or species.' There are three main sections: 'Browse by Family', 'Browse by Genus', and 'Browse by Species'. On the right side, there is a 'Scientific Name Search' box with a search input field and a 'Search' button. A red circle highlights the 'Image Search' link in the sidebar below the search box. Below the search box, there are links for 'Image Copyright Policy', 'Image Contributors', and 'Image Search'. At the bottom of the page, there is a list of plant families starting with 'ACRACETAE' and 'ALIZACETAE'.

(5) View images by photographer

Volume 3 of the *Flora of Oregon* is approaching completion - don't miss the opportunity to sponsor a chapter, treatment, or illustration of this legacy botanical work! This is also an excellent way to honor a loved one, colleague, or mentor. The form with available species is found [here](#), and on the [Flora of Oregon](#) page.

The [Oregon Wildflowers app](#) puts information from our website and *Flora* books on your phone for use without an internet connection. It's an identification tool, a stunning photo gallery, and an excellent primer on plant family traits (look in the "botanical help" section) that will help you recognize plants and their relations wherever you go.

If these resources are helpful for you, we hope you'll consider supporting OregonFlora. Contributions can be made online through our [PayPal account](#), or by sending a check to the address on our [Donate](#) page. Your support is greatly appreciated! - *Linda Hardison*

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## Oregon's Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Plants Need Five Minutes of Your Time

As you read this, the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) is preparing its 2025-2027 budget. The NPSO actively participates in Oregon's Legislative Assemblies to support funding for the Native Plant Conservation Program (NPCP) in ODA's budget. NPSO members testify at Legislative Committee meetings and write letters to their legislators. We have been successful in helping to secure funding for the NPCP in the past two Legislative Assemblies.

The NPCP is a very small item in ODA's Budget. Historically, native plant conservation has been a very low priority at ODA. That is why we need your help now. The legislature is the last step in the budget process. We need to let our voices be heard sooner. We need to let ODA Director Lisa Charpilloz Hanson know how important funding for the NPCP is to us as she prepares the budget that is submitted to Oregon Governor Tina Kotek.

Then, we need to let Governor Kotek know that we expect her support for native plant conservation as she reviews the agency budgets and prepares the Governor's Proposed Budget that is submitted to the legislature for approval. Soon, ODA will submit their budget to the governor. In early 2025, the governor will submit her budget to the legislature.

We were fortunate that we had the support and leadership of Representative Dan Rayfield, District 16, Corvallis, in securing funding for the NPCP in the past two Legislative Assemblies. Representative Rayfield is now running for Attorney General. I am confident that NPSO can continue to count on Dan's support, but we will miss his influence in the legislature.

So please, send a letter or email right now to the ODA director telling her why the conservation of our native plants, especially the diligent monitoring of Oregon's rare, threatened, and endangered species, is important to you and to Oregon. The director's contact information is below. - *Dave Garcia, NPSO Legislative Committee Chair*

ODA Director Lisa Charpiloz Hanson

[info@oda.oregon.gov](mailto:info@oda.oregon.gov)

635 Capitol St NE

Salem, OR 97301

Phone: 503-986-4552

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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.



Members of the NPSO High Desert Chapter gather before embarking on the "Chimney Rock Buttercup Bonanza" field trip, above the Crooked River in Crook County, Oregon.

April 13, 2024. Photo by Jill Kellogg.



Left photo: chatterbox (*Epipactus gigantea*), on the Little River. July 9, 2023. Right photo: cardinal mimulus (*Erythranthe cardinalis*) on Fall Creek on North Umpqua. July 23, 2023. Photos by Rod Trotter. Rod noted that the cardinal mimulus has been very abundant at this location since the 2019 Archie Creek Fire.



California huckleberry (*Vaccinium ovatum*). Storm Ranch/New River, Coos County, OR.  
March 31, 2024. Photo by Chuck Hedges.

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## Oregon Mystery Plant

### Last Month's Mystery Plant Revealed

Congratulations to Jennifer Barker, Ken Chambers, Jason Clinch, Luan Pinson, and Kathleen Sayce for correctly identifying last month's Mystery Plant as *Frasera albicaulis*, whitestem frasera. According to Flora of the Pacific Northwest, Second Edition, this long lived perennial herbaceous plant is found in plains and lower mountains. It is found in Washington, Oregon (east of the Cascade Mountains), California, Nevada, Idaho, and Montana.



Photo by Jermome Brown

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



Photo by Jill Kellogg

This month's mystery plant was photographed by Jill Kellogg on April 13, 2024. It was growing on a basalt rock outcrop within juniper/sagebrush grassland above the Crooked River Canyon in Crook County near Prineville, Oregon. If you can identify this plant, email the editor at [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)

## Siskiyou Crest Conifer Field Trip Series

**SISKIYOU CREST**  
2024 **CONIFER**  
**Field Trip Series**

The Siskiyou Crest Conifer Field Trip Series will visit all 25 species of conifers that grow in the Siskiyou Crest region, over the course of eight separate field trips, in a wide variety of locations, and led by local experts, botanists and ecologists.

Trips will be located on Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest or Madras District BLM Lands.

**REGISTER HERE**

Applegate Siskiyou Alliance  
info@applegatesiskiyou.org  
Field trip coordinators: Luke Rueger & Suzzie Savoie

- May 15 - Little Grayback with Walter Kuhn
- May 27 - Sycamore Creek with Barbara Cooper
- June 1 - Anderson Butte with Richard Callagan and Julie Spillholz
- June 2 - Sandbar Falls with Scot Lewis
- July 3 - Whisky Peak with Barbara Naumb
- July 6 - Big Red/Dutchman Peak/Tenmark Meadows with Barbara Naumb
- July 27 - Miller Lake with Sam Dittus
- August 3 - Mt. Ashland with John Kersland

Applegate Siskiyou Alliance has opened registration for its Siskiyou Crest Conifer Field

Trip Series that will visit all twenty-five species of conifers that grow in the Siskiyou Crest region over the course of eight different field trips this summer.

For more information or to register, click on this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/siskiyou-crest-conifer-field-trip-series-3218659>

The Siskiyou Crest is at the heart of the Klamath-Siskiyou ecoregion and home to one of the richest coniferous forest regions of the world, including endemic conifer species that grow nowhere else on Earth.

The Siskiyou Crest Conifer Field Trip Series highlights the twenty-five species of conifers that grow in the Siskiyou Crest region. From moist, low elevation, forested canyons, to dry, rocky ridgelines at high elevations, the field trip series will visit each conifer species in the wide variety of ecosystems they inhabit.

Each field trip will be led by Luke Ruediger of Applegate Siskiyou Alliance and Suzie Savoie of Klamath-Siskiyou Native Seeds, as well as expert botanists and ecologists from around the region, including: Wayne Rolle (Little Grayback trip), Romain Cooper (Sucker Creek Trip), Julie Spelletich and Richard Callagan (Anderson Butte trip), Scot Loring (Sundew Lake trip), Barb Mumblo (Big Red/Dutchman/Tamarack and Whisky Peak trips), Matt Dybala (Miller Lake trip), and Julie Kierstead (Mt. Ashland trip).

The field trips will cover a wide variety of topics related to the specific conifers visited. Depending on the trip, they will also cover general ecology, botany, biodiversity, habitat connectivity, wildlife associations, non-vascular plant associations, and fire ecology. They will be fun adventures at popular destinations, as well as remote backcountry areas that are seldom visited. Field trip leaders will point out and help identify wildflowers, shrubs, and other tree species during the trips as well.

The field trip series is a fundraiser for Applegate Siskiyou Alliance. Come join us on this conifer adventure series and meet some new friends, humans and plants, along the way. - Suzie Savoie, Klamath-Siskiyou Native Seeds

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**Willamette Valley Chapter Scholarships  
Available for Students in Botany and Plant-  
Related Fields**

The Willamette Valley Chapter of NPSO is offering \$500 and \$1,000 scholarships for sophomores, juniors, and seniors enrolled at an Oregon college or university for the 2024-2025 school year and who are majoring in one of the following fields of study:

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

Half-time students are eligible.

A limited number of qualified applicants will be selected to receive the \$500 and \$1,000 scholarship awards. Applications will be accepted by mail or electronically until **June 1, 2024**.

Applicants must submit a completed application that includes name, address, email address, phone number, college or university name, and college or university address.

Applicants also must submit:

- a statement of academic and career intent, with a discussion of relevant coursework, extracurricular activities, and interests- the statement should show a demonstrated interest in native plants and the intent to pursue studies or careers related to native plants;
- one letter of reference from a person able to judge the student's ability to successfully complete study in the student's area of major study; and
- full collegiate academic record (transcript).

Completed applications and documents can be sent by mail to:

John Savage  
Jean Davis and Augusta Rockafellar Scholarship Funds  
2114 Thoreau Avenue SE  
Salem, OR 97302

Completed applications and documents can also be sent by email to:

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

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## 2024 Candidates for NPSO State Board of Directors

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. If you are interested in serving or have suggestions for future candidates, contact Kim Brown at [secretary@npsoregon.org](mailto:secretary@npsoregon.org) for more information.

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

### **President:**

**Steven Yeager** (Emerald) Originally from Philadelphia, Steven moved to the Pacific Northwest in 1994 and has been rooted in Eugene ever since. He is vice president of quality and regulatory affairs at Mountain Rose Herbs. Steven Yeager has been exploring Oregon's wild places and studying the Pacific Northwest's native flora since 1995: botanizing, wildcrafting, and preparing herbal preparations for himself and his family. Steven is also an herbal educator and former co-owner of the Columbinas School of Botanical Studies. He believes cultivating a relationship with plants and the natural world is vital for a healthy existence on this planet. He also serves as a board member for the American Herbal Products Association (AHPA) and is currently participating with many of AHPA's committees. He also serves on the boards for the AHPA Foundation for Education and Research on Botanicals, United Plant Savers, NPSO, and NPSO Emerald Chapter. When not at work or volunteering with various non-profits, Steven enjoys spending time with his family, cooking, hiking, camping, wildcrafting, and botanizing in the Cascade Mountains.

### **Vice-President:**

**Judi Sanders** (Corvallis) is originally from the Roseburg area and received her bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon. She did her graduate work in California and spent much of her professional career there. After retiring from the communication department at Cal Poly Pomona, she returned to Oregon in 2005 and subsequently taught communication at Oregon State University for ten years. Her lifelong love affair with wildflowers drew her to NPSO in 2006. Judi has previously served as the NPSO state president, vice-president, and as an at-large board member as well as Corvallis Chapter president. She has been the coordinator of Native Plant Appreciation Week/Month since

about 2007 and has served on various other NPSO committees. She also previously served on the Oregon Invasive Species Council.

**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.

**Treasurer:**

**Seán Cawley** (Siskiyou) Seán immigrated from California in 2019. He spent a year working in the Worldwide Organization of Organic Farms program in Ireland where he lived and worked on various organic farms including goat dairy farms. He has a master's degree in business and a bachelor of science degree in environmental business. He is a certified master gardener. He recently completed the Land Steward Program. He is passionate about enhancing biodiversity in gardens, companion planting, and using native plants whenever possible. He prefers to grow plants for consumption, herbal health, and soil/planet health. If he can't eat it or use it, he doesn't want to waste water growing it.

He stepped down as treasurer of the Jackson County Master Gardener's Association this past year. He had served on the board since 2020 and as treasurer for the past two years. As treasurer he moved the financial practices of the association to paperless operation. It now utilizes QuickBooks online (cash accounting), online banking and check writing including making all expense requests digital. The organization is still accepting checks, but their system also supports PayPal payments. While not a certified public accountant, he worked for twelve years as the assistant to the chief financial officer of a non-profit university in San Francisco. He has technical experience with Microsoft Office including Excel and most Adobe products. He prefers using the Apple computer platform but can "muddle" his way through a personal computer.

He is a veteran having served sixteen years in the Navy, where he trained in electronics. He volunteers at the White City Veteran's Administration Rehabilitation Center in Jackson County by teaching veterans how to grow food for sustainable living. The Center utilizes the Nutritionists at the Veteran's Administration to devise recipes and diets to augment the various foods harvested.

He owns and lives in a tiny house which has less than 250 square feet of living space. The house is designed with grey water plumbing and a compost toilet. He designed the electrical system to use less than two kilowatt hours per day including heating, ventilation, and air conditioning. He is proud of the very small footprint that he leaves on this planet.

### **Directors-at-Large:**

**Marshall Doak** (Siskiyou) grew up in the Denver, Colorado region and completed his bachelor of science degree in horticulture at Colorado State University prior to relocating to the Pacific Northwest. His career spans two industries: first as a grower and manager for plant production companies and then as a business development professional after completing his master of business administration at Pacific Lutheran University. As an adult, in addition to maintaining a love of plants, Marshall has volunteered to assist several organizations over time, including being community services commissioner, a Xeriscape Park Design Committee member, and a Watershed Council board member among other appointments. As a hobby, he collects seeds of woody plants and grows the seedlings, resulting in a potpourri of ornamental and native plants in need of permanent homes. Marshall is a member of the NPSO Siskiyou Chapter and is interested in being more active in the NPSO, offering his experience and talent mix to the NPSO State Board. He resides in the Rogue Valley and is employed by Southern Oregon University as the director for the Southern Oregon University Small Business Development Center.

**Dick O'Donnell** (Siskiyou) As a Californian who spends inordinate amounts of time in Oregon, in Oregon's neglected corners as well as more central places, his desire to serve NPSO must be tailored to circumstances. Since he retired from his job as an economist at a large corporation in about 2006, he has been able to devote most of his time to being in the outdoors, doing what he likes best: hiking. He has written numerous articles about wild places in the San Francisco Bay area in *The Four Seasons*, a local annual journal of the East Bay Botanic Garden and named a new species of *Streptanthus* and one of *Hesperolinon*. This was published in the journal *Madrono* and can be reviewed in the *Flora of North America*. He is now completing a book about the Blue Mountains of Northeastern Oregon, a twelve-year project. Having spent so much time in the northeastern corner of Oregon, he was puzzled to find that the NPSO chapters there or near there were under-represented. The Blue Mountains can have a higher profile in NPSO, and that's the main thing, but not the only thing he plans to do as director at large.

**Megan Westby** (Portland) is a Portland native with a bachelor of arts in international relations from George Fox University. She currently manages grant proposals for The Nature Conservancy, and previously for the Xerces Society. Her career in nonprofit conservation fundraising spans advancing habitat protection for Oregon's native invertebrates to invasive terrestrial species removal in the plains of northern Tanzania. Megan is a perennial student of the natural environment, and likewise enjoys supporting youth environmental education. Her passion for native plants stems from their importance in climate resilience and the survival of all forms of life in a changing world.

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## Table Rocks Hikes

The Nature Conservancy and Bureau of Land Management, Medford District are sponsoring a series of free, guided hikes at Upper and Lower Table Rocks, near Medford, Oregon from April 6 to June 1, 2024. The complete list of hikes can be viewed at [tinyurl.com/TableRocksHikes2024](https://tinyurl.com/TableRocksHikes2024). Although the hikes are free, registration is required due to limited space. We hope you can join us at the Table Rocks. -*Kathy Kudo, The Nature Conservancy Volunteer Hike Coordinator*

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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, May 25, 9:00 am - 11:00 am**

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

**Location: McMinnville Public Library**

Spend a couple hours with a congenial crew and learn how the beauty, diversity, and educational value of this mature demonstration garden is maintained with a minimum of effort. No experience is necessary. Bring gloves, bucket, and gardening tools. Dress for the weather. 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).

**Saturday, May 25, 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**

Come help with spring cleanup in the gardens. Dress for the weather and bring gloves, shovel, and clippers. Contact Esther for more information or to RSVP 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.

**Sunday, May 5, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm**

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

**Leader: Margaret Conover**

**Location: 1680 East 15th Avenue, University of Oregon Campus, Eugene**

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 second 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.

**Thursday, May 16, 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm**

**Field Trip: University of Oregon (UO) Riverfront Plant Phenology Monitoring Plot Demo**

**Leaders: Jeff Diez, Katelin Kutella, and Sarah Erskine, UO Institute of Ecology and Evolution, and Gail Baker, Lane Community College Professor of Biology**

**Location: Riverfront property of UO Campus, just southwest of the Frohnmayer Bridge along the Ruth Bascom Bike Path**

Join UO ecologists Sarah Erskine, Katelin Kutella, Jeff Diez, and Lane Community College Professor of Biology Gail Baker to tour a new ecological experiment embedded within public spaces in Eugene. The project is a collaboration between the UO researchers, Eugene Public Parks, and community naturalists (like you!?). The overall goal of the project is to better understand how climate affects plant phenology, species interactions, and the performance of our native prairie species. Expect to see blooms of *Collinsia* sp., popcorn flower, and pink *Plectritis* sp. among others. By sowing mini-restoration experiments and collecting data on phenology, species interactions, and species performance, the study aims to enhance local biodiversity in our public spaces and help inform future restoration efforts. The project is also seeking volunteers to help monitor species at several public parks and is using observations from iNaturalist to understand how our local Eugene plant phenology fits into larger regional patterns.

See the map at <https://maps.app.goo.gl/DCmwM3RTwbtCHV187> for location and different parking lots with easy access to the Ruth Bascom Bike Path. Note that most parking requires a visitor permit before 6:00 pm.

[iNaturalist Project](#) to view the site and current blooms.

[Project website](#) for more details about all the sites and a map.

[Community Ecology Research Lab at UO](#) describing who we are and our research.

#### **Friday to Saturday, May 17-18**

**Volunteer Opportunity: Help prepare for Mount Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower Festival**

**Location: Mount Pisgah Arboretum, 34901 Frank Parrish Rd, Eugene**

The Emerald Chapter is a co-sponsor of the annual wildflower festival, and all members are invited to help prepare for this important event. Members can:

- 1) Collect Lane County plants on Friday, May 17 or early Saturday morning, May 18 for Pavilion display. If you need a place to collect or have questions, contact [Em\\_President@npsoregon.org](mailto:Em_President@npsoregon.org).
- 2) Set up the display on Saturday, May 18 starting at 9:00 am; come for a couple hours or stay all day. It is a great way to brush up on or start learning Lane County native plants. Experts are available to help!
- 3) Collect iNaturalist data from May 16-20 by photographing and posting plants blooming in Lane County. For details, visit this year's Lane County Flora Blitz project: [Lane County Wildflower Show Florablitz 2024](#).

#### **Sunday, May 19th, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Special Event: Mt. Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower Festival**

**Location: Mount Pisgah Arboretum, 34901 Frank Parrish Rd, Eugene**

This Festival is a great, family-friendly event with activities including an expansive wildflower display in the White Oak Pavilion highlighting over 200 local species, live

music featuring local bands, the Art in Nature Trail with ephemeral art installations, guided nature walks by local experts, and local vendors (food, beverages, arts and crafts, and plants).

Come find our booth to the left of the entrance to the wildflower display.

More information and tickets are available at

<https://mountpisgaharboretum.org/festivals-events/wildflower-music-festival/>

## **High Desert**

For information, visit our website: [www.highdesertnpsoregon.org](http://www.highdesertnpsoregon.org) or Facebook page:

[Native Plant Society of Oregon: High Desert Chapter](#), or email us at

[highdesertnps@gmail.com](mailto:highdesertnps@gmail.com). Find our latest field trip observations on iNaturalist,

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/high-desert-chapter-nps-field-trips>.

**Saturday, May 11, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Lawrence Memorial Grasslands Preserve**

**Hike Leaders: Tom Wainwright and Cindy Roché**

**Location: The Nature Conservancy Lawrence Memorial Grasslands Preserve, between Antelope and Shaniko**

Join us for a trip to Lawrence Memorial Grasslands Preserve (The Nature Conservancy). It is one of the best remaining examples of Columbia Plateau biscuit-scabland prairie, with mima mounds interspersed with basalt outcrops and ravines. There is a wide variety of bunchgrasses and wildflowers across the mixed habitats. This is an opportunity for those interested in grass identification to practice keying grasses with Cindy. Bring your *Field Guide to Grasses of Oregon and Washington* and appropriate field tools for identification (hand lens and mm ruler). Those less interested in grasses can explore the diversity of spring wildflowers with Tom. This is a short hike of less than three miles with little elevation gain, but terrain is uneven and rocky.

RSVP to hike leader Tom Wainwright at [highdesertnps@gmail.com](mailto:highdesertnps@gmail.com) with "Lawrence Grasslands" in the subject line. It's about a two-hour drive from Bend to Lawrence Memorial Grasslands Preserve, between Antelope and Shaniko, so Bend participants should plan to leave at 8:00 am. Carpools will be arranged. Limited to twelve participants.

**Tuesday, May 21, 9:45 am - 3:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Rimrock Springs**

**Hike Leader: Karlene Richmond**

**Location: Rimrock Springs Trailhead, U.S. Highway 26 between Madras and Prineville**

Rimrock Springs trail crosses through a high desert juniper and sagebrush environment which then leads to a wetland oasis, doubling the wildflower possibilities. We might see bitterroot in bloom as well as *Calochortus* lily, rough eyelash-weed, bee plant, fleabane, lupine, delphinium, penstemon, phlox, and buckwheat. The list goes on! The approx.

two-mile easy trail is fairly flat, and half of it is paved. Parking is available at the trailhead.

To register, email the chapter trip coordinator at [highdesertNPSO@gmail.com](mailto:highdesertNPSO@gmail.com) with "2024 Rimrock" in the subject line.

**Saturday, June 2, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Wildflowers of Big Summit Prairie**

**Trip leader: Jennifer Curtis**

**Location: Big Summit Prairie**

**Rating: Easy**

Explore the riot of flowers of Big Summit Prairie north of Prineville. We'll never be far from our vehicles but will still find all kinds of dazzling blooms. To let us know you're interested, email the High Desert Chapter trip coordinator at [highdesertNPSO@gmail.com](mailto:highdesertNPSO@gmail.com) with "2024 BSP" in the subject line.

**Saturday, June 8, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Skull Hollow Saddle and Pine Ridge**

**Trip leaders: Stu Garrett and Cindy Roché**

**Location: Crooked River National Grasslands**

**Rating: Moderately Difficult**

Pine Ridge is a volcanic ridge near Gray Butte that is in unusually good ecological condition and supports a variety of spring wildflowers. At the base of the butte, we will visit two exclosures: one for cattle and the other for both livestock and elk. The High Desert Chapter has been working with Crooked River National Grasslands at this site, including medusahead plots. We expect to see a variety of grasses and early summer wildflowers, including a variety of penstemons, sandwort, buckwheats, paintbrush, biscuitroot, groundsels, balsamroot, and lupine (and more!). Pine Ridge and Gray Butte lie at the edge of the Crooked River Caldera, providing geologically spectacular views on a clear day. The tour will include a discussion of geology. The trip involves hiking approximately two miles off-trail, with no more than 1,000-foot elevation gain. We will be going up the side of the butte, which is fairly steep.

We will depart from Bend at 9:00 am and return to Bend by 4:00 pm. We will meet to carpool in the parking lot south of the Sherwin-Williams paint store in front of the Lowe's store along Highway 97 in north Bend. Roads are dirt, but passable with Subaru Outback clearance level. Wear hiking boots and dress for the weather; bring water and lunch/snacks. No dogs or other pets.

To register, email the chapter trip coordinator at [highdesertnps@gmail.com](mailto:highdesertnps@gmail.com) with "Gray Butte 2024" in the subject line.

**Saturday, June 22, 2024, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Event: Sunriver Wildflower Show and Pollinator Festival**

## Location: Sunriver Nature Center, Sunriver

Save the date! Join Sunriver Nature Center and Observatory and the High Desert Chapter of the Native Plant Society as we celebrate the diversity of wildflowers in Oregon and the pollinators who love them. More information can be found at:

<https://snco.org/event/wildflower-show-and-pollinator-festival-2/>

## 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/npsso.portland](https://facebook.com/npsso.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://inaturalist.org/projects/npsopdx-collective-annual-projects). Follow us on Instagram: [instagram.com/npsopdx/](https://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, May 9, 7:00 pm**

**Zoom Presentation: Where We Call Home: Lands, Seas, and Skies of the Pacific Northwest**

**Presenter: Josephine Woolington, Writer and Musician**

**Location: Zoom**

Josephine will discuss her book, *Where We Call Home: Lands, Seas, and Skies of the Pacific Northwest*, a nonfiction essay collection about Northwest plants and animals, and the relationship that people have had with them over time. Through interviews with local biologists, historians, artists, and Indigenous leaders and scientists from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, the Yakama Nation, Haida Nation, and the Makah Tribe, the essays delve into the past, present, and possible future of Northwest landscapes, encouraging curiosity, humility, and a more collective understanding of our home. Josephine will also discuss her latest work featured in *High Country News* that details underground seed banks and their promise for ecological restoration.

Register for this Zoom event [here](#). When you register, you'll receive an email with a link

to join the session. Save it.

For field trip Information, visit our [Google Calendar](#).

**Monday, May 20, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Field Trip: BioBlitz Hike: Giant Wildflowers of Salmon River**

**Leaders: Lecia Schall and Cloudy Sears**

**Location: Old Salmon River Trail, Welches**

Join us, Lecia and Cloudy, for an evening hike experiencing wilderness and an amazing array of giant trees and giant wildflowers along the Old Salmon River Trail. This old growth forest river trail follows the Salmon River through fields of fawn lilies, fairy bells, lanterns, and corydalis flowers. We will start at the Green Canyon Campground and perhaps stage some cars at other trailheads. There are vault toilets available there.

There is a day use fee of \$10 at the Green Canyon Campground, but a N.W. Forest Service Pass may be used in lieu of a day use fee. Join our 4th annual NPSOPDX24 [May Wildflower BioBlitz](#)! Contact Lecia (Lisa) [schalllecia@gmail.com](mailto:schalllecia@gmail.com) to RSVP.

**Thursday, June 13th, 2024, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Zoom Presentation: The Forest Canopy: An Ecosystem Overhead**

**Presenter: Dr. Hannah Prather, National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology at Reed College**

**Location: Zoom**

Have you ever found yourself wandering beneath towering evergreens, wondering about the mysteries of the canopy above you? Nestled amidst the treetops, the forest canopy stands as one of the last biotic frontiers. It is a living tapestry, abundant with an incredible diversity of flora and fauna not found in other layers of the forest. Beyond its biodiversity, the forest canopy plays a crucial role in the ecosystem's functioning and overall resilience. This talk will explore the intricate structures and functions of the canopy, and you'll discover how it contributes to maintaining biodiversity and ecological balance in Pacific Northwest forests. We'll explore the unique and innovative methods that scientists use to study these complex arboreal habitats, while gaining appreciation for the beauty, complexities, and irreplaceable significance of the forest canopy!

Register for this Zoom event [here](#). When you register, you'll receive an email with a link to join the session. Please save it!

## **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/UCXFI2J9yp2AYmUzNz0jLISw>

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>

**Thursday, May 16, 7:00 pm**

**Program: To be Announced**

**Speaker: To be Announced**

**Location: Southern Oregon University, Ashland Science Building, Room 161 or via Zoom**

This program will also be provided via Zoom for folks who cannot attend in person. To register for the Zoom: <https://bit.ly/npsotalks>

**Friday, May 31, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Identifying Wildflowers of the Cathedral Hills**

**Trip Leaders: Doranne Long and Amanda Snodgrass, Bureau of Land Management Botanist**

Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/868778970287?aff=oddtcreator>

## **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>.

**Saturday, May 11, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Meeting/Presentation: In person Chapter Business Meeting and Elections followed by Presentation from Stephanie McKnight, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.**

**Leader: Charmane Mitchell**

**Location: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 2000 Jackson Street, Port Orford**

Ms. McKnight will speak about the Coastal Species Conservation Collaborative, a workgroup of state and federal agencies, non-governmental organizations (including NPSO's Rare and Endangered Committee), and researchers to focus on conservation of rare coastal species in northern CA and southern OR. The group has identified thirty-eight species of conservation need. Of the thirty-eight species, twenty-seven are plants. Many of these plants have not been surveyed in decades, and we therefore have very little information on the status of these species, the status of populations, what conservation issues they face, and other challenges. She will be leading efforts to survey for many of these species this field season and would love to find some folks (no botany

experience needed) to help conduct surveys and learn about coastal species conservation.

A Zoom option is available at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85621706837?pwd=MG94bUtEOE1kcDJ1bkh6U1l2S2NoZz09>

Meeting ID: 856 2170 6837

Passcode: 353471

Contact Charmane Mitchell at [cmainie@gmail.com](mailto:cmainie@gmail.com) if you have questions.

**Saturday, May 25, 10:30 am**

**Field Trip: Butler Bar**

**Leader: Olivia Dethlefsen at [oliviadethlefsen@gmail.com](mailto:oliviadethlefsen@gmail.com) (Note email [Jbott@batnet.com](mailto:Jbott@batnet.com) as Olivia will be out of town until mid-May)**

**Location: Near Butler Bar Campground, 22 miles from Port Orford**

This plant walk will consist of three legs. First, we will visit a Pacific dogwood located in the campground itself. Next is a short walk on NF-5325, in the direction of Laird Lake, to look at some special plants of interest there. After we walk back past our parking area, there will be an optional third leg, involving a little bit more hiking. We will explore about one to one to one-half mile up NF-5201, following Butler Creek, and then return the same way. This road is closed to vehicles at this time but is fine for walking. There is a patchwork of burn scars and slides, interspersed with less disturbed parts which remain green. We may see a couple new plants on this leg, but the main interest here is the chance to compare the disturbance and regrowth to NF-5325.

The first two legs will be about one-half mile of walking total, with little elevation change. The last leg will be two to three miles total, walking uphill and then downhill on the return. Binoculars are encouraged: one side of the road is a steep, rocky slope, so binoculars will give you a little bit more to look at higher on the cliffs. This forest includes tanoak. To prevent spreading sudden oak death, if you are coming from Brookings, Gold Beach, or Port Orford, it is encouraged to make sure you aren't tracking in mud or leaf litter from another tanoak forest.

If you are interested in attending this plant walk, please sign up by emailing Julia Bott at [Jbott@batnet.com](mailto:Jbott@batnet.com) as Olivia will be out of town until mid-May. Olivia ([oliviadethlefsen@gmail.com](mailto:oliviadethlefsen@gmail.com)) will provide additional details and directions once she returns.

## **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.

**Wednesday, May 1, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Wildflower Walk in the Woods**

**Leaders: Tami and Barry Braz, Rod Trotter**

**Location: 1400 Wendy Mountain Ln, Oakland, Private property of Barry and Tami Jo Braz**

We will leave Roseburg at 9:00 am from our native plant garden meet up location near the Westside Community Gardens off Harvard Ave in Roseburg in the United Methodist Church back parking lot near 850 Keady Ct. An alternate meet up location for this field trip only: in Sutherlin at Ford's Pond on SW Church Rd at 9:20. Ride sharing is encouraged.

Douglas Small Woodlands Association and the Umpqua Chapter of NPSO are co-sponsoring this field trip. Tami and Barry have invited us to tour their Windy Mountain Tree Farm (Previously 3960 Green Valley Rd, Oakland). We will see the culmination of several years of a Natural Resource Conservation Service Conservation Stewardship Project which includes a massive invasive species removal/suppression effort, grass and wildflower plantings, a native plant enhancement and restoration project in action, and a wildflower/pollinator corridor. There will be quite a bit of walking on this outing at different elevations. Bring water/lunch. Contact Donna for information at 541-643-0364.

**Saturday, May 4, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Event: NPSO Booth at the Master Gardeners Plant Sale and Expo.**

**Location: Douglas County Fairgrounds, Roseburg, \$3 admission**

You will see some new vendors at the indoor show with a lot of garden related items for sale along with hundreds of plants. Stop by our booth and say hello and pick up a free native plant seedling. We also have greeting cards and T-shirts for sale.

**Saturday, May 11, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Beatty Creek - Beatty Rock**

**Location: Lower Cow Creek Watershed and Island Day Use Area**

**Leader: Rod Trotter**

We will leave Roseburg promptly at 9:00 am from our meet up location on Keady Ct. (See directions in May 1 field trip) We will explore Beatty Rock, a monolithic outcropping of conglomerate in the lower Cow Creek Watershed. This is one of our favorite spots. Ride sharing is encouraged. Parking is limited. We will explore along lower Cow Creek Road. We should see star Solomon's seal; a rare new catchfly; white, purple and tri-colored iris; *Madia elegans*; inside out flower; and coast trillium.

The first stop is at the mouth of Beatty Creek, some three miles up Cow Creek Road. There we will amble about the beautiful creek and view the Beatty Rock area. The second stop is 1.8 miles further down Cow Creek Road at the Bureau of Land Management Island Wayside. We usually eat our lunch there. Bring lunch. There is also a maintained public toilet on site.

**Tuesday, May 14, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Meeting: Chapter Meeting - 6:00 pm -7:00 pm (in person and Zoom)**

**Presenter: Dr. Doug Tallamy**

**Location: Faith Lutheran Church, 820 Kenwood St, Roseburg (westside parking area behind the church.)**

There will be a 7:00 pm -8:00 pm Zoom presentation: “Homegrown National Parks Initiative” with Dr. Doug Tallamy. Come see our nice meeting room. We were unable to view this video in April, so we are moving it forward to May. For questions or Zoom link information, contact Donna 541-643-0364 via phone or text.

**Wednesday, May 15, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm**

**Field Trip: A Walk in the Woods at Severt Iverson Memorial Park**

**Leader: Rod Trotter**

**Location: Coos Bay Wagon Rd near Tenmile**

We will leave Roseburg promptly at 9:30 am from our meet up location on Keady Ct (see directions in May 1 field trip). This is a co-sponsored field trip with Umpqua Chapter NPSO and Douglas Chapter of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association. Iverson County Park has beautiful Tenmile Creek running through it. We have identified several native wildflowers growing there. Fifty-one species were found in May 2023. Bring lunch and a chair if you need one; there is one picnic table. There is a bathroom permanently on site. The trip is mostly level ground with a trail running through the park. We’ll see lots of native flowers.

**Saturday, May 18, 8:00 am - late afternoon**

**Field Trip: Ragged Ridge**

**Leader: Rod Trotter**

**Location: North Umpqua River near Steamboat Creek**

We will leave Roseburg at 8:00 am from our meet up location on Keady Ct (see directions in May 1 field trip). Ragged Ridge is located up the North Umpqua River near Steamboat Creek above 3000 feet in elevation. Participants will be treated to a tour of the Ragged Ridge-Dry Creek area. We will be looking for white iris, buckwheats, sedums, our rare *Kalmiopsis fragrans*, and a rarely seen lady slipper orchid. Not sure of open facilities. Bring lunch.

**Saturday, May 25, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Lower Twin Lake**

**Leader: Rod Trotter**

Twin Lakes Trail is a three and one-half mile lightly trafficked loop trail located near Idlewild Park, Oregon that features a lake and is rated as moderate. The trail offers several activity options. We will have more information regarding this trip in an updated field trip schedule as the date gets closer.

Reservations are required; call Rod Trotter at 541-672-1907 or M. A. Hansen at 541-863-

8111 at least one day before the field trip. Contact Rod or M. A. with questions or for details. It is imperative that you call Rod or M.A. again the night before the trip to confirm your plans to attend and to confirm the schedule has not changed. We often have to change the date on short notice due to bloom or weather unpredictability, or country emergency road closures.

We would like to send you a 2024 Tentative Field Trip Schedule from Umpqua Chapter if you are not on our email notification list.

## **Willamette Valley**

**Saturday, May 11, 10:00 am and 11:00 am**

**Sunday, May 12, 10:00 am and 11:00 am**

**Field Trip: Silver Falls State Park**

**Location: Meet at the South Falls Stone Circle at 10:00 am or 11:00 am on Saturday or 10:00 am or 11:00 am on Sunday for the start of the walks**

As part of the Silver Falls State Park Mother's Day Birding and Wildflower Festival, members of the Willamette Valley Chapter of the NPSO will lead one-hour wildflower walks near the South Falls. For more information about the festival, call 503-873-8681 or visit <https://stateparks.oregon.gov/index.cfm?do=things-to-do.event&eventId=48881>.

**Saturday, May 18, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Kingston Prairie Preserve**

Join members of the Willamette Valley Chapter of the NPSO and the Greenbelt Land Trust to view the blooming wildflowers at the Kingston Prairie Preserve southeast of Stayton. The preserve is one of the best examples of native prairie remaining in the Central Willamette Valley. Bring water, snacks, and sturdy walking shoes. 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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**Native Plant Interest Groups:**

### **Filipendula**

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

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