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Oregon's native plants and habitats

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Cascade downingia (*Downingia yina*). Josephine County Oregon. June 14, 2011. Photo by Norman Jensen, Courtesy of Oregon Flora.

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## Jason Clinch - NPSO Fellow 2024

Jason Clinch grew up on a rural farm outside of Castle Rock, Washington in the shadow of Mount St. Helens. He caught his first fish from a boat on Spirit Lake with his grandparents while camping at age three, then watched the mountain erupt at age five. From an early age, he spent his time camping, skiing, hiking, riding dirt bikes, and fishing whenever he could until graduating from Castle Rock in 1992. He attended Clark College in Vancouver,

Washington for two years, followed by Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon.

It was at Linfield that Jason met Professor Kareen Sturgeon (NPSO Fellow, 2013), who nurtured his interest in biology and in particular botany, ecology, and evolution. He quickly took every class she offered and even attended the required systematic botany field trip to the Alvord Desert twice! He eventually earned his bachelor of science in biology with minor degrees in environmental studies and chemistry in 1997. While at Linfield, he interned for the Yamhill Basin Watershed Council and Natural Resources Conservation Service mapping riparian vegetation as part of a larger watershed analysis.

During one summer of his time at Linfield, Jason worked as a natural resource technician for the Washington Department of Natural Resources cruising timber and laying out sale units and roads with just a compass, clinometer, and chain. It was there that he began to fully realize he needed a job where he was outdoors as often as possible. Following graduation from Linfield, Jason moved to southern Oregon to work for the Bureau of Land Management as a biological technician conducting stream surveys in the Applegate Valley for a season. His botany skills were certainly put to the test there as the only member of his crew with any botanical studies and background while cutting his teeth in some of the most diverse vegetation communities in Oregon.

Following the field season, Jason took a job at Oregon Health and Science University in a pathology lab. After several years, Jason yearned for another outdoor job and started taking graduate classes at Portland State University to round out his biology degree and learn about wetland science, delineation, and restoration. He began volunteering with Metro as a naturalist at their parks and greenspaces teaching children about the environment, ecology, wildlife, and, of course, plants. It was around this time he joined the NPSO. He eventually landed another seasonal job, this time with the Gifford Pinchot National Forest as biological technician with a focus on surveying and vouchering rare lichens, bryophytes, and fungi that may be associated with old-growth forests.

The following field season, Jason began doing contract field work for a variety of botanical and wildlife projects on U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands across southwest Washington and western Oregon. Of particular note, he worked for two-years leading surveys across some of the most pristine forests in Oregon for the purpose of better understanding the range and habitat requirements of many rare lichens and bryophytes. Hundreds of the specimens he collected are held in the Oregon State University and University of Washington Herbariums.



Jason Clinch on Castilleja Hill at Memaloose State Park in the Columbia River Gorge with Kris Freitag's dog Kali. 2016. Photo by Kris Freitag.

Jason eventually landed a job as a wetland biologist for a small consulting firm where he worked for nearly twenty years on a multitude of wetland-related projects conducting delineations and permitting development projects across the state of Oregon. Many of these projects involved rare plant surveys, mitigation projects, and/or habitat restoration projects from the subalpine meadows of Mount Hood to the wet prairies of the Willamette Valley, and down south to the vernal pools in the Agate Desert of southern Oregon. During this time, he was part of the Agate Desert Vernal Pool Working Group coordinated by several agencies and interest groups and gave input and consultation on vernal pool habitat assessment, mitigation, and restoration techniques. He's worked on several large vernal pool mitigation and/or restoration projects that involved successful reintroductions of endangered species.

Jason has been a NPSO member since 2001 but became more active with the Portland

Chapter around 2011 when he began sitting in on chapter board meetings and offering to assist and/or lead hikes. He became a Rare Care volunteer for the University of Washington at that time which involved relocating rare plant populations in Washington on various public lands and reporting on their status. By 2012, he had joined forces with Erin Gray to start a similar rare plant monitoring effort in Oregon called Citizen's Rare Plant Watch, which at that time, was solely a NPSO volunteer led initiative. Jason led efforts for and recruited folks from the Portland Chapter to relocate rare plant populations in the Portland-Metro area, Columbia River Gorge, and out to the Coast Range. After Erin moved away in 2013, he championed these efforts mostly on his own until 2016 when he fully handed the project off to Portland State University and the Rae Selling Berry Seed Bank and Plant Conservation Program housed there.

Jason continues to volunteer for and champion Citizen's Rare Plant Watch on behalf of NPSO as the Rare and Endangered Plants Committee Chair, a role he took on in 2015. He has led rare plant monitoring trainings and works with the program coordinator, Kris Freitag, often in developing outings and with general consulting on projects. Jason has also served as a State Director-at-Large (2019-2021 and 2023-2025), is an original initiator to the development of a new website for NPSO (and on the current website working group), and is an ongoing proponent to the modernization of the organization (and on the organizational development working group). He's been a key contributor in the recent successful petitions and letters requesting more funding for the Oregon Department of Agriculture's Plant Conservation Program and regularly sits in stakeholder meetings with them as a representative of NPSO.

Jason is always happy to help out on field trips he attends whether that is local chapter events or Annual Meetings and has been involved in creating and contributing to plants lists and/or inventories of various natural areas he's visited around the state. Leading up to the 2018 Annual Meeting in Prineville, Oregon, he served on the Portland Chapter organizational committee for the meeting. As recognition for his past service and contributions, the Portland Chapter recognized him as Volunteer of the Year in 2019, a first for the chapter.

Lastly, Jason would like to forever extend gratitude to those fellow NPSO members he's had the opportunity to cross paths with both past and present, all who have contributed to his personal growth and education, and provided inspiration to him in some way. Besides Kareen Sturgeon, he would like to extend specific thanks and appreciation to Roger Brewer, Paul Slichter, Susan Saul, Dan Luoma, Willow Elliott, Thea Jaster, and Kris Freitag not only for their long commitments to our organization but to Jason on multiple levels. - *Willow Elliott, Portland Chapter*



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## State Membership Committee News Spring/Summer 2024

The state membership is growing like the wildflowers we visit, and we were 1,100 members strong as of the Annual Meeting date. The first year of testing out a new way of saving and sharing membership information with the Wild Apricot database is nearing its end and is considered to be a success by the State Board. It will be what you continue to use to log in to when you need to change your email, physical address, or chapter affiliation. When the new state website is launched later this year, your Membership information and renewal access will be the same.

New membership team names are coming soon! Kaitlin Andersen is passing the baton of Database Manager by June 1 to Corvallis member Alex Kurowski, an Oregon State University graduate student and whiz at website/database knowledge! Willow Elliott will pass on the Membership Chair "hat" by July with plenty of time to train a replacement by the fall renewal season. She and the Portland Chapter members are planning the 2025 Annual Meeting which will be based in Hood River in order to explore the Columbia Gorge!

The duties of both Membership Chair and the technical support position of Database Manager are listed [HERE](#). If you would like to inquire about the Membership Chair job, please contact Rachel Werling, our new state Organization Development Coordinator at [rawerling@gmail.com](mailto:rawerling@gmail.com).

It has been a year of progress for all chapters to get back into ways we always connected with our members before the pandemic and the ease of communication is much improved with the systems we now have.

If you ever have a question about your membership status, need help logging in or creating or editing your profile, please email [membership@npsoregon.org](mailto:membership@npsoregon.org). NPSO volunteers will reply! - *Willow Elliott*

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## Friends of OregonFlora

OregonFlora is developing a comprehensive resource

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



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

Contributions to OregonFlora can be made online through our [PayPal account](#), or by sending a check to the address on our [Donate](#) page. Please make checks payable to the Agricultural Research Foundation and include "OregonFlora" on the memo line. Your support is greatly appreciated! - *Linda Hardison*

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## Sunriver Wildflower Show and Pollinator Festival



Join us at the 2024 Sunriver Wildflower Show and Pollinator Festival to celebrate the diversity of wildflowers in Central Oregon and the pollinators who love them.

The show will be held from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday, June 22 at the Sunriver Nature Center and Observatory (SNCO). There will be a headline speaker in the SNCO amphitheater at noon.

Of course, there'll be the wildflower display showcasing hundreds of plants from the Cascade crest to the juniper/sagebrush steppe, as well as walks in the botanic garden, educational talks and demonstrations, children's activities and crafts, native plants for sale, educational stations and resources and local art, photography, and flower inspired



vendors.

The High Desert NPSO chapter collects and provides the expertise to identify the flowers for the show and has a representative at the show to answer questions. If you are interested in helping, please email the High Desert Chapter show coordinator at [highdesertNPSO@gmail.com](mailto:highdesertNPSO@gmail.com) with "wildflower show" in the subject line.

General Admission - \$12/adult, \$10/child

Sunriver Nature Center and Observatory Members - \$10/adult, \$8/child

Sunriver Owners Association, NPSO, Sunriver Limited Partnership members, and veterans  
- Free (Includes daytime admission to SNCO)

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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.



Common camas (*Camassia quamash*) at Deer Creek County Park in Yamhill County, Oregon. May 17, 2024. Photographed by Marina Longden during a 2024 NPSO Annual Meeting field trip.





Elegant fawn-lily (*Erythronium elegans*) (left photo) and skunk cabbage (*Lysichiton americanus*) (right photo) along Mt. Hebo trail, on the border of Tillamook and Yamhill counties, Oregon. May 17, 2024. Photographed by Marina Longden during a 2024 NPSO Annual Meeting field trip.



NPSO Portland Chapter members at Spirit Mountain Lodge during the 2024 Annual Meeting in Grand Ronde. From left to right: Lecia Schall, Frank Howarth, Nancy Howarth,

Willow Elliot, Ron Klump, Beth Markhart, Sarah Damien, Roger Brewer, Anne Maslan, and Betsy Becker. May 17, 2024. Photo by James Mickley.



NPSO Portland Chapter members Don Jacobsen, Beth Markhart, and Willow Elliot (left to right) at Spirit Mountain Lodge during the 2024 Annual Meeting in Grand Ronde. June 17, 2024. Photo by James Mickley.

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Cascade lily (*Lillium washingtonianum*) on Green Springs Mountain loop.  
June 22, 2021. Photo by Ken Berg.

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## Oregon Mystery Plant

### Last Month's Mystery Plant Revealed

Karl Anderson, Jess Beauchemin, and Karen Theodore all correctly identified last month's Mystery Plant as *Grayia spinosa*, commonly known as hopsage. According to *Flora of Oregon*, this grayish barked, spiny, perennial shrub in the family Amaranthaceae is found in scrubland and juniper woods. Its range is widespread. It ranges from eastern Washington, eastern Oregon, California, Nevada, Idaho, northeast to Montana, east to Wyoming, and southeast to New Mexico.



Hopsage. Photo by Jill Kellog.

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



Photo by Kathleen Sayce.

This month's mystery plant was photographed by Kathleen Sayce on July 5, 2013. It was growing in sand on ocean beach a few miles south of Leadbetter Point State Park, in Pacific County, Washington. Although photographed in Washington, it occurs in similar habitats in 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)**

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## Native Plant Appreciation Month Committee Seeks Members

Native Plant Appreciation Month is the largest coordinated across-the-state education and outreach event that NPSO currently leads, but over the last couple of years the committee membership has declined and is now a committee of one. While the workload on this committee has historically been light, with more members we would have a greater effect and we have at least one exciting new initiative. So, why do we need members?

First, we need a new poster designer - preferably someone with graphic design experience and a love of native plants. We solicit photographs as summer ebbs and set a submission deadline near the end of the year (at the designer's preference). We would like to have a completed poster by mid-February if we continue to use a digital poster. If we return to a printed poster, we might set an earlier date to allow time for printing and distribution. The NPSO Board will decide whether we return to print with advice from the committee.

Second, we need committee members to help review the submitted photos and poster designs. Committee members can also be involved in encouraging and publicizing activities around the state. These activities often include plant sales, plant walks, iNaturalist forablitzes, workshops, and similar events.

Third, and this is the big one: we have been recruited by the Garden Club of America and the Portland Garden Club to work on getting legislation in Oregon to permanently establish April as Native Plant Appreciation Month. To do that, we need to engage supportive legislators so we can get the legislation started. NPSO has been legislatively active previously, and we have a legislative committee so we can collaborate with them to make this a reality.

Quite honestly, except for the designer position, this committee requires very little time, but it has the potential for enormous public impact. Why don't you join "me" and make the committee "us" to help fulfill NPSO's basic mission of public education for the enjoyment, conservation, and study of native plants and habitats? To join or just get more information email: [judi.sanders@gmail.com](mailto:judi.sanders@gmail.com). -Judi Sanders

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**“Know Your Grasses” Grass ID Workshop**



The University of Washington Herbarium at the Burke Museum and Washington Native Plant Society are co-sponsoring “Know Your Grasses,” a grass identification workshop taught by Clay Antieau, Ph.C. The Workshop uses recorded lectures, live lectures, lab exercises, and field study in a variety of habitats—designed to provide students with abundant opportunity to engage many genera, species, and grass topics. In-person sessions will be held at the University of Washington’s main campus and at Discovery Park, Seattle, WA. For a detailed schedule, additional details, and registration information, please visit: <https://www.wnps.org/events/grasses-workshop>. - Clayton Antieau

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## A New Phase of the Pacific Northwest Bumble Bee Atlas!



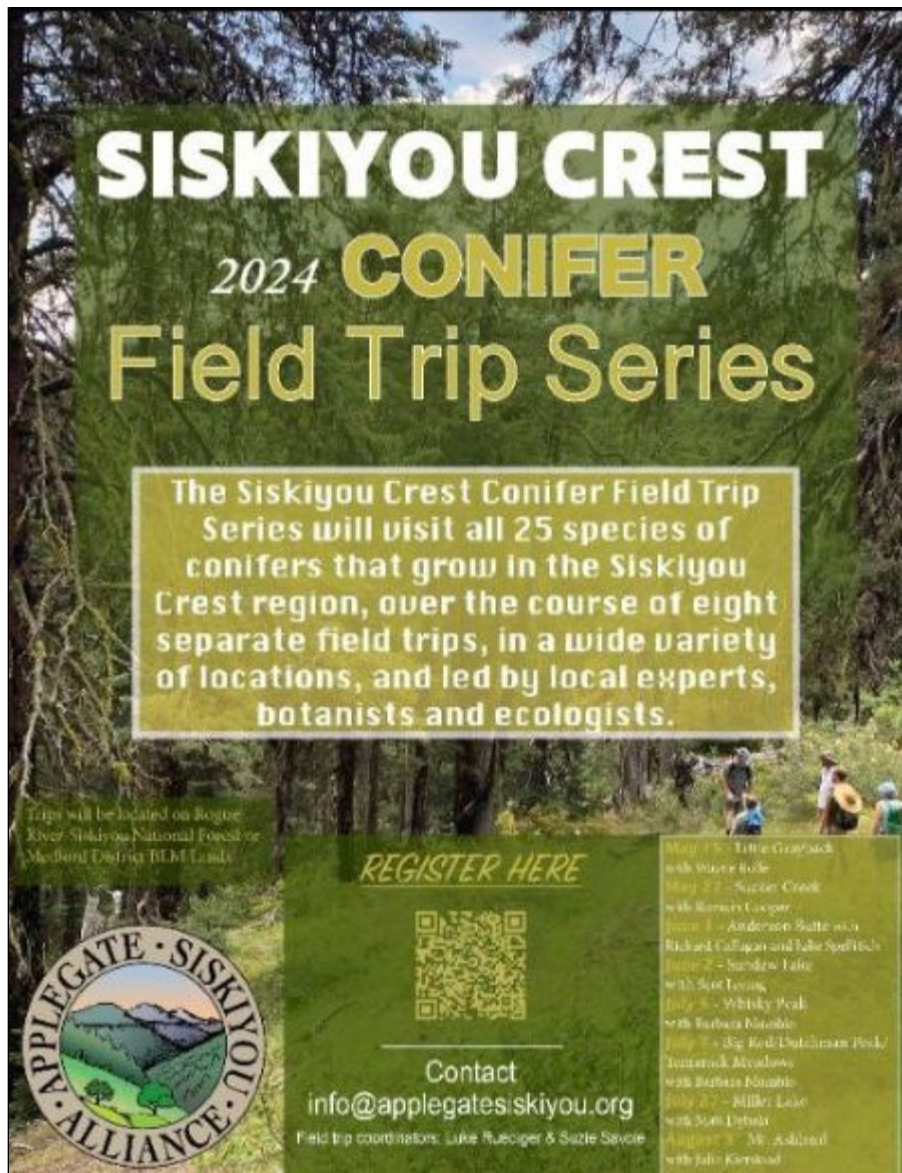
Photo by Molly Martin.

In case you have missed it, we are launching a new phase of the Pacific Northwest Bumble Bee Atlas in 2024! Now that we have finished a broad census across the three-state area, we are shifting the focus from a general grid cell approach to establishing key monitoring stations distributed throughout the region to keep tabs on populations.

Now is the time to join the team- we can’t do it without you! Whether you’ve volunteered with the project since 2018, or this is the first time you’ve heard about it, we invite you to join the team of dedicated volunteers who carry out this work. Head over to [our website](#) to learn more about the program and to explore the monitoring station map. - *Reprinted Courtesy of the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation*

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## 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 Medford District BLM Lands.

**REGISTER HERE**

**CONTACT**  
info@applegatesiskiyou.org  
Field trip coordinators: Luke Ruediger & Suzie Savoie

May 15 - Little Crayback with Wayne Kule  
May 22 - Sucker Creek with Kenneth Cooper  
June 1 - Anderson Butte with Richard Callagan and Julie Speltzich  
June 2 - Sandbar Falls with Scot Tearing  
July 3 - Whiskey Peak with Barbara Blomble  
July 9 - Big Red/Dutchman Peak/Tenamick Meadows with Barbara Blomble  
July 27 - Miller Lake with Matt Urbala  
August 3 - Mt. Ashland with Julie Gerstoad



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>

- Suzie Savoie, Klamath-Siskiyou Native Seeds

## Correction to May 2024 *Bulletin* OregonFlora Article

The *Bulletin* editor inadvertently did not include the referenced figures in the May 2024 OregonFlora article. A corrected version which includes the figures can be found on the

NPSO website at: [NPSO Bulletin May 2024 \(npsoregon.org\)](https://www.npsoregon.org).

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## Chapter Notes

### Cheahmill

For questions, or to be added to the Cheahmill Chapter's email list for reminders of upcoming programs and events, please contact the Cheahmill Chapter President at [ch\\_president@NPSOregon.org](mailto:ch_president@NPSOregon.org).

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

**Saturday, June 22, 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://www.facebook.com/CorvallisNPSO).

**Friday, June 21, 8:00 am - late afternoon**

**Field Trip: Iron Mountain and Cone Peak**

**Leaders: Dan Luoma and Joyce Eberhart**

We will hike the Iron Mountain-Cone Peak loop, identifying wildflowers in this botanical hotspot. Over 200 species of vascular plants have been recorded across this botanically rich trail west of Santiam Pass. *Wildflowers of the Western Cascades* (Ross and Chambers, 1988) focuses on the flora of this area. A delightful post about the area by Tanya Harvey can be read here: [A Rainbow of Colors at Cone Peak and Iron Mountain](#). Tanya's plant list is here: <https://westerncascades.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Iron-Mountain-Cone-Peak-plant-list.pdf>.

The loop is about five miles through moderately difficult terrain and will take all day

since we will walk slowly looking at so many flowers. There is about a 1,000-foot elevation gain, mostly in the first one-third of the hike. Bring lunch and water, dress for the weather, and wear sturdy shoes (there may still be snow drifts).

Please note that this field trip is being offered again on July 7th and that it would be appreciated if participants came to only one to reduce the potential for overcrowding.

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 more information, contact Dan: [luomad@oregonstate.edu](mailto:luomad@oregonstate.edu). Please leave furry friends at home.

**Saturday, June 29th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Mary's Peak Scenic Botanical Area**

**Leaders: Phil Hays and Esther McEvoy**

A hike from the campground through the noble fir forest, along the meadow edge trail to the summit, and back to the campground. It will be about a three-mile roundtrip hike of medium difficulty. For carpooling meet at the parking lot on the north side of Wilkinson (between NW 27th Street and Arnold Way at Oregon State University) at 9:00 am. Bring lunch, water, and appropriate hiking gear.

If planning to attend, contact Esther at 541-990 0948 or [esthermcevoy975@gmail.com](mailto:esthermcevoy975@gmail.com)

**Sunday, June 30, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

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

**Leader: Esther McEvoy**

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

Come help with summer 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).

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## **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, June 8, 10:00 am - 11:30 am**

**Field Trip: Turtle Flats**

**Leaders: Jared Tarr, Intern and Volunteer Coordinator, Friends of Buford Park and Mt Pisgah, and Dave Predeek**

Join Jared and Dave for a 1.5 hour walk of Turtle Flats with an optional work party extension. Participants will see the transformation from gravel pits to restored wetland habitat with plenty of native plant species. The work party runs until noon, so attendees can get in a half hour burst of service work if they so desire.

We will be traversing some uneven ground, but primarily be on gravel roads/paths for a ~.75 mile out-and-back. Participants should dress for the weather, wear sturdy boots (waterproof a plus), bring water, and a snack if you'd like. Friends will supply any tools and gloves needed.

Meet at the gated area on Franklin Blvd East, just past the railroad trestle and across from the Emerald People's Utility District building. Sign up [here](#).

See NPSO Emerald Events for map details:

<https://emerald.npsoregon.org/emchapevents/>

**Saturday, June 29, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Weiss Rd, Prairie/Oak Area ACEC and Camas Swale RNA**

**Leader: Ed Alverson**

Join Ed Alverson to visit two adjacent Bureau of Land Management sites located about six miles southwest of Creswell to view the late spring/early summer flora. The Weiss Road Prairie-Oak-Pine Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) has a prairie/bald community with oaks and associated understory species. The nearby 314-acre Camas

Swale Research Natural Area (RNA) has an old growth Douglas-fir forest plus a small (6 acre) prairie/bald community. More information on Camas Swale RNA can be found in the Guidebook Supplement at: [https://www.fs.usda.gov/pnw/pubs/pnw\\_gtr843.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/pnw/pubs/pnw_gtr843.pdf).

The outing will be a mix of walking on gravel roads through forest and some cross-country travel through forest for fifty to 100 yards to reach open meadows or balds. Participants should wear sturdy shoes, and bring lunch, water, and sunscreen. Wear long pants as poison oak is present here.

Meet at Lane Community College at the lowest parking lot off of Eldon Schaefer Drive, Eugene. Sign up [here](#).

**Tuesday, July 9, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm**

**Field Trip: Iron Mountain to Cone Peak Trail**

**Leader: Jenny Lippert, Retired Forest Service Botanist**

Enjoy a slow walk with little elevation gain through the blooming rock gardens with former Forest Botanist, Jenny Lippert. This is a perfect excursion for folks who like to take their time and smell the posies. The trail is gravel, and we will walk about two miles there and back, but there is little elevation gain. We'll have plenty of time to take photos, key plants, and discover one of the jewels of the old Cascades. Meet at South Eugene High School parking lot at 19th and Patterson Street in Eugene to carpool. Bring lunch, water, a sun hat, your camera, hiking boots with good traction, and hiking poles if you need them. Sign up [here](#).

**Tuesday, July 16, 8:30 am - 11:00 am**

**Field Trip: Dorena Plant Materials Center Tour**

**Leader: Michelle Osgood, Assistant Nursery Manager**

**Location: Dorena Plant Materials Center, Cottage Grove, Oregon**

Michelle Osgood, the Emerald Chapter's March speaker, will lead a ninety-minute tour of the greenhouse complex outside of Cottage Grove, Oregon. This is a U.S. Forest Service facility where native plant materials are collected and grown out in containers for restoration projects. We're hoping that many of the seeds that Michelle and her colleagues planted last fall will be flowering this month. Michelle will also show us the fern species she is propagating. Meet at South Eugene High School at 19th and Patterson Street in Eugene to carpool or meet at the Plant Material Center at 9:00 am. Sign up [here](#).

## **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>.

High Desert Chapter welcomes our new vice president, Ben Snyder. While he is a newcomer to Oregon and NPSO, he has previously been active in the California Native Plant Society. Ben works as manager at WinterCreek native plant nursery.

**Saturday, June 1, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm**

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

**Trip leader: Jennifer Curtis**

**Location: Big Summit Prairie, Ochoco National Forest**

**Rating: Easy (driving and short walks, terrain may rocky)**

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/>. See the poster and article on the show in the June *Bulletin*.

**Saturday, July 6**

**Field Trip: Motherlode Trail**

**Trip leaders: Jill Welborn**

**Location: Lookout Mountain, Ochoco National Forest**

**Rating: moderately difficult (about four miles round trip, 1000 foot elevation gain)**

Come explore the beautiful flora of the Ochocos. More details to follow. To let us know you're interested, email the High Desert Chapter field trip coordinator at [highdesertNPSO@gmail.com](mailto:highdesertNPSO@gmail.com) with "2024 Motherlode" in the subject line.

## **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, 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/UCXFI2J9yp2AYmUzNz0jLLSw>

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>

**Tuesday, June 4, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Hike: Green Springs Loop Trail**

**Leader: NPSO Siskiyou Chapter President, Rachel Werling**

Join Rachel Werling for a lovely and easy 2.9-mile hike around the [Green Springs Mountain Loop Trail](#). A classic walk through the vegetation of the western Cascades in spring, the loop is part of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. The trail encircles Green Springs Mountain, passing through tall mature conifer forests and open oak habitats, offering wide views of Bear Creek Valley and Pilot Rock. We will pursue Spring upward in the 5,000-ish elevation and watch for coralroots, irises, orchids, and Brown's peony among others.

On the day of the hike, please meet at the intersection of Green Spring Highway and Old Hyatt Prairie Rd at 8:45 am. The group will carpool from the parking area on Old Hyatt Prairie Road a short distance to the Green Springs Mountain Loop Trailhead which has somewhat limited parking. The hike is an easy walk on dirt trail with uneven surfaces. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. Bring snacks, water, and lunch.

## 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 Charmane Mitchell at: [cmainie@gmail.com](mailto:cmainie@gmail.com).

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

**Saturday, June 1, 10:00 am**

**Field Trip: Blacklock Point (Floras Lake Natural Area)**

**Leader: Lynn Jackson and Olivia Dethlefsen**

**Location: Cape Blanco State Airport - 92200 Airport Road, Sixes**

We will meet at the parking area at the end of Airport Road at the Cape Blanco State Airport. Airport Road is between mileposts 293 and 294 on US 101 between Bandon and Port Orford. Follow the road approximately 3 miles to the parking area. We will meet at 10:00 and expect to start hiking at 10:15. Please note there are no restroom facilities at the parking area.

This will be a 4-to-6-mile hike depending on where the flowers are the best, weather conditions, and group interests. The trail is mostly level and will either be an out and back or longer loop. We will walk through a variety of habitats. The views can be spectacular and the spring wildflowers diverse. At this time of year we can expect to see bunchberry, rhododendrons, lupines, and paintbrush in flower. We will also learn a bit about the interesting history and geology of the area.

Bring water, and a snack if you wish. While the trails are mostly level, there are areas with exposed roots, so hiking poles may be useful for some. The trails should be mostly dried out. Dress for the weather and be prepared for windy conditions on the exposed bluffs.

To sign up or if you have any questions, please contact Lynn Jackson at [LynnHMB@aol.com](mailto:LynnHMB@aol.com). As with all NPSO hikes, liability waivers will be provided before the hike.

**Saturday, June 8, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Event: Garden Tour**

**Leader: Maggie Daly**

**Location: Various locations in Gold Beach**

This native plant garden tour will be held at four locations in Gold Beach. To sign up, or if you have questions, please email Maggie Daly at [marguerite.L.daly@gmail.com](mailto:marguerite.L.daly@gmail.com). The tour brochure with addresses and a map will be sent to people who sign up a few days before the tour. Suggested donation will be \$10.

In the meantime, here are brief descriptions of the gardens to whet your appetite:

**A Mountaintop Pollinator Garden**

The landowner moved 100 cubic yards of rock and soil to create a flat space for a pollinator garden, greenhouse, and raised vegetable beds. Planted a little over a year ago, this garden was designed by Darcy Grahek and features pollinator plants that together bloom over a long period of time in many colors.

### **See How a Bioswale Works!**

When water runs off a parking lot it is moving fast and is carrying all sorts of pollution. A bioswale slows the water down and filters it, creating clean, clear water fit for our creeks, rivers, oceans, and for all the creatures that live and play there.

### **A Blank Canvas**

When purchased four years ago, this small yard was almost all lawn. This gave the landowner an opportunity to enact a long-time dream: to demonstrate that you can create a beautiful, pleasing, functional garden with native plants. So out with the lawn and holly and tibouchina and in with the cardboard and mulch! And lots and lots of native trees, shrubs, perennials, and grasses.

### **A Delicate Stream Restoration, A Bold Elegant Front Yard**

This landowner has spent hours and hours restoring a treasure: a stream bank filled with native plants. The removal of blackberry allowed a surprisingly diverse variety of native plants to thrive and reestablish. In addition, a bold design in the front yard creates a beautiful setting for the house.

## **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.

**Saturday, June 8, 8:00 am (leave Roseburg at 8:00 am) to late afternoon**  
**Field Trip: Road 2703 (Lookout Mountain)**

We will travel up the North Umpqua River to U.S. Forest Service Road 2703, 1.5 miles from Roseburg. We will stop to see the rare Umpqua mariposa lily (*Calochortus umpquaensis*) and chatterbox orchid site near Peel. We also see silver-leaf lupine, Hooker's Indian pink, and three buckwheat species. We are not sure which facilities are open.

**Friday, June 14, 8:00 am (leave Roseburg at 8:00 am) - return late afternoon**  
**Field Trip: King Mountain ACEC**  
**East of Wolf Creek along the I-5 corridor**

King Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) never disappoints photographers, hikers, or plant enthusiasts due to the variety of plant species. It is at an elevation of 5,033 feet, roughly 8.5 air-miles east of Wolf Creek. This rocky subalpine mountain top offers expansive views of the Klamath Mountains in every direction. It is habitat for the rare endemic Siskiyou fritillary (*Fritillaria glauca*) as well as a multitude

of “serpentine” tolerant species. Look for the rarely seen Hall’s violet. A trail with a slight uphill climb leads to the botanical garden. Dress for (often cold) weather. No facilities are nearby. This field trip is a real favorite of our regular participants.

**Saturday, June 15, 10 am - 4:00 pm**

**Event: Elkton Blooms and Butterflies Festival.**

**Location: 15850 Hwy OR-38 West, Elkton**

Please stop and say hello as you stroll through the booths. We usually have some free native plant seeds or plants to give away. We offer greeting cards and T-shirts for sale, all with a native plant design. We have a lot of information on the native plants in the area. We will be handing out information about our field trips, native plants, and the NPSO. Enjoy good music and food. There will be lots of native plants for sale from Elkton’s native plant nursery.

**Sunday, June 23, 9:00 am (leave Roseburg at 9:00 am) - mid-afternoon**

**Field Trip: Bilger Ridge in the North Myrtle Creek watershed**

It is time for our yearly trek to Bilger Ridge to see our very own rare and beautiful mariposa lily, *Calochortus coxii*. We have special permission from the Bureau of Land Management to visit this location. The walk is slightly uphill but easy and there is ample parking near the flowers. This *Calochortus* is one of the rarest flowers in the world and it was discovered and named after one of our Umpqua Valley Chapter members. It grows only this a five-mile area. It grows on a special serpentine range on the ridges between Riddle and Myrtle Creek. It is listed on Oregon’s rare and endangered species list. Look for a variety of other species there including Brewer’s lupine, *glaucus zigadenus*, and broadleaf shooting star.

Meet us at the West Side Native Plant Garden in Roseburg. This garden is off Harvard at the First United Methodist Church, where the Saturday UV Farmers Market is held and just west of the Westside Community Gardens in Roseburg. From Harvard Avenue, turn onto W Keady Court. Just before you get to Fremont Middle School (850 W Keady Ct) turn left and drive a short distance through the parking lot to the garden area. Alternate meet-up locations along the route can be arranged.

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. 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 occasionally 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**

**Thursday, June 27, 7:00 am - 5:00 pm**

## Field Trip: Iron Mountain

Leader: Aislinn Adams

Enjoy one of the best wildflower hikes in Oregon. Iron Mountain features more than 300 different species of flowers amid stands of trees and meadows. Aislinn Adams of the Willamette Valley Chapter of the NPSO will lead the all-day hike over a six-mile loop with more than a 1,000-foot elevation gain. Bring water, snacks, lunch, and appropriate foot gear 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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